

REASSURANCE AS TO SCHOOLS FROM ONE WHO KNOWS ONIONS

Julie B. Warren, secretary of the N. C. Teachers' Association, is telling the world something in figures on the moot and muddled question of public education in the state. In part he says:

Fifty years ago North Carolina was next to the most illiterate state in the Union. New Mexico being at the bottom of the list. For many years after the Civil war, scattering log buildings represented the state's school system largely.

Then came the Aycock administration and for 15 to 20 years the state has been forging steadily to the top in educational expansion and 1928 looks bright.

In 1900 North Carolina was spending one million dollars on her public schools per year. Today she is spending 32 million dollars annually.

In the great period of school building in North Carolina from January 1, 1920 to January 1, 1925, North Carolina erected 724 modern buildings of five rooms or more. It was an era of expansion with communities rivaling each other in construction of substantial, well equipped buildings for the education of the young. Cities voted bonds and in many instances the rural communities did likewise, but the latter mostly were built from loans from special buildings funds, the State literary fund and appropriations of county funds.

Of these 724 buildings, there were erected on the rural sections for white children 518. In the cities for white children were erected 129. For Negroes there were built in the rural sections 35 and in the cities 42.

Total costs were \$35,537,403, divided as follows: White rural, \$18,413,840; white city, \$14,687,929; Negro rural, \$411,264; Negro city, \$2,024,370.

A great deal of confusion, doubt and distrust in connection with schools, as shown forth by Dr. Knight of the University and others of his cult, arises from the fact that it is made to appear by inference that what is being done for schools is confined to appropriations made from the State Treasury. Can't the counties be counted, or the cities, or the numerous socially taxed districts? For the most part these activities and extensions are worked out under the general direction of State authority, they are as much North Carolina contributions to education, in any event, as if the State were taking over the whole job in the true paternal spirit so dear to the ideal of the God-saking reformer.

The truth is that most of this clamor about the degradation of the State in connection with public education comes from behind a convenient smoke screen: we can hear the explosion, but we know mighty little about the size of the cannon.—Raleigh Times.

Sam Raper of Davidson county is the pig club Champion of North Carolina for the year 1927.

A policeman must be unlucky. He is relieved of his watch every now and then.

New Wheat King



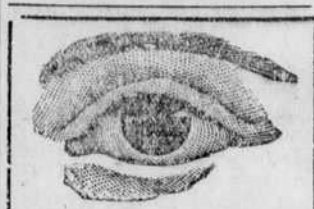
C. Edson Smith of Corvallis, Montana, competing in Chicago with the best wheat producers in the United States and Canada, was crowned wheat king of North America. He is the third Uncle Sam's wheat growers to win the cup in 17 years of competition.

Two Deaths Occur In Same Family Within Two Days

Two deaths occurred in the same home in two days last week, when Miss Julia Holly died at her home near Four Oaks on Monday, and her brother, J. A. Holly, passed away on December 27. Miss Holly's death came after a lingering illness of cancer. She was 73 years old in October. The remains were laid to rest Tuesday afternoon in the cemetery at Antioch Methodist church.

On the day following Miss Holly's death, her brother, J. A. Holly, passed away at the age of 71 years. For several months he had been in feeble health, suffering from rheumatism and paralysis. He was laid to rest Wednesday, December 28, at Hood's Grove church. Mr. Holly is survived by four sons, one daughter, and one brother.

We overheard a lady say the other day that she lost 170 pounds in one day. Her husband left her.



DR. J. C. MANN THE WELL KNOWN EYESIGHT SPECIALIST AND OPTICIAN. Wishes to announce the opening of an exclusive optometrical office in the post office building, Smithfield, and will make his regular visits every second Friday in each month. Hours, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Make a note of the date and see him if your eyes are weak or if you have headache regularly. His next visit will be FRIDAY, JAN 13

Smithfield Cotton and Produce

Table listing prices for Smithfield Cotton, Eggs and Butter, Livestock, Shipstuff, and Poultry.

Papers Give Interesting Items Of Former Citizen

Mrs. Ellen Eason of this city recently came into possession of some papers which she values very highly because they are records concerning her father, Col. William H. Morning. These papers were given her by her niece, daughter of her brother, Will Morning, who found them among Mr. Morning's effects after his death some time ago.

One of the papers is an honorable discharge from the Navy, and until Mrs. Eason received this discharge she did not know that her father had served in this capacity. She knew that he had traveled widely. She knew that he had visited Cuba, Mexico and Spain and had seen mementos of his travels including some cork from a cork tree, but she was ignorant of the circumstances of his travels. The discharge, which shows signs of age, reads as follows: "No. 1665. 'I, Francis Hawks, Collector of the district of New Bern in North Carolina, do hereby certify that William H. Morning, an American Seaman, aged 18 years, or there-

ber of Fellowship Lodge No. 84, the same Masonic Lodge that has an organization here now, and at his death the Lodge drew up resolutions of respect and sent copies to the family and to the Raleigh Sentinel for publication. The resolutions which commend the life of the deceased brother are beautifully written in the quaint handwriting of that day, and the following signatures are attached: Sam P. Horton, W. H. Avera, and P. T. Massey. E. L. Parker was the secretary. The resolutions bear the official seal of the Masonic Order.

TEN PER CENT OF U. S. POPULATION SEES FORD. Tremendous enthusiasm marked the first day's showing, on December 2, of the new Model A Ford car throughout the United States, Canada, and foreign countries. Traffic was blocked in many cities by the crowds. Wherever people met, it was the chief topic of discussion. It was featured on the front page of all leading newspapers and in Dallas, Texas, extra editions proclaimed the event the "greatest since the signing of the Armistice."

An accurate check of the first day's attendance at all places where the car was displayed and at dealers' establishments throughout the United States gave a total of 10,534,992, or nearly 10 per cent of the total population of the country. The crowds on the following days nearly equaled those

of the first, making a total which included approximately one-quarter of the country's population. In Pittsburgh, 12 1/2 per cent of the city's population saw the car during the first day. Despite torrents of rain in the South and the East, snow and driving sleet farther north, and below-zero temperatures in the northern section, the attendance everywhere surpassed all expectations. At most display points extra police were required to keep traffic moving.

At Convention Hall in Detroit, where forty cars were on display, 114,849 people visited the exhibit during the first day's showing. Seventy-five policemen were necessary to handle the crowds and prevent traffic jams. Within a few minutes after the doors were opened, spectators were grouped eight and ten deep around all the exhibits, and by the end of the first hour it was difficult to approach any of them.

At all points where the car was on exhibition a large volume of orders were taken for future delivery. At Convention Hall, in Detroit, one dealer reported taking twenty orders within the first hour, while others reported sales at the rate of one every five minutes.

RESIDENT OF PIKEVILLE PASSES AWAY IN KENLY. KENLY, Jan. 9.—Funeral services for N. S. Perkins who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Edgerton, in Kenly Monday evening, January 2, were conducted at his home near Pikeville Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock by Rev. Tennyson Lewis of Goldsboro. Interment was made in the Fate burying ground. Mr. Perkins was 83 years old and a member of the Mount Carmel Quaker church. He is survived by four children: K. D. Perkins, Seth Perkins, A. G. Perkins and Mrs. W. H. Edgerton.

ANNOUNCING— Change In Business! This is to announce to our friends and customers that we have purchased the interest of Mr. T. S. Ragsdale in the Shamrock Service Station and you may rest assured that the same high grade gas and oils and "on-the-minute" service will be found here at all times. "HEATH and JAMES" Johnson & Kirkman

January 11th at 11 a.m. A DATE AND AN OPPORTUNITY The Date is the time set for the Auction Sale of "Hillcrest" the Beautiful Subdivision of Residence Lots just South of Smithfield on Highway No. 22. THE OPPORTUNITY is your; to secure for yourself an ideal lot on which to build; to get in on the ground floor in a development that is destined to become the most attractive in this section; to make an investment in property that will certainly increase in value. PAVED STREETS—WATER AND LIGHTS—CLOSE TO SCHOOL—Every advantage of the town, without the town taxes. THE TERMS ARE WITHIN REACH OF ALL! Brass Band Concert Valuable Prizes including Radio You are cordially invited to this sale, whether you wish to buy or not. Honeycutt, Abell & Gray Selling Agents Smithfield, N. C. By Charles McManu

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