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THE CLOSING HOURS OF THE COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Some Very Interesting and Instructive Talks Were Made by Editor Manning and R. J. Peel

The Closing Exercises of The Institute Were Opened With The Singing of "The Old North State."

The closing hours of the Teachers' Institute on last Friday afternoon were filled with pleasing numbers on a carefully arranged program, which gave all those desiring to do so, an opportunity to add to the interest manifested throughout the two weeks. The exercises opened with the singing of "The Old North State," which was followed by a recitation by little Miss Minnie Robertson, a pupil of one of the primary grades in the school here. The other numbers on the programme were: Reading, Miss Penelope Biggs; Instrumental Solo, Miss Haughton, of Parmele School; Monologue, Harcom Grimes, of Robersonville; Song, "Ho, for Carolina," by Institute; Resolutions, by Miss Gladys Ross of Washington; Debate, "Resolved that the child of to-day has better preparation than the child of 25 years ago." This debate provoked more interest than any number on the programme, there being twelve entering, and good points were made on both sides of the question. Prof. J. B. Bowers, of Parmele, opened the debate for the affirmative; five minutes were allowed each debater, and several of the women made interesting talks in that time.

At the close, W. C. Manning, Mrs. H. C. Green and Miss Hattie Thayer, who had been selected as judges retired to another room and rendered the decision for the affirmative. Then Prof. J. T. Jerome declared the Institute closed for the session of 1915.

Before the beginning of the program, Judge R. J. Peel, former superintendent of the county schools and Editor Manning made instructive talks to the teachers, which were appreciated and loudly applauded. Judge Peel brought the schools of the county up to high standard during his term of office, which lasted for years, and laid a strong foundation upon which Superintendent Manning is to build a stronger and more beautiful structure of educational advancement in Martin County. Editor Manning's heart is largely filled with an earnest desire to see a wave of education, that builds for character, "cover the earth as waters cover the sea." He has been secretary of the Board of Trustees of Williamston Graded School since its organization and one of its most enthusiastic promoters.

The work of the Institute as a whole has not been excelled, and perhaps not equalled in the years that the sessions have been held in Martin County.

The appointment of Prof. J. T. Jerome as conductor was a wise one. Taking teaching as his life work, he has given his time and intellect to the preparation of himself for bringing out the best in the child under his care. For several years he has taken a course at Columbia University with the view of fitting himself

for just such work. In conducting the Institute, the central idea of Prof. Jerome was efficiency, and to this end he taught through every hour.

One of the best features of the session was a discussion of how to keep the boy on the farm. A round table talk brought out many interesting thoughts which will be the basis for future lectures in the many schools of the county. Efficiency in the home, on the farm, in the shop, in the class room, was thoroughly emphasized. The idea that books are the only mediums of education was uprooted in the minds of the teachers, and character building, better living, a closer fellowship between teacher and pupil, the teacher as a help in community up-lift, all these were given a larger and more prominent place in educating the boys and girls than ever before. For this newer freedom from cut and dried methods, from the tried-out and found wanting training, which have made men and women less efficient, the teaching of the Institute stands out prominently.

Miss Boyce, who is one of the foremost primary teachers in North Carolina, was an able assistant to Prof. Jerome. In her work before the teachers there was that sympathy which should always flow outward from teacher to pupil, and each one under the sound of her voice felt that for him and her was her teaching meant. She clearly demonstrated and in a simple way gave the underlying principles which enter into the instruction of the world of little people, whose hearts and minds are wax records upon which impressions can be easily made. Quick of perception, eager to help the teacher, Miss Boyce gained the love and admiration of every member of the Institute, and she returned to her home with expressions of a desire that she come again in two years, when the Institute will be held then.

Summing up, the weeks which the Institute covered, marks a new period in educational advancement in Martin County. It is another beginning for better and higher ideals that must carry both teacher and pupil to the goal to which all tend. To say that the guiding spirit in arrangement, management and inspiration was none other than Supt. A. S. Manning, whose presence at every session, whose co-operation with Prof. Jerome and kindly bearing toward every one in attendance struck a note of encouragement, is but adding another to the splendid personnel that contributed to the success of the Institute.

Supt. Manning has been in the work just one year, and in that time has wrought much. He is in love with his work and is determined to give Martin County's boys and girls better opportunities than ever before. The teachers believe that he means what he has said, and he worked untiringly during the weeks.

This week the teachers who remained are being given lessons to prepare, and examinations began yesterday. There can be but one result of the Institute—more efficiency among teachers and better trained pupils.

Thursday evening the teachers

THE FOUNTAIN AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION THAT SYMBOLIZES THE BUILDING OF THE PANAMA CANAL



The labor that went into the building of the Panama canal is symbolized in the Fountain of Energy, by A. Stirling Calder. This heroic sculpture stands in the center lagoon of the three lagoons of the South Gardens and faces the main entrance gates. The waters were first released on opening day, February 20, coincidentally with the opening of the portals of the exhibit palaces and by the same means: the electric spark transmitted across the continent when President Woodrow Wilson opened the great exposition at San Francisco by wireless.

of the Williamston High School tendered the Institute a reception in the rooms of the Lotus Club. The reception room was attractively decorated in National colors, while flags spoke of the nearness of the Glorious Fourth. There was a pleasing program rendered and an ice cream course was served. All the visitors in town were present and quite a number of the citizens. It was indeed a pleasant affair and gave evidence of the welcome which Williamston always extends the Institute.

The Williamston Tobacco Market

There are not many weeks between now and the curing of tobacco in this section. From all reports, the crop is very inferior, a condition produced by the weather, which was rainy and cold in the early growth of the weed. But there will be tobacco offered on all the markets, and Williamston with its splendid facilities expects to sell as much if not more than last season.

Williamston is on the State map as well as the tobacco map, but there needs to be a revival of announcing the fact that it is on both to stay, and every business man as well as the warehouseman, should use the best means to establish its permanency and increase its growth along all lines. A pull together will produce a momentum which will send the town safely along in material worth. It can be done. Advertising is the best method, and without it, dry rot sets in, whether that town is Williamston or some other place.

The Williamston Grocery Co., has been organized and is under the management of J. B. Hopkins who recently went into bankruptcy. Mr. Hopkins is a very popular business man, and the trading public is pleased to learn that he is re-established.

John C. Lamb spent Sunday here with his father.

Backward Step Is Most Regrettable

At the June meeting of the Board of County Commissioners an order was made to appropriate \$600 towards the salary of a farm demonstrator for Martin County; the Agricultural Department of the government to supplement this with \$600. This was hailed as a forward step for the county, especially as this demonstrator would look carefully after the prevention of hog cholera by administering serum at the request of the farmers.

However, at the July meeting of the Board this order was revoked upon the plea that funds were low.

It is a bit humiliating, no doubt, to the average citizen to learn that the county cannot appropriate \$600 for the inauguration of a movement, which from the very nature of conditions, will pay a hundred-fold in results to the taxpayers of the county. The saving in meat alone would cover the expense many, many times, and there are other ways in which the demonstrator could be of great value to the farmers of the county.

The revocation was, indeed, a backward step, and is to be regretted.

The Warrenton District Conference

The annual conference of the Warrenton District convened with the Church at Windsor, Wednesday, Elder R. H. Willis, presiding. Rev. L. D. Hayman is the pastor in charge, and he with his congregation assisted by the town as a whole has provided excellent entertainment for the visitors. Judge Francis D. Winston addressed the conference, extending a welcome from the other denominations in the town. Rev. J. T. Stanford left Wednesday via the ferry for Windsor.

Quarantined

In one of the little mountain towns of the South a Chautauqua meeting was held last summer for the first time. The fact was advertised for some distance round the town, but the older negroes especially did not understand what it was all about.

Across the front of the little hotel of the village was flung a banner bearing the one word, "Chautauqua."

Up to this hotel one day drove an old negro in a one-horse wagon containing a few vegetables, which he hoped to sell to the proprietor, as he had done on former occasions. But when he saw the banner with its ominous word, he was seized with fright and would not go into the building, or even get out of his wagon. When the proprietor appeared, the old fellow inquired nervously "What disease is you-all quarantined for, boss?"—The Youths Companion.

In Raleigh For Study

Mr. J. L. Holliday, one of the best farmers in Martin County and one who is always interested in the most progressive methods employed by agriculturists, left for Raleigh on Monday to take a course of study in the treatment of hog cholera, which is given by the State Department. The serum used by the Department against cholera has been used throughout the State with splendid results, and the farmers of Martin County, who lose hundreds of hogs yearly, should have their hogs inoculated as early as convenient. Mr. Holliday's study of the application of the serum will be of great benefit to him and the entire county, if only his services are required. There is much need of such work, and Martin County is not keeping abreast with the foremost thought of the day in the matter of better stock and the care of it.

DRINKS WHISKEY AND DIES

Five Year Old Child Succumbs From Effects Of Poison Whiskey.

Wednesday night about one o'clock, Dr. John W. Williams at Everetts was called to the home of George Spruill, a colored man living in the vicinity, to aid the five-year-old son of Spruill, who was suffering from what seemed to be poison. The tongue of the boy was badly swollen and there were other evidences of strychnine having been taken in some way, and so Dr. Williams diagnosed the case as strychnine poison. He also noted that the boy had taken alcohol in some form. Upon investigation, it was learned that the father of the boy had purchased a bottle of "3 in 1," which is said to be made of chemicals supposedly poisonous to the human system, but is imbibed freely by many who care not whether they die or not, so they can be filled with some kind of intoxicant. Physicians say that the concoction will in the end cause death. Whether young Spruill had taken any of the poison or not has not been definitely determined, but indications point strongly that way.

Resolutions

We, on behalf of the teachers of other counties, who are attending the Martin County Institute, hereby desire to extend our thanks to:

Supt. Asa J. Manning for his untiring efforts in behalf of the Institute and for his inspiring presence during every session.

To Mr. J. T. Jerome, conductor of the Institute, for the hearty welcome and excellent instruction which he has given us.

To the Lotus Club for extending us the privilege of the Club, and in which was held the pleasing reception given the attendants of the Institute.

To the teachers of Martin County and of Williamston for the friendly welcome they have given us to their midst.

(Signed)

Gladys Ross,
Martha Baldré,
Mary Watson...

Inconveniences Public

Whenever there is a legal holiday here, many people are inconvenienced about securing stamps. It might be a good suggestion for the drug stores to keep stamps on that day especially, as they do at all times in cities, and the postmaster can post a notice during the hours in which the office is closed, calling attention to the fact that stamps may be secured at certain places. There should always be accommodation for the people by those who are appointed to serve. The postmaster can very easily have arrangements made with the drug stores to carry stamps on these days, if at no other time.

The game of ball scheduled between the locals and Hamilton at the latter place on the 5th, was called off on account of certain conditions preventing the locals from going up.

Among the attractive visitors in town this week, are Misses Dorothy Willey and Martha Hornthal, of Plymouth, who are the guests of Mrs. J. W. Watts.