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TEACHERS ATTENDING SUMMER SCHOOL HERE

The Martin County Teachers Institute opened here on Monday in the Court House. The graded school building, which has recently been moved, was not in condition to hold the meeting in, and so the large courtroom was arranged for the comfort and convenience of the teachers and instructors. Superintendent Asa J. Manning is giving the Institute his careful attention, and Prof. M. B. Dry, of Cary, is in charge of the instruction. He is being ably assisted by Mrs. T. E. Johnson, and they have arranged the work pleasantly for the teachers. One striking thing about the Institute is the absence of male teachers, only two reporting on Monday morning.

Supt. Manning expected a larger number of teachers to register, but some have gone elsewhere, and so the number has been decreased. Those here, however, are studying earnestly and the two weeks of the Institute promises an enlarged usefulness for the teachers of the county. Supt. Manning is giving his best to bring Martin up to if not ahead of any county in the State; his desire is to get the best teachers for the work, and the Institute will greatly aid him in the forward movement. Rural schools and their communities will get the very best that the superintendent can arrange for, and the cause of education will grow as all other movements for the uplift and betterment of the people of the county and State. The following teachers have registered this week:

Misses Gladys Ballance, Penelope Biggs, Carrie Britton, Ernestine Cherry, Minnie Cochran, Thelma Crofton, Annie M. Daughtridge, Liza Love Green, Lillie Belle Hardison, Nannie Lamb, Sue E. Leggett, Emma Robertson, Stella Rooks, Daisy Taylor, Effie Waldo, Della Kate Ward, Martha Ward, Carrie Dell White, Lalla Wynne, Martha Baldré, Lishie Coburn, Margaret Everett, Bessie Foy, Lela Hadley, Sallie Hadley, Jesse Hodges, Eva Peel, Lena Thomas; Mrs. A. D. Mizell, Mrs. J. E. Pope, Mrs. C. T. Roberson, Mrs. Parker; Messrs. C. L. Daniel and J. M. Griffin.

Residences Wanted

The visitor in town will note the buildings in course of erection but he will not see a single dwelling with the exception of one, which was commenced some months ago. This is remarkable in view of the fact that houses are in demand here. No one can come here to live unless he dwells in tents like the Arabs, and there is no disposition on the part of people who have money to invest in building up the town in this way. Quite a number of citizens are using rented houses, tho they intend at some day to build, and have purchased lots. If these would build their own homes, there would be several houses for renters. Williamston will never grow while the people are perfectly satisfied to have the town remain in the same old rut. There are in course of erection here at this time a brick warehouse for the sale of tobacco, a garage, school building and department store, all of brick. These together represent a big amount of money, and show that Williamston could build residences for people who would live here if they had a house.

The Usual Slump

Whether it is a trick of fate, or the game played by the wholesale dealers up North, or the general bad management of the railroads, is the question when one views the tremendous fall in the price of potatoes. Thousands of barrels were held up by the failure of the roads to furnish transportation, and the usual slump was experienced by the farmer, who had planted high-priced seed which he grew with high-priced fertilizers. It is true nearly every year that there is a slump in crops when the product is being sold by the farmers. But as soon as it gets out of his hands and in that of the speculators, then the prices climb as they have for months. If the farmers were prepared to store much of his crop, and hold until the speculators got to work for their own benefit, then the farmers would benefit greatly. Those potato raisers, who sold early, received fancy prices for their stock. While the slump is fine for the consumer, it is damaging somewhat to the aims of the farmer. The \$5 per barrel was just simply the usual slump that comes every year about harvesting time.

Exemption Board Meets

Monday, the Exemption Board for Martin County met at the Court House and did the preliminary work for the drafting of the 150 men, who will be called out from the county under the draft bill. Dr. J. D. Biggs, Mr. R. W. Salsbury and Dr. W. E. Warren compose the Board. Two stenographers were employed for several hours, and the work was accomplished under the rules sent out by the War Department. The men composing the Board will do their full duty in the matter of selecting, which is the patriotic act of the men chosen by the President. It will require excellent and impartial judgment to select the number from among the 1500 who registered, and it is confidently thought that the Board will exercise the required judgment.

Johnny Reb Spirit

The bravest man I ever knew was a sixteen year lad, George Barbee by name, the son of a tenant farmer in North Carolina, said Colonel Robert Bingham, Class '57, to the University Alumni at Chapel Hill the other day. He was the color bearer of the Forty-Fourth Carolina—the self-appointed color bearer in a regiment that never lost a flag.

This stripling soldier saw nine flag sergeants shot down, one after another, by the murderous fire of one fierce charge; then he sprang forward to lift those colors out of the dust, and he bore them proudly aloft till the end of the war.

And strange to say, that young color bearer came out of the conflict without a scratch. He brought the shot-torn flag of the Forty-Fourth out of the war wrapped around his body under his shirt, and with streaming eyes sank it with a rock in a river at last to save it from surrender.

That young gentleman, said Colonel Bingham to the Class of 1917, was the Johnny Reb Spirit in the sixties, and that must be your spirit today.

Misses Mary Louise Carstarphen, Mary White and Mary Cooke with J. D. Ward and Joe David Thrower spent Monday evening in Hamilton.

Food And Feed Stuff

In a recent statement made by 13 merchants of Martin County, we find that during last year they bought from outside the State, 1,090 bushels of corn, 181 tons of hay, 7,115 bushels of corn meal, 147,767 lbs. side meat 4,866 bbls. flour, 5,455 bushels of oats, 10,366 cases of canned goods, 83 tons of feed stuffs.

Judging from the list, these merchants would probably represent one-third the business done in the county. The greater amount of these supplies are the product of crops that do well on our farms. This is a tremendous leak in our present system of farming. The men making this report are exceedingly anxious to assist in the growing of the supplies at home. I am giving these figures to show our farmers the great demand for the food and feed crops.

A nation-wide effort is being made to amply supply food and feed, not only for the farm and farmer folks, but for the whole country, and other countries depending upon us.

This is the greatest opportunity of our age to prove ourselves equal to our calling. Make every acre, nook and corner do its share in feeding the world. The harvest will soon be past, the summer ended, shall we be well fed until another harvest? All the agricultural forces are anxious to assist. The County Agent may be able to get just the information that you want. If I can serve you, call me.

J. L. Holliday.

In Memoriam

John L. Hines, who died January 6th, 1917.

Still we miss him more. Six months have passed and still we miss him. He has gone to live with Jesus. He has passed beyond the blue, with the sunlight of the angels in his face and manner, too. God called him home, it was His will, but in our hearts we love him still.

Memory is as dear today as in the hour he passed away. We would dearly love to have you back, although you suffered pain, know it is a mortal sin to wish you back again. Long days and nights he bore great pain, to wait for recovery was all in vain till God above saw what was best and took him to his home to rest. We often sit and think of you, when we are all alone. Dearest Father, how we've missed you in these few short months just gone by. Still we know that you are happy with our dear Lord upon high. So we'll try our best to meet you when our work on earth is o'er and with happiness we'll greet you there to live forevermore.

Loved in life and not forgotten in death by his family and two sisters.

Written by B. L. H.

Needs Attention

The vat for dipping cattle, which was built last year below the hill, has been allowed to get in bad repair. People who desire to dip their stock, would like to have all the requirements met for the process of dipping. What is everybody's business is nobody's business, it seems to be in this case. The vat is very useful and should be properly locked and the solution carefully looked after.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Godard and son spent the Fourth out of town.

The Quarantine Law Of 1917

The General Assembly of 1917 passed the following law:

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of every physician to notify the county quarantine officer of the name, address, including the name of the school district, of any person living or residing, permanently or temporarily in the county about whom such physician is consulted professionally and whom he has reason to suspect of being afflicted with whooping cough, measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever, smallpox, infantile paralysis, typhoid fever, typhus fever, Asiatic cholera, bubonic plague, yellow fever, or other diseases declared by the State Board of Health of North Carolina to be infectious and contagious within twenty-four hours after obtaining reasonable evidence for believing that such person is suffering from one of the aforesaid diseases; provided, however, that if the afflicted person is a minor, the physician consulted professionally about such person shall notify the county quarantine officer of the name and address of the parent or guardian of such minor in addition to the name, address and school district of the person about whom he is professionally consulted and whom he believes to be afflicted with one of the aforesaid diseases.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of every parent, guardian or householder, in the order named to notify the county quarantine officer of the name, address, including the name of the school district, of any person in their family or household about whom no physician has been consulted but whom they have reason to suspect of being afflicted with whooping cough, measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever, smallpox, infantile paralysis, typhoid fever, Asiatic cholera, typhus fever, bubonic plague, yellow fever or other disease declared by the State Board of Health of North Carolina to be infectious.

William E. Warren, Quarantine Officer

Has Leased Plant

The re-drying plant of J. G. Staton has been put in condition for operation, and has been leased by a tobacco firm in Rocky Mount. A water tank and other improvements have been put at the plant, and in a short while operations will begin for the re-drying of tobacco. This addition to the Williamston market will place it with the larger ones in the East, and will be another reason why people should bring their weed here. The farmer should always get the best and the most convenient place to sell his crop, and Williamston with its re-drying plant, four warehouses and plenty of storage space, exactly fills the bill.

Goes To South Carolina

Recently, Dr. Grover C. Godwin has received the appointment of Health Physician of the city of Florence, S. C., and Sunday, he left to commence his duties. Florence is a town of about 14,000 inhabitants, and Dr. Godwin will have to assist him, two professional nurses, a stenographer and another helper. This is the largest work that Dr. Godwin has been engaged in, and will give him an excellent opportunity to work along the lines in which he has specialized for some time. Mrs. Godwin will join him later at Florence.

Hamilton Red Cross Auxiliary

On Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the Baptist Church, Rev. J. H. Griffith, who is an authorized speaker for the Red Cross, gave a lecture under the auspices of the Auxiliary. Mr. Griffith, who is a forcible speaker, gave some wonderful facts which appealed to the enthusiastic citizens. The audience was not very large owing to the fact the lecture was not announced until Sunday morning. After the lecture the meeting was turned over to the Com. in charge. The chairman, Mrs. J. P. Boyle, gave a short talk in regard to the organization of the Auxiliary. The Secretary, Mrs. N. W. Grimes, made her report and suggested that a collection be taken. The small audience responded freely, and \$112.00 was quickly raised. She told of having received a contribution from a Martin County boy now living in New Jersey, Mr. B. L. Hines, who wished to be numbered with his own State in the great and noble work. A plea was made by the secretary that every man, woman and child in the town make a contribution and be called on later for the same.

Mrs. N. W. Grimes, Secretary.

Cotton Blooming

That Martin County farmers will have a good cotton crop, is very evident since the warm weather has set in. The plants are developing wonderfully, and blooms have been brought in for exhibition. One was left in the office Saturday by a colored man whose name was not ascertained and Buck Speller, who has a small patch of cotton near his home, carried one into the Saving & Trust Company's office earlier. The cold nights hurt cotton very much in the early part of June, but no doubt, July's warmth will push the weed to that size which will insure a bountiful crop of bolls.

Negro Woman Shoots To Kill

Saturday afternoon, Hal Biggs received a phone message from the Chief of Police at Farmville informing him that his daughter, Hortense, had shot and killed another negro woman. Hortense was living at Farmville with her husband, and had recently been here on a visit to her parents. It is reported that the trouble was over the husband of the slayer, who skipped the town but was later caught and placed in jail. It was last year that a Williamston negro woman was killed at Farmville, which would indicate that the town is a hoodoo for the colored folks over here who go there.

To The Public

The Building and Loan Association will issue another series of stock, September 1st, 1917. There are a great number of people of our town who own no stock in this Association. It is the duty of every citizen of the town and county to purchase Building and Loan stock, because it is the best way to build up any community, and is an absolutely safe investment that pays 6 per cent per annum. It is just as patriotic to buy Building and Loan stock as Liberty Bonds. Look into this. Ask people of other towns what it has done for their home towns. Go to see John E. Pope and subscribe for as many shares as you can pay for at 25 cents per share per week.

John D. Biggs.

Oak City Items

Mrs. Annie Bell Harrell and her sister, Mrs. Roy Pyle, of Norfolk, returned to their home Thursday after spending a couple of weeks the guests of Mrs. S. E. Hines.

Miss Beatrice Daniels is spending some time near Robersonville.

Miss Helen Everett left Saturday for her home near Robersonville.

Mrs. Geo. L. Daniel and children spent the week-end near Robersonville.

Mrs. N. M. Worsley and Mrs. B. L. Johnson attended church near Hobgood Sunday.

Miss Arlette Bascom is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. L. Hines.

Mrs. Aaron Haskett and Mrs. B. T. Tew, of Port Norfolk, returned home Friday after spending some time with relatives here.

Rev. J. T. Crisp was here Sunday.

J. W. Hines returned from Norfolk Saturday.

Answered The Call

It is said that about twenty young men from the Jamesville section responded to the call made by Col. Wiley C. Rodman, and in this way they will escape the selective draft, which is now being prepared throughout the United States.

Col. Rodman issued a call for 190 men to fill in the number needed for a body of artillery for Beaufort and surrounding counties.

Hamilton Items

Mrs. John Hassell and children, of Roper, are the guests of Mrs. J. B. Williams.

Bill Haislip went to Williamston Monday.

Mrs. Paul Dennis and son, of Suffolk, are the guests of Mrs. R. A. Edmondson.

Mrs. P. H. Davenport with relatives spent Friday in Everett.

B. L. Rives, of Robersonville, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Alva DeWeese, of Williamston, is visiting her mother here.

Thad Lawrence spent the week-end in Rocky Mount.

Miss Effie Waldo left Tuesday for Williamston.

Mrs. Note Bellamy and children spent Sunday near Palmyra.

Ed Inscoe and son spent several days in Roanoke Rapids.

Henry Edmondson left Monday for Norfolk where he has accepted a position.

J. D. Ward, Joe David Thrower with Misses Mary L. Carstarphen, Mary Cook and Mary White spent a few hours here Monday night.

Mrs. J. L. Hines and daughter spent the week-end in Leens.

Mrs. Joe Pender has returned from Rocky Mount, where she has been with her daughter for the past week.

Miss Lil Nobles and Misses Margaret and Bruce Tucker, of Greenville, have been the guests of Mrs. R. W. Salsbury for the past week.

Paul Salsbury and family are spending some time at Wrightsville.

P. H. Davenport with relatives spent Friday in Rocky Mount.

Revs. Morrison Bethea, of Wilson, J. H. Griffith, of Kinston and C. H. Jordan, of Williamston, have been holding a Mission which will continue through this week.