

ELECT NEW COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Jas. C. Manning Is Selected At Meet Thursday

REDUCE SALARY

Large Number Of People From All Over County Here For Session

In special session here yesterday afternoon, the Martin County Board of Education elected James C. Manning superintendent of Martin County Schools to succeed Mr. R. A. Pope, the board voting three to two for the new applicant. Just prior to the election of a superintendent, the board voted that the State salary schedule should apply to the office of superintendent. Under the equalization plan heretofore existing, the superintendent in this county would be paid \$2,500, the State participating to the extent of 40 per cent, or \$1,000, leaving the county to pay \$1,500. The term of the superintendent begins July 1 and is for two years.

The work of the board yesterday afternoon followed a discussion carried on by several of the county's leading citizens before the assembled board and eighty or more spectators. For more than an hour the discussion continued, the speakers centering their talk on a reduction in the superintendent's salary and the election of a superintendent.

Opening the discussion, Mr. Paul L. Salsbury, of Hamilton, offered two propositions before the meeting for consideration at the hands of board members. It was Mr. Salsbury's suggestion that the salary of the county superintendent be reduced but not below a living wage, the final figure to be determined by the board. After determining the salary, Mr. Salsbury suggested to the members of the board that they give Superintendent R. A. Pope an opportunity to accept or reject the offer before they elected a man to serve as head of the schools for the next two years. The speaker stressed the need for curtailed expenses in the operation of the schools, and that it was dangerous to "change horses in the middle of the stream."

Taking the floor next, Mr. J. L. Roberson, jr., of Robersonville, stated that he was in accordance with Mr. Salsbury's position. He also stressed the importance of efficiency in operating the schools.

Inquiring after the scheduled work of the board, Mr. A. R. Dunning was informed by Mr. W. O. Griffin, chairman of the educational body, that four applications had been filed, one by Mr. Pope, a second by Mr. James C. Manning, a third by Mr. R. A. Phillips, of Everetts, and a fourth by Mr. Z. Hardy Rose, of Williamston. With a petition, said to carry the names of 600 Martin County property owners, Mr. Dunning stated that he wished to recommend Mr. Manning for the office of county superintendent. In offering his recommendation, Mr. Dunning stated that he had no personal reflections to make, that he had nothing against the present incumbent. It was his opinion, however, that the pulse of the people demanded a change. The lawyer stated that the cost of operating the schools had steadily increased since 1920, and that if it had not been for the equalization fund, the cost would have been 30 per cent greater than it is at the present time. "This young man is competent to handle the work, and he is a high-toned Christian gentleman," Mr. Dunning added, in suggesting that the board favorably consider his application. As to the salary paid the superintendent, Mr. Dunning stated that he understood Mr. Pope receives an annual salary of \$4,200, and that it should be reduced.

Endorsing the candidacy of Mr. Pope, Mr. T. B. Slade stated that he believed the superintendent's salary is too high, but of the \$4,200 received \$2,500 was paid by the State, a sum that otherwise would not have been paid into the county. He also stated that the present superintendent is qualified, that he has operated the schools efficiently. Any member of the taxpayers' league studying the records of the superintendent in an effort to effect tax relief would state that economy was practiced in operating the schools. In advancing the candidacy of the present superintendent, Mr. Slade stated that Martin County should be proud of the progress made by its schools in the past 20 years, and especially in the past few years. He suggested to the members of the board that they request Superintendent Pope to accept a reduction to be determined by them, that under the conditions the present superintendent can operate the schools more efficiently. "In so far as I am able to say, the people in my section of the

RECORDER HAD THIRTEEN CASES HERE TUESDAY

Afternoon Session Is Made Necessary To Clear The Docket

Thirteen cases were called in the recorder's court here last Tuesday, the session continuing well into the afternoon. Large crowds were present for the morning session, a goodly number of spectators remaining throughout the session.

Guilty of abandonment, George Purvis was required to pay to the court \$8.50 for two months, and answer at the first Tuesday in July.

Kenneth Williams, charged with disorderly conduct, was found not guilty.

Dick Cooper, found guilty of disorderly conduct and carrying a concealed weapon, was sentenced to the roads for a period of 90 days.

The case charging Bruce Rollins with an assault and carrying a concealed weapon, was continued one week.

John Jasper Black, found guilty of operating a car while drunk and assault, was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs. A six-months road sentence was suspended. He appealed his case, the court requiring bond in the sum of \$200. Another court, carrying a concealed weapon, preferred against Black, was continued.

Pinland Bland was sentenced to the roads for a period of 60 days when he pleaded guilty of manufacturing home brew. He maintained, however, that he did not manufacture for retail.

The case charging Idabelle Lamb with trespass was remanded to the justice of the peace court, according to original judgment.

The case charging Sylvester Wynn with violating the liquor law was not pressed.

The case charging H. D. Rogers with non-support, was continued until July 7.

Probable cause appearing, the case in which Aaron Biggs was charged with assault with intent to kill, was sent to the superior court with the defendant under a \$300 bond.

The case charging Newsome Robb with operating an automobile while drunk, was continued to the first Monday in June.

A nol prosequi resulted in the case charging A. Hassell, jr., with assault.

county are in favor of the present man, and it will be a mistake to change now," Mr. Slade concluded.

"I am glad the schools of Martin County have prospered and I have no criticism to offer," Mr. Joseph L. Holliday stated in a talk-from-the-heart favoring the election of Mr. Manning. Briefly he reviewed the costs of operating the schools, stating that the cost was 50 cents back in 1919 and 92 plus aid from the equalization fund today. Mr. Holliday perhaps stressed the importance of the superintendent visiting the schools as above other phases of work in heading the county school system.

Professor Mayo Grimes mentioned the efficiency of the present superintendent and advised against a change at this time. "There's not another man in the United States who can take his place," the young school man assured his hearers. He considered a cut in the present superintendent's salary not advisable.

Rev. W. B. Harrington developed new arguments when he stated that the present superintendent had much prestige at Raleigh, and somehow non-residence was mentioned in the course of the Baptist minister's endorsement of Mr. R. A. Pope. "Efficiency is not to be doubted, and economy was practiced in the operation of the schools," the Griffins township man declared. "Regardless of who is elected, I will work with him for the interest of the schools," the minister said in one of the best advanced statements of the afternoon.

The minister's statements, in part, did not set so well, and A. R. Dunning took the floor for a second time to assure the praiser of his (Dunning's) residence here. "As for prestige, the present superintendent hasn't so much," Mr. Dunning declared, reading figures from the equalization fund to show that Martin's share was less than that of adjoining counties, and while the tax rate in other counties had been decreased, it had been increased here.

Mr. T. B. Slade followed Mr. Dunning and offered additional facts in connection with the equalization fund, he stating that this county participated to a very small extent in the fund up until 1924-25.

The high spot of the meeting was reached when Miss Hattie Thrower informed the body that she was of the opinion that the matter of electing a

Snake in Church Is Cause of Disturbance During Service

Plymouth, N. C., May 21.—An uninvited snake, of rather huge proportions, caused considerable excitement and came near breaking up the preaching service at Grace Episcopal church here Sunday night. The reptile was first discovered by the congregation crawling along the rafters of the ceiling of the church.

The service was brought to a standstill when this discovery was made, but before anything could

be done, the snake concealed himself. Hence, the service was continued. It was not long, however, until the snake bobbed up on the pipe organ, causing still further excitement. But before any one could get to him, he had eased himself into a hole, where he could not be bothered.

To date the snake has not been captured, and it is generally supposed that he is still making his abode in the church.

LEGISLATURE AGREES TO REPORT OF CONFERENCE; ADJOURNMENT IN SIGHT

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Jim Johnston, assistant postmaster at Roper, states that he had an unusual experience a few days ago when he opened a mail sack which contained only three letters, and all three letters were from different states, yet each letter bore the name of the same town.

Mr. Johnston is positive that this has never happened before, and he is confident that it will never happen again.

FIRE DESTROYS TENANT HOUSE

Located on Hatton Street, Small House Belonged To Mrs. Kate York

Fire, early last night gutted and practically ruined the tenant house owned by Mrs. Kate York and located on Hatton Street, near the home of Mr. J. Sam Getsinger. The loss is estimated at more than \$1,500, with only \$1,000 insurance.

The fire, when discovered, was in all parts of the house, making it impossible for the fire company, with two lines of hose, to check the flames before they had burned all but the shell of the house. Several people passed the house twenty minutes before the alarm was sounded and at that time they saw no signs of fire in the structure. No one had lived in the house recently, and firemen were at a loss to give a cause for the fire.

Careless driving on the part of an automobile owner almost resulted in the wrecking of the big fire truck as it was making its way to the fire. Driving up Washington Street, the woman driver turned her car toward the Central Service Station in front of the truck as it started to turn the corner. Driving at a moderate speed, Driver Daniel pulled the truck back into Main Street and continued to the next corner before making a turn. Another auto driver turned in front of the car of a fireman, wrecking the front end of the fireman's car.

LAFAYETTE ANGE DIES TUESDAY

Funeral Service Held Wednesday at Late Home Near Jamesville

Lafayette Ange, one of the county's most esteemed old gentlemen, died at his home five miles below Jamesville early last Tuesday morning following an illness of several months' duration.

Born in Angetown 79 years ago, Mr. Ange lived there all his life. He was a man of unusual quietness, and a good citizen, never speaking evil of any man.

He survived by his wife, now 88 years old, one daughter, Mrs. Andrew Waters, who lived with him, and one son, A. W. Ange, a prominent merchant of Winterville.

The funeral services were held from the home Wednesday afternoon by Rev. W. A. Davis. Burial was in the Ange Cemetery, near the home.

Presbyterians Announce Their County Services

True sayings: "Way to Heaven—take first turn to the right and then go straight ahead."

Church School, 9:45 a. m.
Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m.
Roberson's Farm
Sunday school at 3 p. m. (Note change in hour).
Prayer meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Bear Grass
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
Worship service and sermon at 8 o'clock p. m.

15-CENT TAX ON LAND IS CALLED FOR IN REPORT

MacLean Forces Weakened at End of Legislative Battle of 135 Days

ABANDON SALES TAX

The legislature yesterday endangered the future of the public schools of North Carolina, refused to grant relief to taxpayers and made certain a huge deficit at the end of the next fiscal year when it accepted, by a small majority the conference report calling for a 15-cent ad valorem tax and what else, very few people know. The action is regretted by the people of Eastern North Carolina. But in virtual acceptance of the report, the legislature makes possible the adjournment of the body next Wednesday.

After 135 days of legislating, the forces opposed to the MacLean bill and the full relief of property from the burden of maintaining the six months school term, finally succeeded in whittling away the MacLean majority in the House.

Some of the members shifting their votes frankly admitted that they were opposed to features of the bill, particularly its continuance of the ad valorem tax, its danger to the public school system, and its virtual certainty to establish an enormous deficit, but were voting for it because they were tired of staying in Raleigh and because they believed the people of the State wanted to see the legislature do something and quit.

Actually in both houses with a total voting membership of 168, the majority for the report was only six—two in the Senate and four in the House—before one vote was shifted in both branches for the purpose of reconsideration.

The fact that a \$6,000,000 deficit at the end of the next biennium is indicated under the conference bill apparently paves the way for another major battle over the appropriations bill, now in conference, before there can be adjournment.

However, should this bill be disposed of without undue delay, the revenue bill can be passed on its three readings in the House this week and go to the Senate on Monday, where, barring another of the reverses that have featured this session, it can be finally passed by Wednesday. Thus adjournment is possible on May 27, the 141st day of the session.

Rev. D. M. Roberts Will Hold Revival at Everetts

Rev. David M. Roberts, assisted by the pastor, Rev. James H. Smith, will conduct a series of revival services in the Everetts Baptist church, beginning next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock and continuing each day thereafter for ten days. Mr. Roberts was graduated from Wake Forest College and studied for the ministry at Louisville Seminary.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services each evening at 8 o'clock throughout the period.

Seine Fishing on Roanoke River Is Closed Wednesday

Thousands of Herrings Have Been Packed Away By Eastern Carolina People; Starvation Headed Off For a Few More Months At Least

Seine fishing on the Roanoke was brought to a close this week, the season closing last Wednesday. Several of the seines were removed from the water last week, but it was not until Wednesday afternoon that the Fleming plant suspended operations for the season.

While the season, as a whole, was not a favorable one for the fishermen, the business has been fairly successful, according to reports coming from one or two of the plants. A ready demand, met the supply, the plants disposing of their catches, with few exceptions, right at the batteries, limiting packing and shipping costs very greatly.

Various obstacles presented themselves throughout the season, almost, and profitable catches were started late. Disturbed waters along the coast

30,000 YOUNG FISH ARE RELEASED IN COUNTY WATERS

Fifteen Million Rock Fingerlings Released in the Roanoke Wednesday

Forty million rock fingerlings were released in Eastern Carolina waters last Wednesday by county and State game and fish authorities, a goodly number of the forty million being dumped into the Roanoke at Weldon.

Thirty thousand of the small fish were released in creeks and mill ponds in this county, 10,000 to Gardner's Creek, 10,000 to Sweet Water Creek, and 10,000 to Everett's Mill Pond. The release in the Everett Mill Pond, Mr. J. W. Hines, county game warden, stated, was made for experimental purposes. Some people are of the opinion that the fish will thrive there; others believe that they will not live under the conditions. Several weeks from now the little fish will start for the ocean to return to this section two years from now. As the rock is a salt-water fish, it is believed that those released in the mill pond will die. However, Mr. Hines stated that the experiment was worth trying.

With the exception of fifteen million released in the Roanoke at Weldon and the few thousand in the creeks of this county, the remainder of the rock were released in the Tar and Neuse Rivers. The fish were hatched in the State hatchery at Weldon and were transported in large cans on a truck.

Approximately 75 per cent of the fish released will live and grow to maturity, it is estimated, and if they do there'll be an abundance of rock in the streams of Western Carolina two years from now. The release in the mill ponds will be closely watched in an effort to determine the outcome of the experiment, County Game Warden Hines stated.

Efforts are now being made to obtain a large quantity of young chub from the United States hatchery near Edenton for the various creeks in this county and section, Mr. Hines said. If his efforts are successful, the fish will be released within the next two or three weeks.

BEGIN REVIVAL HERE SUNDAY

Dr. Jno. Barclay, of Wilson, Will Conduct Services in Christian Church

Sunday will mark the beginning of the spring meeting at the Christian church. The pastor will open the service Sunday in preparation for the coming of Mr. Barclay Monday night. Some one has said that "a good start is half the battle," so we are intending to win half the battle by a good start at both morning and evening services. Monday evening will be the crucial service, and we can't afford to do less than give Mr. Barclay a royal welcome on his return. The whole community is invited to join in the fellowship of this week of services.

Services Sunday are:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., Morning worship.
7 p. m., Christian Endeavor.
8 p. m., Evening worship.

Rev. Conley Grier Preaches In Jamesville Sunday at 3

Rev. Conley Grier, Plymouth minister, will preach in the Christian church at Jamesville Sunday afternoon, May 24, at 3 p. m.

Rev. Mr. Grier is a forceful and pleasing speaker, and the people of Jamesville and vicinity are invited to hear him.

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METHODIST CONFERENCE HERE CLOSES; DECLARED ONE OF BEST EVER HELD

HOW I WISH TO LIVE

I wish to live without hate, whim, jealousy, envy, fear. I wish to be simple, honest, frank, natural, clean in mind and clean in body, unaffected—to say "I do not know" if it be so, and to face any obstacle and meet every difficulty unabashed and unafraid.

I wish others to live their lives, up to their highest, fullest, and best. To that end I pray that I may never meddle, interfere, dictate, give advice that is not wanted, or assist when my services are not needed. If I can help people, I'll do it by giving them a chance to help themselves; and if I can uplift or inspire, let it be by example, inference, and suggestion, rather than by injunction and dictation.—Elbert Hubbard.

SLOW PROGRESS IN REVALUATION

Twenty Per Cent Drop In Robersonville Property Valuation Predicted

The task of revaluing real properties is advancing very slowly in this county, as a whole. While a few of the townships have completed or practically completed the work, several will not start before next week, it is understood.

Unofficial reports from Robersonville this week, where the work is nearing completion, indicate that a drop of approximately 20 per cent is expected in the property valuation in that township.

Assessors in this township will start their work next week, according to present plans.

GAIN IN BUYERS ON CURB MARKET

Agent Reports Increase In Number of Buyers and A Gain In Sales

The fourteen women selling on the curb market last Saturday realized \$31.27. Fewer sellers were present, owing to their having to set tobacco at this time, but those present were pleased with their returns.

The weekly reports from the market show that there is a gradual gain in the number of buyers and the amount of sales. To help the patrons of the market, we are giving a few of the prices:

Hens, live, over 3 pounds, 19c; Hens, live, under 3 pounds, 20c; hens, dressed, 28c; Broilers, 30c; strawberries, a quart, 9c; cakes, 75c and \$1.00; cottage cheese, block, 15c; eggs, dozen, 17c; May peas, 5c pound; carrots, 4 bunches, 25c.

Sunday Services at the Local Baptist Church

Sunday morning the pastor of the Baptist church will have for his text, "Let us not weary in well doing," and at the evening hour there will be a baptismal service.

It is hoped that the members of this church will avail themselves of the privilege and the opportunity of hearing Dr. Barclay in the services next week at the Christian church, and of cooperating with that church.

Visiting Ministers

The following pastors from the charge were in attendance:
F. E. Dixon, of Chowan; W. J. Underwood, Columbia; H. B. Baum, Currituck; G. W. Perry, First Church, of Elizabeth City; I. J. Strawbridge, of Dare; J. A. Guice, Edenton; J. H. Lanning, City Road, Elizabeth City; Kennekeet; H. C. Fwing, Gates; Leon Russell, Hatteras; M. Y. Self, Hertford; J. T. Stauford, North Gates; B. F. Boone, Pasquotank; W. F. Walters, Manteo; J. A. Tharpe, Moyock; J. Bascom Hurley, Roper; T. E. Davis, South Camden; J. M. Joffe, South Mills; J. L. Smith, Perquimans; J. P. Cross, Wanchese; K. G. L. Edwards, Plymouth; C. T. Rogers, Williamston, and P. O. Lee, Windsor.

In expressing his appreciation to the people here and at Holly Springs, Rev. Mr. Rogers stated:
"As the pastor of Williamston charge, I most heartily want to thank the many friends of the different churches who came to our rescue and also to the Methodists who gave of their time and means to make this conference a success. It was accepted as the best that many of our people had attended for a long time. It was only through you who assisted that this was possible. I thank you in the name of the conference, the Methodist church, and the pastor."

DARE COUNTY CHURCH GETS NEXT MEETING

Delegates Pass Resolution of Thanks for Entertainment Given Them

The Elizabeth City District Conference of the Methodist church, opening here last Tuesday morning, was brought to a successful close Wednesday afternoon. Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor of the local church stating yesterday that it was marked for the amount of business transacted; the deep spiritual note that prevailed; the interest manifested by the laymen for the old-time religion; and a plea for no compromise with sin in the pulpits or pews; the entertainment in the homes and the dinners served by the people of the town and Holly Springs.

During a greater part of two days, the visiting ministers and delegates advanced the business of the conference. Several splendid and timely addresses were made by prominent church leaders and laymen, Dr. H. E. Spence, of Durham, impressing the assembly very strongly with his talk on "Christian Education" Tuesday morning.

Between talks and the scheduled sermons, the delegates worked earnestly with their routine business matters, various reports indicating an active work in the religious field.

Mr. Cunningham Preaches

Tuesday evening, Rev. M. E. Cunningham, of the Kennekeet charge, delivered a stirring sermon to a large congregation made up of visitors and many townspeople. The minister addressed a challenge to the ministers and laymen, telling them that it was not their duty to conform with society, that it was their duty to transform society that it might meet a truly Christian standard. Rev. Mr. Cunningham stressed this duty, stating that no compromise could be accepted. "If we use religion only as a refuge, civilization will perish," the minister declared, in explaining that religion must have transforming power rather than have personal appeals to youth. In concluding he asked the question, "Do we care enough about Jesus Christ to accept the challenge of transforming the world?"

Routine work featured the Wednesday morning session, and that afternoon Professor F. S. Aldridge addressed the laymen.

Several appealing invitations for the next annual meeting were tendered, the conference deciding to meet at Wanchese in Dare County next May. City Road and Plymouth also asked for the next conference.

Rev. Mr. Rogers stated that the number of visiting members at the conference here was the largest he had ever seen at a previous district conference.