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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE DOES SPLENDID WORK

About 40 County Teachers Pursuing Studies to Make Themselves More Efficient. Institute in Charge of Able Conductors. Teachers Highly Pleased With Work.

The teachers' institute, which began here on Monday of last week, conducted by Dr. J. H. Highsmith and Miss Susan Fulgham, comes to a close this week. Nearly 40 teachers are enrolled as pupils, representing a large part of the county schools.

Great interest in the institute has been shown throughout the session by the teachers, students and others. While the teachers of Brevard graded school have either been exempt or excused from attendance, they have shown their interest by visiting the institute at the afternoon sessions. Many of those attending have expressed very high praise of the way in which the institute has been conducted and regret that there cannot be a longer session.

Dr. Highsmith has charge of the department for teachers of intermediate grades, and Miss Fulgham the primary department. The former occupies the county superintendent's office, and the latter the court room. All general services have been held in the court room.

Throughout the institute Dr. Highsmith has laid great emphasis on the need of better and more adequate training for teachers. He would have the profession professionalized.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith and Miss Susan Fulgham are members of the State board of examiners and institute conductors and are both educators of reputation. Dr. Highsmith is a graduate of Trinity College and of the Teacher's college of Columbia University. He was principal of Durham grammar school for three years, professor of Bible and Philosophy at Meredith College, and professor of Education and Philosophy at Wake Forest College.

Miss Fulgham has had experience of the best kind in the department which she conducts. She has been primary teacher in such important schools as those at High Point, Chapel Hill, Elizabeth City and Goldsboro, was a student of Teachers' College of Columbia University, and has taught in the State university summer school.

REWARD OFFERED FOR APPREHENDING DESERTERS

A telegram from Provost Marshal General Crowder to local and district boards in regard to deserters is as follows:

"Number 8215. A reward of fifty dollars is payable for the delivery at the nearest army camp or post of a deserter. This reward is in full satisfaction of all expenses incurred in said delivery. A person who fails to report to his local board for military service at the time specified in his order to report, is a deserter. A person who fails to report for military service to the adjutant general of the state by the date specified in the order of the adjutant general to said person, is a deserter. It is highly desirable from every standpoint that an effort now be made to round up all persons who are delinquent in reporting for military service. It is thought that if the fact of reward is given the widest publicity we shall have a great force of police officers and even of individuals interested in bringing such delinquents under military control. If, after such persons are brought to a military authority, it appears to the military authority that their delinquency is not willful, they will be forwarded to a mobilization camp, and their local board will be given credit. If it appears that the delinquency was willful, they will be prosecuted before court martial as deserters. In either case the reward is payable.

"Crowder."

BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION HAS ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Large attendance of ladies at closing meeting of year's work. New officers elected for coming year.

September twenty-fifth marked the closing of another Betterment year. The large attendance indicated both an increasing activity and interest of the organization.

All committee reports were given and all other business of the year completed.

The Treasurer's report was gratifying as it showed a goodly sum with which to begin the work of the year.

It was with regret the association gave up Mrs. J. S. Silversteen as President.

The officers for the ensuing year are:

Mrs. T. H. Shipman, Pres.; Mrs. J. S. Silversteen, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Beavans, Secretary; Mrs. Macfie, Treasurer.

The Side walk Committee was asked to get other bids for the cement walk the association is planing for the school grounds.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a reception in the near future, and some entertainment was planned for those assisting in conducting the institute.

The meeting then adjourned to meet the fourth Tuesday of October.

MASONS TO HAVE A WEEK OF MEETINGS

N. L. Nelson of Marshll, N. C., Assistant Grand Lodge Lecturer is to spend the week (Oct. 8th to 13th) with the Masons of Transylvania county. There will be meetings morning, afternoon and evening every day. He is coming to assist Dunn's Rock lodge in getting ready to confer the Master Masons Degree at the District Meeting to be held in Salada on the 25th. All Masons will be welcome at these meetings.

There will be a special meeting for work in the 2nd degree Friday Oct. the 5th. There will be regular work in the 3rd degree on Friday night, October the 12th; three candidates.

GRAIN CROP THRESHED BY O. W. CLAYTON

Some idea of what the farmers of this county have been doing in the way of grain production may be gathered from a report of the part of the crop threshed by O. W. Clayton. The total number of bushels of grain threshed was about 14,000. There were 11,800 bushels of rye, 1,320 bushels of wheat, and 1,500 bushels of oats included in this summary.

The yield of rye made an average of 11 bushels to the acre, and the yield of wheat 15 bushels.

DEATH OF MARIA BARTON

Maria, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barton of Selica, died on Thursday afternoon of last week and was buried at Cathcys Creek cemetery on Friday. She was ill only about a week and her condition was not suspected to be dangerous until a few hours before death. She was attending her first school, and being very ambitious to learn and to be punctual, kept to her post until compelled to stay at home.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Manley, and the pall bearers were Boyd and Ed Ross, Noah Stamey and Oat Bryson.

Something to sell means something to advertise.

EXHIBITS OF MANY KINDS ENTERED FOR VARIOUS PRIZES

Prospects of Fair Grow Fairer; Committees Busy With Arrangements and Raising Money For Prizes; Kinds of Things to Enter in Contest; School Boys and Girls Have Chance.

The county fair committees had a meeting on Wednesday, and about 25 persons attended. Great interest was manifested in arrangements for the coming fair.

With over $200 in sight as a starter, and prospects bright for more, the leaders of the movement are confident that from $500 to $500 will be raised for expenses and especially for prizes.

C. H. Trowbridge, A. F. Mitchell and B. H. Lewis were appointed as a committee on school exhibits.

A committee on arrangements was also appointed consisting of R. H. Zachary, C. E. Orr, C. C. Duckworth, T. S. Wood, and L. R. Scruggs.

These committees have prepared lists of various products for which prizes will be offered. Below is given a summary of these lists, the different items to appear in next week's issue, with premiums attached.

The lists will cover the following:

Horses of different classes.
Colts " " "
Mules " " "
Cattle " " "
Sheep " " "
Hogs " " "
Chickens " " "
Other kinds of poultry
Fruits of various kinds
Vegetables " "

Practicaly all kinds of farm products.

Educational Exhibits.

A woman's department will show a list of needle work, crochet and fancy work, etc., and also canned fruits and vegetables and cooking of various kinds.

Look for the list of things on which prizes are to be offered in the News next week. Every man, woman, boy and girl in the county ought to be interested in the prizes and many should compete.

All the public schools will be closed for Fair Day.

ARMIES NEED FOOD; DON'T LET IT BURN

Planting and Raising of Crops Will Not Suffice; Every Care Must be Exercised Toward the Prevention of Destruction and Waste of the Food After it is Made and Housed

"Our armies need food; don't let it burn!" is the slogan adopted by the Michigan Conservation Association recently, and it might well be adopted as the slogan of every association and every individual in the country at this time. Vast numbers of associations and government agencies throughout the country are urging every hour the growing and conservation of foodstuffs. The reports so far from the Department of Agriculture indicate an enormous yield for the year. But planting and raising crops will not suffice. Every care must be exercised toward the prevention of the destruction and waste of the food after it has been made and housed.

A few weeks ago a grain elevator in Chicago was destroyed by fire and with it wheat sufficient to make 50,000,000 loaves of bread. Taking this amount of bread and estimating the amount of flour used by bakers in making bread, and figuring by the army Quartermaster Department's allowance for feeding a soldier, this wheat destroyed would furnish the first increment of the new national army composed of 687,000 men in bread for nearly two months.

Wherever there is a fire that destroys a considerable amount of property there is almost always some lack of care or else a criminal intent. Extremely few fires are "providential." Hundreds and thousands of young men have within the past few months walked into recruiting stations and volunteered to lay their lives at the disposal of the American government to prosecute this war. To those who stay at home it is but a small effort to put forth to practice the eternal vigilance that will prevent the fires which may destroy foodstuffs, every ounce of which is sorely needed at this time to feed America's soldiers, America's allies and America's women and children who must remain at home and fight the battles that are absolutely essential to "keep the home fires burning."

Appealing to city and county officials throughout North Carolina to join with the department in lending aid to a nation wide campaign against preventable fire waste, Insurance Commissioner James R. Young recently issued a letter which was sent to these officials and to a number of other public spirited citizens in the state. The letter asks co-operation in the campaign being fostered by the Council of National Defense and which has the support and strong co-operation of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and is being pushed by Insurance Commissioners and Fire Marshals all over the nation. The campaign also has the endorsement of President Wilson, who has issued a statement which contains the following paragraph:

"Preventable fire is more than a private misfortune. It is public dereliction. At a time like this of emergency, and of manifest necessity for the conservation of national resources, it is more than ever a matter of deep and pressing consequence that every means should be taken to prevent this evil."

In Commissioner Young's appeal to officials he points out the fact that more than $100,000 worth of breadstuffs were destroyed in North Carolina last year in preventable fires. In addition approximately a like amount was involved in machinery and equipment in plants for the making and handling of breadstuffs.

"In this time of emergency," the statement says, "loss of foodstuffs is total loss. Insurance money collected does not replace the actual foodstuffs. Our people cannot eat money. While our soldiers are preparing to fight the enemy and our allies are holding out their hands for food themselves and their dependent loved ones, it is treason for our people to allow one thing that goes into the making of food to be wasted."

The aid and support of every county and city official and every civic organization in the state is urged in this emergency fire prevention campaign. The Commissioner again calls attention to he fact that an expert fire engineer in the service of the department is available at all times for the training of fire departments for cities and towns and to give instruction in fire fighting and fire prevention means. Also an electrical expert stands ready to inspect and correct errors in electrical equipment that might lead to fires and serious accidents. The services of these men as well as the other equipment of the department are at the call of the people of North Carolina.

J. L. OSTEEN WRITES FROM CAMP JACKSON

The following letter, written September 29th to G. E. Lathrop and published with his permission will be of interest to News readers.

Your cheerful letter received and should have been answered ere this, but our mail was hung up for a few days on account of the postman not having the No. of our Barrack. We boys have been very fortunate indeed thus far. We are assigned to the Hospital Corps and that is considered one of the best branches of the service. Most of the boys are happy and enjoying camp life to the fullest extent. We have splendid officers. They treat us like men in every respect. Our Lieutenant tells us that, in comparison with the practical experience which we have had, we are doing the best drilling of any company in the camp. I consider this very complimentary since it was spoken by such a high official.

I was absolutely mistaken in my estimation of camp life. I surely thought it would be rough and tough from beginning to end, but I am forced to confess that I was mistaken. The utmost of kindness exists between the boys, and also the officers are very kind and gentlemanly towards the boys.

Tell the other boys that the anticipation of the trip is the greatest burden; that after they reach here they will meet with men, with officers who are interested in their personal welfare. Tell the parents not to worry, for their boys will receive the best of care.

We are permitted to attend church on Sundays and that is something a lot of the folks didn't expect. Last night we had preaching here in our Barrack, also again to night.

In regard to Morgan, I have just talked to the Lieutenant about his condition, and he seems to think we can make a soldier out of him. He only got lost instead of running away from camp.

Don't you know I feel somewhat dignified this P. M., Sergeant Noble has gone to Columbia and left me in his position.

Mr. Lathrop, let me extend to you my sincere thanks for your past favors and for the assurance of your aid at any time in the future.

In behalf of myself and the other boys I thank you for the magazines. We have read them thoroughly, and at any time we shall be glad to have those things.

Yours sincerely,
John Lake Osteen,
Casual Detachment Field Hospital,
Barrack No. A 2
Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Lathrop wishes notice to be given that if our people will leave worth while papers, and magazines not over a month or two old with either the Local Board or Ralph R. Fisher the latter will see that they are forwarded every week to the Transylvania boys at Camp Jackson. A little thoughtful promptness in this matter will add much to the cheer of our contingent.

A CORRECTION

In proofreading a grave mistake was made in last week's issue of the News, in which Governor Bickett was "Condemned" instead of "Commended". We are very sorry this mistake occurred, as we certainly do not wish to condemn a man who is so worthy of commendation as Gov. Bickett.

THE MANAGEMENT.

NEW ALDERMAN ELECTED

At the regular October meeting of the board of aldermen Monday night, F. E. Shuford was elected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of J. S. Bromfield. Mr. Shuford was appointed chairman of the water and sewer committee.

STATE LOOKS AFTER HEALTH OF CHILDREN

Dr. Jordan of State Board of Health Talks to Teachers About Inspection of Children. Physicians and Householders Must Conform to Law.

Dr. Thos. M. Jordan of the N. C. State Board of Health who came to the county to look into the reason for closing schools on account of scarlet fever, addressed the teachers upon their relation to inspection of school children for physical defects and the new law in regard to the preventable diseases. Among other things the doctor said that the North Carolina Health Department was not only insistent upon teachers complying with the law, but was determined that the physicians and the householders should also conform to the rules and regulations, or be penalized for the failure to do so. If any failure to report to the quarantine officer is reported to the department, investigation of the most careful and painstaking nature will follow.

The quarantine officer is given authority by the law to enter houses where no physician is in attendance to determine whether whooping cough or measles exists, and should he be found derelict in his duties in any particular, he will be dealt with as the law directs, without fear or favor. In all instances the Health Department is determined that the law shall be obeyed. While here the doctor also inspects the county jail and will report to the Department of Health the conditions existing. We are proud to see the Health Department taking such active steps.

TWO DETACHMENTS LEAVE THIS WEEK

Thirty-two more men in 2 detachments were ordered to report to the Local Exemption Board this week. The first detachment reported Wednesday afternoon and left for Camp Jackson Thursday morning. The second reported Thursday afternoon to leave for the same camp Friday morning.

Following are the names of men in the first group:

Newton Heath, Allen Edwin, Press M. Galloway, Roman Cornelius Powell, Jas. Harrison Greeley, Thos. Haywood York, Clarence D. Poole, Clingman S. Camp, Wm. McKinley Bowman, Chas. Crawford Bennett, George Bell, Wm. Wiley Owen, Thos. N. Loftis, Jas. Chas. Hollingsworth.

Following is the list of the second detachment:

Henry Coy Sims, Otter H. Panther, Robt. M. Neely, Charlie Anders, Francis McCrary, Andrew V. Lyday, Thos. G. McKillop, Avery L. Oshield, Clyde Hamilton, Forest A. Wooten, Raleigh C. Ledford, John P. Aiken, Thos. J. Turner, Augustus D. Bagwell, Lonislyn P. Wilson, Roland Owen, Clyde Ashworth, Weave Jefferson Allison.

U. D. C. TO MEET SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. At this meeting the annual report will be made out and delegates elected to the general convention to be held at Chattanooga, Tenn., in November.

The ladies who have been preparing cans of fruit for the soldiers' and Confederate Women's homes are requested to bring these cans to the chapter house on Saturday.

Your friends would be pleased to receive marked copies of the News showing your whereabouts and activities; 5 cents a copy.