

SCHOOL AFFAIRS IN COUNTY UNSETTLED BECAUSE OF DELAY

Task of Selecting Teachers Is Held Up Because of the Changes in Law

OPPOSITION TO OPENING SCHOOLS ON AUGUST 1

Question of Having Only Six Months' School Term To Be Given Attention

Members of the county school board and the several school committees in the various districts are making haste slowly in selecting teachers for the next year's school work. On account of the long delay in the sessions of the legislature, the school officials have not been able to know just what to do, nor what their rights and duties would be under the new laws governing the schools. These laws are most revolutionary in nature, leaving less power than ever before in the hands of local officials.

State school officials are working feverishly, it is said, on the tremendous problem of apportioning the money voted by the legislature to the operation of the schools. Locally, the school authorities do not as yet know, it is said, how many teachers may be employed for the schools of the county, nor is it known what salaries can be paid to those who are employed. The new law provides for a reduction in the salaries of the school teachers, and increases the teacher-load of all instructors.

Much opposition has developed to the plan adopted by the school board recently, whereby all schools of the county are to open on the first Monday in August. Many people are objecting to this new ruling, and it is known that the matter is being considered by the board, and the action may be rescinded, leaving the schools to open on the first Monday in September, as has been the custom.

It is said that many members of the present school board favor employment of local men and women as teachers, and prediction is made that the reduction in the number of teachers to be employed will be brought about by discontinuing the services of non-resident teachers, giving preference to home people in the matter of selecting teachers for the coming year.

School authorities will be faced by the problem of deciding upon the length of the term this year. The new state law places the burden of finance, that is, the operation of the six months school term upon the state, with the county paying a 15-cent ad valorem tax in support of the six months' school term. In event an eight months term is decided upon, the county pays that extra two months in its entirety. With teachers not as yet having been paid in full for last year's work, coupled with the inability of many taxpayers to make payment on their taxes, the county authorities are facing a serious problem, it is pointed out, in attempting to operate an eight months school term. On the other hand, argument is made that the cost to the school children whom it is claimed, cannot make their grades in six months, thereby losing a year's work, is too great, and that some arrangements should be made for having the eight months' school term.

SNELSON PLACED ON WATER SHED AS NEW PATROLMAN

T. L. Snelson, for many years a member of the Brevard police force, has been employed by the mayor and board of aldermen as patrolman in the water shed, it was announced Tuesday. Mr. Snelson was dropped from the police force when J. P. Deaver was selected as night patrolman, to work under Chief of Police Freeman, and the force reduced.

ORR CEMETERY WORKING

All interested in Orr cemetery on Little River are requested to come with dinner and tools for a working Saturday, June 6, according to a statement made by Mrs. Geo. E. Merrill.

TOWN TAX LIST TO BE RUN IN AUGUST

Action was taken by the mayor and board of aldermen at the last meeting to postpone the publication of the tax list until the first Monday in August, when all property in the town on which 1930 taxes are unpaid will be advertised for sale. The advertisement will run through August, and the sale will be held on the first Monday in September, and Mayor Ramsey states that this announcement is final, and that no other or further postponement will be made.

Town officials expressed the hope that all citizens will make immediate payment of their 1930 taxes, and avert the necessity of advertising same for sale. It is believed that many people will make settlement of their taxes during June and July, and escape the additional costs and remove their property from the list being prepared for publication.

MUST INFORM STATE OF MONEY ON HAND

All Counties, Cities, Towns and Districts Must Make Full Report

Raleigh, June 3.—Charles M. Johnson, director of local government, has sent out notices to officials of all counties, cities, towns and local tax districts, asking for a report on the amount of money on deposit in banks of sinking fund cash and cash of current funds, as of May 31, 1931, asking that the reports be filed not later than June 15. This is one of the sections of the new local government law which provides for strict handling of public money by officers of the local units.

Following is the section covering the reports:

Sec. 33. "It shall be the duty of all officers having the charge or custody of any funds of any unit to report to the Director on the first days of January and July of each year (or such other semi-annual dates as may be fixed by the director), and at other times upon direction of the commission or the director, the amounts of funds of the unit then in their charge or custody, and the amounts of deposits of such funds in any depository or depositories, and a description of the surety bonds or collateral securities deposited to secure same. It shall be the duty of the director to require such reports to be made and to see that the provisions of this section are complied with."

BAND BOYS TO STAGE MINSTREL JUNE 19

On Friday evening, June 19, the members of the Brevard Municipal Band, assisted by several friends, will present a minstrel act at the High School building which will be a great attraction, and, at the same time, serve a real purpose for this community. The minstrel is being presented for the purpose of raising money with which to pay Prof. Cutler a nominal sum for his services as band instructor. The members of the band make no charge whatever for their services in playing the free concerts two or three evenings each week during the summer season. Now that they are taking this means of raising necessary funds for the bandmaster, it is believed that Brevard and Transylvania county will turn out in full force to witness the presentation, and to show to the band boys that the community appreciates what the band is doing for the pleasure and entertainment of the visitors and home folks.

Dr. Hardin, Phil Price, Fred Miller, Mr. Terry, The Simpson boys, Sam Barnett, Ginny Wood, and half a score others, are to take part in the minstrel, these to be backed up by an unusually fine chorus.

TO ENFORCE LAW AS TO BURNING TRASH

Ten days from this date, the town of Brevard will enforce the ordinance which forbids the burning of trash, papers and other refuse on the open ground within the fire limits of the town. This ordinance has been on the books for a long time, but because of the fact that it has not been enforced, but few people knew of its existence.

The law says that a wire or other adequate screen must be placed about such burning rubbish, its purpose being to prevent spreading of the fire from such burning. Mayor Ramsey stated that the board desired to give all citizens warning of the towns intention to enforce this law, and that its enforcement would not become operative for a period of about ten days, after which time it is to be strictly enforced.

Wire screens are not expensive, and are most effective, as the flames cannot spread when the burning rubbish is confined within the wire netting, or screen.

SERVE ALLIGATOR STEAK

St. Petersburg, Fla., papers give an account of a party given recently in that city by Mr. and Mrs. John T. Fisher, which is not out of the ordinary. But the host and hostess served a delicious supper, the paper states and that is not out of the ordinary. When it is stated, however, that this supper consisted of alligator steak, then the party leaves the ordinary field, and becomes real newspaper. Mr. Fisher is a brother of Ralph R. Fisher, one of Brevard's leading lawyers.

BREVARD GIRL LISTED AMONG THE GRADUATES

Cullowhee, N. C., June 3.—Fifty-four normal seniors at Western Carolina Teachers college will receive diplomas on Friday, June 5, at 10 a. m. Robert Lathan of Asheville will deliver the literary address and H. T. Hunter, president of the institution, will present the diplomas.

Among the graduates is Miss Elizabeth Duckworth, of Brevard, who has made a splendid record in the popular institution.

Five to Seven Years



WALLACE B. DAVIS

Wallace B. Davis, president of the defunct Central Bank & Trust company, was sentenced Wednesday by Judge Barnhill in Buncombe county Superior court to a term in the state penitentiary of from five to seven years. Davis was found guilty by a Yancey county jury in the state's first case, charging the banker with issuing false statements as to the condition of the Central Bank & Trust company. Davis was found not guilty in another trial just ended, charging him, and the former board of county commissioners of Buncombe county, Charles N. Malone, bond attorney, and L. L. Jenkins, county treasurer. Conspiracy was charged in this trial, and a jury from Madison county was called to hear this case. All defendants came clear in that case.

The failure of the Central Bank & Trust company last November led to the failure of a score of other banks in Asheville and Western North Carolina.

Purpose to Eradicate Pellagra Chief in State-wide Campaign

(Special to The Brevard News) Raleigh, June 3.—One of the main aims of the "Preserve Your Food and Live-at-Home This Winter" campaign is to eradicate pellagra from the state through the medium of canned vegetables and fruits, preserving, pickling and drying of garden and orchard produce. The fight to eliminate pellagra in North Carolina is a big part of the "Live-at-Home" program, sponsored by Governor O. Max Gardner and the Governor's Council on Unemployment and Relief.

This campaign for food preservation, begun several months ago at State College by the Extension Service under Dean I. O. Schaub and Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, the cooperation of the State Department of Health, under Dr. H. A. Taylor, acting health officer, is a part in the battle against pellagra. Ever since the work began in full force this winter, Dr. Taylor has given every possible bit of cooperation possible to Mrs. McKimmon and Dean Schaub and their workers, both county farm and home agents and district agents as well.

Dr. Taylor is certain that, "If the people of the state will heed the advice of farm and home agents and health officers, then pellagra will be cut to a minimum this coming fall and winter." He feels that there is plenty of food and fruits available this year. He is mainly concerned as to whether or not the farmers of the state, in particular, will can and

preserve vast quantities of such garden and orchard produce.

The work of the Extension Service has already done much to bring the necessity of food conservation to the public's attention. The Red Cross and Federal Farm Board are also cooperating. And all of this work is coordinated through the work of the relief units of the Governor's Council under R. W. Henninger, executive secretary.

Mrs. McKimmon has had her part of the work thoroughly organized for several months. Her workers are in the field. Canning demonstrations are now going on, so that each township will have at least one person, capable of leading her friends in the work of canning and preserving this summer and fall. Home and farm agents will give some of their time, to work outside of their respective counties in sections where there is no organized home and farm demonstration worker. In this way, the message will be carried into every community in Tarheelia. Dr. Taylor quite neatly puts it this way:

"Every can of vegetables put up and every jar of preserves conserved is just one more blow to put pellagra out of business and I urge all citizens of the state to boost this great campaign to 'Preserve Your Food and Live-at-Home This Winter.'"

The entire State is observing the week, and great good is to result from the campaign.

Chamber Of Commerce Obtains Building on West Main Street

Chamber of Commerce rooms have been opened in the McMinn Building on Main street, adjoining the store of the Farmers Supply company. Furniture and furnishings of the body will be removed from the old quarters on East Main street to the new place. Use of the building is being donated to the Chamber of Commerce by the owners, Mrs. Beulah Zachary, Mr. T. H. Galloway and the McMinn heirs. Miss Alma Trowbridge will keep "open house" in the quarters, serving as secretary.

President Jerry Jerome and the board of directors are highly elated over the manner in which the community is standing by the organization. The several committees are doing splendid work, and the tourist committee has been especially busy, working with the publicity committee in getting out literature to prospective tourists. It is believed that an excellent summer season will be enjoyed here this year, and the hotels and boarding houses are making arrangements for taking care of capacity crowds.

THREE MEN PLACED UNDER \$1000 BONDS

Held To Superior Court On the Charge of Secret Assault, Intent to Kill

Lynch Whitmire, Bulan Davis and Vernon Clarke, of near East Fork section, were bound over to superior court by Magistrate T. T. Loftis Tuesday on warrants charging the young men with secret assault with intent to kill. Mrs. Mary Woods was the victim of the alleged assault. Deputy Sheriff Tom Wood made the arrest and was the state's witness at the preliminary hearing, and told of the admission of the young men that Whitmire and Davis were the ones who threw the rocks, one of which struck the woman and caused serious injury.

It was in evidence that the alleged assault occurred on Wednesday night, May 27, and that the young men were concealed by the roadside, and when Mrs. Woods passed by the two threw rocks at her. The defense did not offer any evidence, but from questions which defendants asked Sheriff Wood it was indicated that they were intending to hit some one other than Mrs. Woods.

Magistrate Loftis bound the trio over in bonds of \$1,000 each, to await a hearing in the superior court. Sheriff Patton and Deputy Wood returned the boys to jail, where they have been confined since being arrested soon after the alleged assault.

FULL STATEMENT AS TO WATER RATE

Mayor Ralph H. Ramsey and Clerk H. H. Patton are preparing a statement for publication in next week's Brevard News, which will include full and detailed information about the water charges in Brevard, comparing the water rents under the old system with that in operation under the new law. The amount of revenue to be raised under the new plan will be shown, with the amount to be saved, or removed, from property assessment which, under the old plan, was necessary in order to wipe out the deficit each year that resulted under the old system.

The statement will be most interesting to the citizens of the town, and the officials assert that it is the board's desire to furnish all facts in connection with the question of water rentals, and then act in accordance with the expressed wishes of a majority of the citizens.

LARGE ENROLLMENT AT SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school at the Brevard Institute has opened with an enrollment of 71 students, which is most pleasing to Superintendent Winton and his assistants. The Institute Summer School has become an institution here, and is attracting students from all sections of the country. Of the opening enrollment, fifty-one attended the sessions last summer, and twenty are new students.

The summer school is especially appealing to those who desire to make up on certain subjects, and obtaining needed units and credits. The rates at the Institute Summer school are so reasonable that a young man or woman may attend the sessions, make up their work, and have the summer in the mountains at a figure less than would be required to spend the summer in the mountains in the usual way.

Several young people of Asheville are planning to come to Brevard this week and early next week and attend the school.

JUNE 9TH LAST DAY FOR FILING CLAIMS AT BANK

Notice is given by Mr. W. W. Woodley, Jr., liquidating agent for the Brevard Banking company, that June Ninth is the last day for filing claims at the bank. Those who fail to file claims by that date are automatically barred from recovery, according to certain conditions laid down in the banking laws.

This same notice was published in several issues of The Brevard News many weeks ago, yet, it is said, there are some people who have not filed their claims. Mr. Woodley is making this last call in the interest of those who have claims against the bank. Full information, blanks, and so on, may be had at the bank.

PARROT NAMED AS HEAD OF STATE HEALTH BOARD

Raleigh, June 3.—Dr. James M. Parrott, of Winston, was elected state health officer, succeeding the late Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse, at a meeting last week of the new state board of health, of which Dr. J. T. Burrus, of High Point, senator from Guilford county, was elected president. Governor Gardner has given his hearty approval to the election of both men. The health officer, under the new law, must be approved by the Governor.

REVIEW OF SESSION OF LEGISLATURE AS TO STATE WIDE ACTS

Broke Many Records in the Long Session, Itself a Record Breaker

GOVERNMENT CENTERED IN RALEIGH BY ACTS

15 Cent Ad Valorem Tax for Schools on All Assessed Property Valuation

Raleigh, June 3.—The North Carolina General Assembly, which adjourned sine die at 9 o'clock on the evening of May 27, was, in many respects, one of the most remarkable sessions ever held by a law making body in North Carolina, not only in the length of the session, but in the type of legislation and deviation from normal policies which it achieved.

No other session has lasted for 141 days, or 121 legislative days, except the 1868-9 reconstruction period session of 146 days from which 12 days of Christmas recess must be taken, leaving only 136 days. It establishes a new record for length and developed into an endurance test.

No other session has taken from the local units and vested in the State more authority, particularly in the maintenance of roads and schools and in the administration of county, city, town and local district fiscal affairs. These local units gave up authority and autonomy to greater extent than ever before, trading, in their distress much loose, inefficient and ineffective administration for what is expected to be greater concentrated and more effective handling of governmental affairs.

No other session has taken back to the property owners of the State a greater measure of tax relief, for which real estate owners were clamoring. All taxes were not removed, but the operation of the highway, the school and the local government laws will bring a reduction of an average of 57 cents to the property owner, or almost half of the tax bill in many counties.

No other session has placed upon big business the amount of taxes that was levied against such business by the recent General Assembly, a tax that would have not been reached but for the insistent demand for land tax relief. The burden has, in large measure, been placed on more successful business, that most able to pay, and, while apparently more than a just share, may not be an onerous burden.

The closing days of the session marked the passage and enactment of several of the most important pieces of legislation of the entire session, chief of which were the Revenue, Appropriations, Machinery, School and several others.

The Revenue Act provides for collection of nearly \$36,000,000 a year in taxes, as compared with previous measures providing for about \$18,000,000 a year. Of this \$17,550,000 is for schools, including \$15,700,000 for the six months term, to be supplemented by the approximately \$1,850,000.

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BARBOUR IS CANDIDATE FOR LEGION COMMANDER

Durham, June 3.—(Special)—His name entered into the contest for commander of the North Carolina department of the American Legion by legionnaires in other sections of the state, the Durham post of the organization has given its enthusiastic endorsement to the candidacy of Luther H. Barbour, of Durham. Resolutions have been prepared and mailed to every post in the state asking their support of Mr. Barbour. Already Legion politics are warming up and friends of the local man predict that he will make a good showing when the state convention meets in Morehead City in July.

AWARD MEDALS AT BREVARD INSTITUTE

Finals at the Brevard Institute included the awards of medals to the winners in the past year's work, and the excellent records made by many students presented a difficult problem to the judges in rendering decisions as to the winners.

Pio Sanchez was awarded the Kiwanis medal for scholarship, with a standing of 93.94 per cent.

John M. Dayton won the Zachary medal for proficiency in mathematics, with a record of 96 per cent.

Miss Rama Kutz was awarded the D. A. R. medal in history.

Fred Lail won the R. Y. Neel medal in the declamation contest.

Miss Edna Brown was victorious in the recitation contest, winning the Mabel Jetton medal.

Junius West was awarded \$5 for the best kept room in the boys' hall, and Miss Ada Meadows and Miss Virginia Gowin were winners of prizes in the same sum for the best kept rooms in the girls' hall.

Miss Paulette Gillespie was awarded five dollars for proficiency in stenography.