

Franklin P.-T. A.

The Franklin Parent-Teacher association will hold its regular meeting the first Friday in December. There will be an important business session, followed by a social hour.

The following is taken from the Asheville Citizen of November 22, and is of vital interest to us all:

Closer cooperation between teachers and parents and between the schools and the public; rural education; the wiping out of illiteracy in America and recreation for all children were the chief topics discussed by speakers of national and state prominence at the most successful convention of the North Carolina Parent-Teachers association recently held in Wilmington.

Delegates returned to their respective local organizations filled with inspiration for the furtherance of the above movements. They realized that the main purpose of parent-teacher associations is to attain these ends and they resolved unanimously to do their share in bringing that message to their local members.

At the request of the Asheville Parent-Teacher association, a synopsis of the convention is given here. Members of the organization are given an outline of the meeting, but they felt that the general public should know of the work of this association, in that it affects whole communities.

The program of the convention covered practically every subject in which the association is actively interested, with representative speakers presenting each one.

One of the principal addresses was made by Miss Frances Hayes, field secretary of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Her subject was "Closer Co-operation Between Home and the School," in which she also stressed the need for cooperation between schools and the public.

She said that the two things lacking in the education of this country are cooperation and enlightened public opinion. The parent-teacher association offers a remedy for this situation, she continued, if the members will always keep the ideals and purposes well in mind. Home and school were characterized as the two most important forces in the growth of a child, with the parent-teachers considered the ideal link between the two.

The whole nation is Miss Hayes' field and she declared that everywhere people know of the remarkable progress that has been made in North Carolina. This state, in her opinion, is far ahead of some others,

but there still exists the backward community. She credited the parent-teacher association with a very large part in advancing education in North Carolina. Educationally these organizations everywhere remove any spirit of sectionalism that might exist, she said, and unite all Americans under one great ideal. Each individual member was urged to hard work for the further success of the association, which will gain in recognition for the good of the boys and girls of every community.

The North Carolina organization now has 12,000 members, and 71 new associations affiliated with the state branch in the last year, with reports showing increasing interest throughout the state. Over a million persons belong to the national group.

Lawless Officers of the Law

The conviction of manslaughter of special officer Wyatt by a Wake county court, this week, for the slaying of a prominent attorney of Smithfield, whom the officer suspected of being engaged in the transportation of liquor, should have a salutary effect throughout the state.

The Smithfield man, last summer, had been attending to business incident to his profession in the capital city and was returning to his home, in his car, with some companions, when the officer jumped to the conclusion that the car was a rum-runner, and opened fire, killing the lawyer. Wyatt claimed that he shot at the pavement and that the bullet glanced and struck the dead man. The other occupants of the car said he fired directly at the automobile.

However that may be, the jury stuck to the rights of citizens to travel the roads unmolested and brought in a verdict of guilty. It is probable that the verdict would have been murder had it not been for Wyatt's good character and long service as a zealous and efficient officer.

The Journal is as much opposed to the liquor traffic as anybody, and has as utter contempt for the bootlegging and rum-running vermin as has any decent citizen. At the same time we can see the menace in swash-buckling officers who parade the roads and infest the highways, holding up people indiscriminately and firing the handy gun at the least provocation. The citizens who abide by the law are entitled to protection by law and courtesy from their officers. White men who speak the English tongue won't stand for anything else long at a time.—Jackson County Journal.

Fire Wardens to Meet

County Fire Warden J. J. Mann requests all deputy fire wardens to meet with him at the court house, Saturday, November 28, at 1:30 p. m. Mr. Holmes state forester and Mr. T. W. Alexander, district forester, and local officials of the Nantahala

National Forest will be present. The editor of the Press has also been invited to attend.

At this meeting plans will be perfected for cooperation between state and national governments in controlling forest fires in this section. This meeting is a very important one

and all deputy wardens are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Landrum left Wednesday for their winter home at Daytona Beach, Fla. They were accompanied by Mrs. Landrum's sister, Miss Callie Deal.

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