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REDUCING THE NUMBER OF COUNTIES

Elsewhere in this paper may be found an article taken from The Progressive Farmer headed, "Consolidating Counties To Lower Taxes." The Progressive Farmer is a paper of wide circulation and general information, and the fact that this paper has endorsed the idea of consolidating counties is good evidence that the idea is both feasible and desirable. We are aware of some of the objections to the idea, and we do not look for this reformation to be brought about in Mrs. Dorothy H. English, Teacher one year, but we believe that such a proposition should have the attention of our incoming legis- Clara lature. It will be seen that the list of suggested Grace Stines, Teacher consolidations does not include Madison County. We commend the article from The Progressive Farmer as worthy of consideration.

THE TROUBLE IN ASHEVILLE

The financial condition of our neighbor city R. K. Ingle, Teacher Asheville, and County, Buncombe, is deplora- Mrs. Mamie Wallin, Teacher ble, due to the failure of the banks in which so much of the funds of the city and county have Namie Whitesides, Teacher been squandered. The resignation of the city Selwyn McDevitt, Teacher officials is being demanded. Mayor Gallatin Mary P. Burgin, Teacher Mrs. Romeo Ferguson, Teacher Roberts and Commissioner Bartlett refuse to re- Effic Buckner, Teacher sign, while the other commissioner, has already Nina Hunter, Teacher Nina Hunter, Teacher resigned. The schools may be compelled to Mrs. Brown, Teacher close for want of funds and there seems to be no Mrs. Fred C. Sams, Teacher way of getting outside help until some changes are made. We sympathize with our neighbors Katherine Roberts, Teacher Porter Glenn Whitt, Teacher in their distress and trust they can reach a satis- P. V. Parks, Teacher factory solution of their difficult problems. The O. F. Blankership, Teacher unnatural boom that Asheville was on five or six Annie Mary Hyde, Teacher Eloise Price, Salary Clerk years ago was the worst enemy Asheville ever Mrs. Althea Jarvis, Teacher had. Real estate values inflated beyond all rea- R. J. Carter, Labor & Per Diem son by high-powered salesmen has been the un- Wiley M. Roberts, Mileage & Per Diem derlying cause of all this distress. We can see Transy Chandler, Teacher how little by little over this period of years while Jessie Franklin, Teacher Jennie Lee Chandler, Teacher these unnaturally inflated values have been M. C. Buckner, Teacher shrinking back to normalcy, city, county and Mrs. Salena Davis, Teacher Mrs. Salena Davis, Teacher bank officials have been caught in this trap, and Marshall Water System, Water Rent J. W. Wyatt & Son, Gas, Oil, Grease we doubt that any of them are morally respon- Till Stamey, Supplies sible for as much of this trouble as will be placed upon them. Not only the officials and those Standard Oil Co. Car. Oil higher up in finances, but many of the people of Weaverville Telephone Co., Telephone Rent moderate means, such as school teachers, pro- Arthur Whitehurst, Ins. fessional men and women, newspaper publish- Service Motor Co., Gas. Oil, The Selig Co., Supplies ers, merchants, and even preachers, were en-Marshall Ins. Co., Insurance gaged in gambling in real estate—lured on by Chevrolet Co., Supplies the rapid making of wealth by a few. No one Shad Franklin, Gas Appalachian School Supply, Blackboard knew for a certainty that values would drop to Southern Railway, Freight C. M. Blankenship, Gas, Oil, Exp. to Conover the level they have reached. Securities that were ample five years ago are practically worthless today. In a time like this, it is natural for Eldridge Hill, Teacher people who have lost to be embittered and to try to place the blame on somebody. Yet those who place the blame on somebody. Yet those who place the blame on somebody. Yet those who prove the place the blame on somebody. Yet those who place the blame of the place that the place the blame of the place the place the blame of the place t are now throwing stones would doubtless have R. L. Sams, Teacher done the same thing the others did if they had Mary Cordell, Teacher been in their position. "All's well that ends Ibbie Ball, Teacher well" was one of the wise sayings of Shakespeare, and if the boom on five years ago had resulted well, the officials now being kicked would Houston Coal Co., Coal have been lauded to the skies for the very things they did. If they intentionally did anything crooked, if they purposely caused the city or county to lose, they deserve all the condemna- Mrs. W. H. Wallin, Teacher tion possible, but if to the best of their judgment they were doing what they believed to be for the P. N. McDevitt, Teacher best interest of the organization which they were serving, the people should show more consideration when they failed to foresee the "crash". Many individuals made the same mis- Herbert Hawkins, Teacher take. They bought high priced lots and built on them high priced buildings, and in many in- T. Thomas, Bus Driver stances lost both as values decreased, and while Paul Buckner. Bus Driver they would like to blame somebody for their rtoubles, they are compelled to suffer the consequences.

Since the above was in type we see that Commissioner Bartlett has also resigned.

Superintendent for Madison County, do hereby

Mamie Rice, Teacher

THE NEWS-RECORD ber 1st, 1930 to December 1st, 1930. SCHOOL FUND -Receipts-Balance Nov. 1st, 1930 Bank of French Broad, Interest B. E. Guthrie, Taxes John Gardner, Payment on School Prop. S. C. Worley, J. P. Fin B. E. Guthrie, Taxes Lee Bryan, J. P. Fines Worley, J. P. Fines -Disbursements-Dell Sams, Janitor 7.50 T. Thomas, Bus Driver 15.00 Paul Buckner, Bus Driver 10.00 Ras Merrell, Bus Driver Mrs. Gage Cline, Music Teacher Josie T. Bryant, Teacher 90.00 Blankenship, Teacher 59.34 W. A. Norris, Supplies & Labor Bank of French Broad, Funding Bond Int. Summers Hdw. Co., Supplies Builders Supply Co., Supplies White Rock Mrs. Gage Cline, Music Teacher J. G. Johnson, Labor E. B. Summeral, Repairs 43.88 Ned Anderson, Chairs at Mars Hill vy Service Station, Labor, Grease, Repairs Mrs. Bergie Meadows, Teacher 95.00 Charity Hazzard, Teacher (Col.) Woodrow Ramsey, Bus Driver Ernest Waddell, Bus Driver 80.00 Lucy Wilson, Teacher ouise Beam, Teacher 80.00 Ward, W. C. Radford, Teacher Albun Buckner, Teacher Blanch Wells, Teacher Mary Carter, Teacher A. C. Hill, Teacher 104.50 Victoria Jarvis, Teacher Southern Railway, Freight Belford Proffitt, Leta Brooks, Teacher Ruby Buckner, Teacher Mrs. Bernice Payne, Teacher 110.00 Nell Shook, Teacher Jeter Robinson, Hauling Brick, etc. 85.00 85.00 105.00 24.75 6.00 250,00 Standard Oil Co., Gas. Oil, Grease 370.853.30 8.29 52.25 J. N. White, Refund for Voucher Paid 95.00 90.00 110.00 90.00 og Cabin Station, Repairs for Oct. Annie Mae Davis, Teacher Craig Ramsey, Storage on Bus /ora Roberts, Teacher Fowler Wallin, Teacher Mary Franklin, Teacher 100.00 Jessie Rector, Teacher Mrs. O. F. Blankenship, Teacher 105.00 Tom McDevitt, Wood Gertie Swann. Teacher M. C. Faulkner, Teacher Ruby Reese, Teacher 75.00 Texic McGalliard, Teacher Bessie Roberts, Teacher Etta Allman, Teacher Winston Rice, Teacher Carrie Davis, Teacher 105.00 Ward, Janitor J. C. Wilson, Jr., Teacher Lela Wallin, Teacher 95.00 Mrs. Guy White, Teacher Mrs. Dewie Plemmons, Teacher 100.00 Marie O'Dell, Teacher 100.00 Lula Chandler, Teacher 110.00 Louise Williams, Teacher Wayne Farmer, Teacher Ruth Littlejohn. (Col.), Teacher . R. Rector, Bus Driver 20.00 Jake Griffee, Wood 10.00 Charity Hazzard (Col.), Teacher ... O. L. Rice, Bus Driver Minnie Rice, Teacher May Worley, Teacher S. C. Burnett, Teacher

Flora Lucky, Teacher (Col.) John Garenflo, Bus Driver 20.00 Grant McDarris, Teacher Mabel Radford, Teacher 80.00 Tillery Buckner, Teacher Roy Wild, Bus Driver Porter Johnson, Labor Ruth Hunter, Teacher 90.00 Edgar Fortner, Labor 45.41 Wayne Fisher, Teacher Flossie Murray, Teacher Louise Patrick, Teacher Joe Wallin, Bus Driver John Gardner, Gas 35.95 S. C. Burnett, Teacher 85.00 May Worley, Teacher 85.00 Mrs. Newman McDevitt, Teacher Ruby Reese, Salary from July to Oct. Enoch Gunter, Bus Driver Mrs. C. M. Blankenship, Teacher $133.33 \\
105.00$ Earl Wilkinson, Teacher Madge Tweed, Teacher 110.00 Kathleen Whitted, Teacher 120.00 Ezra Burnett, Teacher Ada Silver, Teacher 110.00 Audrey Redmon, Teacher 80.00 110.00 Mary Lisenbee, Teacher 110.00 Margaret Ward, Teacher Bessie Ramsey, Teacher Maggie Hamlin, Teacher 110.00 95.00 Edna Buckner, Teacher Virginia McClure, Teacher 105.00 Ruby Edwards, Teacher 90.00 Ellen Carter, Teacher 75.00 Mrs. S. O. Trentham, Teacher Mrs. W. L. Robinson, Teacher 133.33 120.00 Margaret Haynie, Teacher ... 100.00 Verna Ramsey, Teacher Frances McDevitt, Teacher 100.00 Annie M. Hyde, Teacher Charlie Boyd, Hauling Stove 1.50 Everett Ingle, Labor Ivy Ridge School 6.00 6.10 Vaughn Carter, Teacher Martha Katherine Ramsey, Teacher Jennie Lee Chandler, Teacher Mrs. Sarah F. Thomas, Teacher Mrs. R. H. McClure, Teacher 133.33 105.00 Service Motor Co., Tires & Tubes ... W. H. Arthur, Supplies Transportation 5.00 N. Plemmons, 16.25 8.27 10.00 5.00 100.00 216.16 90.00 80.00 233.33 80.00 100.00 50.00 $105.00 \\ 146.66$ 85.00 75.00 85.00 95.00 75.00 45.00 80.00 90.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 80.00 75.00 105.00 110.00 100.00 20.00 20.00 80.00 2.00 45.00 110.00 80.00 75.00 30.00 2,187.50 557.65 905.82 C. Rector Hdw., Supplies 804.20 15.00 22.90 14.00 37.50 28.66 Blankenship, Teacher 123.33 10.00 37.50 10.00 30.00 20.00 L. R. Rector, Bus Driver 21,845.41 Balance Dec. 1st, 1930

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> \$51,001.30 C. M. BLANKENSHIP, Superintendent before me this 5th day of December, 1930, J. HUBERT DAVIS, Clerk Superior Court.