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## TO THE PATRONS OF THE PITT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Practically all the schools of the county are now in session and I venture to call your attention to a few ways in which you may help your school do its best for your children.

1. See that your children are supplied as soon as requested by the teacher, with all the necessary books and materials for work. It is unfair to the children to do this. A few of the books on the State list, particularly the readers and the spellers, have been changed. It is unlawful to use the old books, and the teachers have all been instructed not to use them. The old books may be turned in at the store in part payment for the new one. You will be agreeably surprised to know that while prices of almost everything else you buy have increased, the prices of the public school books are in most cases the same, and you may be interested to know that the people of this county spend more each year for chewing gum than for school books.

2. See that your child starts to school as soon as possible and attends regularly. Irregular attendance is the bane of our country schools. We cannot expect a child to make any progress when he is in and out as so many children are. Of course some absences are absolutely unavoidable, but a great many do not come under this head. You owe it to your child to see that he is in school every day unless an excusable absence is definitely established at home. This is particular true to the beginners. Unless a child can start with the class and attend regularly, he is under a fearful handicap. The foundations are laid in the first two or three weeks of school, and a child coming in later hasn't much to build on.

3. The last General Assembly raised the age limit for compulsory attendance law to fourteen years. This means that every child in the county from eight to fourteen years of age must be in school for four months from the first Monday in December. The only valid excuses are being more than two and a-half miles by the nearest traveled route, physical or mental disability, poverty making the child's labor necessary for the support of himself or his family, being unable on account of poverty to buy the necessary books or clothing, occasional absence due to extreme bad weather or sickness or other necessary and unavoidable absence. The cooperation of the public in enforcing this law is invited. It is the law, and the State of North Carolina is behind it. It must be enforced. The teachers are required to report unexcused absences within these ages and those who violate the law must take the consequences.

4. Bear in mind that the teacher has the most responsible and important position in your community. Support her. You owe this to yourselves and your children, to say nothing of what you owe the teacher. Remember the difficulty of her task. When tempted to criticize her harshly ask yourself how well you would discharge the responsibility of her task if you were in her position. You sometimes have trouble controlling your own children. Suppose you had all the children of the community to look after. You would want sympathy and encourage-

ment, rather than harsh criticism would you?

5. The price of everything has risen except teachers' salaries and, as stated above, textbooks. When inclined to increase the price of the teachers' board, bear in mind there is no more money to pay her with than there was last year. High prices of cotton and tobacco affect the tax valuations very little if any. The country's school income is increased only slightly and the salaries paid teachers are unfortunately about what they were last year and the year before. Increasing the cost of board is equivalent to reducing teacher's salary. The community that provides board at the most reasonable price can always, everything being equal, secure the best teacher.

6. It is a fact, humiliating as it may be to confess it, that in many schools in the county children and teachers are uncomfortable because of the lack of proper fuel. This is unfair and dangerous. I call upon the committeemen and parents to see that a proper supply of fuel is made available and teachers and pupils permitted to do their work in comfort.

Respectfully,  
S. B. Underwood, Supt.,  
Pitt County Schools.

## ONE PHYSICIAN, FOUR HOTEL PROPRIETORS INDICTED.

Violated State Quarantine and  
Hotel Inspection Laws All  
Submitted.

For violations of the Quarantine and the Hotel Inspection Laws of the State, indictments for one physician and four hotel proprietors were made last week by the State Board of Health, through its official representative, Dr. T. M. Jordan. Dr. J. W. Farrior, of Duplin, county-quarantine officer, was indicted for general neglect of his duties as such an officer. He was charged with failure to furnish the public school teachers of the county the proper literature and blanks that the law requires, to register notifications and placards to parents, and to make monthly reports to the county newspapers.

F. D. Cunningham of Greenville, proprietor of Hotel Proctor, T. T. Hollingsworth, of Greenville, proprietor of Hotel Prince, W. D. Thomas of Warsaw, proprietor of Warsaw Inn and C. F. Grigson of Goldsboro, manager of the Kennon Hotel were indicted for failure to comply with the rules and regulations governing the sanitary management of hotels in the State.

Hotel Proctor at Greenville and Hotel Kennon at Goldsboro were charged with maintaining the common roller towel which the law prohibits in all hotels and restaurants. Hotel Prince at Greenville was charged with failure to have posted in the rooms, officers and public places lists of rates, and the Warsaw Inn was found guilty of maintaining the roller towel as well as insanitary means of sewerage disposal. All the hotel men submitted to the charges and paid the fine, which was ten dollars each, and the cost of the court.

Rev. Thomas C. Parr, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina will preach in the Pythian Hall next Tuesday night Dec. 4th, all are cordially invited.

## POSTMASTER J. V. JOHNSTON SUGGUMBS TO BRIGHTS DISEASE.

Postmaster at Farmville For Past Four Years Remains Placed in Forest Hill Cemetery Tuesday Afternoon. Services Conducted by Odd Fellows of Which Order He Was a True and Valiant Member.

After a lingering illness of several months with Bright's disease, Mr. J. V. Johnston died Monday afternoon. His condition a few weeks ago was much better, in fact sufficient for him to be back in the postoffice for nearly a week, after which he was forced to remain at home again taking his bed from which he never recovered, dying gradually day by day till the final sleep came.

For several years Mr. Johnston held a position with Davis Bros. of this place as bookkeeper, which position he resigned some over four years ago in order to become postmaster of Farmville. He was true, faithful and valiant member of the Farmville Lodge Odd Fellows and a man held in the highest esteem by all with whom he came in contact. In his death the wife has lost a true, kind and attentive husband, the little children, the guiding hand of a loving father, and the town and community one of its highest type of true citizens.

The funeral services were conducted at the home on Greeneville street by his pastor, Rev. S. J. Moyle, of the Methodist Church, assisted by Revs. W. P. Jordan and J. E. Kirk of the Christian and Baptist churches, respectively, after which the body was taken in charge by the Odd Fellows and the remains placed in Forest Hill cemetery.

A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral paying their last sad tribute of respect.

## EVERYBODY EXPECTED TO IMPROVE HIS HEALTH TUBERCULOSIS WEEK.

Only The Run Down And Poor  
In Health Have Tuberc.

The first week in December from the second to the ninth, is national health improving week. It is called Tuberculosis Week, and it means that everybody

should do everything possible to improve his health and prevent tuberculosis during these days. It is a well known fact that people who keep in good health rarely have tuberculosis. On the other hand, persons who allow themselves to run down, lose weight, to lose sleep and become nervous, particularly if they have colds and coughs which they do not cure, but allow to run on, are more than likely to contract tuberculosis.

It is to learn to avoid just these conditions, or if you have them already, to remedy them at once, that called for Tuberculosis Week as a day of reckoning and taking account. Wednesday of this week is set apart especially for personal study in relation to the disease. It is requested that every individual take time and before the week is over, know how he stands in regard to this particular disease. A physical examination that will discover any conditions and defects which perhaps have been lurking in you had health already, and which can easily be remedied, is the best way to set yourself right. You will certainly make no mistake then whereas if you attempt to diagnose your case, and to medicate yourself accordingly, you will have more than a fool for your doctor.

A few particular conditions that everybody should take note of during Tuberculosis Week are of the teeth and gums and defects of the nose, which prevent free breathing through the nasal respiratory system if indicated by having a blood pressure test taken, and of the kidneys by having a urinalysis. Putting the teeth, gums, nose and throat in order is the least a person can do, and amounts probably to the most as it effects his health.

## NOTICE TO SANITARY TAX PAYERS.

Some of you have been behind with your payments. Please call and settle up at once or I will have to prosecute you, as my duty required me to do.  
A. P. Moore,  
Collector.

## Box Party at Bynum's School.

There will be a box party given at Bynum school, Pitt County, on Thursday night, Dec. 6th, for the benefit of the school you are cordially invited to come and bring your friends.  
Teacher.

## GOVERNOR BICKETT URGES IMMEDIATE ACTION.

Mr. F. C. Harding, Chairman Pitt County Council of Defense, has received from Governor Bickett a communication which should be read by every man and woman in Pitt County. The Womens Clubs and every other organization in Pitt County should become interested in the things suggested in the letter, which is as follows:

Raleigh, N. C.

Nov. 22, 1917.

To the County Chairman of the Council of National Defense.

Dear Sir:  
One of the most intelligent officers at Camp Sevier has recently written a letter about the soldiers, in which he says:

"The people back home need to be encouraged, particularly the families of those men who are in the service. You have no idea the large number of letters coming in from wives, mothers, fathers telling their husbands and sons that the crops which they left in the fields are going to waste for the labor to harvest it; that the children are hungry because there is no provisions; that the wife is sick and no one to look after her. That is the place for a great work. The men here do not need Christmas presents or feasts. They are all well cared for, have their friends and acquaintances but they cannot fully devote themselves to their work because they are thinking continuously of the dependents back home. Many telegrams come each day.

The greatest work that the people at home can do is to visit the families of men who are away. If they need the necessities of life or a doctor, see that those things are furnished. They need comforting because, in so many instances, it is the first time husband and wife have been separated and also father and mother and son. They can hardly endure this separation. They feel as if they have lost all there is in the world for them to look to in time of trouble. The field is unlimited and you cannot imagine what joy it would bring to the hearts of men here if they knew there was a little Christmas in their homes."

I think it is of the first importance for your County Council to read this letter carefully and take steps at once to look after the families of soldiers and especially to see to it that where there is poverty and sickness, that these people are extended, not only whatever financial aid is necessary but also given human sympathy. I also call your attention to the allowance made by the Governor to families of dependents. Many of these dependents do not know how to make their claims against the Governor for these allowances add I suggest that you get the lawyers of the County to prepare whatever papers are necessary to secure these allowances wherever they are merited.

Please give to the extract of the letter above quoted the widest publicity possible, in your county.

Very truly yours,

T. W. Bickett,

Governor.

I urgently request every business man and every public spirited man in the County of Pitt and every loyal woman in said county, to interest themselves in locating and determining what families in their respective communities are in need by reason of the absence of any soldier of Pitt county and also report such

families to the undersigned in order that we may determine what families in Pitt County are meritorious for help by the Government as dependents.

The County Council of Defense for the County of Pitt will from time to time, as necessity requires, meet for the purpose of relieving such families indicated above.

T. C. Harding,

Chairman Pitt County Council National Defense.

## FINE PROSPECTS FOR BIG SEA SALE.

North Carolina's Goal This Year  
\$50,000. Many Towns  
Doubling Their Orders.

"The prospect for the seal sale this year is far and away ahead of anything we have ever had before," says Dr. L. B. McBrayer executive secretary of the State Red Cross Seal Commission. "We are going into it with a will, so are the people," he says. "For instance, Raleigh, who two years ago didn't want to be bothered with more than 50,000 seals, asked for 300,000 this year, Wilmington has usually been taking 100,000 seals and selling them. We have already had a second order for 50,000 this year and they have given us notice that they will have another one in soon."

"The smaller towns are coming along too. We have agents in twenty eight new towns where the seals have not been sold before. The little town of Clarkton which has distinguished itself once or twice already and which would have won a pennant two years ago for the largest per capita seal sale but for the fact that the National Association made the limit of population 300, which was about three times as many as Clarkton had, asked for her usual 1,000 seals and received them. The chairman of the Seal Committee received them one morning and sold them all that afternoon. Now she has asked for 1,000 more seals.

"We believe our mail seal letter this year will be well received and liberally responded to. We are sending this letter to 10,000 people in the State where the seals are not on sale, for we feel that there are many good, patriotic people who want to help in this fight against tuberculosis, but who in no other way will not have this opportunity.

"The Woman's Clubs of the State are cooperating with us splendidly. In addition to their interest and activity in selling Red Cross seals, they have set apart their November meeting for the study of tuberculosis. We are cooperating with them in every way we are able."

## THREE CHILDREN CREMATED WHEN HOME IS BURIED NEAR BRUCE.

Joe Cates and wife, who live on the farm of W. H. Moore, at Bruce, went to town Saturday, leaving their three children at home alone. In some way the house caught fire, and the children being too small to open the door which the parents had closed securely before leaving, perished in the flames. The oldest was four and the youngest one year old.

On their return home in the late afternoon, the negroes discovered the loss of their home, and digging around in the ashes the skulls and bones of the unfortunate children were discovered.

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