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PUBLIC SCHOOL MATTERS

(By Prof. L. N. Hickerson)

EXAMINATIONS

There will be a public examination held at Wentworth, N. C., on Tuesday, July 10th, 1917 for those who desire elementary school certificates and State high school certificates. All those who desire to take the examination for five year and high school certificates should make application in advance. Blanks will be furnished by the county superintendent of schools.

Only those who have had first class high school education and if possible Normal training should apply for any certificate to teach in the public schools. The examinations heretofore have been held on second Thursday in July but the law has been changed and the following dates are now designated for public examinations.

The second Tuesdays in April, July and October of each year. The following section will explain about the certificates.

After July the first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, it shall be unlawful for any board of trustees or school committee of any public school that receive any public school money from county or State to employ or keep in service any teacher, superintendent, principal, supervisor, or assistant superintendent that does not hold a certificate in compliance with the provisions of this act. Upon notification by the State Board of Examiners and Institute Conductors to the State Board of Education or to the county board of education that any school committee or board of trustees is employing or keeping in service a teacher, supervisor, principal superintendent, or assistant superintendent in violation of the provisions of this act, said State Board of Education shall withhold from such county any and all appropriations from the State Treasury for such school, and said county board of education shall withhold from said school any and all appropriations from the county school fund until the law has been complied with. The county, town, or city superintendent or other official is hereby forbidden to approve any voucher for salary for any such person employed in violation of the provisions of this act, and the treasurer of the county, town or city schools is hereby forbidden to pay out of the school fund the salary of any such person.

The bi-ennial Institute will be held in this county at Wentworth, N. C., beginning on Monday July 23rd. Arrangements are being made for an Institute that will be of real service to the teachers of the county.

Hayes Critically Ill

Reports from the hospitals where another parole has placed him for treatment, show that H. A. Hayes, who is serving 10 years in the state prison for embezzlement of Methodist orphanage funds loses ground and there is small chance for him to live long.

The friends of the former superintendent of the orphanage have worked with great energy for him and are said to have lined up among their petitioners Governor Bickett's brother. The opponents of the pardon do not appear to have countered purposely, but the thing that has most stood in the way of such clemency is a detailed story of the Hayes life told to Porter Graves first by a member of the Hayes family, a daughter of the convicted man, an account now in the Governor's office. Governor Bickett has the letter on file.

But the governor has given the Winston-Salem man 3 paroles for treatment in a hospital. A cancerous growth appears to have become chronic and Hayes undoubtedly has but a short time to live.

Meanwhile there will be nothing undone to get him out by pardon. Two appeals have gone before Governor Bickett and Governor Craig had the same struggle in the latter days of his administration.—Raleigh Cor.

Business Man For Congress

That the business men of Guilford county and the Fifth district intend to put up a business man who is not a lawyer to run for Congress to succeed Major Charles M. Stedman was the statement made here by a business man of Guilford county. The gentleman in question is a Democrat of standing in his community. He requested that his name be not mentioned at this time because he does not desire publicity.

"I think you will not be far wrong in saying," said this gentleman, "that the Fifth district is going to send a business man who is not a lawyer to Congress to succeed Major Stedman should the Major insist upon his refusal to accept the nomination again. The business men of the Fifth feel that they should have a representative in Congress. Every member of Congress from the State with the exception of that great defender of the common people's rights—Bob Doughton—is a lawyer. The business men should be represented and you will see a great movement along this line in the primaries next year."—Washington Special.

Whooping Cough

In this disease it is important that the cough be kept loose and expectoration easy, which can be done by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. P. H. Martin, Peru, Ind., writes "My two daughters had whooping cough. I gave them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it worked like a charm."

BADLY WANTED NEGRO IS NOT ONE ARRESTED

Police Officer W. C. Hall returned from Washington where he went on a fruitless mission. Believing that William Davis, a negro, who, nearly two years ago, committed a heinous crime against a colored girl had been arrested there, Hall went to identify the suspect, but found that the wrong man had been captured.

The commission of the crime caused a great outcry at the time of its commission. Two colored men attacked girls on the Yanceyville road, one of them being arrested, Davis making his escape. Davis' companion was tried and sentenced to death, but the sentence was later commuted to life-long sentence.

Police Officer Bragg received word that Davis could be found at an address in Washington and the authorities were asked to arrest him. So well did the suspect taken in custody answer the description that the police in Washington wired back that the man wanted was under arrest. The case properly belonged to the North Carolina authorities for the offense was committed in Caswell county. The officers at Yanceyville, however, asked the Danville police to send a man to Washington to make the identification and Hall was sent by the Danville chief of police, the North Carolina officers bearing all of the expenses.—Danville Register.

Some Exemption Excuses

Here are some of the exemption excuses that are on record in the District building, Philadelphia, say The Press:

"I claim exemption because I'm one of the anointed. I'm a saint."

"Because I have done forgive the Germans for everything they have done."

"Because I have three head of children."

"Because I have an adopted mother."

"Because I'm a garbage collector and defender of health."

"Because of business reasons."

Replying to the question, "Have you had any military experience?" one man replied, "Yes, as a bellboy."

Among the answers to the question as to whether the eligible men had dependent relatives were these: "Mother-in-law," "godmother," "adopted mother," "twelve children under twelve," "fiancee."

The frank answers included one in which a man said he was not a natural-born citizen, his birthplace being in Mississippi. Another replied he was born in a Pullman car.

A colored minister, answering the question, "I'm a preacher and God is my boss."

Asked for the date of his birth, one man said, "May 30, the year of the Johnstown flood. No record ever kept."

Another said he was not a Caucasian, but a lawyer.

One man gave his full name as Sam and said that was all there was to it.

Another insisted that his name was Ananias Washington. "Southeast Washington, Eastern branch," was given as the residence of one eligible, while another said, "I have no home. I'm a tramp and proud of it."

Among the occupations listed were "pool shooter" and "tramp."

At Waterbury, Conn., Boris Kapatky pleaded vainly for exemption from the draft because he has a wife and two children here and a wife and three children in Russia all of whom he is supporting.

Canning in Reidsville

Close on eleven thousand No. 3 cans have been ordered for parties in Reidsville who purpose doing some canning this season. The number ought to be ten times that. We know a great amount of canning will be done by families—and they are wise who purpose doing it, but it will be little short of crime if we have to look to outside sources during the next year for any canned goods that we raise ourselves. There is no guarantee, also, that we will be able to get them, and when canning is done by the family that family is going to hold on to its stock.

Before it is too late, and the price of cans go soaring, supplies of No. 2 and No. 3 cans ought to be ordered by our people, and every perishable product put up for use during the winter months. A stock of canned goods will be as good collateral for a loan at the bank as would real estate. What guarantee have we that we are going to have the one thing that is necessary to keep us from the pinch of hunger this coming winter—a bumper corn crop? Or a bumper potato crop? Weather conditions are very peculiar this year. Georgia is suffering for lack of moisture. North Carolina is suffering from excessive moisture. The elements would appear to have gone on a debauch in sympathy with struggling humanity and all signs in advance appear to fail. Be prepared—can every particle of foodstuff possible while the time is propitious. No man can tell what the conditions will be at harvest time, when it will be too late.

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Rockingham ought to be one of the leading hog counties in the State. It will be one day, but more hogs are needed now, and a great effort ought to be made to produce them. Meat is exceedingly scarce. Hogs are selling on foot at from \$13 to \$16 a hundredweight. They will be dearer before the summer is past. We do not know anything that will pay the farmer better than a litter of young pigs put on green stuff, and it is a patriotic duty to do it. We invite information from the different parts of the county on the outlook for a crop of hogs this fall.

Before long the appraisers from the Land Banks will be here to pass upon applications for loans, and the money will be available. The best use that could be made of some of this money this year is to fence off hog lots; build movable house for them, and sow green food in abundance, and let the hogs in on it when ready. The country is short on hogs, and has the money to pay for them. Why not raise more hogs?

Spray

We have just closed, in our church here, a fine revival meeting. The attendance was remarkable when we consider that we were in direct contact with two of the biggest counter attractions of the season and this is the third revival series conducted by the pastor within the past twelve months. We had expected Rev. Geo. D. Herman, of Mt. Airy, to lead us and when we found he was not available we made an effort to secure number of others, but failing in every instance the church nobly rallied round the pastor and a most helpful meeting was the result. The closing service Sunday night will not soon be forgotten by many of us. The advertisement of the subject, "The European War, the Conscript Law and God's Law," brought together one of the largest congregations seen here in a long time. At the close of the service every member of the local military company that was present and a number, perhaps nearly a hundred, young men subject to draft for service in the war, came forward declaring that whether they followed the flag to France or remained in Spray they wanted Christ to be the inspiration and leader in their life.

Brother Brinkman, of the Leaksville Methodist church, and Brother Gordon of the Spray Episcopal church conducted two helpful services.

Mr. W. R. Lynch, for a number of years the efficient lay leader of the Mt. Airy district and one of our indispensable men in the Spray church has resigned his position as manager of the Department of Welfare and Health to become local manager for the Marshall Field Company in the great new development at Feldale, Va. This will probably eventuate in his removal from the State at no very distant day, though he expects to be in attendance upon our district conference at Booneville and make the layman's session an unqualified success. North Carolina once more loses to Virginia—J. Frank Armstrong in Christian Advocate.

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