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GRADED SCHOOL OPENING.

Some Interesting Facts for The Patrons of School by Rev. C. T. Squires.

In view of the fact that the opening of the Graded School, Sept. 15th, is scarcely more than a month off, we deem it expedient to advise the patrons and tax payers of the district just what the conditions are and the plans which we propose to put into operation.

The financial condition, while far from satisfactory, is not alarming.

LIABILITIES.

Bill payable at First National Bank	\$5,150.00
Bills payable at Bank of Lenoir	5,050.00
Bills payable, 4 accounts closed by note	882.62
30 open accounts unpaid	1,246.77

\$12,329.39

Exclusive of the bonded debt due 10 yrs hence	10,000.00
And the State loan	2,400.00

Total liability \$24,729.39

While we regret this indebtedness, it was incurred for the public good and the patrons of the district have received the benefit and the district should meet the obligation by the issuance of long term bonds, say 30 years. Before the money from taxes comes in it will be necessary to pay out 2 or 3 month's salaries, and the constantly accruing interest will run the debt to \$15,000.00 which should be the amount of bonds issued. This will prevent the relapsing into the dangerous habit of continuous borrowing to meet the expenses.

Personally the writer would favor a clause in the legislative act making the Board of Trustees personally liable for any further indebtedness incurred by expending more than the income for operating the school. We are Trustees to whom are committed certain funds to be expended for the public education and I question the moral right of such Trustees to expend more than that amount. The Auditor's report published 4 months ago shows that the deficit for the past three years has averaged a little over \$2000.00 per year. How shall we cover this and lay aside \$1000.00 per year for the retirement of the bonds which mature 10 years hence? Our plan is to cut where it will least affect the standing of the school, as follows:

Abolish the 4 Principal and reduce the Superintendents salary, this saving \$1000.00. Reduce the term from 9 to 8 1/2 months, saving \$500.00. Abolish the "Free-Book system", saving \$700.00. Reduce the salary of the Treasurer \$100.00. Reduction in salaries of new teachers who replace those resigning, \$200.00. Total saving 2500.00. Our revenues will be increased from the County and State funds on account of the 6 months term etc. about \$800.00.

By the practice of rigid economy we hope to place the finances on a sound basis and even at the risk of adverse criticism, we shall keep the school within the limits of the revenue.

We do not consider the school one whit too good, and it is our ambition to continually improve its efficiency, but we are only your Trustees and we cannot accomplish this unless the taxpayers give us larger resources.

We have devised a substitute for the Free-Book system, which

DR. HENNESSEE FACING JURY.

Morganton, Aug. 12.—The trial of Dr. E. A. Hennessee came to an abrupt halt at noon today in order for him to be taken to Glen Alpine to attend the funeral of his one-year-old child who died suddenly at his home at Glen Alpine late yesterday. As the trial was beginning and the State's witnesses being called, the message was brought to the prisoner. A pathetic scene occurred in the crowded court room. Intense silence prevailed as he bowed his head in sorrow with tears in his eyes. The over-crowded court room was hot and close almost to the suffocation point, and the prisoner in a weakened condition was facing the jury upon whose decision his life depends. Added to this was the sudden news of the death of his child.

Nothing has been overdrawn in regard to Hennessee's wonderful nerve and courage and in this supreme test he showed the most remarkable self control, and in a few moments lifted his head and requested that the trial proceed. He then coolly helped his attorneys cross-examine several State's witnesses.

About 75 witnesses will appear in the case and will consume the entire week or more.

Rate Rejected.

Raleigh, Aug. 12. The proposal of the railroad companies doing interstate freight business in North Carolina, submitted through the Corporation Commission to Governor Craig for settling the differences between the shippers of this State and railroads because of excessive rates to North Carolina points compared with Virginia cities, is rejected by the Governor as a result of the conference here today in which the Governor the Legislative Freight Rate Commission, the Corporation Commission, and the Council of State participated. The general impression is that there will be no further negotiations of consequence until the Legislature meets September 21.

Far Sighted.

Father Young Dobson has asked me for your hand, and I have consented.

Daughter You dear, dear old dad!

Father So never mind going to the dentist tomorrow about that crown and bridge work. Wait till you are married.

We shall put into operation next month at the opening of the school session. The plan is that of a Book-Rental. The books remain the property of the Board, and a small rental is charged at the beginning of each half session.

In 1st and 2nd grades 25c each in September and January. In 3rd to 7th grades 50c each in September and January.

In High School grades \$1.00 each in September and January.

We shall in this manner be able to get the books at the lowest cash and benefit by all book exchanges, thus giving the pupils the benefit of every saving.

Parents please bear this in mind and provide each child with this rental on the opening day.

The above article while substantially correct as to the facts, reflects my own views. I do not pretend to represent anyone else.

C. T. SQUIRES.

HOUSEWIVES' CONVENTION

Important Meeting to be Held in Raleigh the Last of August.

The North Carolina Housewives' Convention will be held at the High School Building in the city of Raleigh, August 26, 27, 28.

This Convention is for the purpose of bringing the women of the State together to discuss questions of helpfulness to each other. Mrs. Julian Heath, of New York, founder of the Housewives' League of America, will attend this Convention and will speak on "The Power of the Organized Housewife" and on other subjects in which the women of the State are very much interested.

Miss Emily G. Bossong, of New York, will lecture and give demonstrations in cooking, etc. Lessons in bread making, and demonstrations in cookery and in canning, will be features of the Convention. The women of the community and from all parts of the State are invited to hear these women discuss and tell how to lower the high cost of living.

The following premiums are offered:

For the largest number of women and girls, over ten years old, living on one farm in Wake County, attending the Convention, \$5.00 in gold.

For the greatest number of women and girls, over ten years old, from any county, living on one farm, attending the Convention, \$5.00 in gold.

For the largest number of women and girls over ten years from the country, coming to the Convention in one conveyance, wagon or other vehicle. Several families may be represented, \$5.00 in gold.

For the best school lunch, exhibited at the Convention by woman over eighteen years old, living on a farm, one year's subscription to American Motherhood.

For best loaf of bread baked and exhibited by girl under eighteen years of age, one year's subscription to The Woman's Magazine.

Full particulars as to school lunches and bread will be sent on request.

Assaulted Woman.

(The Observer.)

Wadesboro, Aug. 8. Ben High, a young white boy, was jailed here this afternoon on the charge of robbing and assaulting a half-witted white woman, Miss Sallie Hutchinson. The woman claims that High robbed her of \$25, and she shows signs of having been beaten about the head and face.

The crime is alleged to have been committed about 5 o'clock this afternoon, and the woman came almost immediately to Doctor Ashe's office and gave the alarm. A crowd soon gathered and High was arrested by Officer Howell. He was taken to the woman and she identified him as her assailant.

High admits striking her, but denies taking her money. He says he was drinking.

The woman is deaf, half blind and possessed of little intelligence.

It is stated that Secretary of State Bryan may soon visit Mexico. What a wonderful amount of data that man should be able to collect for his lectures.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Archie Blue of Keyser was killed by a negro named Jim Vonceannon on Monday.

Elias Braxton of Greenville is dead from a blow on the stomach dealt by Will Clarke, a negro, on last Friday.

C. R. Williams, a contractor, was run down and killed by an Atlantic Coast line train near Smithfield, Monday morning, while going over some work on a velocipede car.

Joe Blackwelder, who two weeks ago seriously shot himself at his home in Concord, because his girl refused to talk to him, died at the Whitehead Stokes Sanatorium in Salisbury Monday night.

The Yadkin Valley Bank of East Bend has been found to be short \$21,000 by State Bank Examiner S. A. Hubbard. The cashier, J. Lee Norman fell ill on the appearance of the bank examiner and is still said to be in a very critical condition.

The council of state on Monday by a unanimous vote decided to take the 18 convicts from the South Atlantic and Western railroad, a proposition backed by Col. S. A. Jones, and general known as the Transcontinental and place them elsewhere. The convicts were at work near the Tennessee line.

A crowd estimated at 5,000 Sunday afternoon attended the funeral of H. Clay Grubb, who was killed Saturday at his home in Davidson county by his wife. Grubb was drunk at the time and had been abusing his wife. She was promptly exonerated by the coroner's jury, a verdict of justifiable homicide being returned.

Dr. W. J. Clontz, 59 years old, and a resident of Alexander, Buncombe county, was shot and killed on the streets of his town Monday afternoon by O. M. West, three bullets taking effect in the breast and left side. He was one of the best known physicians in that section of the country. The shooting is said to have been the result of a feud of four years' standing.

A New Garage.

Messrs. O. P. Lutz and E. F. Allen have purchased the lots in the rear of the Lyerly Thompson Shoe Co., and the Princess Theatre and will erect an up to date garage on this property at once. The building will be 51 by 75 feet, one story high and will be built of brick. This will give plenty of room for the storing of cars for the traveling public, and they will also carry a complete line of supplies. The automobile traffic in and through Lenoir is getting to be immense and doubtless this enterprise will be a paying proposition from the start. Material is already being laid down for the erection of the building.

The Camp-meeting at Marvin Campground will begin on Tuesday the 26th of Aug. at 11 o'clock and continue for ten days. Rev. J. H. Greene of Leicester will do the preaching and Mr. Geo. R. Hall will lead the singing. Some of the "old time" songs and "camp-meeting choruses" will be used. Let everybody get ready for a good meeting.

Very truly,
C. H. CURTIS.

BUILDING HIM A NEW FACE.

(Daily News.)

Kinston, Aug. 11.—Having recovered from a frightful accident in which he was badly disfigured, Charles E. Smith, a well-to-do young man of Ayden, is undergoing a remarkable operation at the McDaniel Memorial hospital there. Several weeks ago Smith's nose and much of the flesh of his face were cut off by a circular saw in his sawmill near the Pitt county town. A man of splendid health and in good condition survived the great loss of blood and was brought to Kinston several hours later. He lingered between life and death for some days, and was gradually brought around until he could be sent back home to regain his strength. The surgeons at the McDaniel Memorial hospital are now building Smith a nose and patching up his face until his countenance will offer a very presentable appearance. He will bear scars until his death, of course, but these will not be in the least repulsive, and his nose will be such a perfect arrangement of flesh, cartilage and bone that it will be hard to detect the imitation, it is said. His nose was almost entirely gone, and to furnish a foundation for a new one the necessary material was cut from his forehead flesh and bone was grafted from Smith's arm, and this in turn will be replaced by nature. Smith was an unusually fine looking young man. The operation was commenced several weeks ago, and only one or two small details remain to be finished before the doctors are finished with the patient. The operation is not unknown, but it is a most difficult one and is seldom heard of. Dr. J. M. Parrott is the surgeon who is putting the nice touches on the job of restoring Smith's good looks.

Escaped From The County Jail.

Adam Dyson, escaped from the county jail here Tuesday about noon, by running out by Mrs. W. W. Bush, wife of the jailer. He only enjoyed his freedom for 36 hours, having been captured in the cotton mill at Granite Falls Wednesday night about 12 o'clock by Chief of Police Lawrence Payne, and returned to the jail early Thursday morning. Tuesday Mrs. Bush went to clean up the cells, and when she unlocked the door Dyson made a break by her and succeeded in making his escape. He went direct to Granite Falls, where his father is night watchman at the cotton mill, and remained there until he was captured. Dyson says that his escape was planned by Earl Sudderth, who is in jail on the charge of resisting an officer and carrying concealed weapons, but it was to be on a more extensive scale. He was to knock Mrs. Bush down with a broom handle, which he had in his cell and then all the prisoners were to be turned out. But when he saw that he could make his escape without using his broom handle, he abandoned that plan. Dyson is about 16 years old and is in jail on the charge of larceny. A reward of \$10 was paid Mr. Payne by Mr. W. W. Bush, the jailer.

Wife Didn't Give Him Job.

(New York Times.)

When Mrs. Jennie Cohen, who owns a white goods factory in Brooklyn, appeared before Justice Crane in the Supreme Court yesterday, on a motion for alimony and counsel fees in a suit for separation she is bringing against her husband, Abraham Cohen, the husband entered an unusual defense. He admitted his wife's charge that he had quit her soon after their marriage in May, but he asserted that his dereliction was due to her failure to fulfill her promise to give him a job in her factory. Justice Crane awarded Mrs. Cohen \$10 counsel fees and \$3 a week alimony. Cohen earns \$10 a week.

Barkeepers should bear in mind the fact when a man is loaded he should be fired.

Some grocers' scales should be called "ambuscades," because they lie in weight.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

HUDSON ITEMS.

Mr. P. M. Throneburg attended the Sunday School Normal at Lenoir College, Hickory, Tuesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hewitt left Tuesday for Conover after an extended visit to relatives in Hudson.

Miss Essie Justice is visiting relatives in Hickory this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hayes went to Charlotte Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mr. M. M. Throneburg is in Catawba County this week and will take in the Soldiers Reunion at Newton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Powell and Mr. and Mrs. N. H. McLary, of Lenoir, were visitors in Hudson Sunday.

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KINGS CREEK.

Our community has been visited by good showers for the last several days, and as a result corn and sweet potatoes are looking fine.

Mr. T. W. Dula has been quite ill for a few days.

Misses Lou Ella and Nellie Ferguson and Mr. Gee visited on Lower Creek Saturday and Sunday.

There will be an old time singing at Hollow Spring next Saturday and Sunday. Everybody is invited.

The church at this place has called Rev. George Bumgarner for its pastor for the coming year. Rev. Mr. Bumgarner assisted Rev. J. G. Benfield in a protracted meeting here recently and made a splendid impression on our people.

Mrs. Lucy Laxton of Lower Creek has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Ha Pennell on Kings Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Boone Oxford have been visiting at Edgemont. Mr. Oxford went to see his brother, Mr. A. B. Oxford who was recently injured in the railroad accident, which occurred near Lancaster, S. C.

The boys from the Cottrell school crossed bats with the Kings Creek team on last Saturday afternoon and were defeated by the score of 14 to 6.

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