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THE EARL HIGH SCHOOL CLOSSES

MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR SCHOOL HAS HAD

Enjoyable Picnic With a Delicious Dinner, Speeches by Rev. J. M. Hamrick and Mr. Lee B. Weathers and a Base Ball Game With Buffalo League—Community With Splendid People.

Earl High school closed its most successful year Friday with a big picnic in the grove around the pretty building. It was a most delightful day, made so by the friendly intercourse of people, speeches, a delicious dinner and a ball game between Earl and the Buffalo league. The attendance was cut down somewhat by the rainy weather in the morning but by noon it had cleared off and over 200 people were present. Rev. J. M. Hamrick, principal of Boiling Springs High School delivered the leading address of the day in New Hope church, immediately across the railroad from the school house. His subject was "Purpose" in which he urged the young people to go forth in life with a high and noble purpose in view. It was a masterful discourse, handled in the most inspiring manner by a man of thought and force.

Following him was Editor Lee B. Weathers of The Star who spoke on "The Opportunities of Today", when the world is calling for strong men and women, efficiently trained in special lines of work. The day has passed when rail splitters become presidents and brakemen become heads of great systems without education. Boys and girls must be educated to solve great problems and cope with the educated people of the future. Messrs. A. E. Bettis and D. G. Webber, members of the school board and Mr. M. D. Hopper a patron took occasion to commend the able teachers, Prof. George P. Webb, Misses Edith Fulton and Darfer Hamrick, Mr. Webb is one of the most popular teachers in the county and has taught with great satisfaction at Earl for four years. The patrons and students respect and appreciate the teachers for they have done a great good this year.

After the speaking a delicious dinner was served on the ground at the School House. The good housewives prepared big baskets of good things to eat and everybody enjoyed it.

In the afternoon the Earl team played the Buffalo league team, defeated them in a seven inning game by 15 to 5. It was a good game with feature playing. Andrell Webber and Mike Austell constituted the battery for Earl with Ed White and Perry White for Buffalo.

For Farm-Life School.

Craven county leads the State in the matter of farm-life schools. An election was held last week for the establishment of a school and it carried by a substantial majority. This was the first election of its kind held in the State and Superintendent Joyner and the educational forces throughout the State feel very much gratified with the result. The next election is to be held in Robeson May 9 and every effort is being made to carry it for the farm-life school.

HOW FARMERS CAN SAVE MUCH

HOME MADE FERTILIZERS SAVE 25 PER CENT

Carolina Union Farmer Points out That Farmers Can Save Three Million Dollars Annually by Mixing Their Commercial Fertilizers at Home—What the Union Saves.

Carolina Union Farmer.

With hoes and shovels and a few hours work each year farmers of North Carolina can save three million dollars annually. When you buy ready mixed fertilizers you pay 25 per cent too much. In every hundred dollars that you hand over for ready mixed fertilizers you donate twenty five dollars to the fertilizer combine. In a recent issue of the Progressive Farmer the editor points out the waste and injury that comes through the purchase and use of patent medicines and stock foods.

This is all true but the patent medicine tax amounts to a mere pittance compared with the tax paid on ready mixed fertilizers, and in face of the fact that North Carolina farmers alone can save approximately three million dollars a year by mixing their commercial fertilizers at home and at the same time learn to use commercial fertilizers more intelligently, we are led to wonder sometimes why the technical agricultural papers remain silent in several languages about home mixed and devote so much space to less important economic farm problems. By its splendid educational work the Farmers' Union will probably save the farmers of North Carolina this year more than a million dollars.

If we keep up our excellent work ready mixed fertilizers under the once famous brands will be in demand only by the ignorant white and negro tenants who get time merchants to "run" them. An intelligent white farmer, and especially a member of the Farmers' Union ought to be ashamed to be seen with a sack of ready mixed guano, for it is a reflection upon his intelligence and business judgment.

At Double Springs.

The neighbors and friends of the Double Springs community will meet Friday, May 12 to clean off the ground and graves where their beloved parents, children and friends are buried, to be ready for Memorial services Sunday, Sunday morning Mr. Lee B. Weathers will speak, after which Rev. D. G. Washburn, pastor will preach. Everybody is invited and an enjoyable day is promised.

Lowery Land Re-Sold.

Messrs. C. A. Mullinax and C. F. Hambright of Grover bid in the Lowery land Saturday which was sold by W. B. and T. H. Lowery, Commissioners. The purchase price was \$4,030 and the tract contains about 150 acres located near Grover. This is \$1,034 more than it brought at the first sale, the bid being raised and a re-sale ordered. This is very productive land and desirably located.

A Nice Iceman

"Say, Mama," said Johnnie, "I think our iceman is awfully nice."
"Why?" asked Mama.
"Well," said Johnnie, "he just dropped a gre-a-t big piece of ice on his toes, and he never got mad, but just sat down on the gutter and talked to God."

ARE TRYING TO KILL THE BILL

REACTIONARY REPUBLICANS AFTER FARMERS

Lying In Wait For The Farmer's Free List Bill That Is In The Interest of Farmers—Want to Prevent Democratic Legislation And Protect Trusts—Wickersham Is Worrying.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—That reactionary republicans in the Senate are lying in wait for the farmer's free list bill and other progressive legislation passed by the Democratic House, is becoming more evident every day. The motive is two-fold, to protect the profits of the tariff trusts, and to protect the profits of the tariff trusts, and to prevent, if possible, the Democrats from carrying out promises made to the people.

The group of Senate Tories is still able to exert a tremendous influence upon legislation. Having packed the committee with men who take the corporation viewpoint of the particular legislation to come before those committees, the reactionaries are in a position to continue serving special privilege by obstructing and perhaps preventing the passage of measures desired by the people.

Among those whom the public may safely rely upon to oppose most of the progressive House measures are Gallinger, Smoot, Lorimer, Guggenheim, Stephenson, Lodge, Oliver, Warren, Perkins and a dozen others who will at all times have the hearty co-operation of Vice-President Sherman.

BACKED BY TRUSTS

Back of this group of reactionaries are arrayed the tariff trusts, the railroads, Wall street, Standard Oil and the balance of organized wealth of the country.

The Democrats and Progressive Republicans are pitted against this combination. The two forces will, when necessary combine to prevent the passage of a bad bill, but they will be helpless at times to prevent the Tories from obstruction the passage of Democratic legislation such as the free list bill.

About the only thing the average citizen can do is to keep tab on the votes of his individual representative in both House and Senate, nothing particularly whether they vote for or against legislation desired by the people, and when election time rolls around to act accordingly.

WICKERSHAM IS WORRIED

United States Attorney General Wickersham is worrying. He is afraid the investigations to be made into the affairs of the steel trust, sugar trust and woolen trust will give these concerns immunity from prosecution. As all of these concerns with the exception of a few \$18 a week employes of the sugar trust, have enjoyed absolute immunity from prosecution and investigation since the day Mr. Wickersham left the service of the sugar trust to become the chief prosecution officer of the government, it is difficult to understand how the immunity which they might receive, but will not, through congressional investigations, could be any more complete than the immunity Mr. Wickersham has given them.

Mr. J. A. Jones, a progressive and influential citizen of Lattimore was here yesterday.

GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS CONDENSED

General News of the Entire Country Boiled Down in Brief Paragraphs For Busy Readers—Most Important Events of the Entire Country Summarized From Great Daily Papers And Served Fresh to Star Readers.

The peace envoys of the Mexican government and the insurrectionists are now in conference.

Three Senators and two Representatives of the Ohio Legislature have been indicted for bribery.

President Taft in his speech at the opening of the third national peace conference in Baltimore Wednesday declared that the United States would keep hands off and not seek to extend its domain or to acquire foreign territory.

An Anniston, Ala. preacher and pastor of two churches will be tried for operating a moonshine still. The revenue officers caught him in the act.

One woman was killed, a man and a woman fatally hurt and a fourth person is missing as a result of a disastrous "joy ride" in Newbury, N. Y. Friday. The automobile ran into a ditch.

Mrs. Ella Wilson, mayor of Hunnewell, Kas. gave the city fathers to understand that no business would be transacted until they had confirmed her appointment of Mrs. W. E. Hilton for city clerk and Mrs. G. A. Osborn for city marshal.

A dispatch from Asiatic Russia says that heavy rains and hail storms have ruined the cotton planted in that district and re-planting will be necessary.

Thirty-six deadnoughts are to be launched this year by the leading naval powers, 11 to be British, 7 German, 4 Russia, 2 American, 2 each French, Argentine, Chilean and Japanese, and 1 each Austrian, Italian, Brazilian and Spanish.

CLOSING AT CHERRYVILLE

Graded School Graduates Six—Rev. S. B. Turrentine Delivers Sermon. Cherryville graded school closed with appropriate exercises Thursday and Friday. It was the closing of a gratifying year of work and six were graduated, Lewis Mauney, William Black, Caldwell Howell, Rex Aker and Miss Elsie Roberts and Miss Harrelson. Prof. G. W. Strausell was principal and had seven capable teachers to assist him. The enrollment was about 350. At exercises last Thursday and Friday. Rev. S. B. Turrentine delivered the sermon in the church and Rev. E. H. Kohn formerly of Cherryville, now of Sumpter, S. C. delivered the annual address. A play was rendered by the students and everything moved off nicely.

Wreck On Lawndale.

Two cars were overturned on the Lawndale railroad Thursday morning when the train was making its trip down. The accident happened on a curve near the old Ford plantation but no one was hurt. It is supposed that the cars were loaded in such a way to make them top-heavy and when the train rounded a curve they tumbled over. The engine and coach remained on the track and the train made its regular round trip.

ALL NEWS OF THE CAROLINAS

NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS IN BRIEF

Happenings in the Two States Boiled Down in Brief Paragraphs For Busy Readers of The Star—The Most Important Things of the Week Summed Up.

A \$65,000 fire swept Henderson last Thursday night. The large storage warehouse of the Carolina Bagging Manufacturing Company was consumed with its contents. Two years ago the same plant was destroyed.

The executive committee of the State Board of Agriculture was in conference in Raleigh last week discussing plans for the \$30,000 animal industry building created by the last Legislature.

At Randalman, N. C. last week, Reubin Vail, a member of a small show company was bitten by a snake and lies critically ill at the home of a citizen. Vail was operating on the snake's mouth when bitten.

Mr. Daniel Thompson a prominent farmer of Gaston county dropped over dead at his dinner table last Thursday at the age of 67. He was a native of Lincoln county and has three children living at Lincolnton; Mrs. Lola Dellinger and Messrs. Houston and Lloyd Thompson.

The Southern Power Company awarded the contract Friday to the Westinghouse Electric Company for all the electric supplies for the interurban trolley line. The contract represented \$300,000.

Rev. W. B. Creasman, a Baptist minister, died Wednesday in Asheville. Tuberculosis.

Frost in Bladen county a few days ago killed the young cotton and there was probably a similar result in other counties in that section.

The commissioners of Guilford co. have appropriated \$2,500 per annum for the maintenance of a department of health.

A competent physician will be employed and required to give all his time to looking after general sanitary conditions and maintaining the public health.

J. O. Banister, manager of the Western Union Telegraph office in Raleigh, dropped dead in Richmond Tuesday. Banister's death is said to be the result of grief. Last January, in Raleigh, his wife and child was asphyxiated by a gas stove while taking a bath. Banister's health began to fail and some time ago he gave up his work.

Indians Win Game.

The Cherokee Indian baseball team won the game Saturday afternoon over the Shelby boys by a score of 16 to 7. The game was uninteresting and only fairly well attended. Superior playing on the part of the professionals enabled them to run the score higher than they cared to. As an exhibition game it was worth seeing; otherwise not. Simmons and Leonard constituted the battery for Shelby. Shelby boys did well and got some valuable training.

Thank You

Charlotte Chronicle.

The Cleveland Star has installed a new press and a new equipment of type and now takes rank among the hand-somest papers in the State. Editor Weathers is fulfilling his promise to the people of Shelby.

BENEFITS OF FREE LIST BILL

WHAT IT MEANS TO THE MANY FARMERS

By the Remission of Duty on Articles They Buy They Will Save \$8,000,000—The Trusts Will Lose Reduction in Price of Flour—Democrats Getting Down to Brass Tacks.

Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Under the free list bill prepared by the House ways and means committee, the farmers of the country will be benefitted to the extent of more than \$8,000,000 by the remission of duties upon the articles which they buy. The cotton growers of the South, it is estimated, will save at least \$1,500,000 in the baling of their crop. It is further estimated that for the farmers who grow peanuts, potatoes and kindred crops, which must be packed in gunny sacks, there will be a saving of from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. The home builders in the West will be \$20,000,000 better off because of the free lumber which this bill provides, and while the Steel Trust will lose a part of its enormous profits at the expense of the people, the consumers fencing and baling wires will be \$5,000,000 better off. There will be a reduction in the price of flour of \$1.17 the barrel, which means a great saving for all those who eat bread and who must eat bread to live. Then there will be a saving to the people in the cost of boots and shoes, sole leather goods and harness, and on every implement employed on the farm the people will enjoy the benefit.

The Democrats are "getting down to brass tacks." There is objection, of course, in some quarters to the adoption of this free list, but the benefits resulting from it will be so widespread that we believe the bill will pass, and we believe, further, if it does pass, it will receive the approval of the President.

Col. Webb's Office Open

Open for the summer season. Col. A. H. Webb, the jolly-good laugher and entertainer who takes life easy and makes others look on the bright side of things has opened his office again. He has put down a beautiful green plush carpet on the floor with pretty green overhead to match. Everything is in perfect harmony and the music of song birds blends with his contagious laugh. Callers are welcome. Office hours from 9 to 12 and from 1 to 4. (On the court square.)

Crops Are Good.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham announces that reports made by his fertilizer inspectors as to crop conditions in this State show an increase of 8 per cent. in acreage of cotton, an increase of 5 per cent. in corn and a decrease of 8 per cent. in tobacco acreage, also a large increase in the amount of fertilizer applied this season to the corn crop. There is, he finds, a small increase in the acreage of what, with the present condition about the same as last year at this season.

Thanks.

Scottish Chief.

The Cleveland Star is now printed on a large Cottrell press, and comes to us in new dress. Shelby is a good place to print a good paper in and the people are getting what they deserve in that line.