

Big News At City Schools -Sometime?

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"What is education? What do these kids get here in eleven years they attend your schools in Shelby?" was the question we shot at I. C. Griffin, city superintendent of schools sitting in his office in the high school building Thursday afternoon.

"We floated out to the high school looking around for news."

In the office when we got there was a handsome dame looking for a contract to put on a vaudeville show at the school. She ought to have known that life itself is vaudeville show enough without doling it up on the stage.

Outside in the sombre hall was Charlie Williams who sells the school books that the young ones practice penmanship in, and give the once-over, as Elbert Hubbard used to publish his Philistine—every little while.

As we stood in the hall, listening to Williams speak that mirthless dry talk of his, kids came and went. And they didn't walk with any fearful tread. Do you get me? That is old stuff, this hushed, awesome bunk.

"Williams," we said to our friend, "you were once young like that yourself, eh? And the way ahead looked fine and bright and gay, and you thought some day you would climb the flagpole of the world and hang your emblem there?"

"Go to the devil," Williams said. (He talks that way.) "You're thinking about what you thought yourself, I'm a realist. Ever hear that poem about the sunset and the hen? It runs like this:

(Business of Williams repeating lines.)

"Betwixt realist and poet,
The difference I ken;
One likes to see the sunset,
The other one the hen."

Just as Williams drew up on the last line, the handsome one breezed by us, head up, sniffing the air. "She didn't get the contract for the show," said Williams, reading the signs of the times.

I walked in Griffin's office.

It is a pleasant office, all banked with ferns and geraniums. I thought I missed a big broad leaf from one of the geraniums, so I said to the Superintendent: "Which did she get, the contract or the bouquet from the plant?"

"Neither one," said the genial edu-

icator, "but wasn't she a good looker?"

I parked myself in an easy chair, and leaned back. Mr. Griffin leaned back too in his swivel chair. There was a dreamy look in his eyes.

"Vaudeville shows are good dope," I said to him, by way of introducing the topic of education.

"Yes," said he, "they're entertaining, but they have their place. Now our auditorium—"

"How many scholars have you got in your Latin classes?" I shot at the Superintendent.

"One hundred and eighty six by actual count," he replied, coming out of the spell, and assuming a look of earnestness as his mind bent to weighty matters.

"Then it doesn't look as though the classics were being neglected in your school," I said.

"We don't wish to overstress, or neglect anything," he said. Then he launched into a discussion of education's aims and ideals. And he talked on and on, very well, very understandingly about the most subject of what a child gets at school, and what it should get, and what the thoughts are of those whose aim and ambition it is to train the young.

One thing he said was this, and it was very impressive. "It is my philosophy of education that each generation should take up civilization and carry it forward from the point where the older generation left it off. To do that we must understand the past, the schools must interpret the past—its deeper meanings. The children must be taught what life means in terms of what has been done, and what therefore lies ahead to be done."

"That's one phase of education."

"I like to think of a child leaving this high school equipped for the next step ahead, no matter what that step may be. It is my highest purpose so to train the child that he is ready for that next step when it comes. I cannot say that I approve entirely of vocational training. By that method a child is trained for a particular calling, and as it were he is forced into the rut, from which it will be virtually impossible for him to escape."

"I like to think of children getting a firm foundation in character building, and a reasonable equipment, and then take the next step ahead when they come, to without looking too far ahead to take that step."

"We have observed," the Superintendent went, "that the first seven years of a child's school life are the character forming years. I mean that he forms fixed and set habits during that period. And it makes not a great deal of difference during that formative period what the curriculum is."

"After that the roads begin to branch. Children who plan to go to

college look one way, more to the classics and to cultural learning, and those who intend to follow a business calling more to scientific subjects.

"We aim to equip them for either road, with a basis of knowledge and character."

A bell rang. There as bedlam in the corridor. The hubbub put a crimp in philosophic talk.

"Come out sometime when there is something doing," said the Superintendent, as we saluted toward the door.

And we're going when the next vaudeville advance agents comes hurtling in, if we know when that is.

Valuable Gift To Rutherfordton Hospital

Rutherfordton.—In furtherance of its constant efforts to increase service to patients the Rutherfordton hospital has set aside a room for the sole purpose of treating fractured and dislocated bones.

The room itself has been altered and fitted to accommodate all the apparatus required for this class of work. Cabinets for splints, orthopedic apparatus, plaster and peris work benches, instruments, tools etc. have been installed.

An extension is being made from the large X-ray room to this fracture room and the latest type of special fluoroscope has been purchased. With this X-ray equipment the position of fractured or dislocated bones can be located as they are before, during and after adjustment and dressing.

A special fracture table costing four hundred dollars has been purchased. This purchase has been made possible by a donation from a friend of the hospital in the distant state of California. The table is especially designed by the foremost surgeon in this specialty and is the best of its kind.

The numerous devices with which the table is equipped make it possible to secure any desired position of the injured parts, to adjust broken bones and maintain their position while plaster of paris or other dressing is applied, or even an operation can be performed, if it should be demanded.

Provision is made so that during the necessary manipulation and dressing the patients body rests comfortably.

Next Court Here Comes In March

The spring term of the Superior Court will convene in Shelby March 22nd, according to George P. Webb, clerk of the court. Judge Lane is slated to preside.

"According to present indications the docket will be the usual proportions," said Mr. Webb.

HONOR ROLL FOR S. SHELBY SCHOOL

Miss Warren, Home Economics Teacher, Off for Six Weeks. Other News of School Work.

The Sixth Grade of the South Shelby school recently bought a North Carolina flag with money which they earned themselves and which they had put into their Junior Red Cross treasury. Miss Hart Sheridan, of Greenwood, S. C., a very capable teacher is in charge of this grade. The flag, which the sixth grade bought, was presented to the school during the chapel period Wednesday morning at which time appropriate exercises were held. The United States flag was presented to the school on December 5th by the Junior Order of America Mechanics.

The Honor Roll for the 3rd month ending December 31st, is as follows:

Sixth grade—Helen Anthony, Elizabeth Barton, Lena Hamrick, Evelyn Show.

Seventh grade—Ruby Lucille Blanton, Lottie May Mooney, Wilbur Green.

Eighth grade—Ola Les Glasco, Marie McSwain, Helen Whitner, Claudie Deviney.

The following pastors have conducted our devotional exercises since school began: Rev. A. S. Raper, Rev. Rush Padgett, Dr. H. K. Bover, Dr. Zeno Wall, and Rev. H. N. McDiarmid. Several of these pastors have conducted our exercises for us twice.

County Superintendent J. C. Newton was with us in December and told the children the story of Gideon and the Men's Chorus of the First Baptist brought us a message in song.

We are very grateful indeed to Shelby Coca-Cola Bottling Company for the big clock which they gave us for our auditorium, the calendar and thermometer which they gave to each room, and the rulers, pencils and blotters which they gave to each child in the South Shelby school. The teachers and pupils deeply appreciate these nice gifts.

Miss Sara Warren of Gastonia our Home Economics teacher, has given up her work for six weeks on account of her eyes. Miss Warren is beloved by both teachers and pupils and we regret very much to have her away from us so long. Mrs. Oliver Anthony who was home economics teacher in Shelby High School for several years will take Miss Warren's place.

Note to Francis: Better lose prestige yourself than to have the franc do it.

CHARLOTTE TAKES PEEP AT ULTRA-FLAPPER HOSE

(Charlotte News)

A trio of ultra-flappers wearing golf stockings, attracted much attention in the department store district here as they flitted from shop to shop in the biting breezes.

The first impression was that the fair damsels were minus stockings from the top of the golf roll to the edge of the skirt, which was a considerable distance.

A closer view, however, revealed that the golf stockings were being worn on top of "flesh colored" hose. This gave a nude effect and caused the passerby to stop and take another look.

Forest City To Have A Recorder

Forest City, Jan. 14.—Forest City will have a recorder's court, according to the will of the voters in Saturday's election, which resulted as follows: 107 for the court and 28 against the court.

The vote was a light one, as compared with the majority race, when 371 votes were cast in the election. In Saturday's election there were only 135 votes cast. There are about 600 registered voters in the city.

The order for the court will become effective within 30 days from date of election. There has been much speculation as to who will be the new recorder.

Here's the Secret

I am 65 years old; I feed and attend to all my stock, and make more on 22 acres than many farmers make on 75 or 100 acres. Shall I tell you the secret?—legumes peas, vetch, velvet beans, etc., with all the manure I can make. From a field of three acres sowed last fall I mowed 18 large two-horse loads of oats vetch and wheat combined. I sowed 1-2 bushel of oats a peck of wheat, and 10 pound of vetch to the acre.

Keep what stock you can and remember cotton alone will never make you rich.

Try to be a free man.
Do not depend on cotton.
And you will live and laugh the long or, when the other man's forgotten.

Monroe Doctrine A scheme of regional influence that existed before the time of airship bases.

The next war may be in the air, but the explosions will be down on the ground as usual.

Proof that pedestrians are poor is that none has endowed his pet emergency ward.

They say Americans drink lemonade in Germany, but why has Germany a law against lemonade?

Lack of Medical Service Kills Many Carolinians

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—Statistics compiled by Dr. M. L. Townsend, director of education, of the State Board of Health, reveal that 5,515 persons died in North Carolina during the calendar year of 1924 without any medical attention whatsoever. The total number of deaths in the State in 1924 reached a total of 33,234, and the per cent of unattended death was 16.5.

The only actual reason then for these attended deaths is a matter of ignorance and carelessness," stated Dr. Townsend in discussing the large number of people, who failed to call a physician to prescribe for them. Doctor Townsend further stated that he saw no reason whatsoever for any resident of North Carolina not being able to secure the services of a physician.

"Even the poverty-stricken poor could get the attention of a doctor," continued Dr. Townsend, "since no reputable physician of the State would knowingly refuse to administer to a destitute person."

The figures being compiled by Dr. Townsend are yet incomplete, but they will according to Dr. Townsend be ready within a few days and they promise to "reveal some rather startling information in regard to the number of people who fail to call a doctor when one becomes ill."

The complete article will be available later in the bulletin issued monthly by the State Board of Health, and Dr. Townsend expressed the hope that it would be widely read and studied by the people of the State.

He was unable to make a comparison of figures for the years prior to 1924, but he said he believed the good roads over the State had made the physician more accessible to the rural people, and that he believed the situation had improved with the passing years.

However, he added, a large per cent of the sick continue to die because of ignorance. Yet asserted Dr. Townsend a large number die before the physician can reach the bedside, but every doctor must sign the death certificate of a patient.

Dr. Townsend was unable to furnish the number of physicians per population, which he declared was still small, but he believes the number is being steadily increased.

The following table shows the total number of deaths in the State in 1924, the number of unattended deaths and the per cent of the unattended:

	Total	Attend.	Unattend	Per
White	19,949	17,501	2,449	12.2
Negro	13,114	10,108	3,006	22.9
Indian	171	110	61	35.0

Married More Than 4,000 Couples.

Kinston.—Totalling up the last few pages of the musty ledgers in which are recorded marriage statistics covering a period of 41 years Justice "Ken" Foscoe today reported that he had officiated at 105 weddings during 1925. Fifty-seven of the couples were white. "It was just an average year or a little better," he stated. Every third and a fraction days during two-score and one years striking an average, a couple has been married by the veteran magistrate. Probably holding a national record Judge Foscoe has sent a few more than 4,100 couples venturing forth on the sea of "uncertainty"—the word is his own—since the early eighties. All of the ceremonies have been performed in Jones and Lenoir counties in both of which he has resided.

One Consolation.

Attendant—Stop! You've just hit a man.
Ambulance Driver (who has been called out on false alarm)—Thank Heaven, we won't have to go back empty after all!—London Opinion.

Two instances in which you pay more and get less every year, Frocks Government.

Let's see; only eight more payments on Christmas presents and then we're ready for spring.

Joke: An American who hasn't learned French by mail in six weeks.

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\$5.00 Silver Sandwich Trays Saturday **\$3.00**
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\$25.00 Gold Elgin Bracelet Watches **\$16.50**

\$10.00 Wedding Rings **\$7.00**
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