

Need Of An Eight Months School Term In North Carolina

By GEORGE W. SPAKE.

The need of an eight months school in North Carolina is, perhaps, one of the greatest problems that confronts the people of this state today. It is of vital importance both to the welfare of our state and the children that promise to be our leading statesmen, poets, artists, and architects. It is our duty to see that they have the proper training that will help them to develop their talent and provide the means for their better future. When we place at their disposal an eight months school term we have paved the way to their goal and placed their feet upon the path of success. Today we have three specific problems to deal with in connection with the eight months school term.

First: The children of today cannot complete a grade or unit of work in less than eight months and do it efficiently. Going back to the time when our fathers went to school, we see at once that the material they carried was not so complicated as it is today. We observe that they did not have any book except the "Blue Back Speller" and the Arithmetic and in some few cases a reader. Today we have English, arithmetic, spelling, reading, geography, hygiene, civics and some other subjects of minor importance. This work must be covered in a school year. What are we going to do about it? It seems that the only way to solve this problem and do it efficiently is to lengthen the term.

The second big reason why North Carolina should have an eight months school term is because, children coming from the rural schools to the city schools retard the progress of those who have been attending the long term school. They have been used to poor instruction and are poorly prepared for the city school. Not that the country child doesn't have a brilliant mind and mental ability, but because he has not had the chance to develop his talent and prove his worth. A teacher may have a very brilliant class of approximately thirty pupils who have been attending an eight months school; they may have a boy coming from a six months school at Christmas; how do you suppose you would handle the situation? At the best the class as a whole will be retarded in its progress. Suppose a fellow is driving a team of well trained horses and dies. He must now hook a colt in and drive him. When the load begins to get hard to pull the colt stops pulling because he has not been used to heavy work. So it is with a child who has been attending an eight months school you have hooked him to a load that is too heavy for his mental ability.

The third problem has to do with the opportunities of the country and city child. The people who reside in the rural districts have a perfect right to say that they have not been treated fair and to demand that the country school child be given a better chance in the future than he has in the past. When a good father or mother deals with their children they do not give one an apple and to another a bunch of green grapes, but to each child alike they give an apple. Why? Because their love is just as great for one child as it is for another. Now you can plainly see that the country child has been given the green grapes when you consider the educational problem. Not only do we want to give the country child a better education, but we want to increase the city child's opportunities to such an extent that he will prosper by the eight months school term. It will be pointed out in the various sections why the six months school is manned with untrained, inexperienced teachers; how the well trained teachers cannot afford to teach in the short term school; and what a loss of time and money it is to operate the six months school.

The great handicap to North Carolina's education is a very serious one. When we look around and note our condition in the educational field we see over fifty thousand pupils roaming wherever they wish to go. They can find no useful employment and they are too large to go to school, especially and sit in the school room with children who are very much smaller than they are. They realize that they cannot finish a grade in six months and so they go out to the cross roads store and pitch horse shoes or tell the smutty jokes. Think of it men! Are we going to continue to let these brilliant minds go to waste? When we think of the child being instructed in the six months school for two years, we think of the fellow who carries only one bucket of water when he could carry two with approximately the same ease. He is wasting his time, we are wasting our money.

There is little chance for the rural district child so long as he is being instructed by the high school graduate. Because, first: the teacher who is thoroughly prepared to teach will not teach in the short term school. If he must go to the expense of preparing himself for the teaching vocation, he must have a living out of his work. Second: The large schools with a longer term offers a larger salary, a place where greater progress is secured, and less difficult work. Therefore, as long as the short

term exists it will be reasonable to expect the rural child to be discriminated against.

The time is at hand when the fathers and mothers must decide what they will do about the education of their children. When they feel the need of better education just as they felt the need of a better road system, they will go to the polls and demand that their children have access to more and better educational facilities.

Just as soon as the time arrives for a better knowledge of North Carolina's condition with regard to the matter of education, the people will respond to the situation and see that they walk in line with great states of the Union. As we turn the pages of history we see the names of Melver and Aycock shining there and lighting our paths to duty and usefulness. The time is almost at hand when the people of the Old North State will unfurl their banners and shout to the balmy breeze, "We'll keep these banners proudly floating over the homes of the brave and the free." Then the fathers and mothers will continue to educate their children until their lamp of life is extinguished.

Now that we have seen the need of an eight months school and the handicap of North Carolina's education, let us take a look into the future and see some of the benefits to be derived from the eight months school term. A person may state the facts of an issue, but unless he is able to give some reason as to his view of the subject, he has become as "sounding brass or tinkling cymbal."

How many farmers of the state of North Carolina would be willing to go back to the methods of ten years ago and continue their agricultural vocation? Who would be willing to adopt the present methods of industry and have them enforced for the next century? Do we want the children of North Carolina to continue their present methods of work and not take advantage of the new opportunities that will present themselves from time to time? We do not. But we cannot expect the children to make rapid progress until the dear old daddy says, "Son I will back you up in this educational problem." Then and not until then will North Carolina have an eight months school term. Today the man who 30 years ago was a slave to the plow, is ruler of the tractor; today the children who are slaves to North Carolina's school system, will in the future be its rulers.

How many housewives of today thought of cooking a meal with an electric stove 30 years ago? Educational progress has turned the old smutty kitchen into a magnificent work shop. Education has put a new thought in our minds. We people of North Carolina cannot see what education is doing until we stop to think; then as plain as the moon we can see that education is shining and casting its rays all about us.

With the increase of education has come the increase in farm profits. The man of today cultivates three times the amount of land that the man of thirty years ago did. How does he do it? Here is your answer: "He has improved the farming methods to an extent that it requires about one-fifth of the labor that it did 30 years ago." Not only has education increased the farm profits but it has opened up new fields of literature which brings joy and happiness to the fireside of the country home. The work that was too complicated 30 years ago, is being taught in the public schools of today. Today the subject of vocational agriculture is giving the country boy a chance to develop into a useful citizen.

Now that we have tested our educational system in North Carolina and found it to be inefficient; tested the handicap and found that it could be removed; tested the need and realized that it was great, and found that education is the foundation of material prosperity, let us turn our eyes toward the rising of a brighter sun, the dawning of a better day. Let us build up the minds of the little ones who are hungry for educational food. Oh! Citizens of North Carolina, press out and out the limits of your culture and establish, if you can, an eight months school in every nook and corner.

WOMAN VOTERS DO NOT WORRY POLITICIANS

Greensboro News.

A contemporary suggesting that some of the lawmakers who voted against the Australian ballot did so because if it had passed they might not be back next session, the Shelby Star adds, "If the women voters and some of the papers have their way several of 'em will not get back as it is." The woman voter seems to be the least of the worries of the common, or garden variety of statesman.

The rich young Gaekwar of Baroda wants a wife and has appointed a committee to select one for him.

Rev. E. J. Crumbleholme of Sheffield, Eng., was sent to prison for a year after confessing that he had committed bigamy.

T. J. Burns of Greenville, O., recently smoked his 77th birthday a 10-cent cigar given him 52 years ago.

Gardner Struck Raleigh During Salary Voting

Raleigh, March 8.—Former Lieutenant Governor Max Gardner, setting out in the snow to speak in Washington, this state, got halted on his way with a request to hold up the date, and he landed here just in time to hear the salary of the next governor debated.

He declined to go about the capitol, but like the Mexican general, remained "incommunicado" while the body over which he ruled six years without a reverse, made a pass at the salary hoist. The "pass" was completed, and if the house will hearken the next governor will receive \$10,000 for the privilege of working himself to death.

Gardner hid himself so effectively that a statesman of the Nat. Townsend calibre missed him sixty hours. Mr. Townsend didn't know until today that Mr. Gardner was in town. And the two played football and state politics on the same team. It was a rare accident that got Gardner jammed in the snow and pulled him off the train in Raleigh. What the house will do with the salary bill is not known.

The bigger body has all sorts of moods, but most of the modern ones are murderous. Mr. Gardner didn't know that such a salary proposal would come up at the session. There was no suggestion from any source that anybody would make such a bid.

The Cleveland leader is entirely satisfied with the disposal of the senatorial issue by executive appointment. He expressed no wish about it and has no regrets over what has been done.

Record Wheat Crop Seen In Southwest

By International News Service

Topeka, Kan.—The southwest wheat belt will harvest another record wheat crop this year, according to present prospects.

Extensive wheat growers and elevator men are sending reports into the capital which indicate that all western Kansas, with the possible exception of a half dozen counties in the extreme northwest section, will break the record of last year.

The same optimistic condition of greening wheat fields appears over the entire southwest belt, including Western Oklahoma and the Panhandle of Texas. Recent weather conditions have been pronounced ideal in most sections, and reports show that a large acreage was planted all over the belt.

No evidence that the Hessian fly or any other pest was threatening damage to the new crop was found by growers and elevator men who have been visiting the fields recently.

Belwood Route 1 Personal Mention

Belwood R-1.—The snow has nearly melted away and the sun is shining like real spring days. The farmers will soon be plowing.

Misses Ray and Marzona Hoyle, of Beam's Mill spent the week end with their cousin Miss Annie Warlick.

Miss Thelma Warlick spent Saturday night and Sunday with her cousin Miss Anne Warlick.

Mr. Chivous Hoyle, Misses Ray and Marzona Hoyle, Misses Thelma, Macie and Anne Warlick and Paul Bridges spent Sunday evening with Misses Ruby and Verna Turner.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Turner, last Wednesday a boy. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Warlick and Mrs. Warlick's father, Mr. C. P. Wellman visited her uncle Mr. W. M. Wellmon of Shelby, Monday.

Mr. Hugh Brittain and Ralph Falls of Bolling Springs high school spent the week end at their home.

SOUTH CAROLINA BLUE LAW AFFAIR SUPREME COURT

Columbia, S. C.—(INS)—South Carolina's blue law controversy will be carried to the Supreme Court.

Governor Richards has temporarily averted a threatened clash between the executive and judicial branches of the state government by ordering his constables to make no arrests at Aiken at present for violation of the state's blue laws.

The order was issued by the Governor after Judge Hayne F. Rice issued a restraining order on the constabulary preventing them from molesting Sunday golfers at the resort town.

Governor Richards recalled his officers back to the state capital after Judge Rice threatened to place the officers in jail if they violated his order but declared that he would make an attempt to have the Supreme Court act on the point at once.

In a statement issued here, the Governor declared that he felt Judge Rice had no authority to restrain officers from enforcing the law, but this his respect for the courts was such that he "would rather go to an extreme than to carry a point by force."

CHARLOTTE TRACK GOING AT AUCTION

Charlotte.—(INS)—The Charlotte Speedway, the South's biggest racing bowl for the past several years, soon will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

This announcement was made by Claude A. Cochran, attorney for the bondholders of the bankrupt organization, following a meeting of the bondholders here.

The date of the sale has not been announced.

The value of the giant bowl, which cost \$400,000 has been appraised at \$22,000 since the bankruptcy proceedings were instituted.

For the past few years the bowl has been the scene of races every six months under the auspices of the American Automobile Association.

The world's premier speed kings were entered in the races and numerous records were smashed while the races were held here.

Racing fans from all parts of the South attended the August and November races.

Debate Of Newton Literary Society

High School Pupils Will Debate the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill.

(Special to The Star.)

On Saturday evening at 7:45 o'clock the Newton Literary society of Lattimore High school will give its 3rd annual debate.

The officers are: President, Paris Weathers; secretary, Vernie Thivette. The program is as follows: Weathers; reading by Annie Lee Walker; Piano solo by Lois Adams; Sermon by Eugene White. Debate: Query: "Resolved That Congress Should Pass the McNary-Haugen Bill." Affirmative, Mattie Lee Gardner, Ray Weathers, Hassel Brackett, Negative, Virgil McSwain, Lucy Mae Francis, Harrell Melton.

Violin duet by Ralph Gardner and Eugene White.

Declamation by Virgil Weathers. Male quartet, Ralph and Max Gardner, Ray McEntire, Marshalls; Misses Stella Jones, Madge Wright Ruby Washburn, Messrs. Edgar Grigg, Sylvester Falls and Yates Brooks.

Frank Porter of Chicago gave Thomas Enson a black eye for calling him a mollycoddle and then Enson had him arrested.

A child's skeleton in a gold coffin was found by excavators in Bucharest.

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Double Springs News Of The Week

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Washburn Leave For Their New Home At Sylvia

Double Springs, March 7.—Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Washburn are leaving today for work in the western part of this state. They will be located at Sylvia. They will work in six associations—Tennessee River, Haywood, Macon, Tucka-seegee, Western North Carolina and West Liberty. We regret very much to see this good family leave us. Mrs. Washburn was a teacher in the beginners department of the Sunday school. We extend to them many good wishes for the very best of success.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Washburn, Mr. C. A. Washburn and Mr. J. Y. Vord, Miss Matilda Dedmon were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Washburn Sunday.

Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Jones, of Caroleen, visited Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Greene, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Kirkpatrick were visitors in our community Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mozelle Yelton, assistant music teacher of Lattimore high school and Misses Frances Hamrick and Elizabeth Hewitt from Lattimore were welcome Sunday school visitors.

Mr. Henry Cabanis and family were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bate Blanton Sunday.

Mr. Will Humphries who is working in Florida spent the week-end here with home folks.

We are glad to note that Mr. C. A. Hamrick is improving.

A. V. Washburn, jr., of B. S. H. S. spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Washburn.

Friends of Mr. Simon Davis were glad to see him out at church Sunday night.

The B. Y. P. U. is progressing nicely with Mr. Wilbur Wilson as president. We had a good attendance.

TRUSTEE SALE OF MERCHANDISE

As trustee in deed of assignment made for the benefit of the creditors of the firm of Washburn and McSwain, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder at private sale all the merchandise and fixtures belonging to said firm now located at Washburns Switch, Cleveland county, N. C. Any person desiring to file a bid will please do so on or before March 14th, 1927, on which date the bids will be opened and the highest bidder will get the property.

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ance and a fine program Sunday night. Among the visitors were Mrs. Amanda Elliott and Misses Ruth Humphry, Willorce Calton and Mozelle Yelton, teachers of the Lattimore school. Also Mr. Clarence Baker of Bolling Springs high school. In the closing exercise he made a very interesting talk. He is a very promising young man.

Mr. Arthur McSwain who is working in Mexico was at home for the week-end.

The training school, held at our church last week was considered quite a success. The Book-Building a standard Sunday school was taught by Mr. J. N. Barnette. He is a wide awake Sunday school worker, one of the best in the whole southland. He is one of our own and we were glad to have him with us.

Fleetwood Hotel May Move On Up

Hendersonville.—(INS)—The tear and grind of riveted steel is again expected to resound from the top of Jumpoff Mountain here soon.

Early completion of the Fleetwood hotel atop the mountain is now looked for since the announcement by John T. Wilkins, receiver, that he would recommend acceptance of an offer of \$250,000 for the property made by two Southern capitalists.

The offer was made by J. E. Garland, Plant City, Fla., and Palmer Blackburn, Atlanta, Ga.

The structure is only half completed. It has been idle for nearly a year.

INDIGESTION

North Carolina Lady Says She Had An Awful Time With Indigestion, Till She Took Black-Draught.

Pilot Mountain, N. C.—"For several years I suffered with a bad case of chronic indigestion," says Mrs. Sam C. Inman, of this place. "I had bad spells with my stomach. At times I had severe pains in my right side. My stomach would get upset and I would have an awful time. It seemed like everything I ate disagreed with me. I was in pretty bad shape."

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"Charles H. Garrison, Greenville Piedmont, Greenville, S. C. ("Any news tips will be greatly appreciated. Telephone Em.")

Mile. Jeanne Larricieux of Paris, arrested for begging, was found to have silk underwear under her ragged dress and was sent to prison for fraud.

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