

# The "Little Red School House"

(E. and O. Magazine)  
You have heard songs about "The Little Red School House," but these little one-room schoolhouses really did exist many years ago. Why they were painted red, no one seems to know.

In early days, school houses were a stove, but it didn't always work, so often the pupils sat with their coats on all day. And in those days children did not have sweaters to keep them warm, but they did wear heavy underwear in winter. Some of them wore red flannels all winter.

Water bucket with a dipper. All drank from the same dipper. They also used the same towel all day—sometimes there were forty of fifty of them. No wonder when someone got the mumps, or measles, or scarlet fever, most of the others in school got it.

There were no desks and chairs or comfortable seats. The only desks were long tables with shelves under them. And the seats—well, guess what they were like! For

each desk that stretched across the whole width of the room, except for an aisle on the side, there was one long, hard wooden bench. On this side by side, in a long row, sat a dozen or more children. And when they studied their lessons, they studied around until they had their lessons learned.

At recess time they played some of the games that we still play. Spy was one game, but they called it Hide and Seek, or "Hide and Whoop." They played Hop Scotch, just as we play it, but in the middle squares with a stick in the dust there were no automobiles, of course, and very few carriages. There were some ox carts, and a few wagons. Men traveled mostly on horseback.

There were no examinations as we now have them. But wait! Once a year the school trustees came and "examined" the children. They asked many difficult questions, and there were many hard words to spell. The trustees seemed to think

that the children should know every thing that these grown-up men knew. They must know their grammar thoroughly. And they must be able to solve hard problems in arithmetic—without working them out on slates (they did not use paper and pencils; these were too expensive.) They had to stand up and work them out "in their heads. And if the pupils did not answer satisfactorily, what do you think happened? Were they punished? Well, they weren't kept after school, but if they were fond of their teacher, most pupils were, they were really punished after all, for the teacher would be dismissed, and a new teacher hired who "knew something!" There was a dunce cap for the stupid pupils, and there were cracks across the knuckles for misbehavior. And if greater punishment were needed, the boys were soundly "beat-to-gainc-vails." Sometimes the boys were punished by making them wear their sister's dresses to school sometimes for several days. Whiskering in school was a great offense. Every Friday afternoon each pupil had to "say a piece" (recite a poem.) This custom continued for many years, even long after the little red schoolhouse had passed away.

There were no school busses in those days; children walked to school, some of them five or six miles each way, each day, rain or shine. Some of the pupils from well-to-do families on rainy days would be met by carriages, driven by faithful colored servants or slaves.

All this was before the Civil War. How fortunate we are to have such fine schools today!

## Health Hint Given For Show Animals

A "health hint" to farmers exhibiting livestock within the next few weeks at State, county, and district fairs has been issued by Dr. C. D. Grinnells, veterinarian of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

Exhibition animals should be segregated from the home herd for at least two weeks after their return from the fair. While all fairs maintain strict veterinary supervision of barns and livestock to guard against the spread of diseases, there is always the possibility of exposure to such infections as hog cholera, distemper, influenza, and shipping fever.

Dr. Grinnells pointed out that this is especially true where livestock come together from many different sections of the county or State and mingle in the judging ring.

The same close attention and treatment should be given to animals purchased at community sales. By following this practice of isolating show or new livestock from the rest of the home herd, a severe disease outbreak may be avoided.

Dr. Grinnells suggested that all livestock intended for exhibition at fairs be checked first by a veterinarian to see that they are in sound health and to insure against their carrying some dangerous disease to other show animals.

Horses should have been immunized against sleeping sickness, cattle against Bangs disease and tuberculosis, and hogs against cholera before they are entered. These are strict requirements of most fairs and are in the interest of the farmer himself, since they prevent the spread of costly diseases.

## Farm Questions

Q.—What is the closing date for carrying out soilbuilding practices under this year's farm program?

A.—North Carolina farmers have until October 31 to carry out soilbuilding practices under the 1940 AAA farm program. This means that growers participating in the program must complete their soilbuilding practices by the end of October if they expect to receive credit on this year's program.

Q.—How should apples be graded?

A.—The first step comes at harvest time. It has been estimated that one-sixth of the apples discarded as culls were disposed of because of rough handling at picking time, or rough treatment on their way to and in the grading and packing shed. A thorough knowledge of U. S. Standard grades is also necessary in classifying apples. Then, too, the fruit must be free from spray residue, dirt, or any defects that will seriously detract from the appearance or keeping quality of the fruit.

Walter Ware, Stokes Wright, the writer and husband, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins and family of Gastonia.

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## RAMBLING SKETCHES OF OAK GROVE NEWS

(By Mrs. William Wright)

Rev. Howard Dover of Charlotte delivered a very forceful message to a large congregation Sunday morning. Rev. Dover is a former resident of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ware were Sunday guests of the latter's niece Mrs. Ben Hamrick and Mr. Hamrick of Patterson Grove. Mrs. Hamrick entertained her mother and all her aunts with a bountiful dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Randall and son, Bobby, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Press Sweezy of Stony Point.

Mrs. Colen Blanton and children of Kings Mountain, and grandmother, Mrs. Ledford of Salisbury, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blanton over the week-end.

Johnnie Patterson spent the week-end with his brother, Mr. Leone Patterson and family of Bethany, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lovelace and children were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Ledford in Vale, N. C.

Mr. Billy Williams and daughter, Mrs. Frank Ware of Beams Mill and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wright of Patterson Grove, were visitors with Mrs. H. T. Wright Sunday afternoon.

Misses Pauline and Virginia Ware are spending several days in Washington, D. C., visiting with their uncles Messrs J. O. and John B. Ware. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Lovelace, Miss Melba Watterson and Mr. Culp Ford of Patterson Grove were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ware during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bell and family spent the week-end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lail of the Bethlehem community.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weaver of Salisbury spent the week-end with

the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovelace.

We welcome to our community Mr. and Mrs. Rush White and children from the Patterson Grove section. They have taken rooms with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bell.

Students: Herald \$1 College Term

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Add up costs of washing equipment soap supplies value of time and health doing the family washing at home. You'll find it more economical to send the washing to New Way Laundry in Gastonia. Try it.

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The pain-relieving analgesic in Alka-Seltzer is in complete solution, ready to ease the distress as soon as you swallow it. The pain-relieving action is made more effective by alkaline buffers. The alkalinizing elements in Alka-Seltzer reduce excess stomach acidity.

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Large package 60¢  
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Try a glass of Alka-Seltzer at your Drug Store Soda Fountain.

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### TOWN OF KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF ALL TOWN'S FUNDS AT JUNE 30, 1940.

ASSETS	
Treasurer's Cash	\$ 23,071.63
Taxes Receivable	17,498.77
Tax Sales Accounts	2,073.18
Water & Light Revenue Receivable	7,095.29
Sidewalk Assessments Receivable	2,420.63
Street Assessments Receivable	2,325.22
Property and Equipment	1,026,406.16
Deferred Charges (1940 Discounts)	23.30
	<b>\$1,080,914.18</b>
LIABILITIES	
Vouchers Payable	\$ 3,639.80
Notes Payable	1,280.01
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 4,919.81
Deferred Liabilities:—	
Water & Light Deposits Payable	\$ 4,999.00
Bonded Debt	583,000.00
Total Liability	\$ 592,918.81
Reserves:—	
For Insolvent Taxes	\$ 9,982.77
1940 Tax Prepayments	1,165.29
Unallocated Tax Collections	820.72
	11,968.78
Surpluses:—	
General Fund	\$ 20,386.30
Debt Service Fund	6,980.06
Water & Sewer Construction Fund	(54.69)
Cemetery Fund	4,083.54
Capital Fund	444,631.38
	476,026.59
	<b>\$1,080,914.18</b>

### TOWN OF KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C. CURRENT FUNDS INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1940

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
<b>INCOME:—</b>			
Taxes	\$36,930.27	\$23,717.81	\$ 60,648.08
Water & Light Dept	16,879.97	11,518.69	28,398.66
Street and Sidewalk Assessments	5,243.86	358.48	5,602.34
Licenses: Intangible			
Tax from State	2,783.50	1,217.62	4,001.12
From Sinking Fund		10,000.00	10,000.00
From Bond Issues		25,000.00	25,000.00
All other Income	4,017.24	800.48	4,817.72
	\$65,854.84	\$72,613.08	\$138,467.92
<b>EXPENSES:—</b>			
Administrative Department	12,632.19		\$ 12,632.19
Fire Department	4,108.23		4,108.23
Sewer Department	659.59		659.59
Cemetery Dept.	608.25		608.25
Street Department	23,538.50		23,538.50
Police Dept.	7,236.60		7,236.60
New Equipment	981.00		981.00
Bonds Redeemed		40,000.00	40,000.00
Bond Coupons and Bank Commissions		31,462.44	31,462.44
	\$49,764.36	\$71,462.44	\$121,226.80
Operating Surpluses For Year	\$16,090.48	\$ 1,150.64	\$ 17,241.12

Any interested Citizen is invited to Inspect the Complete Audit at the City Hall.

# Goodrich ANNOUNCES A NEW DEALER IN KINGS MOUNTAIN

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Phone 62  
Opposite First National Bank  
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