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STATE SUPT. ADDRESSES TEACHERS

AND TRUSTEES SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AT MEETING OF COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION. —GOOD ATTENDANCE WAS PRESENT

State Superintendent of Education John E. Swearingen made an inspiring address to the Abbeville County teachers and a number of the county district trustees in the high school building Saturday afternoon. The occasion was the last meeting of the teachers' association for the present school year and was largely attended by teachers of the county. Especially was the representative gathering of school trustees, who had been specially invited to meet with the teachers, gratifying to the officers of the association who had worked hard to make the last meeting a great success.

The pre-lunch portion of the program was given over to entertainment rendered by pupils from the intermediate grades of the Abbeville city schools. This consisted of an opening chorus by boys from the fourth grade, then came some recitations, "Monifying Mistakes" by Grace Roach; "The Angel of Easter" by Estelle Lyon; "Don'ts" by Margaret Penney and "Apple Blossoms" by Lavinia McCuen. Miss Judith Hill then delighted her audience with a piano solo. A typical folk dance by eight couples of sixth grade pupils concluded the program and each feature was well received by the teachers and trustees.

A delightful and substantial lunch was then served by the ladies of the Methodist church headed by Mrs. W. F. Nickles. This intermission gave everyone present an opportunity to meet Mr. Swearingen and the State Superintendent was plied with scores of questions regarding the new school acts, of which there are 126 passed by the recent general assembly. The keenest interest in educational affairs is being awakened throughout the county, if the interest exhibited Saturday is any indication.

Supt. Swearingen in his opening remarks stated that it had been his desire for some time to have an opportunity to speak to the teachers and trustees of the county on school affairs and he readily embraced the opportunity where the invitation was sent him by the president of the association to address the County Teachers' association Saturday. Illustrating the fact of the scarcity of teachers throughout the country Mr. Swearingen stated that over 200 schools in South Carolina alone did not open their doors this session and that in over 100 classrooms endless shifting of teachers had resulted due to resignations. The situation is nothing short of deplorable. Mr. Swearingen also stated that 4 1-2 millions of dollars was spent in the state the past year for educational purposes, a per capita expenditure of nine dollars per child.

"The title of my address might well be 'The Tax We Have to Use in Improving Our Schools,'" said the superintendent, and explained that every mill of special tax, every general assembly, in fact everything affecting the proper education of South Carolina school children could be called a tool for evil as every single action of a local board or of the general assembly the detriment of the advancement education would be a hindrance.

In speaking of relative proportions of taxes allotted to education the speaker said that in the great Mormon stronghold, Utah, that 85 per cent of all taxes collected by that state was put into the educational fund and used for school purposes.

Mr. Swearingen considers that the most needful thing in furthering ed-

BODY OF LESTER WATERS FOUND AT MILLWOOD SATURDAY

The body of William Lester Waters, one of the victims of the Harpers Ferry tragedy, was found late Saturday afternoon on an island at Millwood, near Calhoun Falls. The body was discovered by a man fishing on the island.

The body was taken to Lowndesville Sunday morning where the funeral was held in the Presbyterian cemetery.

The bodies of eight out of ten persons drowned at Harpers Ferry have been recovered so far. The bodies of Miss Allie Bradshaw and Charles Meschine are yet to be found.

Mr. Waters was the ferryman at Harpers Ferry and in charge of the ferryboat which overturned, resulting in the drowning of the ten people April 4th.

At the funeral in Lowndesville Sunday afternoon the record of Mr. Waters as a soldier in the Second Division, World's War, contributed by his comrades in arms, was read at their request.

A VISITING PREACHER

Rev. Henry E. Pressley, who is in attendance on Presbytery at Troy came to Abbeville Sabbath and preached in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church in the morning. Mr. Pressley will go from Presbytery to the meeting of Synod at Gastonia, N. C.

Education in South Carolina is a living wage for teachers and good teachers for every school.

Mr. Swearingen advocates special tax for every school district in the State sufficient to meet the requirements of the Equalizing Act together with an additional amount sufficient to take care of incidental expenses such as insurance, coal, janitors, repairs, supplies, etc.

At the conclusion of his address Mr. Swearingen asked several general questions of the teachers and trustees of the County, one being, "How many of your women teachers in the county get as much as \$100 a month salary?" Not a hand went up. We believe there is one teacher at Due West receiving this amount but she was not present. Another question, "Dr. Anderson, of Antreville, why didn't Antreville pay its teachers \$100 a month this session?" Dr. Anderson, "Because we didn't have to, to get them."

Mr. Swearingen complimented the county on the fact that as many as 13 school districts had levied extra taxes during the present session and he hoped that the good work would continue unabated.

The treasurer's report, given just before adjournment was taken shows a balance of \$119.76 in the treasury. The president, Supt. Fulp, stated that this would be the last meeting of the present school year but that it was the intention of the executive committee to get the association well under way early next fall and continue monthly meetings whenever and wherever the majority of the teachers voted to hold them. A standing invitation was placed before the committee for the teachers to meet in Abbeville whenever they chose to do so, but that Abbeville did not want the impression circulated that they had a monopoly on the meeting place at all, but that the executive committee was open to invitations from any district.

The next meeting of the association will probably be held in October and the officers holding over are: President, Supt. J. D. Fulp, Abbeville; Vice-president, Mrs. J. R. McWhite; Secretary, Miss Annie Gantt; Treasurer, Miss Allie Evans. The executive committee is composed of Supt. Fulp, L. C. Griffin, Lowndesville; Miss Frances Wideman, Due West; Prof. J. M. Daniel and Miss Mae Robertson, Abbeville and County Supt. W. J. Evans.

BILL FOR SOLDIER BONUS IS FINISHED

Methods of Raising Money Will Be Principally by Increasing Taxes Existing Already on Many Things.

Washington, May 1.—The soldier relief bill finally was completed Friday by a majority of the republican members of the house ways and means committee and will be considered tonight at a conference of house republicans.

Present plans are to bring it up Monday for immediate passage.

Five optional plans for payment of adjusted compensation are provided, as follows:

1. Adjusted service pay at \$1.25 for each day's service in excess of 60 days between April 5, 1917 and January 1, 1920.

2. Extension of vocational training at \$1.75 for each day's attendance on a course of instruction declared suitable by the federal board for vocational education.

3. Purchase or improvements of city or suburban homes with compensation at the rate of \$1.75 for each day's service.

4. Issuance of paid up insurance at the rate of \$1.75 for each day's service. Such insurance will be payable twenty years after issued or in case of death.

Loans could be obtained at any time after two years.

5. Establishment of a "national veterans settlement board" composed of the secretary of the interior and four members to be appointed by the president at least three of whom shall be former service men, which would be authorized to make loans to service men not exceeding \$1,000 for the reclamation and development of farm lands.

Revenues to pay the compensation for which it is estimated \$1,800,000 will be required, would be raised by four plans, as follows:

Increased surtaxes of 1 per cent on net incomes between \$5,000 and \$10,000; 2 per cent on incomes between \$10,000 and \$26,000; and 3 per cent on incomes above \$26,000.

One per cent on retail sales to be paid by those making the sale and to apply in the case of all sales, contracts and leases, whenever made.

Tax on stocks and bonds, sales of or transfers at one-fifth of one per cent on the market value.

Tax on produce exchange transactions at the same rate.

A tax of 25 cents for each \$50 of the total amount of sales, or contract to sell lands, tenements or other realty.

Taxes on various brands of cigar, tobacco and manufactured products ranging from 15 per cent to 66 per cent, depending on the grade, and a tax of \$1 per thousand on cigarettes.

RED CROSS WORKER HERE

Miss Elizabeth Ellis, Executive Secretary of the American Red Cross arrived in the city Monday in connection with work in her organization. Miss Ellis is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and of the Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, 1917. She has since then, and before taking up work with the Red Cross organization, been teacher of expression and dramatics at Belhaven, Jackson, Miss.

Miss Ellis will direct the field work at the Converse Summer school of Sociology the present summer.

While here Miss Ellis would like to meet with as many persons as possible who are interested in the Red Cross work. She can give them valuable information. She will make headquarters at the local Red Cross rooms.

MASONS TO GIVE BANQUET

The Royal Arch Chapter Masons of Abbeville are planning to give a banquet in the hall Tuesday night at which time a number of distinguished visitors will be present. A number of masons will also take the chapter degree.

George L. Bryan, Greenville; J. L. Mickie, Darlington; and O. Frank Hart, Darlington will be present.

WATER POWER BILL IS VITAL MEASURE

All Matters Pertaining to Development of Water Powers Would Be in Hands of A Commission.

Washington, May 1.—Described by Chairman Jones, of the senate commerce committee, as legislation affecting every citizen of the United States, the water power bill, as agreed upon by his conference, would create a federal power commission, composed of the secretaries of war, agriculture and interior. The commission would have authority over all matters pertaining to the development of water power in which the federal government has jurisdiction or in which it is interested as an owner of lands or other property necessary to such projects.

The commission may issue preliminary permits allowing applicants three years in which to make examination of water power projects, prepare plans and make financial arrangements. The commission also may issue licenses for a period of fifty years from expiration of the preliminary permits or it may reserve such projects as should be undertaken by the federal government. Preference must be given by the commission to states and municipalities if they are equally adapted to utilize water resources.

The bill also would encourage the building of headwater storage reservoirs to equalize power production, prevent floods, and obtain water for irrigation purposes after being used for generation of power.

Provision is made for construction of locks in power dams in navigable streams so as to extend navigation into the upper reaches of rivers.

MRS. ELIZABETH FRANKLIN NICHOLS

Passed Away at Her Home in This City Saturday Morning After An Illness of Two Weeks

Mrs. Elizabeth Franklin Nichols, 68 years of age, died Saturday morning at 12 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Link. Mrs. Nichols had been in bad health for more than a year, becoming seriously ill about two weeks ago, and her death was not unexpected.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Baptist church conducted by the Rev. Louis J. Bristow. Interment followed in Long Cane cemetery. The following junior deacons of the Baptist church acted as pallbearers: C. E. Williamson, Otto Britow, Sam McCuen, Alvin Williams, Paul Kenney, J. C. King. The senior deacons of the church acted as honorary pallbearers.

Mrs. Nichols was born in Macon, Ga., and lived there most of her life coming to Abbeville about 12 years ago. She was the widow of the late J. W. Nichols. She is survived by two sons, the Rev. George A. Nichols, of Macon, Ga., S. N. Nichols, of Jackson, Ga., and one daughter, Mrs. Paul Link.

Mrs. Nichols was conspicuously active in church work and taught for many years a Sunday School class of women at the Baptist Church. Only recently this class presented to her a handsome pearl brooch in token of the esteem in which the members of the class held her. The class, twenty-five strong, attended the funeral.

CABLEGRAM ANNOUNCES MARRIAGE OF FRANCIS LINK

R. S. Link received a cablegram Sunday from his son, Francis L. Link, Jolo, Island of Sulu, announcing his marriage May 1 to Miss Emily Schuck. Miss Schuck's sister is wife of the governor of the island.

Mr. Link has been in the Philippines for nine years and has been secretary and treasurer of the Island of Sulu.

Recently Mr. Link has been making a study of the people and the language of the island and has published the first dictionary of the Sulu language.

MAY DAY FESTIVAL AT THE COTTON MILL FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

A May Day Festival will be held at the Cotton Mill May 7th and 8th. A complete program has been arranged and will appear in the Press and Banner of Wednesday. The special features of the festival will be athletic stunts, base ball, display of home talent work, fortune telling, May Pole dance, baby contest, the crowning of the May Queen, exercises from the children, booths, parade, minstrel and an animal show, selected from the "Barnyard Co."

In the last few days the Abbeville Cotton Mill has purchased a big moving picture machine which will play a most attractive part at intervals during the festival hours.

Fifty or more of the Abbeville Cotton Mill's prettiest girls are in the race for the Queen. A very enthusiastic contest has begun and Monday afternoon the girls were running hand in hand. A mighty close run for all the contestants is expected by the close of the contest.

A complete Baby Contest has been worked out for Friday afternoon, May 7th beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. Hayne and his assisting nurse, Miss Murphy, of Spartanburg, will be the judges and will examine and discuss thoroughly every baby in the presence of its mother. This will be helpful for the mother and for the whole community for it is to be a movement for "Better Babies." A lecture will be given in the auditorium for the benefit of all the mothers interested. A health picture will be thrown on the screen and explained by Dr. Hayne.

For Friday night an entertainment will be given by the school children. The winner in the Queen Contest will be announced and crowned during the evening for the May Day Festival. She will ride with queenly honors in the parade. The prize in the Baby Contest will be given to the most perfect all round baby.

The school ground and Y. M. C. A. building will be opened to the public on Saturday morning at 9:30. The entire play-ground, bandstand, and booths will be decorated red, white and blue. Electric lights will be strung artistically over the campus to emphasize the color scheme carried out in the art work.

The Y. M. C. A. building will also be opened by 9:30 and the public will be cordially invited to inspect all the fancy sewing, plain sewing, fancy cooking, plain cooking, baby clothes, booths, flower booth, canned goods, old relic booth which will be displayed for the day. Prizes will be given the winners selected from each table.

Athletic stunts will be going on in the Athletic Field from 9 A. M. to 12 Saturday morning.

The big parade will begin at two o'clock going through the village, circulating the town and all the main streets.

At 4 p. m. there will be a ball game between Ware Shoals and Abbeville. After the game on the school ground the booths will be opened up and ice tea and sandwiches, peanuts, pop corn, coca-cola and ice cream and cake will be sold.

An expert fortune teller has been secured for the day. A portion of her material and tent is with us and she will be expected to arrive some time during the afternoon. A chance will be given before the evening program for all to have their fortune told by Abbeville's Greatest Fortune Teller.

The band will furnish the music for the day and a special band concert will be given at 7:30 p. m. for the May minstrel during which time the May Pole dance will be held.

The Festival will end with a big minstrel show Saturday night. Attend the May Day Festival.

VISITORS FROM ILLINOIS

Mrs. Arnold Seymour and daughter Miss Margaret Seymour of Lake Bluff, Illinois, arrived in the city last week and will spend the summer here with Mrs. Seymour's sister, Mrs. A. O. Roche.

COUNTY CONVENTION NAMES DELEGATES

M. J. ASHLEY NAMED CHAIRMAN; D. H. HILL, SECRETARY; Wm. P. GREENE, COUNTY CHAIRMAN; T. P. THOMPSON, COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS STATE CONVENTION

The Abbeville County democratic convention convened here at the noon hour Monday and after organizing named the following delegates to the State convention to be held in Columbia May 18:

J. M. Nickles, Abbeville; T. P. Thompson, Abbeville; State Senator J. Howard Moore, Abbeville; M. J. Ashley, Rock Springs; Capt. W. C. Shaw, Lowndesville; E. W. Harper, Lowndesville. J. M. Nickles was elected state executive committeeman from this county.

A temporary organization with M. J. Ashley, chairman and D. H. Hill, secretary was first effected and later a permanent organization was effected, the two above named men being elected. M. J. Power, Brownize, was reelected treasurer.

Wm. P. Greene, Abbeville, was reelected County Chairman. T. P. Thompson was designated a member of the committee on credentials at the State convention.

The executive committee met and organized immediately after the county convention adjourned.

The following men are members of the executive committee: H. J. Power, Antreville; B. H. Smith, Donalds; J. H. Sherard, Calhoun Falls; W. E. Morrison, Long Cane; E. W. Harper, Lowndesville No. 1; W. C. Shaw, Lowndesville No. 2; W. P. Greene, Abbeville No. 2; G. A. Neuffer, Abbeville No. 2; M. J. Ashley, Rock Springs; J. B. Gibert, Lebanon; W. W. Wilson, Level Land; A. R. Fowler, Due West.

The clubs of Hillville, Hampton, Keowee and Mountain View have not organized and therefore sent no delegates to the County Convention and have no representation on the executive committee.

In order for these clubs to have representation it will be necessary for them to reorganize and confer with the county chairman.

The chairman named J. Howard Moore, E. W. Harper and J. F. Miller committee on credentials to examine and report on the delegates elected by the various clubs to the county convention. The following delegates were reported favorably:

T. P. Thompson, J. M. Nickles, D. H. Hill, E. C. Horton, J. D. Fulp, W. P. Greene and J. F. Miller, Abbeville No. 1; J. Moore Mars, W. A. Stevenson, P. D. Klugh, M. E. Hollingsworth, J. Howard Moore, G. A. Neuffer, J. E. Jones, J. P. Wham, J. A. Alewine, W. A. Calvert, R. M. Burts, J. P. Wilson, Abbeville No. 2; E. W. Harper, J. B. Moseley, W. T. Cunningham and E. J. Huckabee, Lowndesville No. 1; S. S. Boles, W. R. Nance, J. T. Drennan, W. C. Shaw Lowndesville No. 2; S. M. Milford, J. T. Johnson, N. T. Martin, W. G. Shaw, W. M. Agnew and B. F. Smith, Donalds; Jos. Hicks, G. O. Hall, James Sherard, J. A. Nance, Calhoun Falls; C. B. Evans, G. E. Putnam and J. B. Gibert, Lebanon; W. R. Fowler, J. C. McDill, J. R. Winn, A. R. Ellis and A. S. Kennedy, Due West; C. M. Kay, M. J. Ashley, J. R. Sheffield and G. T. Ashley, Rock Springs; Jack Brownlee, J. P. Anderson, A. M. Erwin and H. J. Power, Antreville; A. B. Robinson, Tom Nickles, T. M. McCord and W. E. Morrison, Centrah; W. W. Wilson, J. K. Temple and P. L. Busby, Level Land.

NO OBJECTION TO BUFFER

Tokio, May 2.—The Japanese government has informed Soviet Russia that it has no objection to the creation of a "buffer state" provided the Japanese capital is to enjoy a free hand in such a state.