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THE SCHOOL.

A MASS MEETING.

The Citizens Vote for a Secondary School.

In compliance with a call issued some days previous, a meeting of the citizens of Sequachee and vicinity was held at the School house, Saturday, July 13, 1895, at 10:00 a. m.

Mr. S. M. Lofty, Chairman, and Mr. Mark Martin, Clerk of the School Directors of the 7th district were present.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wm. Owen, and Mr. Martin was chosen chairman of the meeting which he declined, and Mr. Wm. Owen was chosen Chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Thomas H. Hill, of the NEWS, was chosen secretary.

Mr. Owen on taking the chair stated the object of the meeting to be looking to higher education, and to request the directors to establish a secondary school in the district. It seemed a hardship to many who had children who had passed the primary stage to be obliged to send their children a long distance and at great expense to get secondary tuition. Our object should be to advance education by all the means in our power and give the children and teachers every reasonable facility.

Establish a secondary school here, and it would be an inducement for people to send their children and even to come themselves to live in Sequachee. It might be said that the education that they were getting was equal to that obtained by their parents and grandparents, but that had nothing to do with it. The condition of things have changed, and we must be abreast of the needs of the times. The question for the meeting to decide now was: Do you want better education and a secondary school, and he hoped the matter would be thoroughly discussed.

Mr. L. W. Gabel spoke strongly in favor of establishing a secondary school.

Mr. John T. Boyd said he appreciated the condition of things and desired that the principles of the Constitution of the United States guaranteeing every citizen equal rights and privileges be not lost sight of. He

had in his possession a document showing his ability to teach and in his long course of teaching he had always taught branches in excess of those required by the public school law. The patrons of the school are responsible for the success or failure of any school. He was in favor of the highest order of education and would teach children by precept and example. He had always tried to do his duty, but felt that this meeting was a reflection on him, and he thought that it was called too late and would injure the interests of the school.

Mr. Owen answering Mr. Boyd disclaimed any reflection on the character of Mr. Boyd as a citizen, a neighbor and a teacher, but said the object of the meeting was, Do we want a secondary school?

Mr. Gabel said to ensure better school tuition he was willing to contribute to extend the school funds available.

Mr. Hill, being called upon, said that, he endorsed what Mr. Boyd had said as to the duty of parents. No matter how accomplished the teacher, if the attendance was irregular and uncertain, no good results could be secured. He believed it to be the duty of every citizen to stand by the public school, and the higher the education that could be obtained, the greater the honor to the town, county and state. He was in favor of compulsory attendance as a protection to teachers. If the pro rata stood at 2.25 per capita, as he understood it, the funds available for the district, for the balance of the 1894 tax would be some \$323.53 and urged those present to stand by the schools and school directors.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Lofty being called upon spoke briefly.

Mr. Chris. Wagner moved, That the directors be requested to establish a secondary school and that vote be taken by ballot.

Seconded by Mr. Gabel.

Mr. W. A. Fryor and Mr. A. Burnett with the Secretary was appointed a committee to take the vote and reported:

Yes.	18.
No.	2.

According to a request, the Chairman read the law relating to the establishment of secondary schools, viz: "The Directors of each school district, whenever the interests of the district shall require it, may establish

and maintain therein one or more secondary schools. Every secondary school shall consist of a Principal, and when necessary, an assistant or assistants may be employed. In every secondary school shall be taught the following branches: Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History of Tennessee, History of the United States, containing the Constitution of the United States, Elementary Geology of Tennessee, Elementary Principles of Agriculture, Elements of Algebra, Elements of Plane Geometry, Elements of Natural Philosophy, Book-keeping, Elementary Physiology and Hygiene, Elements of Civil Government, and Rhetoric or Higher English. Practise shall be given in Elocution, or the art of public speaking. Vocal Music may be taught, and no other branches shall be introduced except those included in the 4th. Amendment."

Mr. T. B. Harris moved seconded by Mr. M. Burnett, That the Directors be respectfully requested to take action on the application of the citizens at this meeting as soon as possible.

Mr. Lofty, Chairman of the School Directors, announced that as soon as a meeting of Directors could be called, action would be taken.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.

LOCAL.

Mr. George Alder was in town, Thursday.

Mr. Lawson selling fruit trees visited us this week.

Mr. Carlyle of Chattanooga was in Sequachee Thursday night.

Go to Davidson's if you want Mason's fruit jars at \$1.00 per dozen.

R. J. Brown is now hauling lumber to Sequachee out of Indian cove.

Mr. John W. Johnson of Hector, Texas, has been added to our subscription list.

Dallas Dixon recently sent us some as fine lettuce as we ever saw, for which we thank him.

The first sweet corn of the season was gathered by Mrs Wm. Owen, July 3rd. We made our first attack Sunday, July 14th.

We learn that Miss Tennie Owen has accepted a position as teacher in one of the public schools near Fort Worth, Texas.

We purpose next Sunday to visit the Sequachee Sunday School in session, a report of which visit will appear in the News.

We are gratified to know that all the applicants for examination at the late Teachers' Institute boarding the train at Sequachee, received certificates above the per centage required.

Mr. Matthew Henbridge formerly of Sequachee is now in Boston in the employ of Wright & Willis. Mr. Henbridge worked for this firm a number of years before he came South.

Austin Coppinger is responsible for the statement that previous to Democratic supremacy he could get \$150 for a carload of bark, now he can get only \$50 dollars—but let that pass.

Sarcopsylla penetrans and Pulex irritans, both native productions now abound in great profusion. From personal experiences we are moved to say with servant David: "Why do the heathen rage?"

For public convenience Mr. Mark Martin keeps his school accounts at this office which are open for public inspection, but not to be loaned to anyone indefinitely. This also applies to our copy of the school laws.

By and by we are going to ask the people to help make the driveway and complete the laying out of the grounds in front and side of the church. What has been done has paid for doing. We feel sure the people will not fail to complete the plan.

People who go fishing and return with lurid stories of their catch must always produce the fish. We like 'em, so also with fruit and vegetables. If you have anything phenomenal, bring 'em along that we may interview them.

Mr. J. R. Johnson has made a nice effect in painting the church, as he did with Mr. Pearson's house close by. The bright and cheerful look of these newly painted buildings suggest to us what all the buildings in town might be with returning prosperity. In the trimming of these buildings, Mr. Johnson has displayed good taste. Now let the Deu chian monument on the top of the church be re-modeled and a lattice put in the apertures underneath, and it will be neat and nice.