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\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE

50 PER CENT GROSS PROFIT IS ALLOWED

Merchants must mark selling price on each article. Will require rigid enforcement of regulations authorized under Lever Act.

A gross retail profit not to exceed 50 per cent on the invoice cost has been announced by Henry A. Page, State Fair Price Commissioner, as a reasonable margin of gain to merchants in North Carolina, the regulation to go into effect next Monday, December 15. The announcement was made in an address before the Merchants' Association in Wilson Tuesday night, and brings to an end the controversy that arose some weeks ago between the Commissioner and the merchants of the State. The regulations follows:

1—"The practice of having different prices for different people will be considered a violation of the Lever Act; there must be one fair price to everybody.

2—"To offer for sale any merchandise that does not bear the selling price in plain figures, provided the form of such merchandise allows space for marking same, will be considered a violation of the act.

3—"A maximum margin of 50 per cent on invoice cost is allowed on men's clothing, furnishings, hats, and all shoes. To charge more than 50 per cent is indictable under the act. This is not to be construed to mean that all merchandise as classed above should bear 50 per cent profit, since, if he found a merchant adhering to this rule to escape the clutches of the law, it would be counted against him.

60 PER CENT FOR WOMEN.

4—"A maximum margin of 60 per cent on invoice cost is allowed on all women's ready-to-wear. To charge more than 60 per cent is to violate the amended Lever Act.

5—"Full replacement value will not be allowed, but the merchant will be expected to average cost of clothing, shoes, etc., in determining new and advanced prices. (Mr. Page explained this by saying that a serge suit purchased last spring at \$20 might cost the merchant \$40 if purchased today. This would not justify the merchant in marking a regular percentage of profit on the \$40 suit and then bring the price of the suits carried over up to this level.)

6—"These regulations are effective December 15, and any merchant who wilfully exceeds the above margins of profit or violates above regulations will be subject to indictment and trial before Federal judge and jury.

MUSIC RECITAL AT CULLOWHEE

The music department of the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School under the direction of Mrs. F. L. Wells gave a splendid program last Monday evening Dec. 15th, the audience was large and appreciative. All the numbers of the program were much applauded, the chorus numbers being especially well received. The names of those who took part in the chorus are: Soprano, Misses Blanche Duckett, Margaret Candler, Elizabeth Candler, Helen Luther, Olivette Luther, Julia Ballard Rachel Davis, Ruth McGhee, Sallie Reynolds, Elizabeth McCarty, Freida Fincher, Altos, Lola Stillwell, Lucy Koppitzsch, Esther Rodgers, Mabel Johnson, Jessie H. Thomas, Messrs. F. B. Wynn, Ernest Crawford, E. M. Crawford, O. W. Ferrell, D. E. Worley; Basses, Messrs. Wayne Wells, Willis Koppitzsch, John Flinton, W. B. Cornwell, Mance Cagle, Jr., W. M. Henson.

SECOND LYCEUM NUMBER DECEMBER 23

The second number of the Piedmont Lyceum Course the Amphion Trio, will appear at the Auditorium Tuesday evening December, 23. The trio, a soprano, tenor and baritone voice, is a most unusual one and their entertainment promises to be a treat for music lovers, as well as others, of Sylva.

The Piedmont Lyceum Bureau says of this trio: "In the Amphion Trio we have three artists. Each person of the trio is one of experience and ability. They are not amateurs. Mr. Foote was for a number of years the recognized artist of the DeKoven Male Quartet, and in recent years Mr. Pell also sang with this company, while Miss Ellis has for several years charmed the people of Chicago with her splendid dramatic soprano voice. They present not only vocal trios, duets and solos, but also a variety of other pleasing features, including a playlet entitled "College Days."

It is to be hoped that the people of Sylva will take advantage of the splendid attractions offered in this Lyceum Course.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

By J. C. BRAMMER.

Willits club is growing stronger and stronger. They are well prepared to write on, "What I Have Learned About Seed-Corn and Legumes"

Qualla Graded School has named its club, "Qualla Betterment." What club will better this name? You who do not think there is anything in a name get busy or you might lose out because the name did not carry any inspiration.

View Point—Greens' Creek—has increased to 90 Agricultural Pupils. They have \$80.00 worth of gas lights. Her attendance at night meeting was 200. The debate on the subject, "The Deportation of the Colored Race" was won by two ladies over two bright boys. Hurrah for the ladies!

Webster had the best debate of the season on "Should the U. S. intervene in the Mexican War?" Wm., Henry and Cicero Bryson and Frank Henderson are going to make themselves felt in Inter Collegiate Debates. The Journal was good. The recitations and music held us spell-bound.

The record of club members—Olivet, 46; Qualla Betterment, 52; View Point, 66; Willits, 19; Tuckasiege, 17; Webster, Dillsboro, Johns' Creek and Wolf creek clubs have not fully completed their reports.

Everything increasing rapidly. Get on the band wagon and let us all live or die together.

FALL TERM CLOSES.

The Fall Term of the Sylva College Institute came to a close Monday (Christmas). The Hill school was closed on Jan. 5th. The school was a very successful one, and was greatly aided by many new students, and was greatly aided by many new students, and was greatly aided by many new students.

Changes have recently been made, all of which bespeak for the best term during the coming spring, in the history of the institution. A Merry Christmas to all the old students and awaiting your return.

J. O. Fontenaur,
Teacher of S. S. and Bible Department.

FOR SALE—Jap-nee Liniment, W. R. Ponder's Liver and Kidney Worker, and Wrang-Tang Ointment, at the Slagle place. Mrs. Lettie Shook, 2ts.

"Aycock School Improvement Day," Friday, December 19.

Patrons of every school in the county asked to meet to work and plan for school improvement—"A Nickel Apiece From Every Pupil" for the Aycock Monument.

Both our State Superintendent of Schools and the County Superintendent are anxious to have every school in the county, both rural and urban, white and black, observe "Aycock School Improvement Day," next Friday, December 19, as required by law.

On that day the patrons and friends of every school are expected to meet at the school house and discuss—or better still, provide—such of the following fourteen improvements as are most needed:

1. Lengthening the school.
2. Getting an additional teacher.
3. Getting better school buildings.
4. Painting the building.
5. Improving school grounds.
6. Getting a school library.
7. Getting a traveling library.
8. Getting sanitary drinking fountains or individual drinking cups.
9. Getting pictures for the school.
10. Arranging for a school farm in 1920.
11. Arranging for a school fair.
12. Arranging for a course of lectures, music, etc., for the entire community.
13. Teaching illiterates in the community to read and write.
14. Getting boys and girls interested in club work.

Another purpose of "Aycock School Improvement Day" is to raise money to complete the monument to Charles Brantley Aycock, North Carolina's beloved "Educational Governor," soon to be erected in Raleigh. Several thousand dollars have already been raised, and work on the monument will soon begin. An average of "A Nickel Apiece From Every Pupil" is the hope of State Superintendent Brooks, and pupils are asked to carry their contributions to school next Thursday or Friday morning. If any parent feels unable to send a nickel apiece, let him send a penny apiece; and others who feel disposed may send dimes or quarters. But the hope is to have every child in North Carolina feel that he has had a part, even if only a penny gift, in the erection of a beautiful memorial to a great man. In after life when a boy or girl of today goes to Raleigh and sees the beautiful Aycock memorial, he will be glad to think, "I gave a dime toward it," and even if he never goes to Raleigh he will be a better citizen for having expressed his gratitude to the memory of one who so loved and served the school children of North Carolina.

It is hoped that no school in the county will fail to observe "Aycock School Improvement Day" next Friday.

If on account of lack of time some of the schools cannot arrange to celebrate this important occasion on December 19, I urge that the first or second Friday in January be used for this worthy purpose. Let every school, every patron, and every pupil take part and let all contribute to the monument fund.

Respectfully yours,
ROBERT L. MADISON, Co. Supt.

I Have Never Seen The Equal

That Is What Mrs. Mary Cope Says About Tanlac—Her Troubles Are Ended

"In all my seventy-two years I have never seen the equal of Tanlac," said Mrs. Mary C. Cope, of 274 N. Hicks St., Los Angeles, Cal. recently.

"During the past six years," she continued, "I had so much trouble with my stomach that I could not eat any thing without bloating up with gas and feeling miserable afterwards. I was so nervous and rundown that I could hardly rest or sleep at night and simply felt miserable all the time."

"I had read about Tanlac helping others and decided to try it myself and it has certainly proved to be the right thing for me. I have taken only four bottles so far and am feeling well already as I ever did. My stomach is in fine condition and I can eat and enjoy my meals and that tired nervous feeling is all left me too. I sleep like a child every night and feel strong and well all the time. I am glad to recommend Tanlac and hope my experience with it will cause other sufferers to try it."

All druggists sell Tanlac.

WANTED—To buy second hand one horse wagon. W. P. McGuire, Sylva, N. C.

TO BOYS AND GIRLS PLANNING TO ENTER HIGH SCHOOL

Have you considered entering school anywhere after the Christmas holidays for half a year's preparation in high school subjects? If so, have you been hesitating on account of the cost of such preparation? There is no need of delaying the thing that you desire most because of objections that can be removed.

We wish to call attention to the fact that every boy and girl desirous of attending high school is offered free of charge the very best training that we can give.

To boys and girls wishing to enter for the spring term, who are willing to work during odd hours for their board, a limited number of boarding houses and private houses will be open. If you are interested, you should write immediately or apply in person to W. E. Bird principal of the Sylva High School, or to Supt. R. L. Madison, Sylva, N. C.

The spring term opens January 5th.

FOR SALE—12 acres of the Bumgarner land, including the falls. This is one of the most desirable sites for a house, on account of the beautiful falls. Also 1 1/2 acres of land between Davis and King streets. R. U. Garrett, Sylva, N. C.

CONFEDERATE PENSIONERS RECEIVE XMAS CHECK

The semi-annual, or Christmas checks for confederate soldiers and widows of veterans have been received from the state treasurer and are being mailed out to the old soldiers by the Clerk of the court, Henson. The size of the checks are not as large as here-to-fore, as the last General Assembly increased all third and fourth class pensions to \$60 a year to be paid in December and June one half the total amount at each payment instead of paying only \$45 once a year, in December as has hitherto been the custom.

There is a total of 152 confederate pensioners in the county of which 87 are 2 soldiers and 65 are widows of men who served the South during the war between the State. There are soldiers who are totally disabled and draw \$10 each month, one who draws \$50 twice a year, and 78 who receive \$30 semi-annually, 65 widows draw \$30 in December and \$30 in June, and 1 whose semi-annual check is for \$50. The total amount of confederation pensions which the state pays in this county is \$9310 a year.

With the Christmas check from the state goes the full-hearted love and wishes for a happy holiday season from the entire people of the State to those who are left with us of the brave defenders of our ideals and our State in '61 to '65.

WATER BONDS SOLD

Looking to the installation of an excellent supply of water and a sewerage system for the town the commissioners sold \$75,000 of water bonds and \$25,000 sewerage bonds at noon December 15. The ordinance authorizing the issuing of the bonds was passed some weeks ago, and the bid of Tucker-Robinson Company giving a premium of \$1600, being the highest bid made was accepted.

The plans for the water and sewerage system have been completed by Thomas A. Cox, Jr., engineer and the work will begin soon as possible. It is hoped that the work can be completed by the middle of the summer.

The water shed is one of the best in this country, the water coming from Black Rock and the high mountains surrounding it, and will insure an adequate supply of the best freestone water.

The minutes of the meeting follow:
Sylva, N. C., Dec. 15, 1919.

The Board of Commissioners was called to order by the Mayor with following officers present, Dan Tompkins, Mayor, C. Z. Candler, F. N. McLean, Geo. Panter, Claude Allison and T. O. Wilson, Commissioners.

It was moved by T. O. Wilson that the Board of Commissioners be called to order by the Mayor with following officers present, Dan Tompkins, Mayor, C. Z. Candler, F. N. McLean, Geo. Panter, Claude Allison and T. O. Wilson, Commissioners.

It was moved by T. O. Wilson that the Board of Commissioners be called to order by the Mayor with following officers present, Dan Tompkins, Mayor, C. Z. Candler, F. N. McLean, Geo. Panter, Claude Allison, Aye, T. O. Wilson, Aye. The vote being unanimous. There being no further business the board adjourned.

T. O. Wilson, Secretary.

We are requested to announce that a play will be given by Beta Graded School, Tuesday evening, Dec. 23, at 7:00 o'clock. Admission 15 and 30 cents.

WHITTIER RT. 1

Mr. Editor:—

If you will allow me space in your paper I will give you a few happenings from Olivet. The Olivet community club met at Olivet school house Dec. 6 9 A. M. 1 song by audience led by Prof. McHan. 2 prayer by President, 3 brief talks by C. E. Campbell on education taxation and other things of interest to the farmers. 4 talks by county Agent J. C. Brammer on corn and potatoe clubs. 5. A motion authorizing the president to write Mr. James M. Gray District Manager at Asheville in regard to retaining Mr. Brammer another year. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous in favor of Mr. Brammer. Adjourned to meet Dec. 20.

I think it can well be said that Mr. Brammer is like unto a little spark that kindleth a great fire. For by his untiring efforts he has kindled a great interest in both young and old of our community along agricultural and other progressive lines. Mr. Brammer reminds me of Abraham Lincoln because he is a great thinker and never speaks evil of any one.

The Olivet school is one that any community might well be proud of. Prof. McHan with his able assistants have the confidence of the patrons of the school as well as the citizens at large. The progress of the children is all that could be wished for. This with the fact that we have in Prof. Madison one of the best Co. Superintendants in the State is bound to make Olivet school become one of the best in the State.

R. J. Roane & Co. have recently placed a nice stock of goods in our midst. This with the nice line of merchandise carried by Mr. J. H. Reagan makes it unnecessary to leave Olivet to shop. Everything seems to have the progressive spirit.

JOHN N. LAMBERT

SPEEDWELL

I wish to state that the 75 Million Dollar Campaign is in full blast in Speedwell and is sure going to raise her quota. Speedwell is rather slow sometimes, but always sure and that is what counts. When we remember that we have about 600 orphan children in the Thomasville Orphanage to be cared for, why this alone should stir us to action, to say nothing of the other great purposes in this drive. Hope every church will respond to this call, in a way that will count. Any member of the church though he be as poor as a church mouse can give 10 cents a month, which is \$1.20 a year or \$6, in five years; and on a membership of 50 members would amount \$300. We don't need the money so much, as we need the will to give it. Lets do something this year, for next year we may be dead, and when one is dead, they are dead for a long time.

The people of this community are hard at work, trying to combat the high cost of living, and keep on the good side of the tax collector.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Bryson a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Garland Ashe a girl.

Royal Seago went over the top in France, he went over the top in the United States, when he and Mrs. Rhoda Bryson were joined together in the holy bonds of wedlock a few days ago.

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