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## EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE MORE SCHOOL TAX WANTED

Conference Meeting and Recommendations for Legislation.

Committees representing the East, Middle and West Tennessee Divisions of the Committee of One Hundred, appointed by the State Citizens' Conference on Education, met in Nashville a few days ago and adopted the following program of school legislation to be presented to the General Assembly.

1. That the coming General Assembly be requested to memorialize Congress for the passage of the Smith-Towner Bill now pending, and to take such legislative action as will qualify Tennessee to share in its provisions.

2. To amend Chapter III, Acts 1919, known as the 5c elementary school tax law, by making the following provision in regard to one-third of said tax:

One third a special equalization fund, for rural schools in counties having less than 140 days. No county shall be entitled to share in the distribution of this fund until such county shall have levied a tax for elementary schools equal to that levied by said county in 1919-20; provided, that no county shall share in said fund unless it provide a school term of six months.

3. To amend the Certification Law, Chapter 40, Acts 1913, by requiring applicants for teachers' certificates the following qualifications for eligibility to the examination for certificates:

For Elementary Certificates: After July 1, 1922, the completion of one year of high school work. After July 1, 1923, the completion of two years of high school work. After July 1, 1924, the completion of three years of high school work. After July 1, 1925, the completion of four years of high school work.

For High School Certificates: After July 1, 1922, completion of a four-year high school course. After July 1, 1923, completion of at least one year of college or normal school work. After July 1, 1924, completion of at least two years of college or normal school work.

Provided, that this amendment is not to be construed as interfering with any certificate now in force, or to exclude applicants for certificates from the examination in any county where high school opportunities for qualifying as above are not available.

4. A bill to provide one-half mill tax, the proceeds of the same to be distributed as follows:

\$400 each year to a county for each university or normal school graduate employed.

\$200 each year to a county for each high school graduate employed.

\$100 each year to a county for each teacher holding a first grade certificate, not included in the first two classes mentioned above.

Provided, if in any year, the fund arising from this tax is not sufficient for the distribution as provided above, the State Superintendent shall make a proportionate distribution.

5. To amend the laws in regard to county boards of education, by providing in each county one board of education to have control of all schools, elementary and high; said board to be composed of seven members, two from the county at large and one from each of the five school districts to be elected by the county court, one each year for a term of seven years. Providing also for the County Superintendent to be, ex officio, secretary of the board.

6. To amend the laws relative to County Superintendents:

(1) By providing for their election by the county boards, as above constituted, and to make their term of office four years.

(2) By guaranteeing a minimum salary of \$1500, of which \$750 is to be paid by the State.

(3) By requiring of all applicants for the position certificates granted by the State Board of Education:

(a) Without examination on the same conditions as required for the first class professional high school certificate.

(b) With examination to persons having completed two years of college or normal school work.

Provided, that nothing in such legislation shall be construed as revoking any certificate qualifying for

the position of County Superintendent now in force.

**HARRY S. BERRY,**  
Chairman.  
**J. W. BRISTER,**  
Secretary.

## SHOE MANUFACTURERS ANNOUNCE PRICE CUTS

Would Sell Spring Stocks and Keep Labor Employed.

St. Louis, Dec. 1.—Further reductions in the wholesale prices of certain styles of shoes will be announced by two local shoe dealers.

A general reduction of 10 per cent was made by the McElroy-Sloan Shoe Company, officials of that firm said.

The Brown Shoe Company had announced that men's calfskins were reduced from \$7.50 to \$5.60, enabling a retail reduction from \$11 and \$12 to \$8. Women's calfskins, the announcement added, were cut from \$6 to \$4.60 enabling the retail prices to decline from \$8 to \$6 or \$6.50. Workmen's shoes were cut to \$2.90 from \$3.85, which, it was said, would allow the retail price to fall from \$6 to \$4.

The plan is to keep factories operating by retailers making immediate purchases for spring trade. With factories working, employes would have wages to purchase merchandise, thereby benefiting the retailers, it was said.

## FIX COAL PRICE.

Special Session Kentucky Legislature Called for in Petition.

A petition with hundreds of names forwarded to Gov. Edwin P. Morrow requests him to call a special session of the Kentucky legislature for the purpose of regulating coal prices throughout the State.

The petition states that the signatories are aware that a special session of the legislature would be expensive to the State, but the coal prices now being charged are an even higher price, and that the price of coal in West Kentucky is out of proportion to the cost of production. The petition stated that coal is a necessity in all homes throughout the winter months and that its price and its distribution demand reasonable regulation at the hands of the State.

The petition asks that the governor call the assembly in special session for the purpose of enacting a law authorizing an appointment of a commission, along lines recently pursued by the State of Indiana, with full authority to regulate the production and sale of coal and to fix the maximum price at the mines and by retail at the yards, and to prohibit shipping of coal out of the State until local demands have been justified.

At the yards of local dealers coal is selling at a price of \$12.50 per ton, and dealers say they are not making more profit than is justly due them. —Hickman Courier.

## Residence Burned.

The residence of Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Palmer in Rives, formerly the Thorne home, was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 23d ult. Fire broke out about 10 o'clock. The warning was given by the whistle of a passing engine. The flames were already leaping from the front before Mrs. Palmer, who was at home in her room, was aware of the fire. The neighbors gathered, but before help was available the house and contents were in the wake of destruction. The property was partially covered by insurance. We tender our good friends our sincerest sympathy in this great loss.

## Pecan Crop Failure.

Hickman, Ky., Nov. 28.—The pecan crop in this section is almost a failure. It is generally a very large one, and while it is an uncutivated crop, in fact, an uncutivated crop until the nut season comes around, it is very often a very lucrative one for those who possess any trees at all. The shipments from Hickman are generally very large each fall. Hickory nuts and walnuts are plentiful.

## "Dollar Wheat" Is Predicted.

Pratt, Kan., Nov. 23.—"Dollar wheat" was predicted here to-day by J. D. Frisbie, manager of the Pratt Flour Mill.

"We might as well face the music," Frisbie said. "There is no need to hide the truth. Wheat is bound to go down and I believe it will touch the dollar mark."

Wheat touched a new low level in Southwestern Kansas when the Pratt market was quoted at \$1.30. Iuka, six miles from here had \$1.25 wheat

## AGRICULTURE IN TENNESSEE DEMONSTRATORS MEETING

Agricultural and Home Demonstration Agents Hold Annual Meeting.

All county agricultural and home demonstration agents and other agricultural extension workers of Tennessee held their sixth annual conference at the University of Tennessee November 22 to 27. In all, more than 100 of these "preachers" for better farming and better homes in Tennessee were in attendance. A splendid program, including lectures, demonstrations, and laboratory work was carried out. Speakers from the United States Department of Agriculture, other universities, and the teaching staff of the University of Tennessee addressed the agents, giving them new ideas and a broader vision of their work which will no doubt result in much benefit to the farm people of the State as the agents will put many of the ideas into practice during the coming year.

The object of this annual conference is to bring the agents together in a body, review the general progress of the work during the past year and formulate plans of work for the coming year, to familiarize them with new methods and experimental discoveries; to discuss questions that affect the general welfare of the work and to stimulate unity of effort in carrying out the program of the Division of Extension for the development of agriculture and rural life in Tennessee.

Reports from the agents from all parts of the State indicate that 1920 has been a most successful one for the work. These reports show that they have been of great service to the farmers and the farm women in many different ways. In performing their duties they traveled thousands of miles and reached in one way or another a half million people. They distributed more than 100,000 bulletins of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Division of Extension. Thousands of farmers were influenced to improve their methods of farming and to increase the fertility of their farms, which resulted in increased yields and profits. A greater interest in purebred livestock, especially in purebred sires, was created and resulted in purebreds replacing the scrub in scores of counties. They also helped the farmers to market cooperatively thousands of dollars worth of farm products at better prices than they would have received otherwise.

Some of the more noticeable effects on farmers, homes and family as resulting from the work of agents, is the building of better homes and barns; breeding of better livestock; attendance at fairs, short courses and farmers conventions; taking of more papers and magazines, purchasing of automobiles, improving roads, installing water and light systems and other modern conveniences in the home, and the providing of home amusements.

While in Knoxville several social events were held for the visiting agents. On Monday night they were entertained at Tennessee Hall by the Agricultural and Home Economics clubs of the university. Tuesday night was university night, which was a get-acquainted meeting of the university faculty and the agents. Wednesday night the East Tennessee Division Fair Association gave the agents a banquet at the Business Mens' Club. Thursday they attended the football game between the University of Tennessee and the University of Kentucky and on Friday night the regular annual banquet for extension workers was given at the White Springs Hotel. While more of the agents left Saturday night for their homes in the various counties, a number remained over to Sunday and accompanied a delegation of East Tennessee livestock breeders and others to the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago which opened Monday.

## Corn Club.

A fine report from Master Faris Smith, twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith, of the vicinity of Troy, was given last week to his former teacher, Mr. J. E. Cox. It was to the effect that the young man had cultivated and produced 65 bushels and 15 pounds of corn on a single acre of ground. Some farmer, that is, and a great man he may be if this work progresses as he grows to manhood and to middle age. Good for Faris.

## RIVES HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The two days allowed for the Thanksgiving holidays were enjoyed by all.

The Rives basket ball team was victorious in two games with Mason Hall last week—one at Rives on Wednesday, the other at Mason Hall Saturday.

E. W. Stovall and Bruce Hooper were enrolled in school Monday. Miss Heleu Skiles was absent from school Monday.

The boys are to play a match game of basket ball at Kenton Saturday. The high school pupils enjoyed the quarterly examinations very much last week.

The pupils of the intermediate department have bought a new basket ball and are practicing daily. Miss Ruby Skiles spent the week end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Skiles, at Kenton.

Dennis and Oliver Cates were absent from school Monday and Tuesday.

The programme given in Chapel Wednesday morning was very interesting.

On account of the cold weather, the school picnic was postponed. A play is to be given by the pupils before the Christmas holidays.

Little Miss Bonita Woody was absent from school Monday.

The literary society is to meet Friday. Public cordially invited.

We are glad that Miss May Hauser, who has been out of school for some time on account of illness, is reported to be very much better.

A little bird has told us that wedding bells are ringing for one of our former teachers.

**WADE MOSS, Chairman.**

## She Thought Twice.

Jane had been into the jam and her mother had suggested that she think twice before doing wrong again.

After the second offense she was asked if she remembered the advice which had been given her.

"Certainly, mother," she replied. "I did think twice. First I thought I wouldn't, and then I thought I would."

## Desired Result.

He hated having his photograph taken, but his wife indirectly had forced him to undergo the much-dreaded ordeal. When she saw the photograph she cried out in horror. "Oh, George; you have only one button on your coat!"

He—"Thank Heaven, you've noticed it at last. That's why I had the photograph taken.—Pearson's Weekly.

## THAT CHRISTMAS LIST.

YOUR Greeting Card list for Christmas this year will include not only the friends you are going to remember with a greeting Card, but those for whom you will be buying gifts as well, for don't forget that you will need another card to tuck into each package that you send.

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WE HAVE SUITABLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALL OF YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. IT DOES NOT TAKE A WHOLE PILE OF MONEY TO BUY YOUR GIFTS FROM US. COME IN.

## OUR HARDWARE WEARS.

Boys and Girls, save these Yellow Kid Ads. On December 24, we will give to the boy and girl under twelve years of age having the largest number of these ads, one \$10.00 rifle and one \$10.00 doll. Cut them all out and bring them to our store on December 24th.

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