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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Happy Springtime to each of you. Mother Nature is in full bloom. We have good programs for this year. I believe you will enjoy them.

On May 10, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. we will meet at the Shallotte Town Hall, Cheers Street in Shallotte, NC. Mr. Elwood Cheers will give us a review of the town of Shallotte for the past 100 years. Recently the town celebrated their centennial. Mr. Cheers compiled a book, "Shallotte Centennial Commemorative Book."

The August meeting will be at the Brunswick Electric Membership Building on Highway 17 near The Brunswick Hospital, Supply, NC. We are very grateful for their permission for us to meet there. Mike Edwards will speak on "The Fort Fisher Hermit." A nominating committee will be named to report at the November meeting. Officers will serve for the next three years.

One of our projects has been completed. Framed portraits of the state's only two governors from Brunswick County were presented to the Board of Commissioners in early March.

Our book project is coming along smoothly. Soon some of the first proofreading will begin. All reports are positive and it appears a first rate project will be produced. If you are interested in helping with project contact the President.

For the November meeting we need World War II veterans to participate in a panel discussion. This will be our way of being a part of the Wartime Wilmington Commemorative 1999. Also personal items and memorabilia will add to our meeting.

If you are interested in a project or a topic to be discussed let us know. The Directors can always use help in securing interesting programs for the Society.

Mark your calendar. Invite someone to come with you to the next meeting.

Lottie Ludlum, PRESIDENT

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DUES TIME: Look over the list above. If your name is not there you need to send dues of \$10.00 to Treasurer, BCHS, P.O. Box 874, Shallotte, NC 28459.

The NEWSLETTER editor is in need of an assistant to help with the publication. If you are interested in helping put the NEWSLETTER together or even taking over as editor, please contact Gwen Causey at P.O. Box 874, Shallotte, NC 28459.

Only eighteen left-- rolls of microfilm, that is. Last month we were able to donate four more rolls to the library at Brunswick Community College. If you are interested send \$34.00 to the Treasurer and a roll will be ordered in your name.

A new book by Chris Fonvielle, Jr. is on the bookstore shelves. "Fort Anderson Battle for Wilmington" is liberally sprinkled with period illustrations and photos, many of them never published before. Dr. Fonvielle competently covers the maneuvers that led up to the evacuation of Fort Anderson on the morning of February 19, 1865, and the capture of Confederate Wilmington just three days later.

SLAVE ANCESTRY INFORMATION AVAILABLE-- The International Society of Sons and Daughters of Slave Ancestry was organized to document and preserve slave genealogy for future generations. They wish to remember the past and not erase it or mourn it. The archival collection is housed at the Carter G. Woodson Library in Chicago, Illinois. A newsletter is published. Contact ISDSA, Chicago, IL 60643-6937. ISDSA@aol.com

COUNTY HOME

Since the beginning of the Brunswick Baptist Association the welfare and care of others has been at the center of its missionary work. In order to be successful in Home and Foreign Missions a firm foundation must be laid at the Associational level. One area of emphasis was the ministry to the County Home. There has always been a great deal of public sentiment toward the poor, the homeless and the incapacitated.

In December 1840 the Brunswick County Superior Court appointed a commission to "take into consideration the best mode of taking care of the poor of the county and to the expenses of building a poor house for that purpose." It is not known whether the county implemented steps immediately to secure a site and build such accommodations.

It is known that a "poor house" existed from the 1870's. In 1878 Elisha Sellers submitted a bill to the county for services rendered. The 1880 census had a Poor House entry eleven residents listed.

The old county home was located on the Old Georgetown Road (now Galloway Road) about half way between Bolivia and Supply. The site is about one half mile behind or West of the Brunswick Community College campus near the run of Clark's Branch in a large field referred to as the Coleman Field. It consisted of 50 acres of land, 11 of which were under fence and 4 buildings. Located to the East and on the same road was Shiloh Baptist Church.

The 1908 minutes of the Associational Meeting at Mt. Pisgah on October 15 had a report from the Executive Board which stated that they had decided to use the State Mission money in the bounds of our Association. This may have been used to pay preachers to preach at the county home or it could have been used to continue aid to Camp Branch and Little Zoar churches.

Meeting at Southport Church on October 12-14, 1909 the Executive Board reported on the first day that at their second meeting on the 27th of November they decided to use the State Mission money in the bounds of the Association and ordered that E.L. Swain be sent to the county home to preach to the inmates. At their fourth meeting E.L. Swain made a report of three trips to the county home for which he was paid \$15.00.

On October 14, 1909 it was ordered that a committee be appointed to report on supplying the county home with preaching. J.M. Long, I.W. Harrelson and G.F. Drew were appointed. They asked the Association to furnish the home with preaching at least once a month and recommended that J.O. Fulbright be selected to serve. The committee further suggested that each church in the Association take a liberal contribution to defray the expenses of Rev. Fulbright.

During the evening session on October 15, 1910 at Beulah Church a resolution was adopted to supply the county home with preaching monthly and that each church take two collections to defray expenses. A committee consisting of L.M. Todd, Y.C. Rich and A.P. Thomas was appointed to settle with Rev. J.O. Fulbright for preaching. He would be paid out of the Associational Mission funds. The statistical tables showed an amount of \$14.24 in this fund.

The 1911 Associational Meeting was held at Brunswick Church (Mill Creek) on October 12-15. At the evening session on the 14th it was ordered that the Associational Mission funds be used to defray expenses of supplying the county home with preaching. J.L. Jenkins, pastor of Southport Church, was employed to preach at the Home for the ensuing year at a salary of \$25.00 to be paid quarterly. The fund at that time had an amount of \$16.56. Again it was ordered that each church be asked to take a collection each month to help pay the expenses of Rev. Jenkins.

No other minutes mention the county home and in the 1912 minutes the Executive Board ordered that the Associational Mission fund be used to defray expenses of printing the minutes as there was a shortage in the minute fund.

The Brunswick I Association existed from 1886-1894. The 1893 meeting was held at Soldier Bay Church on October 27 and 28. The Executive Board recommended that all of the churches aid Shiloh Church in sustaining her pastor, as many of that church are paupers of the county, living at the home of the aged and infirmed of the county. The Finance Committee received \$1.80 for Associational Missions which was paid by the Treasurer to Rev. D.L. Hewett, pastor of Shiloh Church. The church paid him a salary of \$8.00.

Sometime after 1904 a new county home was built in Southport, NC.

During the 1950's and 1960's the county home was again served by the churches of the Association. Regular services of preaching and singing were held on Sunday afternoon. Churches were on a rotation system of visitation.

FEDERATION BULLETIN

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Useful Web Sites

The internet is a wonderful tool for doing research. While the researcher must carefully analyze the materials on the web to determine accuracy and authenticity, the number of libraries and archives providing primary source material by electronic means is constantly growing. Following are several web addresses that include information about the facility, and in some cases, primary source materials.

<http://metalab.unc.edu/reference/quickref.html>

This the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill library site. It contains several useful links. One such link is the

Documenting the American South site, which contains many primary sources related to the history of the South, including a number of slave narratives.

<http://www.lib.duke.edu>

This is the site for the Duke University libraries.

<http://www.lib.ecu.edu/>

Provides information about the East Carolina University libraries.

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/browsewww.html>

Many different history-related sites can be accessed from this web address.

<http://www.loc.gov>

The library of Congress web site.

<http://www.nara.gov>

This site contains prime documents from the U. S. government.

<http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.gov>

The Division of Archives and History site contains information about the programs of the division. Look under affiliates to find the listings for the Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies.

Shallotte, North Carolina
January 17, 1933

Mr. J. W. Ruark
Member of the House of Representatives
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Ruark:

Having ~~the~~ read the Budget Recommendations which propose to cut all salaries, I have had some thoughts on the matter and will pass them on to you in the hope they might be worth something.

I have hoped that it would be possible to avoid cutting the salaries of classroom teachers since their salaries are already low. I have just figured out the average salary paid a classroom teacher at Shallotte. It is \$ 85.07 per month. The principal's salary was excluded from this calculation. For an eight months term the salary is \$ 680.56, but in estimating the average teacher's income, we should remember that for the past two years the teachers have received only seven months pay; on that basis the average salary then for the year is \$ 595.49.

I notice the budget recommendation calls for a cut of 15% for principals and teachers. Don't you think that if the classroom teachers must be reduced that it would be better to make it only 10% and then give the principals twice that much? In other words the principals salaries can stand a much heavier cut than the teachers can.

Whatever is done I can see that the Legislature is faced with the problem of raising great sums of revenue. I have so often been reminded that I pay no tax worthy of the name and that teachers generally pay practically none that I want to suggest that instead of cutting salaries so heavily you tax teachers. I notice nothing in the budget report about individual income taxes. Here is a fruitful field and one in which we teachers can all do our share. Lower the brackets so that the average teacher will pay an income tax; allow only a \$ 500. exemption for a single person or make it lower. Then raise the rates. I think they could easily be doubled. It would be interesting to know how much revenue can be found in this way. Perhaps it would at least replace the loss of the 15% levy on property.

Take me for instance. Last year I believe my income tax was somewhat less than \$ 20.00. This year I think it will be about \$ 25.00. Now I would not "squawk" if you increase it by multiplying by four and make it \$ 100.00, and if I could get my eight salary checks as they come due I would not feel so badly treated if you do that in addition to giving me a 20% cut. I would feel better about that than I would to see a substantial cut in the average teacher's salary.

Then too I would hate to see a \$ 9.00 per month driver cut 22 % or a \$ 50.00 janitor or a \$ 55.00 mechanic cut so much. Again it would be better to apply the income tax which they would escape and wouldn't that prove that the burden should be borne elsewhere ?

Is a fellow out of order to even mention a luxury sales tax this time ? I can't see for the life of me why that would not be fair and just ? Right there you would reach such people as the truck drivers, mechanics, and janitor not to mention the teachers who buy all sorts of little luxuries such as fountain drinks, cosmetics, etc.

Back to the income tax once more. If you put it way up you not only let the teachers pay a tax but you get railroad clerks, clerks in stores, and thousands of salaried people everywhere. And who can object to it ? It is graduated and one only pays when he has earned.

Concerning the luxury sales taxes, I notice that Coolidge called them voluntary taxes. That's what they are and what is there against them except the lobbyists with their unlimited funds behind them. I notice that a sales tax of some kind has been the salvation of Mississippi's financial troubles.

Well, I sympathize with you and the other legislators, realizing that anyway one looks at it you have some hard problems to solve.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely

Reginald Turner

Shallotte School Faculty- Session 1932-33

Reginald Turner	Prin.HST
Frank M. Sasser	HST
Arita H. Sasser	HST
Mrs. S. T. Russ	HST
Henry C. Stone	GG
Eva B. Smith Stanley	GG
Mae Horne	GG
Versie Grissett	GG
Naomi R. Clemmons	GG
Christine Fields	GG
Annie Russ	GG
Cozey W. Hewette	GG
Martha Stallings	Prim
Frances L. Baker	Prim
Ethel T. Edwards	Prim
Mary S. Winstead	Prim
Katherine R. White	Prim
Mary Baxter Bell	Prim
Ottice Holden	Prim
Esther Riddle	Prim.
Lola DeV. Swain	Prim
Zelma Robinson	Prim

Mrs. Swain, Misses Holden and Robinson
are outlying teachers at present.

July 29

Business Directories gave information about each county in North Carolina. Included were county officials, Schools, Churches and Pastors, Lawyers, Merchants, Mill and Mill Owners, Physicians, Prominent Farmers, Etc.

1867-1868 Schools: Wayman Academy, Robeson.
Smithville Academy, Smithville, R.W. Cole, Principal

1869 Schools: Wayman's Academy, Robenson
Academy, Smithville, S.D. Thurston

1883-1884: Smithville, W. Scroggs

1884: Smithville, J.W. Scroggs
Attendance: White 35, Colored 14
Teachers: J.W. Scroggs, Sarah P. Tharpe, William A. Whitehurst

1896 Schools: High School, Southport, Miss Webb, Principal
Institute, Southport, Prof. Crichton
Preparatory School, Shallotte, George Leonard, Principal
Attendance in Public Schools: White 40, Colored 21
Teachers: J.N. Bennett, A.B. Drew, Miss Lydia Fountain, E.B. Galloway, Forney Gore, B.F. Gore, G.C. Grimes, Beaty Hewett, Mrs. Ida Jenrett, Issac Jenrett, John Jenrett, Lee Kirby, Willie Kirby, C.N. Leonard, R.F. Lewis, W.O. McKeithan, J.C. Mintz, Miss Bettie Moore, Miss Ada Moore, E.M. Parker, Peter Rourk, Miss Gussie Ruark, Miss A.F. Sellers, J.A. Stanly, Miss Elneda Stone, Miss Amanda Swain, R.N. Swain, Miss Adda Turner, T.L. Vines, Miss Sadie Weeks, Mrs. Mary Willetts, Miss Carrie Wilson, John Worthington

OLD NEWSPAPER ITEM

August 16, 1924, SHALLOTTE WEEKLY, Vol 1

A competent corps of teachers has been secured for the Shallotte public school this year, which is expected to open September 1. Mrs. J.E. Connely of Prosperity, SC has been selected principal; Mrs. Katie White, primary; and Mrs. Ida Parker, intermediate, both of Shallotte. All are experienced teachers and it is hoped to have one of the best terms we have had in Shallotte.

SCHOOL NEWS--1935

Reginald Turner named to serve as principal again. High School faculty: John J. Garrett, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Mrs. Ruth Warren; Grammar grades: H.C. Stone, Miss Catherine Chadwick, Mrs. Cozy W. Hewett, Miss Marion Watson, Mrs. Mae Horne Russ, Mrs. Beatrice Bennett Sabiston, Miss Alma Joyner, Miss Annie Russ; Primary teachers: Miss Sidney McMillan, Miss Esther Riddle, Miss Katherine R. White, Miss Ethel T. Edwards, Miss Mary S. Winstead, Miss Otlice Holden, Miss Frances Baker, Miss Brightie Holden, Miss Susie Kate Swain.

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MAY, 1949--SHALLOTTE HIGH STUDENTS ON STRIKE--There was a mass demonstration on the part of the students of the upper grades who marched from their classrooms and away from the campus through the streets of Shallotte. Several hundred participated, no evidence of disorder, many bore banners calling for the re-election of the only principal who had served the school since they entered the first grade. The principal was Henry C. Stone.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK

Be it remembered that the County Commissioners of and for Brunswick County met this 11th day of March A.D. and organized the Board of Education as prescribed in the School Laws of the State of North Carolina ratified the 12th day of February A.D. 1872.

Present: R.W. Woodside, Chairman
Thomas G. Drew
Edward W. Taylor
William Watters

The board then proceeded to the transaction of business

Ordered that F.W. Mills teacher at Town Creek be paid one hundred and twenty five dolla

Ordered that E. Mears teacher at Shallotte be paid one hundred and sixty dollars

Ordered that B.H. Piggott teacher at Shallotte be paid one hundred and twenty five doll

Ordered that B.L. Butler teacher at Waccamaw be paid one hundred dollars

Ordered that M.N. Farmer teacher at North West be paid one hundred and twenty dollars

Ordered that Miss Kate Stewart teacher at Smithville be paid one hundred dollars

Ordered that Mrs. E. Morse teacher at Smithville be paid eighty dollars

Ordered that A.A. Edwards teacher at Lockwood Folly be paid seventy five dollars

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS

George Leonard 1884-1886
John N. Bennett 1886-1888
George Leonard 1888
R.V. Leonard 1889
John N. Mintz 1901-1904
George Bellamy 1904
James H. Swain 1904
John L. Simmons 1904
John H. Swain 1905
George Bellamy 1905
Howard C. Curtis
George H. Bellamy 1910
M.C. Guthrie 1910-1922
B.R. Page 1922-1928
R.E. Sentelle 1928-1935
Annie Mae Woodside 1935-1947
J.T. Denning 1947-1953
Henry Stone 1953-1957
J.G. Long 1957
Woodrow Taylor
William Williams

George Williams
Ralph King
Ben Brooks
Vestal Yarbrough
John Kaufhold
P.R. Hankins
Ralph Johnston
John Jones
Marion Wise

State of North Carolina,

Brunswick County, Oct. 1st, 1873.

To the Register of Deeds:

The Board of Examiners of *Brunswick* County report according to Section 15 School Law, the names and number of teachers to whom they have given certificates during the year ending October 1st, 1873.

WHITE TEACHERS.

No. of Males, - - -8.
No. of Females, - - -1.

COLORED TEACHERS.

No. of Males, - - -3.
No. of Females, - - -

The following are the names of teachers to whom certificates have been granted:

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| <i>Joseph B. Marble</i> | <i>John W. Davis</i> |
| <i>E. C. P. P. P.</i> | <i>Linus Morris</i> |
| <i>Asa Ross</i> | <i>Geo. Simmons</i> |
| <i>John N. Bennett</i> | |
| <i>Mr. Carroll B. Gause</i> | |
| <i>James M. King</i> | |
| <i>Geo. N. Hill</i> | |
| <i>Jonathan Bennett</i> | |
| <i>Miss. Kate Stuart</i> | |