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## EVAN'S ST. SCHOOL DESTROYED BY FIRE

### NEW REPUBLIC STARTS CONTEST

Offering Prize to Student Who  
Writes Best Essay on "What  
College Might Be."

As a result of a recent controversy in the magazines over who should go to college, and who should not, the New Republic is offering a first prize of a hundred dollars and a second prize of seventy-five to the college student or younger college graduate who writes the best essay not exceeding two thousand words on "College As It Might Be."

This contest is being put on in an effort to find out the student's opinions about higher education and the college man. At present the opinion held by some educators is that everybody should be given a college education and by others that only one half of one percent should go to college.

The contest is open only to members of the college classes from 1926-1930. Papers must be addressed to College Essay Editor care of the New Republic. The contest will close April 1 and the winning papers will be published before the present academic year is over.—Exchange.

### MR. HOLLAR SPEAKS AT Y. W.

We were very glad to have Mr. Hollar, one of our faculty members speak to us Friday evening.

The subject was "An Early Set to which My Parents Belonged." In this talk, Mr. Hollar told us of the many differences of the church to which his parents were members. At present the church is known as the German Folk. About two centuries ago it was called the Church of Brethren or German Baptist, and nicknamed "Dunkards or Dippers."

This organization was founded 1708 in Swartzenan, Germany. This was nearly two centuries after the Lutheran religion had been established. At this time Andrew Mack and several others banded together to form a new sect, for it had become fashioned to form new organizations.

Andrew Mack and the band thought the Lutherans too liberal with literal interpretations of the scriptures.

When this organization had been formed, they were compelled to flee from Germany; so they went to Holland. They stayed in Holland for only a few years. Between 1719 and 1729 the "Dunkards" came to America and settled at Germantown, Pennsylvania. In 1909 there were about 100 scattered over the United States. Now they are found in eleven states, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Nebraska, and North Dakota.

Here are some of their peculiar tenets:  
Baptism—true immersion; Love Feast—Communion (literal Plain clothes—no jewelry; Run Folk—Unpaid Ministers; No oaking; No fighting; no lawsuits; women and men vote equally a conference (cocal); no participation in election; no musical instruments in churches and preferably in homes no high education except in own colleges.

Today one can find these colleges established by the "Dunkards" at Huntington, Pennsylvania; McPherson, Kansas; Bridgewater, Virginia; Manchester, Indiana; Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania; Union Bridge, Maryland.

All these peculiar tenets largely concerned the "Dunkards" until about ten years ago. Now they are breaking away from some of these rules. They have been some men of high educational rank from this organization but still some of these rules are keeping the

### Loss of \$65,000.00 Partly Covered By Insurance

Building Was Erected In 1903 And  
Was One of Most Modern In  
State At That Time

The Evans Street school building, the oldest building in Greenville's public school system, was completely destroyed by fire Monday of last week. The fire which started in the basement of the building continued to rage from early morning throughout the greater portion of the day despite the frantic efforts of the city fire department to gain control of the blaze. It is believed that the flames started from a possible defect in the wiring system, or from a defective flue. However, the origin of the fire could not be definitely determined because of the headway which the flames had gained when it was discovered.

The fire was discovered by the principal, Miss Louise Galphin, shortly after school had convened for the day, and the alarm was immediately sent to the different rooms. Four hundred children were in the building at the time, but within forty-five seconds the entire student body had been removed from the building. Most of the children were unaware of the fact that a fire was raging in the basement of the building until they were out of the building, and thought that it was merely a fire drill which has become a common practice in the public school system.

Very few of the children, however, carried any of their personal belongings with them when they left the building, and consequently a large number of books, and personal belongings of the students were devoured by the flames.

The public school library, consisting of several hundred volumes of reference books, fiction, and literature, was totally destroyed. This part of the equipment was a severe loss, as the problem of building an up to date library requires considerable time and effort on the part of the individuals sponsoring the library effort. It is understood that this library was started a number of years ago by the local woman's club, and had achieved considerable size before it was turned over to the city public school system. This part of the equipment alone was valued at thousands of dollars.

It is reported that the school board will replace all the text books belonging to the children who were in the building at the time of the fire, and did not have sufficient time to take their books with them when the alarm was sounded. A large number of the children who lost their coats, hats, and wearing apparel, and who have coats etc., have offered to the coats belonging to the less fortunate. Inquires regarding the placement of these articles were made to Prof. J. H. Rose, superintendent of the Greenville P. Schools.

A remarkable feature of the loss of the city school board providing quarters for the children and in continuing the teaching program with as little interruption as possible was evidenced in the announcement made late Monday evening that school would begin its regular opening time the following morning. Preparations were made immediately by utilizing the annex and basement in the Model School on Cotanche Street, and some spare space in the High School Building. (Continued On Page Four)



East Carolina Teachers College girls and the people of the surrounding part of the state are anticipating with much pleasure the extraordinary attraction, Ruth St. Denis Ted Shawn, and their Denishawn Dancers, who will appear here on Wednesday evening, January 30th.

America has turned out but a single great male dancer—Ted Shawn. He ranks with the greatest in the world now. It is interesting to note why Mr. Shawn began the study of dancing after an attack of diphtheria, he became paralyzed and to help him regain the use of his legs, his physician suggested that he study dancing. He had no thought of continuing his lessons further, having chosen rather to be a minister, but, having attended a performance given by Miss St. Denis, he soon joined her company and later they were married.

One outstanding feature of the program will be the duet "Josephine and Hippolyte," in which the two stars will appear. Especial interest is lent to this number by the fact that the jewels worn by Miss St. Denis at one time actually belonged to the Empress Josephine. Furthermore, they were a gift from Napoleon.

Mr. Shawn has spent a great deal of time searching in order that his dances from foreign countries shall be absolutely authentic and representative. Miss St. Denis won her unique position in the world of art through her interpretations of Oriental themes.

The New York Telegram remarks "A Denishawn program is as good as a trip around the world. Like Puck they put a girdle around the earth. They began at the edge of



the sea, they touched Central Europe, on to Cashmere, to old Nippon, back to Seville, concluding the exciting journey with a visit to ancient Babylon. And all this was undertaken with the infectious spirit of youth."

The costumes are gorgeously beautiful and at the same time absolutely authentic. All of the costumes to be shown here were either purchased in the country which they represent, or copied from priceless museum pieces.

China will be represented by its beautiful silks, fascinating jewelry and embroideries, Japan, by marvelous kimono of gorgeous color and design, India, by the wares of the bazar, including hand-wrought jewelry, brocade of gold and silver, Java by marvelous batiks and vivid slippers.

Musik will form a highly essential background to the program of dances. This company has been enthusiastically received everywhere at Hyderabad in British India, the ruler not only came but brought his eighteen wives and fifty-six of his children.

Miss St. Denis and Mr. Shawn will be assisted by a group of most highly gifted solo dancers who in addition to solo work will take part in several ensembles.

The date for Godfrey Ludlow, the Australian violinist, is March 22nd. This is the only date that was unsettled when the series of winter and spring entertainments was announced.

## ALUMNUS OF OUR BROTHER COLLEGE ELECTED GOVERNOR OF THE STATE

### O. MAX GARDNER NOW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF N. C.

The marching lines of militia, the thronged sidewalks, applauding hands, and a grey sky ushered into office January 11th, North Carolina's new Chief Executive, O. Max Gardner, Shelby, duly elected by the people of the State as their servant for four years, and proudly acclaimed by his Alma Mater, State College.

Chief Justice, W. P. Stacy, of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, administered the oath of office to Governor-elect after he had been escorted to the crowded city store on Fayetteville Street.

gratitude as he extolled the advantages of education to the children of the industrial, agricultural, and commercial interests of the State.

Other officers of the State of North Carolina were sworn in, before the Governor took his oath, by Associate Justice Brogden, Connor, and Adams of the State Supreme Court. After adjournment of the joint meeting of the two houses of the Legislature, the gubernatorial party repaired to a reviewing stand in front of Gilmer's Store on Fayetteville Street.

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## VALUABLE PAPERS GO UP IN FLAMES

### The University Suffers Loss By Fire At Kittrell

Around 10,000 Volumes Which Had  
Been in the Process of Collec-  
tion Since 1870 Are En-  
tirely Destroyed.

The University suffered a distinct loss with the burning of the old Blacknell home at Kittrell last Thursday evening, for there went up in the flames a library containing between 5,000 and 10,000 volumes which had been in process of collection since 1870, and which Shields Blacknell, the present owner, had planned to donate to the University.

The collection contained many rare old volumes, the like of which the University is especially desirous of obtaining. In fact, it was to this very type of material Dr. J. G. deR. Hamilton of the University referred when he spoke before the Raleigh book clubs last month. In his talk he asked his audience to aid him in locating and collecting the material, reminding them that such books and pamphlets are being daily burned, destroyed by rats, or carried to the ash heap.

Immediately after the fire Mr. Blacknell expressed his regret that he had not already had the collection delivered to the University, as had long intended to do.—Exchange.

### RADIO PROGRAM FOR CLASS OF '30

Elizabeth Beavens proved an unusual radio director and announcer Saturday night when she presented all the members of the class of '30 with a radio that they might tune in and hear the program given by famous members of their class from station E. C. T. C. The program consisted of a piano solo by Madame Sacronoff, nee Janie Ewing; a reading by Mary Credle; a violin solo by Katie Patrick.

It was real disappointing to hear that several people could not take part on the program. The Mayo twins had a contract in Paris. Kay Lee Cloining, Governor of Kalamazoo, was ill with flu. Mildred Sasser of the Metropolitan Opera Company had had her tonsils removed. However all sent greetings to the class.

When all the radios were turned off, the Juniors gathered around the fireside for a chat and some delicious marshmallows to toast over the coals. The class decided to give a program in the Y. W. C. A. hut the second Friday night in February.

### MR. LILLYCROP SPEAKS AT Y. W.

Mr. Lillycrop of the Episcopal Church spoke to the Y. W. C. A. Sunday evening, January 13. This is the third time Mr. Lillycrop

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TO THE AMERICAN BOY  
By M. L. Wright

I take off my hat to the American boy—dirty, filthy, grimy—of the earth, earthy. He is the composite of the wildcat and the dove, the lion and the lamb. He is the autocrat at the breakfast table, the dinner table, and the supper table.

He is a walking encyclopedia of family secrets, thumb-indexed and automatic. He relates without prejudice or personal bias. You can't stop him. He talks right on.

He runs with the gang. He plays hookey to follow the parade. He is full of adventure. He is a hero worshiper. His interests center around things and men in action. He is the pride of his mother, the terror of his big sisters, and the hope of the future.

He carries the destinies of the future up his sleeve and wears the purpose of the race on his countenance. He will make and unmake empires and kingdoms to his liking. He will build the future after his own ideals.

You can't discourage him, for he has the courage of his convictions. You can't befuddle him, for he does his own thinking. You can't gainsay him, for he knows and knows that he knows. He carries the wealth of the Nation in his pocket.

Go easy with him. Be patient. He is a man in the cocoon. He may be a plodder or a genius—one is as important as the other. He may be a pauper, or prince, or a president. I take off my hat to the American boy. Who knows but destiny has picked him for a winner?



TILLIE TRIPLICATE

TILLIE SAYS:

Dancing "is my weakness now"—I am just living for the Denishawn Performance.

TILLIE TRIPLICATE

Girls, I'm all pepped up over everything that's happening these days. The Duke dances about the first of February, and then the Denishawn Dancers that are coming next week, January 30.

I haven't decided to spend a week-end at home soon, but I've got to go. I live too near Duke to miss anything as interesting as some of those dances. Day before yesterday, I got the cutest invite from a little "Blue Devil," announcing a warm reception to be given at the "fiery furnace" of a certain "Frat" House.

I chased myself down to Ellington's and bought a darling acknowledgement-or-reassurance-card that I'd be there. It was shaped like a little devil-sort of like those on Red Devil Lye cans—I brought him home and tinted him the nicest blue-devil blue, and then trusted him to Uncle Sam to be delivered safely.

While upstreet, or down street, I made an amazing discovery for myself—hats at Bloom's selling at one's own price almost. I had bought a dress at Penny's for \$9.90 that was made for that darling come-and-get-me hat on which Mr. Bloom had a tag marked "sold." My heart sank through my diaphragm. Mr. Bloom, noting my crest fallen appearance, came forward and, in reassuring tones announced that he had saved something just for me. Guess what! He gallantly presented the nifty little turban that had been sold to me unawares. He knew the style I liked and had saved it for me. Isn't he as adorable as Apollo?

I usually go in every few days to look things over, but I've made so many visits to Dr. Schultz, Dr. Massey, and Dr. Spence that I haven't shopped much. I can't decide which dentist I like best so I'm letting all three fix up my permanent plate. They're all so painless. Talk about doctors! I've never seen a more charming person than Dr. Johnson. I fell before she wants to so in

right down to Miss Mayo's and she fixed it for me.

I went down town Tuesday and got a darling sport sweater at Williamson's Dress shop and a skirt at Abeyounis' store. I'm going back as soon as possible and get a couple of those adorable dresses—two for fifteen dollars. My hats for those dresses are coming from Montgomery-Lane Hat Shop.

I had just been trying hats at the last mentioned place when I noticed my saleratus-biscuit complexion. I didn't waste many minutes going to the Cinderella Beauty Parlor to get fixed up a little, 'cause I did have a date that night. All the girls admired the freshened appearance—my face's.

This afternoon I had that provoking wave of mine set at the De Luxe.

Before I stopped at the Candy Palace to get a delicious hot fudge sundae, I called on Mrs. Parkerson to set a date for our class to have a party there. She specializes in preparing meals for parties and banquets. That reminds me! We went to Denton's recently and had the best fried oyster supper—and accessories—price two bits.

I met a friend of mine who took me into Tolar's to help her select a gift for her mother. She selected a lovely brooch for this birthday gift. That wasn't all, she went down to Baker's and had a picture made for the mater whom she had not seen for four years. A good example for us to remember when Mother's Day comes. She was getting ready to have a bridge party, and she persuaded me to help her select invitations at Rouse's and Renfrew's printing companies.

How that girl did walk me! I believe we walked ten miles! Now I understand why the people at Good Year Shoe Repair Shop know her so well. They'll not starve as long as she hooofs around the streets of Greenville.

I was so exhausted that I had to stop by the Greenville Cafe and get refueled before attempting to walk down Fifth Street.

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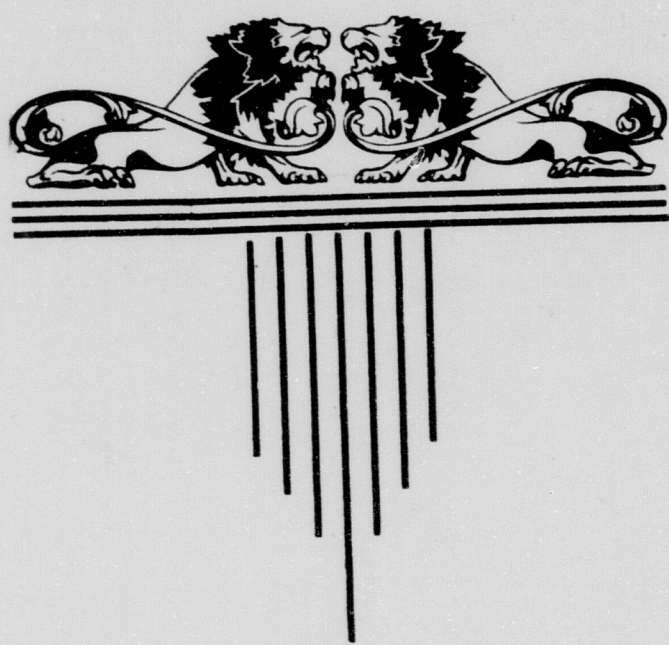
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Miss Elizabeth Rose Taylor '26 of Weldon, N. C. and Mr. William C. Manning of Oak City, N. C. were married Sunday, December 30, 1928 in the Baptist Parsonage of Hamilton, N. C. Miss Taylor has been teaching in the Oak City School for the past two years.

### BECKWITH GIFT FUND

The following donations have been received for the Beckwith Gift Fund:

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Summer Chapter of Alumnae |         |
| 1928                      | \$24.67 |
| Miss Fannie Aldridge      | 1.00    |
| Miss Vivian Jenkins       | 1.00    |
| Miss Sneed Leeson         | 5.00    |
| Mrs. Sam Leeson           | 5.00    |
| Total                     | \$36.67 |

### RALEIGH CHAPTER MEETS

Mrs. Marcus Channey was hostess to the January meeting of the East Carolina Teachers College Alumnae at her home, 1819 Glenwood Avenue.

Following the meeting plans were made for a benefit bridge tournament which will be held at the Woman's Club around the first of February, the specific date to be announced later.

Tea was served after the discussions.

### THE S. O. S.

Mr. G. D. Thomas of Snow Hill was to be our speaker at Y. W. Sunday evening, January 20, but due to his having influenza he was unable to come. Mr. Lillycrop, who is always ready and anxious to serve us at any time, kindly answered our S. O. S. We feel that we are imposing on him by calling on him upon such short notice; but he always seems so glad to come over, and we all enjoy hearing him so much that we find it easy to ask him repeatedly.

This evening he gave us a very beautiful interpretation of "S. O. S." The first S stands for self; O for our responsibility to others; and the second S for Savior. Before a ship leaves the harbor, the captain is always sure that he can send out an S. O. S. We, who are going out as teachers, should be sure that we, too, know how to send and receive an S. O. S. By the use of many beautiful illustrations, he brought us a very interesting message. We always enjoy hearing Mr. Lillycrop and appreciate his coming very much.

### Late in Starting

A man walking along a country road found an Irishman perched upon a signpost pointing north, with the inscription: "This will take you to Malvern."

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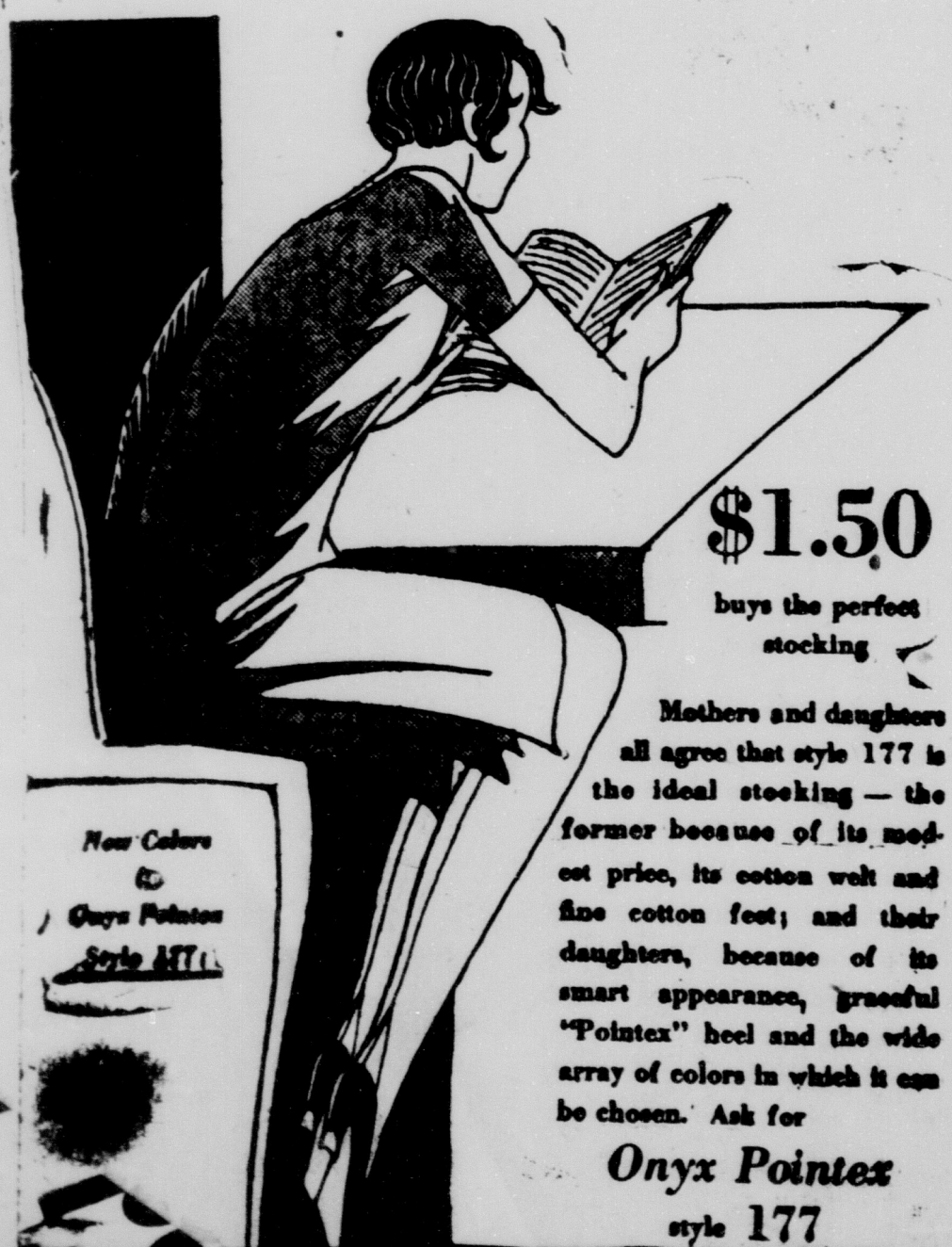
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## ALUMNAE

Miss Mary Emma Bryan '26 of Pollockville, N. C. is teaching second grade in the Trenton School this year. This is her first year teaching. She has been working in the Post Office at her home since she finished school.

Miss Mary Louise Butler '27 of Falcon, N. C. is teaching seventh grade in Trenton, N. C.

Miss Hattie Paul of Aurora, N. C. is also teaching in Trenton this year. She has charge of the fourth grade.

Miss Margaret Butt '28 is teaching first grade in the Moss Hill School this year.

Miss Hilda Robbins '27 of Washington, N. C. is teaching first grade in Lowell, N. C.

Miss Maude Poole of Raeford, N. C. is teaching public school music in Lowell, N. C. This is Miss Poole's fourth year in the Lowell School.

Miss Grace Cloninger of Newton, N. C. is teaching in Lowell, too. She has charge of one of the first grades there.

Miss Lucy Nulton, one of the critic teachers at the Training School, and who is very interested in work of this kind, was elected faculty adviser. With her help, the council hopes to do much that will be worthwhile during the remaining year.

On Tuesday evening, January 15 the Elementary Education Council held its first meeting of the winter term. The chief business was the election of officers for the winter quarter. The following officers were elected: President, Jessie Tharpe; ice president, Julia Cogdell; Secretary and treasurer, Jeanette Sessoms; Teacoon Representative, Janie G. Hardee; Teco Echo Reporter, Emily Smithwick; Chairman of program committee, Julia Minor Wood.

Miss Estelle Greene of Greenville is taking work at the College this term. She has a substitute teacher in her place now, but at the close of the winter quarter she will continue her work as teacher in the Greenville City Schools.

Miss Julia M. Taylor '21 is working with The Child Welfare Association of Albion, N. Y. In a letter to Miss Graham, she gives the following account of her work, which is very interesting:

"I have been here in Orleans County since last May. I came from New York City here after a vacation in Boston and Maine. The County work is much less confining than the City work. Even though I was employed in New York my work took me out into the various states of the New England and Middle Atlantic groups. My experience there was a wonderful one for me.

I live in the Presbyterian Minister's home here. The Manse is a lovely, large brick house and his family is lovely. We are located thirty-five miles west of Rochester and fifty-four miles east of Buffalo. We have had plenty of snow since last Thursday night and zero weather. The cold winds from Lake Ontario blow over us. The County borders the lake and Albion is only nine miles from the lake shore. The summer season is fine for work and the cold does not pinch so much. I have become somewhat used to it now.

My County work is very interesting and it keeps me busy. We have about one hundred fifty cases under supervision in the county and in these there are three hundred fifty children. During the past year we had dealings with two hundred ninety-four families and four hundred eight children. Conditions and circumstances change and few are under our supervision over a long period of time. The work of a children's agent is primarily that of seeking. I adjust difficulties in the lives of the county's dependent, neglected, defective, and delinquent children. I investigate the social, moral, mental and financial as well as physical circumstances of the parents and relatives of every child for whom application is made for commitment as a public charge. I assist the County Judge with the children's court cases in matters involving the welfare of children; assist the county board of Child Welfare in making investigations of widows in need of financial aid. We have twenty mothers who are enabled to

keep their seventy children with them through county aid. I supervise the expenditure of money intrusted to them. I also assist in returning to their own homes children supported at public expense, when the families of such children become financially able and morally fit to care for them; assist in collecting money from parents or relatives toward care of children whom they are unable to care for in their own homes; and assist in securing suitable homes for children who are available for adoption.

The different kinds of things to be done are manifold, but that makes the job interesting, and too, I am dealing at all times with human beings. There is nothing more fascinating than to see the various personalities develop and change under good conditions and wholesome environment."

### ROANOKE RAPIDS

#### ALUMNAE MEET

The Roanoke Rapids Chapter of the East Carolina Teachers College held its regular meeting Tuesday night, January 15, at the home of Mrs. R. L. Tows.

The rooms were very attractively decorated with pot plants and pines. During the business hour the president reported that the club made thirty-four dollars by sponsoring the picture, "The Street Angel." The money which the club makes during the year is to be sent back to the College to be used for a scholarship fund.

At the close of the business meeting, a social hour was enjoyed, during which the hostess assisted by Miss Virginia Blount, served a delicious salad course.

M. Caldwell, Reporter

### Governor Gardner

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on Fifth Street. The dispatch with which this matter was handled denotes unusual alacrity and work on the part of the officials of the school board. The children only lost one day of school.

The building was conservatively valued at approximately sixty-thousand dollars, and carried insurance policies totaling forty-five thousand dollars.

Evans Street School building was erected in 1903, and represented the most modern and up to date educational plant in this section of the state at that time. It was thoroughly modern in every respect and contained the latest fixtures obtainable in interior school equipment. There was however, considerable wood in the interior. The exterior was composed of brick, but at the time of erection twenty-five years ago, modern fire proofing methods were not in use. It was because of the type of construction that the fire gained headway so rapidly, the flames crept up between the partitions in the building, and remained hidden until they would burn through.

Much effort on the part of the firemen was confined to nearby buildings in an endeavor to keep nearby buildings from catching from the blaze. Every effort was made by the fire department that could have been made under the circumstances. They were compelled to fight the fire from behind its base rather than before it, and did not have an opportunity to climb above the fire because of the uncertain conditions of the wooden structure of the interior of the building.

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