**MERLE COONS - School** 

Source: Darlington Herald 30 March 1917

Mrele Coons, of New Market who recently resigned the superindency of the Wingate schools will be the superintendent of the Darlington schools next year. H.A. Kesler, the present head of the schools, who has been here 3 years has handed in his resignation to take effect the first of May. For some little time there has been a lack of harmony in the Darlington schools and it is thought that the change will work for the betterment of all concerned.

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Much surprise was evinced by school people throughout the county by the resignation of several teachers recently. Lawrence Guess and Virgil Tomlinson resigned from the Ladoga HS and Merle Coons, Hazel Stifel, Martha Leard, Ancil Lafollette and Maude Williams from Wingate. Such wholesale resignations so near the end of the term are quite unusual. Friction in school seemed to be the cause in each case. Substitutes have been secured to finish the term.