EARLY NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY

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Numerous requests have Company which successfully reached the Editor of Publications, State Department of Agriculture, for materials concerning the early history of North Carolina. As many of these requests have come from students living on farms, the folsuggestion that it be filed away for future use:

North Carolina is inseparably connected with Sir Walter Raleigh and the beginnings of the English Empire in the New World. Raleigh formulated his plans for exploration and settle-ment in 1584 and sent out Philip Armadas and Arthur Barlow in that year. July 4, 1584, they landed on what is now Roanoke Island and took possession of the new land in the name of Elizabeth. Their explorations in this vicnity lasted two months. They made friends with the natives, received glowing impressions of the land and the people, and, taking two natives, Manteo and Wanchese, back with them, gave Elizabeth the new Empire, named Virginia, Queen. Raleigh immediately prepared

men under Ralph Lane. This expedition landed on Roanoke unable to hold their grants to creased as follows:

Island, July 26, 1585. Lane's experience was the exact opposite of that of Amadas and Barlow. He incurred the enmity of the Indians, and thus cut off his most important source of food. He spent his time searching for gold, and thus entered a hard winter without raising provisions. The result was death to the larger portion of his party and discouragement to the remainder. They abandoned the colony in 1586, and returned to England with Sir Francis Drake who came by at that time. Just after Lane had gone Sir Richard Greenville came with supplies and reinforcements. In order to hold the position he left a post of fifteen men. These have never been heard from since. Though disastrous as an attempt at permanent settlement, Lane's efforts produced the following recial unit.

commander of the fleet which brought them over treacherous-Colony, and particularly about to unjust government. SomeVirginia Dare, born August 18,
1587, before White left his colony, the first English child born in the new world.

To unjust government. Someto unjust government. Somethe unfortunate drive Lord Dunsmore
Virginia in 1775-1776.

War of the Regulation, they were divided against themselves.

Charleston. Her militia

however, lived on in the London dians, maintained their stand- Germantown and Monmouth,

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settled Jamestown in 1607.

there was a small settlement at the mouth of the Chowan lowing sketch is given, with River. Though at first an integral part of Virginia, this setthe southern boundary of Virginia and Florida on the south, and from the Atlantic on the east to as far west as land went in the New World. The Lords Proprietors had many theories about the best way to settled their grants. They planned to set up at least eight separate the southern boundary of Virset up at least eight separate governmental units. But the course of history was otherwise. Around Albemarie grew a body first authentic tidings of her of people that eventually benew Empire, named Virginia, came North Carolina. Around a in honor of her, the Virgin settlement made on the Ashley and Cooper rivers grew South a colonizing expedition of 108 eventually grew Georgia. The Lords Proprietors were

Parliament. South Carolina revolted from them in 1715, and they sold North Carolina to the King in 1729. There is much interesting history concerning the fixation of the present boundaries of North Carolina, but there is not space enough to give it in this article!

The Indians of this section were great Yemmassee conspiracy. cionary. Nine hundred thousand ed a menace for years, and the to have gone out from North description of the country and powerful Cherokee Indians har-Carolina. assed the colony until after the description of the country and assed the colony until after the natives by Hariot and Revolution. The colony had no der the Proprietors and Kings 1860 this road extended from White; the introduction of tobacco, the Irish potato, and Indian corn into Europe; the conclusion that the Eastern coast
land. Virginia harassed the colland. of North Carolina was not suit ony by unfair law relating to early rebellions under Durant lines uniting the State socially, able for settlement; and the the use of her ports and tobacco and his associates around 1670 politically and economically. conclusion that the next colony markets, by encouraging a band were successful battles for the Population and wealth increased the beautiful lawn. should be an economic and so of Meherrin Indians to prey on same principles that animated by bounds. it and by disputing the juris- the patriots of the Revolution Raleigh immediately fitted out diction of North Carolina over a in 1776. In 1776 the people opanother colony of men. women large territory along the northenly by force of arms prevented and children, equipped with ern boundary. These disputes the operation of the Stamp such cattle and implements as continued until North Carolina Act. August 25, 1774, the peowere necessary to begin farm- became a royal colony in 1729. ple, in open defiance of the roying. The colony, under John The Lords Proprietors interest- al government, held a conven-White, was instructed to settle ed themselves solely in making tion at New Bern to formulate on Chesapeake Bay. But the money, and never established a plans of resistance and to elect stable government. The result delegates to the Continent ly set this colony down to Roa- lions, fev schools, churches, at Moore's Creek Bridge they individuals against the possible noke Island, too. There they roads, or other internal improve- defeated the royalists, and from came to grief in much the same ments. Pirates infested the that time on successfully de-Lindsay C. Warren, of this way as Lane's colony had. It was coast for the whole of the first fended the independence of North State, as Comptroller General necessary for White to return fifty years of the colony's life, Carolina. In May, 1775, the of the United States. to England for supplies. He was even capturing towns and ham-held in England for two years lets. Even under royal govern-clared their independence. April by the war then raging with ment there was continual strug- 12, 1776, the Convention in Spain, and when he returned to gle for fair representation in Halifax instructed their dele-Roancke Island his colony was the Assembly, just taxation, gates to join "with the other gone, leaving no trace except a honest officials and adequate colonies in declaring indepenfew broken pieces of armor and courts. Some of the greatest dency." Our State flag bears the the word Croatan carved on an scoundrels that ever misgov-dates May 20, 1775, and April oak, which words continue to ered held the office of govern- 12, 1776, in commemoration of conjure up romance and specu- nor for years. Sometimes the these first steps of independ lation about the fate of the Lost people were united in opposition dence in America.

Raleigh failed in his personal attempts to settle in the New ing glory of the people that World, lost his fortune and his they won out under these difficulties. They conquered the life. His spirit and wisdom, culties. They conquered the Index Washington at Brandywine,

ing against Virginia, preserved and were among the picked men their chartered liberties against both Proprietary and Royal pre-both Proprietary and Royal pre-king's Mountain and Cornwalrogatives, bore an honorable King's Mountain and Cornwal-part in the French and Indian lis at Guilford Courthouse, her War, and, by the outbreak of troops served faithfully and

ments in the white population of North Carolina, Although a few Swiss, Germans and French came in about 1711, the tlement fell into the boundaries East from the Piedmont to the tlement fell into the boundaries of a grant called Carolina, which Charles II, in 1663, gave to eight of his courtiers. This little settlement became the nucleus around which the province of North Carolina grew. Carolina, as the new province called was a princely grant, round into the center and the was called, was a princely grant, poured into the center and the extending from what is now West. The third element was

English .				45,000
Scotch -	_		_	 _40,000
German		-		 15,000
Negroes				 31,000
Total				131.000

Since this time there has been Carolina To the south of this immigration. The various white elements have blended into a homogeneous whole and have in-

the satisfaction of the King and Parliament. South Carolina re-		Population
volted from them in 1715, and	1790	393,751
they sold North Carolina to the	1800	478,103
King in 1729. There is much	1810	555,500
interesting history concerning	1820	638,82
the fixation of the present	1830	131,981
boundaries of North Carolina.	1840	753,419
but there is not space enough	1850	869,038
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AT IN COLUMN TO SHARE AT A SHARE	1870	1.071.361
in population and wealth because	1880	_ 1,399,750
in population and wealth because of natural and artificial diffi-	1890	_ 1,617,947
of natural and artificial diffi- culties, the most severe faced	1900	1,893,810
by any colony in the new world.	1910	_ 2,206,287
by any colony in the new world. The Indians of this section were	1920	2,559,123
The indiana or this section was	North Coulling he	. Lunulahad

fierce and unrelenting foes to North Carolina has furnished the white men. The Tuscaroras a great number of settlers to came near wiping the colony out newer States to the West and in 1711. It was saved only by Southwest. In fact. so great prompt aid from South Carolina. was the emigration to these The very next year North Car- new sections that from 1800 to olina repaid South Carolina by 1830 the population of the aiding that colony against the State remained practically sta-The Cape Fear Indians remain- heads of families are estimated

North Carolina's struggles unwas a s mes of wars and rebel- Congress. February 27, 1776, ple and other organizations and

> North Carolina troops helped from helped drive the British from Charleston. Her militia under

The Jamestown settlement naturally expanded Southeastwardly along the river to Alwardly along the river to Alwardl established for years. There was hatred between Whigs and Tories that resulted in stern oppression of the latter. The chief problems before the people, however, were: (1) the relation of North Carolina to the Union; (2) the function of the State government in the matter of internal improvement. The jealous regard of the people for their newly-won inde-pendence made them chary of ful. Those who missed this ple for their newly-won indefavor toward any federal Conference missed a treat. scheme of government. In con- Drs. A. B. McCoy and I vention assembled at Hillsboro, July, 1788, they rejected the new federal constitution, making suggestions for its amendment, however, that were immediately put into effect. Opin-ion modified by Nov. 1789, to such an extent that at Fay-etteville at this time North Car-year, but their places were Carolina came into the Union, filled by the large delegation making the twelfth State. The from Crockett, Texas, led by long war for their rights against Dr. Byrd Smith. We were deusurpatory royal and propried lighted to have Mary Allen tary taxes and the memory of Junior College so well repretented and the enthusiasm oppose any expensive government, and taxes for anything ing the stay of Dr. Smith and but the expense of keeping the peace Though the minor proolems of currency and politic. were settled in a few years, the problem of education, roads, ca-nals, as State enterprises, supported by taxation was unsolved until 1835 when the Constitution was revised, giving more power to the progressive West this year and, as usual, the and the newly organized Whigs. Then came a large expansion of internal improvements. Public schools were opened in 1840. The present State capitol was built in 1840 at a cost of over \$500,000 The State Hospital for the Insane, and schools for the deaf, dumb and blind were founded Canals and roads were built, and rivers and harbors were improved for navigation. The most important developments of the twenty years after the Convention were in railroads. By 1840 the Wilmington and Weldon and Raleigh and

Church.

Gaston Railroads were in oper-

tion. Before 1857 the North

Carolina Railroad extended from

Raleigh, N. C., August 14.

Daily papers of this State are

giving considerable space to

the protest being made by the

National Association for the

Advancement of Colored Peo-

appointment of Representative

The comptroller generalship

Association for the Advance-

vision over the restaurant in

the Capitol and in this capacity

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office

Two meetings were held on Rev. W. E. Houston. Rev. Mc-Kenzie, of Lima, Oklahoma, made a masterful address on NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES RESENT FIGHT ON WARREN

> the Canadian spirit, Rev. L. N. McNeal, of McAl-Anchors." These addresses

The Social

The social night was a lovely spectacle. The young people turned out in all of their splendor and gay colors. carries a greater degree of inis a !15-year appointment and dependence from any kind of and Miss Helen Cousins. One by the Board as associate Dicontrol than any other federal of the features of the social rector of the Conference. As a was the young men's quartette, missionary we think of Henry Representative Warren is beling opposed by the National Boyd, B. L. Glenn and Elder ley Jones. J H. Crowell. In the selection We had a few new faces ment of Colored People and of this quartette the commitothers because as chairman of tee went by activity and not Mrs. McKinzie and a theologithe House Committee on Acby age. The refectory was dec- cal student from Lincoln Uniorated in bright colors and a versity, Rev. Kennedy. These counts Mr. Warren has supergay evening was enjoyed by all. young people entered into the

> One of the greatest battles ever fought was the contest between the Reds and Blues. Dr. H. C. Cousins and Rev. Boyd

By Rev. Thos. B. Hargrave

The Synodical Young People's Glenn and Rev Kennedy as of Conference met at Valliant, ficials. The battle raged until Oklahoma, August 3-10. The Friday and ended in a victory young people came from three States, with the usual vim and enthusiasm, and the Conference was not lacking at any point The class room work was on a higher order and the general deportment was of the very best. Rev. and Mrs. Stanback spared nothing in making our stay pleasant and comfortable. The food was fine and the

Drs. A. B. McCoy and L. B. West, also Miss Agnes B. Snively, representatives of the Board, were present and their

contributions were anspiring. Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Douglas his group,

Much interest was manifested in the discussion of the Negro in Africa and America, led by Mrs. Snively. All the Conference was given the benefit of this discussion. Miss Helen G. Cousins was on the faculty young people received much inspiration.

Mrs. Cecelia McCoy Jamisor was a great inspiration to the whole Conference She brought with her the old Atlantic spirt, and, useless to say, the enthusiasm was at it height at all times. Mrs. Jamison met with an accident while rallying her forces on the athletic field and was forced to leave. She was greatly missed by all and we pray for her early return.

Other members of the faculty were Mrs B. L. Glenn, Miss Vivian Gamble, Dr. W. E. Vivian Gamble, Dr. W. E. Houston, Rev. J. W. Starks, Mrs. McKenzie and Professor Locust.

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minister and feel that he has

were helpful and every one enjoyed them

Reds and Blues

lined up against Rev B. U.

Friday and ended in a victory for the Reds.

Young People's Night

We are proud of the talent
displayed on Young People's
Night under the direction of Miss Pheopa Stinson and Miss Cousins Miss Ruth Smith, daughter of Dr. Byrd Smith, played a great part in making this night a success. Everyone enjoyed the performance of the young people and it will be long remembered.

The Outing We had our grand outing on ittle River. The water was Little River. The water was fine and the entire Conference went in for a swim. Rev. Mc-Kenzie and Rev. T. C. Boyd acted as handsome life guards but there was no occasion fto test their skill; however, we had a little nurse present, Miss Glorine Kennedy, of Kansas City, who did have a chance to administer aid. A heart attack, derived from a desire to have her First Lady of the Manse, caused the pastor from McAlester to fall off a log. Well, this is one of the func-tions of the Canadian Conference, to furnish opportunity for cur young Presbyterians to meet, and we can point to many happy homes as a result of such meetings

Dr. Byrd Smith

On returning from the lake ve were favored with a real treat. Dr. Smith gave a talk on the work at Mary Allen Junior College. We are proud of the record of Mary Allen and it stands as a monument in Canadian Synod. For a long time we wondered how Dr. Smith could go in the desert and make it blossom as a rose. We can see it now; personality with a special gift of gab and true power makes him a real college President. Indeed, he is a real mystery man, for he does things on a large scale. Hats off to Dr. Smith!

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors are as follows: The Sunday school missionaries, Dr. H. C. Cous-ins, Rev. C. N. Shropshire and Locust,
The Rev. L. W. Davis, of Cotton Plant, Ark., spoke each day at the assembly period on the work of the Presbyterian Church, His talks were practigrave, Chairman; Rev. T. C. Boyd, Rev. G. E. Caesar and

Sunday Service

Sunday morning at 6 o'clock How the Young People the entire Conference was Think." This address was a present at the celebration of credit to the Convention (and the Holy Communion, Thie we are proud of this new young Evangelist had charge of this service, assisted by Dr. Starks, of Langston University. The elders were Mr. J. H. Crowell ester, Okla., made a forceful and Dr. C P. Wallace. At 11 address on the subject, "Four A. M., Dr Starks delivered a powerful sermon as the closing message, and the delegation departed highly inspired

Here a Little and There a Little Dr McCoy is a man of vision. He is training others to carry on the work of the Many Church.

Dr. H. C. Cousins was elected

among us this year: Rev. and spirit of the Conference and their presence was enjoyed by all. We need more young pioneers in our Synod, men and women who are good mixers,

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