

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

Sanford Pupils and Teachers Are Given Two Weeks For Christmas—Have Had Very Successful Term.

The city schools closed yesterday for observation of the Christmas holidays and will remain closed until Monday, January 6th.

The fall term, which closed yesterday, has been a very successful one and much work has been accomplished.

The enrollment by grades during the term just past was as follows: West Sanford, first grade, 30 boys, 34 girls; second grade, 26 boys, 12 girls; third grade, 17 boys, 28 girls; fourth grade, 36 boys, 26 girls; fifth grade, 23 boys, 12 girls; (there is no sixth grade at this school) seventh grade, 18 boys and 16 girls; High school: Eighth grade, 39 boys and 52 girls; ninth grade, 53 boys and 37 girls; tenth grade, 43 boys and 52 girls; eleventh grade, 23 boys, and 36 girls. Total enrollment at West Sanford, 621.

East Sanford (McIver School): First grade, 75 boys 66 girls; second grade, 44 boys, 35 girls; third grade, 39 boys, 44 girls; fourth grade, 38 boys, 34 girls; fifth grade, 38 boys, 33 girls; sixth grade, 58 boys, 34 girls; seventh grade, 22 boys and 24 girls. Total enrollment McIver school, 596.

Average attendance at high school, 304.8 pupils daily, or percentage of 94.1.

Average attendance elementary grades at East Sanford school, 206.3 pupils daily, or percentage of 95.3.

Average attendance at McIver school, 544.2 pupils daily, or percentage of 93.3. The highest attendance was made by the elementary grades of East Sanford school.

Number of boys enrolled in high school, 163, number of girls enrolled in high school, 177.

Number of boys enrolled in elementary grades at East Sanford school, 457; number of girls, 126.

Number of boys enrolled in McIver school, 309; number of girls, 287.

Total number of boys enrolled in Sanford schools, 627; total number of girls, 590. Grand total at Sanford schools, 1217.

The teachers of the city schools are as follows:

Miss Addie St. Clair, Miss Sue H. Watkins, Miss Helen Johnson, Miss Mary Wilkins, Mrs. J. U. Gunter, Mrs. Mary Gilmore, Mrs. Carl Stout, Mrs. Mattie Riggsbee, Miss Lois Monroe, Miss Cornelia Cheek, Miss Kate McKernan, Miss Josephine St. Clair, Miss Carrie Howard, Miss Pearl Temple, Miss Beth Colley, Mrs. Charles Hatch, Miss Catherine Carter, Miss Elizabeth Crews, Mrs. Clara P. Cheek, Miss Sophie Howie, Miss Isabelle Knight, Miss Inez Heath, Miss Stephanie Moore, Miss Helen Derrick, Miss Freda Dimmick, Miss Pauline Edwards, Miss Nell Robertson, Miss Julia Wolff, Miss Eunice Kneese, Mr. E. L. Warrick, Mr. W. C. Lane, Miss Louise Futrell, (Elementary Prin.), Mr. J. S. Pruitt (High School Prin.)

Speaking of the work of the school during the recent months, Mr. G. R. Wheeler, who is serving his first year as superintendent of the city and county schools, said: "A full course throughout in character and citizenship training, through club and project activities, has been emphasized in our system of instruction. The value of the many health, civic and knighthood clubs, which have been and are making a study of ethics and morals, has been exemplified in the splendid morale of the entire student body of both the city and county schools."

The blowing out of the two boilers at the heating plant of the city schools, which occurred last week was due to mechanical defects in the boilers rather than to some one tampering with the boilers as was first thought, stated G. R. Wheeler, school superintendent, yesterday. The boilers, the superintendent said, had been sufficiently repaired as to make them available for temporary use. Later, it was said, it will be necessary to repair the front section of the defective boilers, if they are to be of permanent use.

MISS MAKEPEACE IMPROVING

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Makepeace, accompanied by Dr. C. L. Scott, went to Raleigh last Friday to see their daughter, Miss Charlotte Makepeace, who is now in Rex Hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis. The operation was successfully performed Friday night. Miss Makepeace as a student at Meredith College. Her many friends here and elsewhere in the State will be pleased to learn that she continues to improve and hopes to be able to return home soon.

LEMON SPRINGS MEN FINED IN LEE COURT

Arthur Todd and Luther Steed Before Judge McPherson—Jack Chandler Tried on Charge of Reckless Driving and Assault.

Arthur Todd, of Lemon Springs, before Judge Thomas J. McPherson, on the charges of operating a car while under the influence of liquor, with reckless driving, drunkenness and disorderliness, and the use of profane language on the highways, was fined on two counts and levied with the cost. Luther Steed, also of Lemon Springs, in court upon the same charges, was found guilty of one charge and made to pay the fine and cost.

This case consumed the greater part of Lee county court Tuesday morning. The charge against the two Lemon Springs men grew out of a wreck occurring between Jonesboro and Broadway, Wednesday, December 3d, around 11 o'clock at night. It developed during the course of the testimony that Todd and Steed were returning from a trip to the woods near the town of Steed in a car when they were involved in a collision with a quantity of sea food.

Sheriff Arthur Rives testified that he was notified of a wreck, and with Jailer Brooks reached the scene ten or fifteen minutes after it happened, where he found Steed in an intoxicated condition. After bringing Steed to Sanford he returned again and found Todd. Other witnesses testified that Todd, when found by the Sheriff, was "high," and talking boisterously, and made inquiry if the "law" had been there. The truck in which the men had made the trip, it was said, had turned over in the road.

On the stand Todd said that he had been driving some 300 miles and was fatigued that he had dropped into a momentary doze and that during the interlude he lost control of the truck causing it to upset. He testified that shortly after the truck turned over two strangers came along and brought him to Sanford. While with them, he was given two drinks, he stated. This, he claimed, was the only liquor he had had.

Solicitor Hoyte brought out on cross-examination that Todd was a regular drinker in the Lee recorder's court.

Both Todd and Steed are farmers in the Lemon Springs section and other than their frequent leaves from sobriety, are said to be good citizens. Jack Chandler was tried on the same charge of reckless driving, and assault with a deadly weapon, to-wit: automobile. Several months ago, it was found out in the testimony, Chandler, while driving an automobile, ran into a farm wagon driven by Esau McCoy, who was accompanied by his wife. Hooked behind McCoy's wagon was an automobile which he was towing home from a church nearby where the engine had stalled. Chandler's car hit the automobile then dashed into the wagon, damaging both. Mrs. McCoy also sustained serious injuries in the crash. Chandler was given a sentence of five months in the State prison.

One of the sentences was meted out to a colored boy for stealing a half dozen chickens.

HARRIS TELLS WHY A COLONY OF SHAKERS BECAME EXTINCT

The Society Shakers at South Union, Kentucky, which was once a colony of 500 people, broke up and finally became extinct in 1920, because they did not believe in marriage and had no children, said A. C. Harris in a talk before the Rotary Club Tuesday.

Mr. Harris, a native of Kentucky, once lived near these people and knew something of their habits and manner of living. They were an American communist sect officially called the United Society of Believers in the second appearance of Christ. This society at Shaker-own owned some 3,000 acres of the finest land in Kentucky. No children were seen in that village because there was neither marriage nor giving in marriage there, and a married couple visited the colony the husband and wife were not allowed to be alone. Visitors were welcomed to the place and all who came were entertained free of charge. Everything was used in common.

Mr. Harris was once the railway agent at South Union. The people composing the colony, he said, produced everything they ate and wore. Potatoes were one of their principal crops. They shipped and sold tons of seed of various kinds. Some of the most delicious preserves Mr. Harris had ever tasted was made by them. They sold these preserves mostly in the Southern markets. They were noted for owning blooded stock of all kinds. All furniture used by them was hand-made and all their clothing was hand woven. They were Rotarians in spirit, concluded Mr. Harris, and they believed in and practiced the live-at-home gospel now so much emphasized by the Governor of North Carolina.

Parson Gilmore announced that Fred Strong had been retained at Sanford by the Carolina Power and Light Company, and at his suggestion Mr. Strong was invited by a unanimous vote to again become a member of the club. Mr. Strong is chairman of the committee on entertainment.

A number of visitors were present on this occasion, among them being Dr. E. A. Acheson, President of the Chapel Hill Rotary Club, and Mr. C. W. Craves, of Lakeview and Mr. Tuck, of Maime.

Next Tuesday the club will put on a Christmas entertainment.

An usual look after our merchants.—CHEARS.

CAMERON MORRISON'S APPOINTMENT TO U. S. SENATE LAUDED HERE

Leaders of Lee Democracy Are Gratified Over Selection of Former Governor—Has Uncle Living Here

Various expressions from the lips of recognized leaders of the Democracy of Lee county, gathered by a representative of The Express yesterday, indicated strong approval of Governor O. Max Gardner's appointment of former Governor Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, to succeed to the United States Senate, left vacant by the death of Lee Slater Overman, for the past twenty-seven years North Carolina's junior senator.

Although the new senator first saw the dawn of day in the county of Isaacson, the people of Lee feel a strong attachment to Senator Morrison, or only a few miles from here, as mother, a member of the well-known Cameron clan of Moore county, was born. An uncle of the new senator, Mr. Neil Cameron, resides near White Hill church, just over the Moore line from Lee, about nine miles from here. The Monger family, of Sanford—a fine old Sandhills family—are, through their Cameron kin, instantly related to the man who takes Lee Overman's seat. So, aside from the popularity attained in Lee by Morrison through his four years of courageous leadership as governor, Lee county feels a maternal pride in the new Senator.

"Morrison was the logical choice as the late Senator Overman's successor," said John R. Jones, Sr., member of the State Democratic executive committee from the Seventh congressional district, "he was my man for this distinguished place, and he one, I feel safe in stating, would have fitted in the position with more dignity, and yet safeguard the prerogatives of the people of our State with more ability and with greater distinction than Cameron Morrison. In his selection Governor Gardner has made a wise choice and one that will meet with almost universal approbation by the people of North Carolina, irrespective of political affiliations."

Commenting upon the appointment, D. B. Teague, member of the State bar, said Governor Morrison was my choice. Although a supporter of Gardner in the three-cornered contest for governor in 1920, I have always admired Mr. Morrison's courageous character and fighting qualities. He is the best qualified man in the State and will uphold all the best traditions of the senate. He is equal in ability to anyone now in the senate. I regard him an extraordinary man."

"I am of the opinion," declared J. C. Pittman, another member of the Sanford bar, "that Governor Morrison's appointment to the senate has met with universal approval. He is an able and vigorous legislator, and the combination of Morrison and Bailey will give North Carolina two of the outstanding men in the senate."

"I, St. Strong, prominent realtor, also expressed himself pleased with the Morrison appointment. My first preference," said Mr. Strong, "was Clyde K. Hoyt, but Mr. Morrison's accession to the Senate is very satisfactory to me. He will make a good senator."

"Every one whom I have heard make a statement regarding the appointment were well pleased, and was indeed," said Kenneth K. Hoyte, chairman of the Lee Democratic executive committee.

"I have always had a warm regard for Max Gardner, and now that he has appointed Governor Morrison to the senate my admiration for him only increases," said Capt. Dan B. King, local attorney. "Morrison's ascension to the senate was inevitable, he was our most militant leader and the Democracy of the state owed him the office," said Capt. King.

"Though personally, I was for Clyde Hoyt, I am none the less gratified at the Morrison appointment. He will wear the toga with great distinction," said John W. McIntosh, Lee Register of Deeds. Judge T. J. McPherson also liked the Morrison selection. "In my opinion the Morrison appointment meets with state-wide approval, Morrison will hold his own in the senate debates with Borah or any other member of the senate," he declared.

And even the Republicans were willing to admit that they were tickled at the prospects of Morrison in the senate. Carlos McLeod, Republican postmaster at Carthage, during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt, wore a broad smile. "I have always liked the Morrison spirit," he admitted with at the least of reluctance.

COSTS LITTLE TO USE CHRISTMAS SEALS

Most people are going to remember their friends and loved ones at Christmas thru a means of packages, letters or cards. It will cost only one penny to add to this remembrance a tubercular seal. By this means comfort to a cheer will be given not only to the friend or loved one but to many who need relief from disease.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent each year for treatment and funeral expenses of the tubercular. Surely it is much wiser to spend in education of the public in the promotion of preventive measures, and the treatment of innocent, defective children and others exposed to the disease before their bodies are permanently disabled.

The funds derived from the sales of tubercular seals in Lee County are used for this purpose. Therefore, by buying the little seals you not only add cheer to some one by its direct use but thru that much money into future health for yours and other people's children.

SANFORD IN THE GRIP OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Advent of Yuletide Gives City Holiday Appearance—Festive Attire Decorates Local Shops and Streets.

Gay throngs of shoppers, festive street decorations, ceaseless activity in the stores and shops, colorfully dressed display windows, these and many other signs signify that Christmas is almost here again. Sanford as the distribution and shopping center of the vast area between the two cities of Raleigh and Albemarle, east and west, and Greensboro and Fayetteville, north and south, has accordingly inevitably to the Yuletide season. In the grip of the period of unabated buying, hard times and "buy now" campaigns have been forgotten. Verily, Christmas is almost here.

Let us take a stroll through the Sanford business section. On every corner we are greeted by huge cedars, many decorated with tinsel and other colorful things that bespeak the spirit of Christmas. Most impressive of these are the large, colored signs, the outstanding feature of which is the gay, jaunty countenance of jolly old Santa. No need to enter here; we can get a glimpse of the gay, festive atmosphere from without. The many gifts who would have thought it possible that so many useful things could have been amassed under one roof. And here they are, all free to gaze upon with our admission fee at all times.

And next, we see the Ladies' Shoppe. A display window that will dazzle the most exclusive lady. The latest garments, the latest in ladies' footwear. But you must see all these things for yourself. Next to Isaacson's. Here, too, we see the ingenious and artistic arrangement of the display. Mr. Isaacson, himself, we are told, directed the display.

A miniature Christmas tree, a quaint little first class dandy garment, these are things that greet you. And to the left, the famous Carolina-Virginia chain—three huge display windows with abundant space for Lee Jones to exercise that imitable gift of his—ability to make up window display. And what a fine job he has made of it! Here are three miniature Christmas trees. On display are goods suitable for every member of the family.

Next to the window, we see a degree of admiration at splendid job display window dressing at the Acme Drug Company, done by John Goins and Archie Palmer.

Only a short distance from here we put on during the evening. Several songs were rendered by the club with the aid of the program was the solos and recitations by Miss O. B. Porter, Jr., and Master Victor Cole, pupils of the Melver grammar school. These bright boys, who were in charge of the club, and recited selections with as much ease as if they had been trained adults.

In a short talk, Mr. Overton, the new president, appealed to the members of the club to cooperate with him in carrying on the work of the club next year. By a rising vote all promised to do this. Miss Futrell made a report showing that milk-will be needed by many children in the school. By a vote it was decided that a committee of \$25.00 should be sent for toys and other Christmas gifts for children whose parents are not able to supply them with these things.

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It is planned in the near future to place the proposed marker to Dr. Charles D. Melver, founder of the North Carolina College for Women.

PAGEANT AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The members of the Episcopal Sunday school and of the Episcopal choir are planning to present a pageant of simple beauty in the church at 8 o'clock December 3, the weather permitting. The pageant will consist of tableaux and pantomime, greatly enhanced by the rendering of carols by the choir, which Mrs. Shannonhouse has been training for six months. The public is cordially invited, and it is hoped that a great many people will attend the services.

After the pageant the members of the Sunday school and choir will have their Christmas tree.

Choir practice Saturday at 1:30 P. M. Come promptly and be prepared to stay. This will be the only rehearsal of the pageant with Mrs. Shannonhouse.

Services Sunday at 4:30.

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SANFORD TOBACCO MARKET CLOSES FOR HOLIDAYS

More Than Four and One-Quarter Million Pounds Sold to Date.

The Sanford tobacco market closed Tuesday for the Christmas holidays. It would have closed Wednesday, but for the fact that the snow prevented the planters from bringing tobacco to the market. The market will re-open Tuesday, January 6th, and will continue to handle tobacco till the first of February. Many of the buyers, auctioneers and others connected with the market will go to their homes and spend the holidays with their families, returning in time for the reopening. It is expected that there will be a good lot of tobacco handled in January as there is still a lot of it being held by the planters.

Some of the best sales of the season were held during the past few days. The sales at the three warehouses last Monday approximated more than 124,000 pounds which sold at an average of \$14.02. More than 90,000 pounds were sold Tuesday at a good average. More than four and one quarter million pounds have been sold since the season opened, and it is expected that the January sales will run it up to more than five million pounds.

The people of Sanford probably fail to appreciate just what the tobacco market means to the town. More than \$600,000 has been paid out to the planters since the season opened. This is not all. More than 100 people, including the warehousemen, buyers, auctioneers, clerks, book-keepers and laborers make their home in the town during the sales season.

They are paid good salaries and wages and spend money in various ways while connected with the market. The Express is informed that five of the buyers for the big tobacco concerns have buildings under construction here during the season to store and before it is shipped. Salaries, wages and rents amount to a handsome sum during the season. The tobacco market in Sanford has saved the situation of the town. This market has gained the reputation this season of being one of the best in the State.

KIWANIS CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting at the Carolina Hotel last Friday night elected new officers for the ensuing year as follows:

J. A. Overton, president; John Davenport, Jr., vice-president; J. C. Pittman, district trustee; J. E. Brinn, S. J. Hunkeler, Dr. J. P. Foster, L. H. Gumber, E. Frank Andrews and P. H. Gumber, club directors.

The secretary will be named at some future meeting. Kiwanian D. B. Teague, who has held the office of secretary during this year, has displayed much originality in his work with the club together. Kiwanian J. U. Carter, who is now retiring as president of the club, has served in that capacity two years. He has made a good presiding officer and has given of his time and means for the success of the club since it was organized some five years ago.

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A. J. McRAE ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Shot Through the Heart While Handling Gun on His Farm Near Sanford—Funeral at Steele Street Methodist Church Tuesday Afternoon at 2 O'Clock—Interment in Cameron.

The people of Sanford were shocked on learning that Mr. Arch J. McRae, of this place, was accidentally killed on his farm, known as the Scotch Ever McIver place five miles north of Sanford, while handling a gun about midnight Monday. When Mr. McRae left home that morning he told Mrs. McRae that he would return that afternoon and they would look over some lots with a view to buying one on which to build a home.

It is assumed that Mr. McRae carried his gun expecting to hunt, after inspecting laborers relative to some work on his farm. He laid his gun on a pile of pulp wood near the silver old home, and after attending to some matters about the farm, he returned, and in picking up the gun he caught it by the muzzle instead of the breech. It is thought that dragging it across the pile of wood the hammer caught against a knot and caused the gun to discharge, the No. 6 shot striking him in the heart, killing him instantly. A colored woman, who lives near the McIver old home, heard the report of the gun and saw his throw up his hands and prepared for burial.

The county coroner, when called to the scene of the tragedy, and after viewing the body and the surroundings, decided that it was unnecessary to hold an inquest as it was an accident, and prepared for burial. The funeral will be held at Steele Street Methodist church, of which Mr. McRae was a member, by the pastor, Rev. S. Cotton, and Rev. M. D. McNeill, of Cameron, a friend of his family, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A large number of friends from Sanford, Cameron and other places attended the funeral. At the conclusion of the services at the church the remains were carried to Cameron where the interment was made. A large number of friends from Sanford, Cameron and other places attended the funeral. At the conclusion of the services at the church the remains were carried to Cameron where the interment was made.

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FRED F. STRONG TO REMAIN IN SANFORD

Last week announcement which was made by the power company officials has given out the following statement:

"In view of the capable manner in which Mr. Strong has handled the Company's affairs at Sanford, it was his desire to make use of his services elsewhere, but upon learning of the strong public sentiment regarding Mr. Strong's retention at Sanford, and also the desire of Mr. Strong to continue his residence there, the Company has been glad to change its plans."

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THIEF ROBS MRS. McLEOD OF PURSE CONTAINING \$110.

Mrs. S. C. McLeod, of Jonesboro, Route 3, in the vicinity of a market of a bolt in Wicker street one day last week. While watching the performance of some monkeys she started to feed one a piece of apple, when some one ran his hand in the pocket of a heavy coat that she was wearing and suddenly disappeared before she had time to summon help to stop him. A short time after the thief disappeared a pocket book was found on the street near the scene of the robbery, but it was empty. Mrs. McLeod identified it as her property.

Police Officer Ernest White attempted to trace the thief, but failed to get a clue that would fasten the crime on any one.

The thief had his nerve with him in committing a crime of this kind in broad open day light at a time when scores of people were standing around. Part of this money belongs to a neighbor. It is a heavy loss to Mrs. McLeod. She and her daughter earned part of the money by raising a crop of tobacco this year. The whipping post is needed in a case like this.

The Greensboro News states that the board of directors of the United Bank & Trust Company, at their regular monthly meeting held in that city last Thursday afternoon declared the regular four per cent semi-annual dividend and heard President B. B. Vinson make his report for the year showing the bank to be in the best condition in history, with no bills payable and resources of more than \$80,000.

Captain J. W. Fry, chairman of the board, reported to the directors that during the year the number of individual depositors in the bank had increased 25 per cent.

President Vinson reported that during this year the United Bank and Trust Company had expanded and had acquired three branch banks, one at Sanford, the Bank of Commerce at Burlington, and the Citizens Bank at Reidsville and that all three of these branch institutions showed increased deposits and nice profits.

The semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent declared by the directors Thursday will be paid to shareholders December 31, and will amount to \$40,000 this being equivalent to annual dividend of eight per cent on the \$1,000,000 capital stock of the bank.

There will be no services at Pocket Chapel Sunday morning, December 21, at 11 o'clock.

A GRUESOME FIND.

While Digging a Grave For the Burial of Mrs. W. R. Womack, at Moore Union Christian Church, in This County, Men Uncover the Skeleton of a Body That Was Buried There Years Ago.

Mrs. Fannie Womack, wife of Mr. W. R. Womack, died at her home near Moore Union Christian church, in the Buckhorn section of this county, last Friday night at 3 o'clock, after an illness of some duration. Mrs. Womack was before her marriage was Mrs. Fannie McIver, daughter of Mr. W. R. McIver, who passed away at the age of 77 years. She is survived by her husband and one child, Mrs. Roy Thomas. Mr. Womack is now in declining health.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the interment made at Moore Union, where Mrs. Womack had been a consistent and devoted member for a number of years. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends and neighbors. A gruesome sight was witnessed as the neighbors were digging the grave. Just before they had finished the work they uncovered the skeleton of some body buried there years ago. There was no evidence of the person having been buried in a casket. If a casket was used it had entirely rotted away. The grave diggers examined the skeleton and found that the mouth contained sixteen well preserved teeth. The astonishing thing about it all was they also found a stick pin sticking in the mouth. As there was no marker to the grave no one knew that it was there until the mouth contained sixteen well preserved teeth. The astonishing thing about it all was they also found a stick pin sticking in the mouth. As there was no marker to the grave no one knew that it was there until the mouth contained sixteen well preserved teeth.

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