

BIG AGRICULTURAL FAIR IS PLANNED HERE

TEACHERS PLEDGE COOPERATION FOR SUCCESS OF SCHOOL TERM

SANFORD SCHOOLS OPEN YEARS WORK WEDNESDAY MORN

Over Twelve Hundred Pupils Present For Opening Of Term.

MUST RUN ON LESS MONEY

Another mile-post in the long and successful history of the Sanford public school system was begun Wednesday morning when over twelve hundred pupils and thirty-five teachers took up their work where it was left off last spring. General retrenchment, reductions in teachers salaries and curtailment of operating expenses, an aftermath of the recent economic depression—all to the contrary—everyone connected with local school administration, official and teachers, face the educational year with courage and radiate optimism over the tasks that are to be done. They feel, even with the shadow that temporarily dampens educational ardor in the State, that much work can and will be accomplished this year.

In a resolution, passed at a meeting of the teachers, Tuesday morning, in the spirit of the faculty is interpreted. It reads:

"Realizing the depressed economic conditions, the necessity for reduction in the total budget, due to the small allotment from the State funds, we, the teachers of Sanford Graded Schools, pledge ourselves to give the best of our time, energy, and ability, that the boys and girls of the Sanford Graded Schools may not suffer in their school lives."

Though no public exercises were held at the school opening, chapel services are being planned for tomorrow by Miss Louise Futrell, school supervisor. Talks by several prominent Sanford people will feature the occasion.

The total enrollment Wednesday morning according to an announcement by George R. Wheeler, the superintendent, was 1,232. This number is expected to be considerably increased by belated entrances of pupils during the next few days.

While the local schools are no doubt operating under a great handicap this year, due to the reduction of the school budget, under which the schools are to be operated at a cost of between nine and ten thousand dollars less than last year, school officials feel that this is within the realm of accomplishment, although it will be necessary to count every penny of expenditures twice and again. Through the ten per cent reduction in the salaries of the teachers, around \$3,500 of this decrease in the budget can already be accounted. The remainder of the decrease must be made up through a curtailment of the cost of expenses of operation. This amount, states Mr. Wheeler, must be saved mainly through economies in school supplies. Contrary to reports which have been in circulation, which leave the impression that there is to be a reduction in the number of courses taught, Mr. Wheeler declares on behalf of the teacher that any such policy has not for a moment been thought of. The teachers, he said, expect to carry on as they have done in the past.

Members of the faculty are as follows: Miss Addie St. Clair, Sanford; Miss Sut H. Watkins, Manson; Miss Helen Johnson, Ediford, Va.; Miss Mary Wilkins, Sanford; Mrs. J. U. Roper, Sanford; Mrs. Carl Stout, Sanford; Mrs. Mattie Riggsbee, Sanford; Miss Loris Monroe, Sanford; Miss Cornelia Cheek, Sanford; Miss Kate McKernon, Sanford; Miss Josephine St. Clair, Sanford; Miss Carrie Howard, Sanford; Miss Fern Temple, Sanford; Miss Beth Colley, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Mrs. Charles Hatch, Sanford; Miss Catherine Carter, Raleigh; Miss Elizabeth Crews, Greensboro; Mrs. Clara P. Cheek, Sanford; Miss Sophie Howie Pineville; Miss Isabelle Knight, Carthage; Miss Inez Leath, Greenville; Miss Stephanie Moore, Davidson; Miss Helen Derrick, Lancaster, S. C.; Miss Freda Dimmick, Sanford; Miss Pauline Edwards, Henderson; Miss Nell Robertson, Rowland; Mr. L. E. Warrick, Sanford; Mr. W. C. Lane, Sanford; Miss Louise Futrell, Scotland Neck, Elementary Principal; Mr. J. S. Pruitt, Sanford, High School Principal; Miss Alberta Lamm, Luccama; Miss Athene Turnage, Ayden; Miss Flora Cavenaugh, Wallace; Miss Annie Stroud Mann, Greensboro.

Announcement of a meeting of the committee on the part of the local school board in the office of George R. Brinn Monday evening at 7:30 was Wheeler, superintendent of schools. This meeting is being held to give an opportunity to those asking for an extension of the time in which they may pay book rent, to take this matter up with the committee. All parents who are unable to pay now must meet with the committee on the date set.

PRICE OF COTTON SEED LOWEST IN 22 YEARS.

A gentleman who has been in the cotton oil mill business for past 22 years informs The Express that the price of cotton seed is now lower than it has been at any time during that period. For the past few weeks cotton seed has been selling in Georgia at 12 1/2c per bushel. New seed have not been put on the market in this State, but they will probably sell at the same price they are selling at in Georgia.

For the past few years the farmers have been paying for the ginning of their cotton out of the receipts from the seed and had a margin left. At the present price of seed they will hardly be able to pay for the ginning with the money taken in from the sale of the seed. The gins in this section will not be put in operation till a sufficient amount of cotton has been gathered to keep them in operation. It is not known yet what price the ginners will charge for ginning. It looks like it will have to be pretty low should cotton sell at 5c and 6c immediately following the close of the World War cotton seed sold at \$1.50 per bushel. This is quite a drop in the price and along with the low price of cotton is a pretty heavy blow to the farmers. From a 500 pound bale of cotton the farmer gets from 25 to 30 bushels of seed, 25 bushels of seed at \$1.50 per bushel brought \$37.50. A 500 pound bale of cotton at \$6.00 per hundred would bring \$30. The seed 10 to 12 years ago brought more than the cotton and seed combined will bring now.

Oil mills were put in operation in the South the seed were about as cheap as they are now, and about the only use the farmers could make of them was to feed them to their cows or turn them into fertilizer for improving their land.

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COURT NEWS

A crowded docket in which violations of the prohibition law predominated engaged court officials Tuesday as they set about their task of meeting justice in Lee Recorder's Court Judge Thomas J. McPherson presided and Solicitor K. R. Hoyle prosecuted the docket.

Convicted on two counts, Leander Crowell, colored, of Swann's Station, was given a total of 22 months on the roads. Crowell drew 18 months for assault and 4 months for carrying a concealed weapon. Charges against Crowell grew out of a recent encounter with Raymond Monroe, also colored, at Swann's Station; the former, witnesses stated, hit Monroe in the eye with a tobacco stick and then flashed a pistol. Bystanders, becoming indignant, loaded a shotgun and started after Crowell. He beat a hasty retreat.

The drinking of canned heat, which he said was given him by other boys, and under the influence of which he operated a car about Sanford's streets, resulted in a ninety-day sentence for Arthur Cotton. Cotton, it was brought out in court, has been living under several assumed names.

Charged on three counts of violating the prohibition law, possession, sale and transporting, the first to which he pleaded guilty, Lucy Sloan was convicted on the possession and transporting charges and given two years on each count. He was levied with a fine of \$10 and costs in each of the two cases. Thomas, to whom Sloan is alleged to have sold a pint of whiskey, placing the contraband in the former's car last Saturday after-

ROAD COMMITTEE HOLD MEETING AT SOUTHERN PINES

Plan To Put On Big Program For Cheraw Celebration on September 17th.

OPEN LAST LINK IN ROAD Promises To Be Biggest Thing Of Kind Ever Held In Country.

Messrs. O. P. Makepeace and Robert Burns, members of the committee appointed to make plans for the celebration of the completion of the last link of Federal Highway No. 1 met with other members of the committee at Southern Pines Tuesday to discuss plans for putting on this program. It is said that this celebration will be the biggest thing of the kind ever held in the country. Mayor R. A. Rouse, of Cheraw, who attended the meeting, stated that people all along the line from Key West to Vermont, had made reservations in the leading hotel at Cheraw for the purpose of attending and taking part in this mammoth celebration. To show the interest that is manifested in this meeting, in the North as well as in the South, the New York Times, one of the leading newspapers in the country, had a reporter at the meeting. The committee will meet again in Raleigh tonight, to further discuss plans for carrying out the program on this occasion. A display of maps and other things connected with this road, which is said to be the longest in the world, can be found on display in the show windows of the New York World-Telegram, also the pictures of many attractions along this great highway. A picture of this display is to be made and published in the leading newspapers of the country. Large placards are carried on many cars advertising this celebration. It is expected that a great motorcade of citizens of Sanford will go down to Cheraw and attend this celebration. It is planned to have W. R. Williams head this delegation. Any one wishing to join this delegation should communicate with him. Many prominent speakers from different parts of the country are on the program.

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B. & L. CAMPAIGN MAKES HEADWAY

Over 400 Shares Of New Series Have Been Sold Since September 1.

Although the local unemployment situation and general business conditions have shown their effect mightily in recent months, the new building and loan series, which opened Sept. 1, is meeting with a favorable response on the part of local people, stated J. E. Brinn, secretary and treasurer of the Sanford Building and Loan Association, this morning. While no doubt the condition mentioned by Mr. Brinn has been reflected in the campaign, it has served to effect the number of shares purchased by the individual rather than the number of people who are buying them, he advised. Explaining this, he said more people have taken advantage of the present new series by buying shares than ever before, although they are buying in very small allotments.

Many people, he said are buying shares in five, ten and fifteen lots. Four hundred shares have been disposed of since the beginning of the series. The quota set for the present campaign is 1,000 shares.

YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING

Next Monday at their regular monthly meeting the commissioners will fix the tax rate for 1931 and it is expected that a large number of citizens of the county will be present at the court house to examine the budget and to ask such questions as they may think proper concerning it. Every taxpayer should see and examine the budget and know for what purpose his taxes is spent. The commissioners will welcome any and all questions concerning the budget as they want any help the citizens of this county may be able to render in fixing the tax rate. Go to the Court House next Monday.

ALDERMEN WERE FORCED TO CUT DOWN EXPENSES

Tax Decrease Due to Lowered Valuations In City Properly.

STAND PAT ON TAX RATE

Penalty For Non-Payment Privilege Tax Deferred To October 1st.

A program of enforced economy which involved the reduction of the amount of money appropriated for certain improvements as outlined in the city budget for 1931-32, the total elimination of certain appropriations in one or two instances and the slashing of the salary of at least one employee, was embarked upon by the city officials Tuesday night when it was found that the amount of taxes property assessed would be short by \$1,800.00 the amount required to carry on the city government as called for in the budget, recently adopted.

The latest assessment of city property places a total valuation of \$5,521,878 upon same. This valuation at the city tax rate, unchanged from last year, will net a revenue of \$60,740.65, whereas the amount called for in the budget is about \$62,600.00.

CUT APPROPRIATIONS

Faced by this unexpected turn in affairs the board of aldermen Tuesday night met the situation with decisive action by authorizing the following cuts in appropriations:

- Volunteer firemen, answering false alarms, reduced from amount called for in original budget by \$250.00.
- Police department (clothing), \$100 less than amount in budget.
- Reduction in yearly pay roll street department, \$600.00.
- Water department (labor), reduction, \$100.00.
- National Guard appropriation, less by \$50.00.
- Street repairs for 1931-32, \$150.00 reduction effected.
- Sidewalk repairs, \$150.00.
- Repairing white way standards, postponed, eliminating appropriation.
- Salary of A. C. Thomas (Fire Department) reduced from \$600.00 to \$400.00 per year.

Total decrease in appropriation made by amending budget, \$1,720.00.

PARKING ORDINANCE

The board passed an ordinance prohibiting parking on either side of Steele, Carthage, Wicker and Moore streets for over one hour between the hours of 11 a. m. and 6 p. m. This ordinance which previously applied to Saturdays only is now effective every day.

Tax penalties applying to privilege licenses will not be effective till October 1, the time limit having been extended by the board. Concrete work for grass plots between First and Chatham streets was ordered.

An ordinance authorizing a license of \$25 on milk trucks making deliveries into Sanford was passed. Appearing before the board, W. W. Chaffin, engineer-in-charge of the surfacing work on the city streets, announced the work on this project would be completed within the next week or ten days. All the work, stated Mr. Chaffin, is complete except the work of dressing which awaits the hardening of the surface already laid.

SQUIRREL SEASON OPENED SEPTEMBER 1ST.

The squirrel season opened Tuesday, September 1st. The open season for other game is from February 15th to February 20th; turkeys and rabbits, November 20th to February 15th; doves, November 20th to January 31st; Squirrels, September 1st to December 1st; and deer, September 15th to January 1st.

PREACHING SERVICES

There will be preaching services at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and Sunday night by the pastor, Rev. Frank C. Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins announces that his congregation is very happy again to have Miss Allene McMillan back as organist.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BRINGS IN \$225 IN PRIZE MONEY

Captures First Prize In Water And Second In Chemical Contest.

WIN OVER ALBEMARLE

Break Tie With That City Winning Race In Ten Seconds.

One is tempted to believe that the Sanford Fire Department carried the left hind leg of a graveyard rabbit to the State Firemen's Convention at Statesville last week. The boys brought home \$225.00 as prize money, having won first prize in the water and second in the chemical contest. They tied the Albemarle team in the water contest, both scoring in 10 seconds. Sanford made the same score in the run off while Albemarle fell short, their score being 10 3/8 seconds. Lincolnton lowered their own world's record in chemicals from 7 4/5 seconds to 7 2/5 seconds. Sanford came second making the run in 9 seconds.

The remarkable thing about Sanford Fire Department is that it seldom returns from the State Tournament without bringing prize money. Some suitable recognition should be given the boys by the citizens of the town in appreciation of this last great victory. It was team work that put the thing over. They work together systematically, each member of the team performing his part at the right time.

The firemen taking part in the water race were: R. B. Lemmond, wrenchman; Jimmie Kelly, butman; J. O. Bridges, slack puller; Bryant Woodell, coupling breaker; John Underwood, nozzle man. In the chemical contest were: Max McLeod, J. R. Kelly and J. H. Woodell.

State Fire Warden Sherwood Brockwell, in making a talk to the firemen after the contests were over, jokingly charged the Sanford boys with being thieves and robbers. They were not willing to carry off a small purse, but wanted to break the whole treasury. He told the girls that they were from the famous Sandhill country and to call them peaches. The Sanford Fire Department has the reputation of doing things at the tournament.

WICKER BECOMES MANAGER STORE

Announcement is made by the management of Wicker's Shoe Store of the purchase by C. C. Cooper and Harvey Wicker of the interest owned in the store by John D. Wicker, manager of the store since it was established five years ago.

Paul L. Wicker, one of the store's owners and associated with John D. Wicker in the management of the business for the past four years, is the new manager, having succeeded the latter on September 1st. The store, until recently connected with Efrid's has taken a position with the shoe store.

Several changes are contemplated in the store, said Mr. Wicker, among which is to be the addition of a men's furnishing line, including shirts, overalls and other articles of men's apparel. Hitherto the business has been maintained exclusively as a shoe store.

KIWANIANS AND FARMERS BREAK BREAD AT DEEP RIVER SCHOOL

The Kiwanis Club has held three meetings with the farmers of the county this summer, the last one being held with the farmers and their wives of the northern section of the county at the Deep River consolidated school last Friday evening, a large per cent of the members being present. While the ladies were preparing the table members of the club and some of the young men of that section engaged in a spirited game of basketball. Some of these old stiff legged, stiff armed, ball headed fellows demonstrated the fact that they had played ball in the days of their youth, but it is doubtful if they could get out of the bed the next morning. A few of those who could not bat the ball and make the rounds of bases, pitched horse shoes for pastime. The exercise whetted their appetites and soon they were rubber-necking in the direction of the table to see when the feast would be ready, and a feast it was. No picnic crowd was ever invited to partake of a more sumptuous repast. The table was loaded from end to end with viands fit for a king. There are many fine cooks in that section of the county and they were at their best in serving this well prepared supper. Although there were a large number of farmers present there was sufficient food on that table to have fed a crowd almost twice that size. There is a woman's club in that section and Mrs. E. E. Lambeth is its president. In giving the names of the ladies who prepared and served the supper we are including the names of the husbands of those who are married:

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Womble, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lambeth, Mrs. Daisy Lambeth, Mrs. Anna Johnson, Miss Carry Harley, Miss Allie Hoyle, Miss Lucille Pattishall, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Wicker, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clegg, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wicker, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Mann. At the conclusion of supper all were invited to the auditorium of the school to hear a talk by O. H. Phillips, County Demonstration Agent of Stanley County. While Mr. Phillips is not an orator, yet he is an effective speaker and made a very helpful talk to the farmers and business and professional men present. After calling the meeting to order President J. A. Overton turned the program over to E. Frank Andrews, chairman of the Agriculture Committee. The speaker was introduced by E. O. McMahan, County Demonstration Agent. Mr. Phillips in his talk told of the advantages of a long time program—a program put on and carried out by the farmers and business men of the community. He told of the advantages of putting on a well worked out program for today, also for generations to come. He was pleased to see the farmers of the county and the Kiwanis Club of Sanford holding these joint social meetings and expressed the opinion that much good would be accomplished by it—that the business men and professional men and farmers must work together for the solution of their common problems. In the working out of the various problems he said that there were two factors to deal with, the human and soil factors. He and Mrs. E. M. Wicker, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wicker, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Womble, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Wicker, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wicker, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dawkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wicker, Stanley County.

FAIR, HOWEVER, TO BE HELD IN CITY INSTEAD OF FAIR GROUNDS

CHARLESTON EARTHQUAKE FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

There was great excitement in Sanford 45 years ago last Monday night. Many, if not all the people in this section, experienced their first earthquake. Not knowing what it was it was the kind of a thrill that they did not appreciate. It was in the true sense of the word a thriller and made an indelible impression on the minds of all who experienced the shock or series of shocks. Many people in this section remained up the remainder of the night and were frightened almost out of their wits. Great destruction was wrought in Charleston and that section of South Carolina. A number of people lost their lives, and there was great destruction of property.

The first issue of The Sanford Express contained an account of the Charleston earthquake. Sanford was a very small town at that time, having a population of not more than 300 or 400. Comparatively few people are living here now that were residents of the town at that time. One can almost count the families on one hand. Many of the citizens of the town of that day are taking their last long sleep in Buffalo cemetery or in other cemeteries in this section. Could they come back to earth and walk our streets they would hardly find a person that they would recognize.

published by members of one family during that entire period. There may be other papers published in the State by members of one family during an equal or longer period, but we don't know of such a paper.

Howard-Bobbitt Co. ENLARGE WAREHOUSES

Howard-Bobbitt Company are not only extending their business by adding new links to their chain of stores from time to time, but they are preparing to about double their warehouse capacity at this place. The contract for enlarging their warehouse has been awarded to W. L. Jewell, contractor. It is of brick. Their warehouse room is too small and in order to take care of their growing business they found it necessary to about double the capacity of their plant. They conduct a big wholesale business in addition to the 18 stores that they own and operate. They have made a success by sticking to their business and planning wisely.

PREPARING FOR COTTON MARKET

Four Buyers Will Purchase Cotton In Sanford This Season.

Cotton is beginning to open in this section and soon the laborers will be busy gathering the fleecy staple and the gins humming while wagons will be waiting in line to come up and unload. Although the farmers and ginners will be handling 7 cent cotton, they will find it necessary to save and market the crop as money is scarce and cotton is one of the money crops. At this season of the year the plant-let and wish to know the number of bales become concerned about the mar-buys that will be on the market and who they are. Sanford is the leading market of this section and every fall cotton is sold here from Lee and adjoining counties. Lee is a good cotton county and the average yield to the acre promises to be good this year.

There will be four or more buyers on the local market this fall. They are the Sanford Cotton Mill Company, who will operate their gin and buy at the mill, Wilkins-Ricks Company and Palmer & Reeves will handle cotton and store it at the farmers' warehouses, Ray Barnes will be on the market and will handle cotton at the warehouse in Lee. Wilkins-Ricks building which will soon be occupied by the Page Trust Company. Experienced buyers are connected with all these concerns and the farmers in the surrounding country may expect to get the market price on the Sanford market during the cotton season. The increase in cotton in this section is not as great as it was last year, but it is thought that the yield will be greater. The gin promises to be better than it was last year.

There is talk of men buying cotton at the low prices and holding it for higher prices. This is a gamble as cotton seems to have gone crazy. The Co-operative Marketing people are planning to handle cotton at this and other markets in this section on a very large scale. As was stated in The Express last week agents of the Association have been appointed at every market in Lee, Harnett and Moore counties.

The first cotton will be ginned in this county the last of this or the first of next week and it is safe to predict that it will be at Broadway.

BANKS TO BE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY

Sanford's two banks, the United Bank & Trust Co., and the Page Trust Co. will be closed next Monday for Labor Day. Patrons of the two institutions are invited to visit the banks for service on Saturday preceding the holiday.

SEVEN MURDER CASES Solicitor C. L. Williams informs The Express that there were seven murder cases on docket when Superior Court opened at Goldsboro last week. Only three of these cases were tried.