

Tar Heel Spotlight

School Funds Went To Military

North Carolinians have long been singularly proud of their excellent education systems — from the early grades on through graduate studies at many fine universities.

However, how many know that New Bern was the site of the first publicly supported school in North Carolina? The New Bern School, opened the first week in January, 1764, became only the second private secondary school in English America to receive a charter.

But two centuries ago, establishment of a school was not as simple a matter as voting a school bond issue. Time and again during colonial years monies were appropriated for schools but were used for other purposes.

Among the first mention of school in The Colonial Records of North Carolina is the 1749 bill for a free school introduced by John Starkey of Onslow County. In 1754, the sum of 6,000 pounds was authorized for schools, but unfortunately, was diverted for military purposes.

Other funds appropriated from time to time were disallowed in England.

The 1758 Assembly asked King George II that some monies for schools and churches be provided by the Crown in return for war aid, but objections were raised up to 1763. It is reported that even merchants objected to the use of public funds for school.

However, Royal Gov. Arthur Dobbs recognized the lack and frequently emphasized the need for schools and more school masters in the province. In 1760 he proposed to the Colonial Assembly that each parish vestry raise funds to pay the parish clerk and register to act as schoolmaster, and also serve as substitute church reader.

The money was raised, but again channeled to the military.

Another appeal from Governor Dobbs for clergymen and school masters and repeated requests by Parson James Reed, the Assembly chaplain, went out in 1762 to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. These pleas finally brought response.

During December, 1763,

Thomas Thomlinson arrived in New Bern from Cumberland County, England, and on Jan. 7 opened a school to teach children "in such branches of useful learning as are necessary in several of the offices or stations in life, and imprint on their tender minds the principles of the Christian religion agreeable to the establishment of the Church of England."

The School was an almost immediate success.

In March 1764, the Assembly provided the schoolmaster a residence, and a school building for his classes in 1766. However, the conscientious schoolmaster, to see the building completed, lent the money — half his annual salary — for the floors and brick chimneys until he could obtain more pledges.

The Assembly, which met in the fall, came to his rescue. Historian Alonzo Dill writes that the Assembly "passed an act authorizing contributors to the school to choose eleven trustees from their number, to be known as the Incorporated Society for promoting and Establishing the Public School in New Bern, and levying for a seven-year period a duty of one penny a gallon on all spirituous liquors imported into Neuse River."

At that time, Thomlinson wrote of the new school, "We have now a prospect of a very flourishing school in the town of New Bern and which indeed has been greatly wanting for several years past . . ."

Soon, he needed an assistant, and early in 1767 James McCartney, a native of Ireland, arrived to assist Thomlinson with the school. A year later, McCartney left for England where he became a candidate for the ministry.

Lack of money and other difficulties forced Thomlinson to give up the school in April, 1772 with the pupils heavily in debt to him. Master Thomlinson then moved to Rhode Island for his health.

During the Revolution, the school was disorganized, but was reactivated by the Assembly in 1784, and given the name of the New Bern Academy

The frame schoolhouse building, which had also served as a meeting place for the General Assembly from

time to time, was destroyed by fire in 1795.

The once-beautiful Tryon Palace was then used for a schoolhouse for a time, since the state capital had been moved to the new town of Raleigh.

Another school building, built in 1806, is still standing. During the Civil War, the "new" building was used as a school started by northerners,

Brevard Methodist Established In 1893

The First United Methodist Church grew from a tiny start in 1873 to its current membership of 965 with its physical plant located on North Broad Street opposite Brevard College.

A history of the church by Jennie Taylor Orr, published in 1965, traces the progress of the band of Methodists from the interest spurred by visits from Bishop Francis Asbury to the deeding of land to the church in 1873.

In the booklet, Mrs. Orr talks about the first agitation for a school, and the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Fitch Taylor in 1892 to open a school for mountain girls. That school, called Epworth School, is the forerunner of what is now Brevard College.

The first addition to the church building, a frame, whitewashed structure, came in 1903 when Rev. C.P. Moore was the preacher in charge. The old church was moved back to become the annex and a new church sanctuary was built, which was dedicated in August, 1904.

Indebtedness on that structure was paid off in the fall of 1907, when Rev. Robert F. Tuttle, father of the current minister, was minister.

By the early 1920's Sunday school attendance had grown so that another addition was required. The congregation borrowed \$8,000 and members did much of the work themselves.

It was during the ministry of Rev. Julian J. Holmes from 1949 to 1953 that 360 new members were added to the congregation. Again, additional space was needed,

and then later served as a hospital for northern soldiers.

The 1806 building recently had its front portico restored. And it is still the dream of other New Bernians to restore entirely the old schoolhouse, site of many a lesson in reading, 'ritin', and 'rithmetic for many distinguished North Carolinians who claim New Bern Academy as their alma mater.

and a residence owned by Ed M. Anderson, adjacent to the church, was used for temporary classroom space.

Mr. Holmes also appointed a building committee, chaired by Luke Harrison, that made plans for the current sanctuary on three and a half acres of land given by the Brevard College Trustees.

A campaign was launched in 1955, during the ministry of Rev. Douglas Corriher, to raise \$150,000.

The first service in the new structure was held Jan. 5, 1958.

The educational wing, at a cost of \$225,000, was opened in May, 1970.

In addition to the programs of the church, the facilities are used by Brevard College, and by many community organizations, including American Association of Retired Persons, Friends of the Library, Jaycees, American Association of University Women, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Blue Ridge Technical Institute and community concerts.

Urban Animal Agriculture

Animal agriculture sounds rural, but most of the jobs it creates are in metropolitan areas, such as packing house workers, retail meat cutters, truck drivers and scores of other jobs in both blue collar and white collar designations. Most of the money agriculture spends for supplies, equipment and machinery goes into the economic stream of urban areas and helps pay the wages of urban workers.

Blantyre News

BY MRS. ADA REED his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reed last Saturday. Marietta, S. C. last Thursday. We are glad to report that Mrs. Alice Dockery is feeling better after being ill.

Let us remember beginning on Jan. 12, we'll be having our January Bible study, which will be the book of Acts, at our church. Mrs. Hilliard Stepp is visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Docker a few days. We extend our sympathy to the family of Vernon Huggins of the Big Willow section of Henderson County, who died last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Setzer of Candler, visited with relatives in this section recently. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Owen spent last Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Lee Owen of Greer, S. C. When you think of prescriptions, think of VARNER'S. adv

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nesbitt visited with their daughter's family Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pritchelle of

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