

## COUNTY LEADS STATE IN SCHOOL FUNDS FOR YEAR

### Rutherford Spent More Money on Her Public Schools Than Any Other County in State

Rutherford county scores again. According to a recent statement from Raleigh this county spent more money on her public schools for the school year 1925-26 than any other county in North Carolina, the sum being \$730,316.44. Of this amount \$424,952.03 was spent for capital outlay, sites, buildings, furniture, etc. The county took second place in the state on the total amount spent per capita with a per capita expenditure of \$66.43.

This was during a period of great building activity when many of the leading high school and rural school buildings were being erected. This is more than the larger and wealthier counties spent such as Buncombe, Mecklenburg, Forsyth or Guilford. It is about \$64,000 more than Buncombe county spent that year on her schools. Henderson county spent \$62.08 per child and ranked 5th while Polk county spent \$52.08 per child and ranked 10th.

Rutherford county received \$50,214.44 from the State Education Equalization fund last week of the \$3,250,000 appropriated by the last General Assembly. County Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin was highly pleased with this amount. Only sixteen counties in the state received more than did Rutherford from this fund. Cleveland county received \$47,201.93 while Burke got \$22,289.71, McDowell \$10,510.68, and Polk received \$29,320.85. Ninety counties received from this fund. The Board actually distributed \$3,126,643.39 to the 90 counties, the law requiring that \$100,000 of the fund be held for emergency use, and the balance being made up from the \$23,257.29 of the present equalization fund which has not yet been expended, thus making the total of \$3,250,000.

The total called for by the State

## WASHBURN NEWS

Bostic, R-1, June 21.—Misses Lillian Washburn and Layette West spent last week at Lake Junaluska where they attended the Epworth League Conference.

The Junior League superintendent entertained the Junior's with a picnic Saturday afternoon. At the home of Clara Cooper. Every one reported a nice time.

Misses Esther Bailey and Ruth Harrill spent the week with Vernelle West.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hipps were pleasant visitors at the home of Mr. B. F. West Tuesday afternoon.

The Epworth League will give the play entitled "Old Oaken Bucket," again at the Oak Grove school building No. 2. The public is cordially invited to come and bring some one with you. Don't fail to see it! Admission 15c and 25c. Proceeds will go for the church.

### NEAL-McMAHAN

Mr. J. D. Neal of Rutherfordton, was married to Miss Grace Lee McMahan of Forest City by Rev. W. T. Tate at Trough, S. C., on June 15th. Both are well known and have the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

budget in all the 100 counties of the State, covering the six months school term and teachers salaries for this period, plus 15 per cent for current expenses, for 1926-27, amounted to \$13,773,278.26, representing an increase of 5.94 per cent over the budget for 1925-26, deducting the total amount of the budgets of the ten non-participating counties from this total, the balance needed in the 90 participating counties was found to be \$10,512,501.79. But the amount that would be yielded in these 90 counties by a 40 cents tax on existing, or 1926 valuations, was found to be but \$6,887,175, which subtracted from the \$10,512,501.79 left \$3,625,321.17 or nearly \$500,000 more than the equalization fund contained. So the valuations were boosted sufficiently to take up this excess and make the fund go around. —Rutherford County News.

## AQUATIC STAR AT LAKE LURE

### Youthful Palm Tippy Having Great Time at Mountain Resort

Lake Lure, June 24.—Palm Tippy, 5-year-old aquatic star, who will be remembered immediately by moviegoers as the freckled face, blond haired youngster, pictured by Pathe News, diving from the head of an elephant into the sunny waters of Florida, is in the mountains of Western North Carolina seeking new worlds for his youthful prowess.

Upon first reaching the Land of the Sky, Palm was a little doubtful about there being sufficient heights and waterways where to give full display to his waterdog proclivities. Of course, the wooded peaks of the Appalachians tower high, but one can't well do a "swan" off a mountain unless there is plenty of water below wherein to complete the dive.

In this uncertainty, Palm and his father, who is accompanying him on his vacation in the Land of the Sky, turned to Lake Lure and have been spending all their hours for the past week taking advantage of the 1,500-acre expanse of crystal waters at the mountain lake resort. With a depth ranging from a few inches to more than a hundred feet, Palm is not complaining of lack of water in which to imitate the porpoise to his heart's content. He has likewise been taking advantage of his opportunities to acquaint himself with the riding qualities of the various speed boats skimming over the lake. The young Florida "salt" has already fallen in love with the plunge into these fresh mountain waters from off the stern of a super express boat going from under him at full speed.

Palm has faced hundreds of news cameras and motion picture machines during his youthful but eventful career. At the age of four years, the youngster won a gold medal at Young's Pier, Atlantic City, for a 70-foot dive into a tank. He has performed in high diving stunts with Ringling Brothers Circus, has made the spectacular plunge from the side of a great ocean liner. These and other equally startling feats have already been encompassed within the scant five years of this splendidly developed little bundle of muscles, nerves, and vitality. At present the attractive youngster is under contract to appear in motion pictures with Hal Roach, whose sudden call to Europe has made necessary the postponement of Palm's Hollywood appearance for several months.

Palm is a full fledged member of the American Red Cross Life Saving Corps, and has three lives to his credit he has saved from drowning, by virtue of which he is the proud owner of two Carnegie medals.

Recently the youngster gave an exhibition at the large Asheville Recreation Park swimming pool, his program including various types of dives and demonstration in life saving.

### PROGRAM PREPARED FOR CLUB-SHORT COURSE

Raleigh, June 27.—Programs for the annual boys and girls club week, July 11 to 16, have been prepared and plans are being made to entertain between 500 and 700 young visitors at State College during the short course.

According to L. R. Harrill, club leader, and Miss Maude Wallace, assistant state home demonstration agent, many of these boys and girls are coming to the college with their expenses paid, either partly or entirely by various business concerns and others organizations who want to reward outstanding boys and girls. In a number of instances the club at home is paying the expenses of its delegate. Money was raised by various methods during the past year to send a representative to the short course. Those who come are club leaders and are the cream of the work in North Carolina.

For five days, these boys and girls will have a continuous round of study, demonstration, recreation and social life at all times carefully supervised by the faculty which is composed of the extension specialists, district and county agents from over the state. The boys will take courses in livestock, farm crops, poultry, forestry and club recreation. The studies in forestry and recreation will be new. R. W. Graeber, extension forester, has been secured to teach the forestry project while John Brad-

## BIG REVIVAL AT SHELBY

### Dr. Lee R. Scarborough Assisting Dr. Zeno Wall

Shelby, June 27.—Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, author of many religious books, wide traveller, head of the Baptist Seventy Five Million drive of a few years ago, pastor of the Southwestern Theological Seminary, the most largely attended theological Seminary in the world, is assisting Dr. Zeno Wall pastor of the First Baptist church in a two weeks revival meeting being held in the open-air on a lot adjoining the church building. Seats have been provided for 3,000 people and a choir loft for the orchestra and 200 trained voices under the direction of the church's music director H. M. Pippin. Dr. Scarborough is one of the ablest evangelists and most gifted ministers in the Southern Baptist Convention and it is expected that the revival meeting will be the largest attended ever held in Shelby.

Last year Dr. Wall conducted a tent revival here which outstripped anything the Baptists have had since the days of the Dixons. Following the same policy of last year, congregations from suburban and rural churches will be invited on specified nights to attend in a body and bring with them their best singers.

Dr. Scarborough is in great demand throughout the nation and Dr. Wall and the citizenship of Shelby consider themselves fortunate in securing him for this two weeks open-air revival.

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ford of the National Playground Association of America will teach the classes in recreation. This project will be given to only the most advanced club members so that they might be able to serve as leaders at club encampments and other gatherings.

The girls will take work in foods, clothing, room improvement, recreation and poultry.

There will be vesper services on the campus lawn each evening and sightseeing over Raleigh under the capable leadership of Col. Fred A. Olds.

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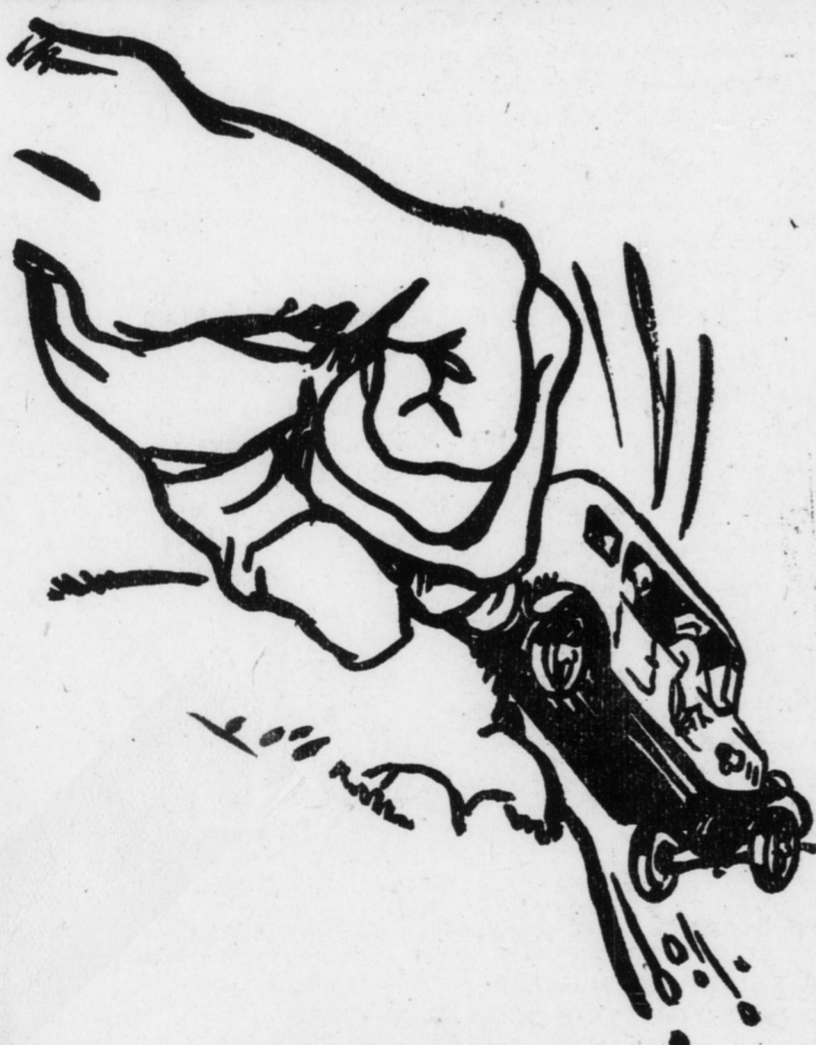
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