

# Colored Institute Suffers Heavy Loss In \$25,000 Fire

## Main Building Destroyed With All Its Class Rooms

Auditorium and Music Quarters in That Structure; School Work Will Be Resumed Monday by Using Library, Gymnasium, Y. M. C. A., Other Space

Fire of undetermined origin, but which started in the attic, destroyed the administration building at Henderson Institute, a school for colored children, here shortly after midnight this morning. The loss, including the building and its furnishings, was estimated today by Dr. J. A. Cotton, head of the school, at around \$25,000. It was the third disastrous fire the school has sustained in the last 15 years, and was the fourth fire of consequence in the Henderson area in as many days. The burned building was partially insured, the exact amount being undetermined today.

The building that was destroyed contained nearly all class rooms of the Institute, together with its auditorium, the music department and the administrative offices. Very little was saved, though students and others did get out most of the records from the office and dumped several pianos out the doors.

Dr. Cotton said today that, despite the serious handicap imposed by the fire, arrangements would be made for the resumption of class work next Monday morning. The new gymnasium, erected a year ago, will be pressed into service, as will the library which adjoined the burned structure but was undamaged, and also the Y. M. C. A. building and other available quarters. In this manner an effort will be made to complete the work of the present school term, which has some six weeks or more yet to run.

The property is owned and the school supported mainly by the United Presbyterian Church of the North, and is expected that, with insurance available and such other funds as can be gotten in hand, a new administration building will be planned and erected in time for the opening next fall.

The Institute's enrollment is nearly 400, of which about 100 are boarding students. An overflow from the city and county colored schools, mostly children in the upper grades, are cared for in school training by the Institute, under an agreement with city and county school authorities.

and under that arrangement three instructors are furnished by State funds. Rural children are transported from their homes in buses each school day.

It was about 12:30 a. m. when the alarm came in from the fire. Firemen responded quickly, but by the time they arrived and made their water connections, the building was burning fiercely, and there was little chance to save it. The direction of the wind carried the flames and the sparks away from other buildings on the campus, and firemen directed their efforts largely to saving adjacent property, including the library, which was the building nearest to the burning structure. It was not damaged.

The burned building was of frame construction, and was one of the structures erected when the school was established here in 1893. It had since been enlarged and extensively repaired, however, and several years ago the exterior was given a stucco treatment. The school is more or less a center for Negro activity in this community, and has filled a big place in the life of the colored people here for many years.

Dr. Cotton said the building was valued at about \$12,000, and that equipment in it would probably amount to about that much more.

Comparatively few people were attracted to the fire, probably due to the hour, when most people had gone to bed for the night, and the distance from the main part of town.

## W. S. GREEN STORE LOOTED BY THIEVES

Quantity of Foodstuff Is Taken by Robbers Who Entered Last Night

Robbers last night entered the store and flour mill of W. S. Green in South Henderson, adjoining the Vance Mills property, and made away with a quantity of groceries. Lard, cheese, sugar and other foods were the object of the robbery, as such items as that were missed, and in comparatively small amounts. Several cartons of cigarettes were taken.

Deputies J. L. Cash and G. N. Tucker were called to the scene shortly before 7 o'clock this morning when the robbery was discovered as the business was opened for the day. A large crowbar had been taken apparently from railroad property nearby and the door prized off. The thieves then helped themselves to what they wanted.

Officers had little to work on today, and no arrests had been made early in the forenoon.

## LIONS VAUDEVILLE AT THE STEVENSON

Will Be Given Next Wednesday and Funds Go to Needy Children

The Lions' club vaudeville, which will be staged at the Stevenson theatre, Wednesday, March 23, in connection with the super-feature picture, "The Champ," (This picture is considered one of the season's most outstanding attractions. Starring Wallace Berry and Jacky Cooper,) promises to be one of unusual entertainment value. You cannot afford to miss this side splitting rip roaring comedy, written and performed by your local Lions club.

Rabbi Wester will give you the latest angles on marriage, which alone is worth twice the admission. Chicken Mixon will also give you a lecture on the ups and downs of his life which proves to be a scream.

Hon. Benjamin Bull Neck Moose Face Hicks will do the announcing throughout the performance.

Another added attraction will be a comedy sketch by Waddell Gholson and Bob Faulkner as tramps.

Sam Alford "the whiffle dust king," will endeavor to mystify you with a few of his latest stunts in magic.

There are many other important

## City Will Be Combed For Jobs For The Unemployed

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One of the finest things that is arising out of the unfortunate depression in America is a new spirit—the unselfish spirit of helping fellow Americans.

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It's a campaign that you and every American should support. And your reward? To light a fire in just one cold heart. That is sufficient reward for all of the effort that can be put into this campaign.

Will you do your part by finding just one job—TODAY?

## SOWING TO FLESH REAPS CORRUPTION

Subject of Sermon at Methodist Revival; Rev. Mr. Nelson Is Heard

Those who sow to the flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, as the Scripture says, declared Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, the pastor, in his sermon at the First Methodist church last night in continuing the revival meeting now in progress there. The service was attended by another large congregation.

At the morning service today at 9:30 o'clock, the sermon was by Rev. E. R. Nelson, Baptist minister, whose text was from John 6:35, "I am the bread of life."

The pastor will preach again this evening, when announcements are to be made for the week-end and for the Sunday services.

The subject last night was "Sowing to the Flesh and of the Flesh Reaping Corruption." "Sowing implies aggression," the preacher said. Those who do evil are not content to go into their devilment alone. They are determined to carry my boy and my girl with them. If they are to land in perdition they want plenty of company. For that reason they are planting the seeds of corruption among us. They will strike the roses from the checks of your innocent girl and leave her to kill herself to find release from her shame. They will gamble away your last crust. They will trade you out of your fondest aspiration. I have no confidence in the flesh. Without the grace of God we are below the level of the brute.

"Flesh in the Scripture means human nature apart from God. This same human nature shot dice under the cross gambling for the robe worn by the dying Christ. Have no surprise therefore if the same human nature carries on an orgy of devilment in this community and undermines every church in town. Human nature corrupted and apart from God will disgrace your home and then muzzle every preacher in town daring them to open their mouths in defence of common decency.

"The corruption spoken of is the corruption of bodies, souls and institutions and society. There is no need for exposition on this point. Every man in town knows that the devil and his crowd will purify everything they touch. Not only will they do it they have done it. Men wear sores on their bodies and scars on their souls as standing monuments to the purification of sin.

But here comes the cross. Jesus invites the sinners, though vile to stand under the blood. I see them coming by the thousands and their leprous spots are cleansed as they approach the fountain."

Rev. Mr. Nelson, in his sermon this morning, said Jesus gave bread for the body and bread for the soul. He brought light, life, peace, pardon, bread, according to the human need. Jesus saves men not to die today but to live tomorrow, he said, adding that St. Paul insisted that men are saved in order to pass from the present bondage of sin.

"We may be saved also from the by products of sin," he said, and "one of these is anxiety. Jesus was troubled but was complacent. God saves from fear and timidity. Timid women and backward men can be made bold and powerful in righteousness. God saves from doubt and superstition. If you doubt you are a Christian, go to God with your doubt, and he will make you doubt your doubts. Superstition will kill your faith, but faith in God will kill your superstition."

acts, such as banjo and uke solos, singing and wise cracking through the show.

This show is sponsored by the Henderson Lions club, and the proceeds will go to the underprivileged children of Vance county.—Reported.

## IDLE CONVICTS AT GREYSTONE CAMP

Quartered at Old Structure For Lack of Room Elsewhere in State

The State Prison convict camp at the Greystone quarry of the Raleigh Granite Company, which burned early Thursday, was used to house idle prisoners for whom there was no room at State Prison in Raleigh. The camp was an old one, and until recently had been used for a force of convicts employed in the quarry. None of the prisoners escaped and none was injured in the fire, which is said to have started in a small guard house near the main barracks which accommodated the prisoners. Information today was that the men kept there were transferred to another camp operated by the State Prison, near Durham, and sent to Raleigh, as was understood Thursday.

George Ross Fou, superintendent of State Prison, said that about 500 prisoners were being maintained in these old camps because there was nothing for them to do anywhere else.

"If we had been able to go ahead with the construction of the new prison plant as we had planned," Mr. Fou said, "we would have been able to take these prisoners out of these old camps. But for the time being there is nothing else for us to do than to use these old camps."

## Vance County As Whole Well Within Its Budget

Three More Months of Fiscal Year Remain and Expenditures So Far \$46,884 of \$61,639 Appropriated; Unexpended Amount \$17,482 on March 7

With three months, or one-fourth, of the fiscal year yet to run, Vance county departments and institutions, taken as a whole, are living well within their budgets, according to a compilation as of March 7, made public today by G. W. Adams, county accountant.

Appropriations for strictly county purposes amounted to \$61,639.22, and of that amount, \$46,884.62 has been spent, and there is an unexpended sum of \$17,482.39. Over-expended items amount to a total of \$2,727.79, it was shown in the report.

The report revealed that of the \$31,429.97 appropriated in the general fund, \$22,184.59 has been spent, with \$9,872.43 still left, and an over-expended item of \$427.05. No road fund was appropriated, but an item of \$2,300.74 has been expended, which represents an overdraft of that department, and was for bills that were left over and which had not been paid at the time the State Highway Commission took over the roads last July 1.

The poor fund had an appropriation of \$9,964.08, and has spent \$7,238.70, with an unexpended balance of \$2,637.38. In the salary fund the appropriations amounted to \$14,199.92, of which \$10,812.44 has been spent, with \$3,387.48 left. The health fund was appropriated in the sum of \$6,045.25, and \$4,460.15 of that amount has been spent, with \$1,585.10 left.

The report also goes into much greater detail in showing appropriations, expenditures and unexpended sums. The \$46,884.62 that has been spent is several thousand dollars less than three-fourths of the year's budget, though three-fourths of the fiscal year has elapsed. It would seem from this that there is a prospect of a surplus of some amount being saved by the end of the fiscal year.

It was found that in eight generations of the Bach family no less than fifty persons showed eminence in music.

## SPEAKERS TO TELL ABOUT THE PLANS

Will Appear in Churches Sunday and at Club Meets Next Week

Representatives of the American Legion, which is sponsoring the undertaking, and of other civic groups cooperating, planned at a meeting last night to comb the business and residential sections of Henderson in the next few days in search of jobs for the scores of unemployed people in the community who are anxious to work but can find nothing to do. The employment campaign is also to be called to the attention of congregations in the churches next Sunday morning, and also again at various club meetings in the city next week, it was stated.

Representatives were present at the meeting last night in the Henderson Merchants Association quarters from a number of civic groups. It was said today that 122 persons had registered for work, and that jobs had been found for six.

Mayor Irvine B. Watkins presided at the meeting last night, and, after some discussion, it was decided to place the residential sections in the hands of ladies from the various organizations, and to be under the leadership of Mrs. J. W. Jenkins as general chairman, and four captains, as follows: First ward, Mrs. T. S. Kittrell; second ward, Mrs. L. D. Wall; third ward, Mrs. W. H. Fleming; fourth ward, Mrs. R. C. Gary, all of whom are members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Under the captains members of every organized group of women in the city plan to work each block systematically. Each person will be given an opportunity to provide a certain number of days of work, and if they so desired may purchase ticket books, which can be used to pay for work.

Every organization having a meeting in the next few weeks is asked to have brought before it a speaker who can explain in a few minutes the plan adopted, so that all will be familiar with the project. Telephone calls to 206 or 581-J will bring such a speaker, if there is no one in the organization familiar with the plan, it is stated. It is expected to have

about three minutes devoted to the subject in all of the churches next Sunday morning. Speakers are to be announced later.

It was said today that the public is asked to remember that the American Legion is not asking favors. This is a patriotic and united endeavor by all American people for the good of all the people. United action is the only thing that will save the situation, it is believed, since the country is in a national emergency, the like of which has not before been seen or experienced in times of peace. No citizen can say honestly that he is not concerned. Neither can any one person or group change the situation, not alone, but those active in the campaign believe that a million doing the same thing at the same time can turn this darkness into light.

It is made clear that the entire program in this campaign is to do simply and directly the one thing needed to restore normal conditions. More than 7,000,000 are out of work. Many of those millions, too, are said to be in a condition of absolute destitution, and many bordering on desperation. Above all, they need jobs, not charity. The workers who will call upon every citizen within the next two weeks are giving their time freely to help find and create jobs, and every individual is asked to "do your bit and do it now."

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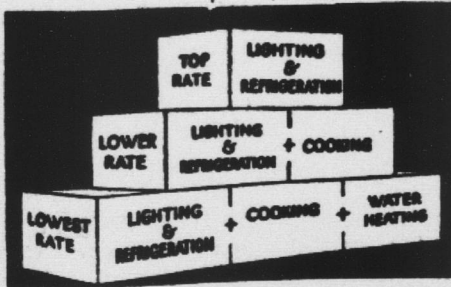
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