

SUPERINTENDENT ALLEN WANTS EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOLS

Says This Is Necessary to Put North Carolina on a Par With Other States in Education.

LONGER TERM IS NECESSARY FIRST Then It Will Be Possible to Seek Other Improvements. — Constitutional Amendment Necessary.

(By J. C. BASKERVILL) Staff Correspondent. Wentworth, Sept. 18.—Readily admitting that North Carolina still has a long way to go in order to compare favorably with other states in the matter of public education, A. T. Allen, state superintendent of education, today maintained that the first step necessary to put the state on a par with other states is the creation of an eight months school term, instead of the present six months term, in an address today before the teachers, committee and board of education of Rockingham county here today, on the eve of the opening of the county schools Monday morning. When the eight months school term has been obtained, then it will be possible to seek other improvements, none of which can be hoped for until the longer term has been made a reality, Mr. Allen asserted.

In order to clear up the misapprehension on the part of some people that the eight months school term may be forced upon them against their will, Mr. Allen first explained the one and only process by which the eight months term may become a reality, as follows: First, it may be done only by constitutional amendment, after the general assembly has authorized a special election, setting in clear terms what is to be voted upon. Second, the measure must be ratified by the vote of the people before it can become law. Thus the next general assembly would first have to authorize the election, which could not be held before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1928. Then, if approved, the general assembly would have to set up the necessary machinery for putting the longer term into effect, and the eight months term proper could not go into effect until the 1929-1930 term.

"It has been suggested that this would be going too rapidly for the people of North Carolina. But the more statement of the plan shows that nothing can be done in the matter without ratification by the people themselves," Mr. Allen stated.

Therefore, because a question for the people to determine and cannot be set up against their will. The people of the state must be in favor of it or nothing can be done toward accomplishing it. "In spite of the simplicity and the apparent fairness of the plan for the realization of the eight months school term, there are those among us who would delay the beginning of the plan for one reason or another. "One group says that we must wait until we have an ample supply of teachers. It is possible to secure good teachers with only a six months term, and can give them employment for only half the year? At present it is possible to find good teachers in the city schools and the longer term schools. But what we desire is good teachers in every school in the state. In place then of trying to supply a better teaching force for the six months term schools, would we not be wiser to extend the term to eight months and thereby provide greater inducement to the young men and women of the state to become teachers? In my opinion, better teaching is dependent upon longer term rather than on a short term with a better teaching force."

Still another group would have the state wait "until the people get ready for a longer term," Mr. Allen said. But the question of readiness is one for the people of the state to decide for themselves—and that is all that the department of education is asking. "I am willing to abide by their decision, and I do not fear the result," Mr. Allen said.

"We are told again that we must not start until a better scheme of taxation has been worked out. I am no expert on taxation, and shall therefore make no attempt to pass on the system of taxation that we now have, or to suggest any new system to be evolved in the future. What I do object to is making the length of the school term await the adjustment of all questions of taxation that may now exist."

"The eight months school term is bigger than any scheme of taxation, for schemes of taxation can be adjusted from time to time and the people have permanent institutions, to which every boy and girl in the state is entitled. And I should like to see it embodied in the constitution and guaranteed by it, supported by such schemes of taxation as each succeeding general assembly in its wisdom may see fit to provide."

"We are already committed to a universal principle of equal educational opportunity at public expense. The only new question raised here is, what shall be the extent of that opportunity? "If we await the final and satis-

Florida Coast Again Lashed By Hurricane Coming From Bahamas

RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE FEEBLE-MINDED Sterilization Recommended in Certain Cases.—Other Recommendations.

Raleigh, Sept. 18.—Although sterilization as a general remedy for feeble-mindedness and idiocy, first generally recommended, legislation permitting the use of sterilization in certain cases, on the recommendation of the heads of the various State corrective institutions, is perhaps the major recommendation contained among the seven which are made in the report of the committee on the feeble minded, of which Dr. W. S. Rankin is chairman, and which was today made public by Governor A. W. McLean. The report, which is most thorough and exhaustive and reflects the latest and most up-to-date finding on the question of feeble-mindedness and idiocy, first goes into an able outline of the problem as it exists in North Carolina, considers the value of the various forms of treatment which have been evolved, and finally concludes with seven recommendations, either as to desired legislation or general policy to be followed in the handling of the situation.

The seven recommendations, in brief, are as follows: 1. To give preference in the treatment of cases at Caswell Training School which are the most burdensome on the family or community. 2. To employ a more modern system of cost finding, and to seek to rehabilitate wherever possible, providing for the parole and discharge of a certain number of patients annually.

3. That all present building plans take into consideration future needs for a period of 25 years, with an ultimate capacity of 2,000 at the Caswell Training school.

4. That legislation be enacted requiring mental and physical examination of all school children in the State who have become retarded one year in school, to see if they are mentally or physically defective.

5. That legislation be enacted to authorize the superintendent of State Prison, the Caswell Training School or the heads of any of the hospitals for the insane to authorize sterilization operations on either a male or female inmate or patient.

6. That parents be required to pay in whole or in part the expenses of children in the Caswell school whenever they are financially able to do so and that where this is not possible, the counties assist in paying the expenses of the cases which come from the families.

7. That the capacity of the Caswell Training School be increased to accommodate 150 additional inmates, increasing the capacity from 540 as it is at present to 690, which would require an appropriation of not exceeding \$120,000. Per capita cost of maintenance at present should not exceed \$300 a year, the report sets forth.

In the light of recent happenings, the proposal to enlarge the Caswell school may meet with considerable opposition, as may also the recommendation for the examination of all backward school children, as set forth in the fourth recommendation above.

In giving out the report of the committee to the press, Governor McLean stated that he was much impressed with the comprehensive way the subject had been treated, and commended Dr. Rankin and the other members of the committee for the excellent work they had done. The entire report is to be printed and will be sent to every member of the legislature and to others who are interested.

NEW BRIDGE OVER YADKIN OPENED

Two Thousand People in Attendance and Two Congressmen Speak. Salisbury, Sept. 17.—Congressmen R. L. Doughton and W. C. Hammer were the principal speakers at the formal opening of the Reeves Island bridge across the Yadkin river at Salisbury today. Two thousand people or more were in attendance upon the exercises. This is a double bridge connecting Davidson and Rowan counties with an island in the Yadkin.

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factory adjustment of all the subsidiary questions and objections before we make a beginning for the eight months school term, generations of boys and girls will pass by neglected. Boys and girls cannot wait. They grow up into men and women whether they have had good schools or have had poor schools. Every year of delay means the passing of one crop of children who might have been benefited. Does not this question of an eight months school term mean too much in the future of North Carolina to permit of further delay or neglect? Let the people of the state have the chance to settle for themselves this one question in its merit and in their own way."

Shipping Scurries to Safety as Storm, Starting Off West Indies, Strikes the Florida Coast.

PART OF BEACH NOW INUNDATED

Wires Down in Many Sections and Miami Has Only One Trunk Line Open to Rest of the State.

Miami, Fla., Sept. 18.—(AP)—Shipping scurried to cover early today before the force of the tropical hurricane which centered yesterday at Nassau, capital city of the Bahamas Islands.

A slowly dropping barometer and a steadily rising wind and sea forecast the approach of the storm, which was reported from Havana, Cuba, last night as having a wind velocity of 100 miles per hour.

At Miami Beach a heavy surf was pounding 20 feet or more above the usual high water lines, and high waves in Biscayne Bay endangered the causeway connecting Miami Beach with the mainland. Automobiles were stalled on the causeway, while in Miami street car and power lines were down. Police had several reports of uprooting of large trees in the vicinity of Miami.

High waves were already beginning to attack along the water fronts at Palm Beach and Ocean Boulevard, washed away in a score of places by the July gale, was being reinforced with rock and heavy timber. Yachts anchored in Lake Worth were hastily moved to safety berths in inland canals.

Lack of communication with Nassau handicapped by the dismantling of radio stations made news of possible destruction in the Florida storm was in a tranque area roughly between Port Pierce, Oklawaha and Key Largo, and winds in some parts were blowing between 80 and 100 miles an hour.

All wires to Miami and vicinity were down. One unconfirmed report through Key West said that water was floating over the causeway between Miami and Miami Beach, and the flooding of manholes had put the telephone lines out of commission.

Miami Beach Under Water.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 18.—(AP)—A wind of terrific velocity was whipping Miami Beach today, said reports to the officers here of the Western Union Telegraph Co.

The company is in partial touch with Miami Beach through one cable line, via Punta Rasa and Key West. There was, however, no commercial communication.

The Western Union cable office at Miami Beach reported to the traffic department here that the island was "under 3 feet of water" and that "six feet of water" was running over the Miami-Miami Beach causeway.

Electric light and telephone wires were down, it also reported. The telephone company's men were isolated at their office with water sweeping through the streets.

No communication could be made between the beach and Miami proper. A wind of 100 miles velocity was whipping the high seas at Miami Beach, the telegraph company's office was advised.

Part of Coast Isolated.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 18.—(AP)—Lashed by the second hurricane, that has whipped out of the West Indies in two months, portions of the lower east coast of Florida, were isolated from communication with the outside world today.

Telephone and telegraph companies reported their lines down in the vicinity of West Palm Beach and Miami where a severe gale was blowing. All messages were subject to indefinite delay.

The wire chief's office of the Western Union Telegraph Company reported they lost the last wire into Miami, a cable via Key West, early today when power failed in the wind swept city. Last reports to the wire chief were that the gale attained a velocity of 80 miles an hour in Miami and that portion of Miami Beach, exclusive residential section, were flooded.

The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. reported its lines of communication were open only as far down as Titusville, along the east coast. The long distance chief operator said last reports from Miami were that Hialeah was flooded.

Hundred Mile Gale at West Palm Beach. Avon Park, Fla., Sept. 18.—(AP)—A hundred mile an hour gale was sweeping West Palm Beach today according to information received here over the Seaboard Air Line telephone circuit, the only line of communication open between the city and the outside world at noon. The line is not expected to hold with the storm expected to reach its height at noon today.

Wants Mazuma



David Wark Griffith, movie director, was photographed on the witness stand in a White Plains (N. Y.) court. He was suing Al Tolson, comedian, for half a million plus for failure to appear in a movie.

MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS

Securing Playground Equipment for the Graded School.—Other News. Mt. Pleasant, Sept. 17.—The Ella Moore P.O. Parent-Teacher Association, organized last spring, has held several very interesting meetings during the summer. The organization is securing some much-needed playground equipment for the graded school. Under the auspices of the association a variety program will be presented at the town auditorium Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Thelma Seaford, of Charlotte, is here for a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turner S. Seaford, recuperating from a recent operation.

Mrs. J. E. Misenheimer has returned to her home in Winston-Salem after spending a week with relatives here.

Mrs. J. J. Cook, Miss Mattie Woodell, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pike, of Greensboro, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller.

The Cold Springs congregation surprised Rev. and Mrs. Scott Thursday evening with a generous "pounding."

The Aid Society of the Lutheran Church will hold a supper in the Leutz building Saturday afternoon from 4 to 8 o'clock.

Mary Katharine, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Foil, is recovering from a week's illness.

Mrs. Sarah Misenheimer is making an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Clinton B. Smithdale, in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. J. T. Crabtree is spending several weeks at her former home in Salem, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Banks Muse and little son are the guests here of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Muse.

Mrs. John Herion, of Salisbury, is spending a week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turner S. Seaford.

Mrs. L. C. Hite and two attractive children have returned to their home in Florence, S. C., after visiting relatives here for a week.

Mrs. N. R. Richardson will leave Saturday for Rocky Mount, N. C., where she will spend a month with her son, Mr. Myers Richardson.

Miss Bessie McEachern spent the last week-end with Miss Vernie Goodman at the Jackson Training School.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hall, Miss Alleen Hall and Mr. Everette Hall, of York, S. C., were the guests here of Mrs. C. G. Heilig.

Mrs. D. D. Sawyer and two little daughters have returned to their home in Charlotte, after spending two weeks here with Mr. and Mrs. John C. McDow.

Miss Elizabeth Foil has returned to Brenau College, in Georgia, to resume her studies.

Miss Salome Shirey and Brown McAllister went last week to Hickory, where they enrolled as student at LeNoir-Rhyme College.

C. L. T. Fisher, of Shelby, was a recent business visitor to Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. C. L. T. Fisher is making an extended visit to relatives in Gettysburg, Pa.

President Off For Washington. Gabriels, N. Y., Sept. 18.—(AP)—President and Mrs. Coolidge left here by special train at 7:40 a. m. Eastern standard time, on their return to Washington from their vacation in the Adirondacks.

to reach its height at noon today. Storm Approaching Southeast Florida Coast. Washington, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The tropical storm that passed near Nassau last night was reported by the weather bureau today to be approaching the extreme southeast Florida coast and moving slightly west of north.

It is attended by winds of hurricane force near its center.

MIDDLE WEST TRIES TO COMBAT RAGING WATER AFTER RAINS

Efforts Are Being Made to Save Crops on the Highlands Where Water Has Not Reached.

CORN BEING USED ON THE LEVEES

Cut and Placed on Dams Which Have Given Way in the Face of the Raging Streams.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The middle west mounted guard today over the green field treasury further menaced by floods swollen with new rain.

Along the surging course of the Skunk River throughout southeastern Iowa, bundles of green corn stalks were pressed into service at places on the levees, sacrificed to save high fields of the bumper crop as yet untouched by the waters.

Patrols manned the embankments where the corn was weighted down by sand bags on the lookout for first signs of such a gap as that through which water flowed to submerge 6,000 acres south of Burlington, three or four feet deep.

Across the Illinois line, men who have labored ceaselessly since Wednesday patrolled a thin wall of sand bags standing between Beardstown and the Illinois River, swollen by torrents from the tributary Sangamon. Much of the city of 7,000 is underwater, and its workers said a break in the dyke would probably make futile efforts to restrain the stream.

Residents of both the Skunk and Illinois valleys scanned clearing skies, however, and it was thought the streams have passed the crest stage. Northwestern Iowa bore brunt of the latest deluge in the mid-west, the length and breadth of which has been swept four times within two weeks by torrential rains.

The most recent flood fatality was reported from Hall's yesterday. An eleven-year-old school girl was washed away with a bridge. A group of companions were rescued by an unidentified man.

WILL FILE CHARGES AGAINST THE "BISHOP"

Charlotte Commissioners Say They Have the Goods on Portuguese.

Charlotte, Sept. 17.—The city today had finished gathering details and was ready to present its case against the "Bishop" in Mecklenburg Superior Court in opposition to a permanent injunction allowing continuance of services by the "Right Rev. Bishop" C. M. Grace, Portuguese "faith healer."

Meanwhile, tonight the Bishop continued to conduct his meetings to a crowd that at his "house of worship" at Third and Caldwell streets. All during the week he has drawn the usual overflowing congregations.

Called before Judge A. M. Stack to show why the temporary injunction granted by Judge Michael Schneck, last Saturday night, should not be made permanent, City Attorney Paul Helm was understood to prefer against the "Bishop."

Among these reports was one calling for deportation proceedings alleging that Grace was detained at Ellis Island at one time, being finally admitted on the ground that he was a minister. This, however, had not been officially confirmed by city commissioners.

A newspaper in the hands of Commissioner of Safety Robertson also promised to play a part in the hearing. The commissioner had a copy of last Sunday's New Bedford, Mass., Sunday Standard, which carried the story of Grace's injunction in Charlotte and under it containing a New Bedford story declaring that the "Bishop" was at one time arraigned in court there and pleaded guilty to charges of abandonment of his children, agreeing to pay \$5 a week toward their upkeep.

The paper also carried a picture of Grace, which Commissioner Robertson said was an excellent likeness to the "Bishop."

The case of Grace came suddenly to the forefront here last Saturday morning when a riot squad of the local police force was called out to protect citizens and property when several hundred negroes gathered before the city hall to protest banning the "Bishop's" activities.

The ban, however, was placed upon the complaint of local ministers. It was alleged that Grace had been charging exorbitant prices for "sacred" articles he had sold to members of his congregation and that he was planning to baptize 600 negroes at \$3 a head, guaranteeing "certain" recovery.

The baptizing, however, was allowed following the court order.

It was denied that \$3 a head was charged.

Rev. W. C. Lyerly to Be at Newton. Rev. W. C. Lyerly will be in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Newton, Sunday afternoon and night. At the afternoon service he will preach the sermon at the service installing Rev. E. H. Guintner as pastor. Rev. Mr. Guintner is a classmate of Mr. Lyerly, and has served ten years in Japan as a missionary of the Reformed Church. Mr. Lyerly will preach the sermon Sunday evening, closing a week of services.

In Politics and Love



THADDEUS CARAWAY



LYNN J. FRAZIER



CLARA BOW



JULIUS LATIMER

Senator Thaddeus H. Caraway urged the removal of American war dead from France because of French insults. Senator Lynn J. Frazier announced himself opposed to seating of William S. Vare in the Senate. Clara Bow, film actress, became engaged to Victor Fleming, director. Admiral Julian Latimer arranged a truce in the Nicaraguan civil war.

DIRIGIBLE RS-1 IN DETROIT ON FLIGHT

Is En Route to Selridge Field to Participate in Aerial Circus to Be Staged There.

Detroit, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The army dirigible RS-1, arrived over the Ford Airport here at 5:40 this morning. Awaiting the lifting of a heavy fog, the dirigible crew planned to tie up at the airport mast at 7 a. m., proceeding later to Selridge Field, near Mount Clemens.

The fog was so heavy when the dirigible arrived that it could not be sighted from the ground. The radio station at the airport was in communication with the ship throughout the night. Heavy fog, most of the way, was reported.

The dirigible was safely moored to the Ford Airport mast at 7:30 a. m. She will remain there until early afternoon, and then proceed to Selridge Field to participate in the aerial circus being given by the army first pursuit group, to raise funds for army relief work.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Unchanged Prices to Decline of 2 Points.

New York, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at unchanged prices to a decline of 2 points. There was a little trade buying at the start, and probably some covering on the tropical storm.

Demand was limited, however, and the market broke to 16.27 for December contracts by the end of the first hour, or about 11 to 15 points net lower. Selling came from the South and local traders who appeared to be influenced by increasing confidence in larger crop figures, and a rumored estimate of 15,300,000 bales by one of the local trade authorities.

Cotton futures opened steady, Oct. 16.20; Dec. 16.40; Jan. 16.51; March 16.72; May 16.90.

BOND OF MRS. HALL RAISED TO \$40,000

All Four Defendants Charged With Double Slaying Enter Pleas of Not Guilty.

Somerville, N. J., Sept. 17.—The four defendants indicted for the murders four years ago of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor Mills, pleaded not guilty late today in Supreme court.

The ball of Mrs. Frances Stevens-Hall, widow, who has been at liberty in \$15,000, was ordered increased to \$40,000 and she was released when that was furnished.

Henry and Willie Stevens, her brothers, and Henry De La B. Carpenter, her cousin, were remanded to jail without bail.

Silk is now being manufactured from wood at the rate of 150,000,000 pounds a year, a greater volume than the silkworm produces.

Hear Them Sing! A group of singers from Country Churches, directed by Mr. R. L. Hartsell. —AT— First Baptist Church SUNDAY NIGHT EVERYBODY WELCOME

ARMISTON IN McPHERSON CASE AS THE "KEY" MAN

Mother of Evangelist, Arrested and Bond Posted For Appearance of the Evangelist.

ORMISTON RADIO OPERATOR GONE

Despite Promise of Attorney That He Would Show Up He Has Not Done So.

Los Angeles, Sept. 18.—(AP)—With Mrs. Mammie Kennedy, mother of Aimee Semple McPherson, under arrest on charges of criminal conspiracy, and preparing false evidence, and the evangelist's appearance in answer to similar charges assured, District Attorney Asa Keyes today moved to bring about the apprehension of Kenneth G. Ormiston, former Angelus Temple radio operator, and named as co-defendant in complaints issued her yesterday.

The arrest of Mrs. McPherson has been deferred owing to her physical condition. She was reported improved last night, but still confined to her bed with an infection on her nose.

The first arrest in the McPherson case came yesterday when Mrs. Kennedy was served with a bench warrant. Accompanied by her attorney she appeared for arraignment in municipal court, and was released on \$2,500 bond. At the same time a deposit of \$2,500 was made with the court to guarantee the appearance of Mrs. McPherson.

Search for Ormiston immediately was begun. His attorney, S. S. Hahn, previously announced that the radio man, said to be the key witness in the alleged kidnapping hoax would surrender as soon as the complaint was issued against him. Hahn's declaration that immunity would be given his client was vigorously denied yesterday by Keyes, who announced that the radio man would be brought to trial and prosecuted upon the same footing of others in the case.

TRUE BILLS AGAINST BANK OFFICIALS

Bradley, Matthews and Maundin, of Columbia, Indicted.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 18.—(AP)—True bills were returned against W. W. Bradley, state bank examiner, J. Pope Matthews and Ivey M. Maundin, officials of the American Bank & Trust Company of Columbia, which was recently closed on charges of conspiracy and various other violations of the law by the Richmond county grand jury. Bond for each of the defendants was fixed at \$10,000.

Besides the conspiracy count, the bank examiner was indicted for "official misconduct and malfeasance in office."

True bills were voted on the series of indictments handed out this morning by Solicitor A. F. Spigner in accordance with recommendations made by the grand jury in a special presentment. Thursday following an exhaustive investigation of the affairs of the bank.

With Our Advertisers

The Atwater-Kent radio—any child can operate it. Latest model six tube only \$125.00 complete at York & Wadsworth Co.'s, on both Union and Church streets.

The Crystal Damp Laundry wants to do your washing the "soft water way." They use only pure soap and the softest water. See ad. in today's paper and phone 632 and give them a trial.

Go to Hotel Concord Cafe Shoppe tomorrow and get a good luncheon at 12.00. Luncheon from 12 to 3, 75 cents, and dinner from 5.30 to 9, \$1.00. See menus in today's paper.

Hear the group of singers from country churches at the First Baptist Church Sunday night.

The Broadway Theatre at Charlotte announces the opening of Keith vaudeville Monday, September 20, and on each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday thereafter. Mail orders for tickets will be given official attention.

Don't you need your plumbing set in order for the fall and winter? See new ad. of the Concord Plumbing Co. A slight tire cut may mean a blow-out. Let the Concord Vulcanizing Co. fix it for you.

Smashing reductions have been made on Overland cars. The reductions range from \$40 to \$125. See new and old prices in the ad. of the Cord Motor Co.

D. W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation" will be shown at the Pantano here Monday and Tuesday, September 20 and 21. No advance in price. See big ad. today.

Three Cases Tried Friday. Three defendants only were tried in recorder's court Friday, other cases being continued. These three paid fines and costs of \$26.85. One man, charged with possessing liquor and having it for sale and resisting arrest, was called out and forfeited his \$500 bond. His bondsman was given a week to produce him in court.

THE WEATHER Mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Fresh northeast and east winds.