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## The North Carolina Synod.

The editor of The Journal by the urbanity of Rev. A. D. Carswell, also accompanied by Ruling Elder W. J. McDiarmid, attended the 116th session of the synod of North Carolina, which convened at Rocky Mount on Tuesday evening of last week at 7:30 o'clock. Retiring Moderator, Rev. Lucy L. Little, a returned Missionary from China, preached the opening sermon, which was an able discourse.

The work of the synod is very much abbreviated by the work done by committees. All synod has to do is to listen to the reports of these committees, discuss them briefly and adopt them, and the record is made.

The length of the sessions of synod is very much abbreviated by the a Work Committee before each session opens. All the synod has to do after convening is to hear the reports of the several committees, discuss them if anybody is so disposed, adopt these reports, and the session may adjourn.

Synod voted to give The Presbyterian Standard \$3,000 next year for services rendered. This is the organ of synod. It is well enough, but it should not be paid out of funds collected for other purposes, many thought, and the motion carried by a small majority. This is the only motion on which the writer voted no. If the synod were to give The Standard a little free service, and increase its business thereby, that money could be saved for the purpose for which it is collected.

The people of Rocky Mount are very hospitable. They gave synod a fine reception. We will always look back to the time with pleasure.

The crops along the way are a great deal better than in this section, after we passed Fayetteville. The tobacco markets are running full blast, and business looked good, but farmers even there are anything but satisfied with the prices they are getting. We saw many we had known before.

Mr. Carswell made the trip each way in less than four hours, and is a very skillful driver, and a pleasant host. We three, and Rev. George W. Hanna, pastor of Antioch and Ruling Elder H. F. Currie of Antioch, constituted Hicke's representation in synod.

## Farmer Commits Suicide.

W. J. Gillis, well known and highly esteemed citizen of Seventy-First township, ended his life this morning about ten o'clock at his home on the Fayetteville Raeford highway, by sending a pistol bullet through his brain. He was in his back yard at the wood shed when the suicide occurred. A long period of illness and depression was thought to have caused the rash act. He was about 60 years of age.

Mr. Gillis was also engaged in the mercantile business at Rockfish station, on the A. & R. railroad, and operated a cotton gin, in addition to his farm interests. He enjoyed the friendship and admiration of a host of Cumberland and Hoke county citizens.

Mr. Gillis is survived by his wife and seven children, James, William, Alexander, Neal, Walter, Leslie, and Ella Lee, one brother, M. D. Gillis, and a sister, Mrs. M. G. Ray - Fayetteville Observer Oct. 11th.

Those people up in the Sandhills pay out thousands of dollars in advertising to attract the attention of northern people to their resorts and it is well spent.

## Oil Field Sinks and Lake Forms.

Beaumont, Tex., Oct. 10 - Loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars in oil land was threatened today through the unexplained sinking of ten acres of land in the Sour Lake oil field, 25 miles west of here, which has created a deep lake where only yesterday stretched an expanse of waving marsh grass and small trees. Sides of the pit still were crumbling today as the fall of earth continued.

Derricks and storage tanks were being removed from the edge of the great hole, estimated at from 50 to 150 feet deep, which filled with water yesterday as the surface steadily fell through hour after hour. Thirteen wells were shut down and an abandoned derrick, a boiler and six settling tanks were engulfed.

Geologists of all the larger oil companies operating in this section were here today to study the muddy lake, approximately a quarter mile wide and slightly longer, which lapped the very border of the producing field. Theories as to the cause of the phenomenon were as different as they were numerous but the consensus is that drainage of the immense pool of oil beneath the surface left a cavity which the sinking crust is filling.

Fear that further drainage of the pool would cause further extension of the depression, endangering scores of valuable wells, was expressed yesterday.

## Currie-McDonald.

Mr. Osbourne F. Currie of Lumberton and Miss Clara McDonald of the Pauls were married by Rev. W. F. Trawick at the Methodist parsonage in this town on Oct. 4th.

## State Cotton Crop Damaged.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 9 - North Carolina's cotton crop has been damaged by boll weevil most seriously the state department of agriculture announced today, in pointing out the 835,000 bales forecast for Oct. 1. The eastern part of the state shows an average of 47 per cent of a normal crop and the state's average is only 55 per cent of a normal. Picking in the state was about 10 per cent done October 1.

## Hoke County Cotton.

There were 1,991 bales of cotton ginned in Hoke county from the crop of 1929, prior to Oct. 1, 1929, as compared with 2,852 ginned to Oct. 1st, 1928.

## Gets in Trouble Trying to Keep Out

Yesterday afternoon a negro, who said his home was in Hoke county, drove an automobile in Hay street from Gillespie, on the left side of the Market House, disregarding all traffic lights he sped up Hay street at a rapid clip. When overhauled on Haymount hill he told a policeman that he was told that when he came to Fayetteville he would have to drive fast to keep out of the way of other cars, so that was what he was endeavoring to do. - Fayetteville Observer, 11.

## N. W. Jenkins

Mr. N. W. Jenkins, a prominent citizen of Fairmont, an ex-Representative in the State Legislature from Robeson, died on Wednesday of last week. He was the father of Mrs. Alfred Cole of Raeford, and The Journal deeply sympathizes with her in her bereavement.

Abruzz Seed Rye for sale. See J. C. McLean, Raeford, N. C.

## Red Springs Man Drowned

Red Springs, N. C., Oct. 9 - J. H. Turner, Red Springs merchant today was found drowned in Little Raft swamp creek on the edge of Red Springs. His automobile which he was driving from Raeford, apparently had left the road at the bridge abutment and landed in the creek.

Medical examination showed a small bruise on Mr. Turner's head and his lungs full of water. Mr. Turner was a prominent citizen of Red Springs, he was active in church work, being a steward in the Methodist church, and one of the leading merchants of the section. He is survived by a widow and five children.

## U. D. C. Meets.

A very interesting meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held the first Wednesday afternoon in the hospitable home of Mrs. A. K. Stevens. Other hostesses were Miss Ida McLaughlin, Mrs. E. B. Garrett, Mrs. Tom Sinclair and Mrs. Hector McNeill.

Mrs. A. D. Carswell, chaplain, conducted the devotional. Mrs. Clyde Upchurch had charge of the program, which was on the Southern Negro whose taking part on the program were Mrs. Upchurch, Mrs. H. L. Gatlin and Mrs. A. D. Carswell.

A lengthy business meeting consumed most of the afternoon at which time two officers were elected from the floor, the nominating committee having failed to present the names of officers. Those elected were Corresponding Secretary, Miss Xymena Smith, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Sallie Cameron. The other officers will remain the same as last year.

Sixteen members answered to roll call and at the close of the meeting the hostesses served congealed fruit salad, sandwiches and coffee.

## Bethel Church.

Sunday, October 27th, has been designated as "Pav Up Day" at Bethel. Every member is urged to make a special effort to meet all financial obligations at this time.

## BOARD OF LEACONS.

## Daniel Fillmore McKenzie.

As long ago as the writer can remember, Dan McKenzie was a big boy, who rode fast for a doctor for a sick neighbor, or do other neighborly kindnesses for them. He was the same as brother to the editor of The Journal in his young days. We felt at home when at his place. We always felt welcome. No one could be kinder than any one of the McKenzies. Now the last one of the family, a neighborly family, too, has passed from earth scenes. Daniel Fillmore McKenzie, son of Daniel and Flora Martin McKenzie, born April 21st, 1852, died Sept. 4th, 1929, at his home near Jackson Springs, and one of the best friends we ever had on earth, passed away. Peace to his ashes!

Messrs. L. B. Sutton and George Kalil of Live Oak, Fla. the former a brother of Miss Muriel Sutton of Raeford school faculty, arrived in town last Friday, driving through from Florida. They left Saturday morning, accompanied by Miss Sutton, for Shelby and Asheville, where they spent the week end.

## SHORT NEWS ITEMS.

A root rot is damaging the peanut crop in the eastern part of the state.

In the olden days, corn shuckings were common at this season of the year.

Misses Maude and Mary Poole who teach in Lowell schools came home Friday for the week end.

The Pitt County curb market at Greenville has sold over \$3,000 in produce since May 1st of this year.

The state agricultural department put the cotton crop down to little over a third, or to be exact 31 per cent.

The Journal would advise you to trade with honest, helpful neighbors and that is the best reason for trading at home.

You will find some good stocks of new goods in Raeford just received, and we believe reasonably priced. Trade in Raeford.

The tobacco stalks over beyond Dena are standing in the fields dead as they ever will be. Here they always grow till frost.

The world championship series of baseball games, and the football games are taking lots of time from work these afternoons.

Raeford high school lost their first game of the season to Hamlet Friday, the score being 13 to 7. That is not a bad beat, but a beat.

Yes, and farmers not only feed but clothe the world, and no matter how much money folks have, they cannot eat and wear it.

An income of \$300 from one-half acre of land planted to onions and Danish cabbage is the record of S. J. Hughes of Avery County.

A travelling man told the writer one day last week, that he saw a boll weevil on the dining table in a Winston-Salem hotel the day before.

Mr and Mrs. A. B. Williams and Miss Ruby Wyrostic and Mrs. Chas. E. Wilson of Andalusia, Ala. visited Mr. M. Gainey and family last week.

The Coast Line Railroad is the line between Nash and Edgecombe counties. The city has a population of 30,000, about as many in one county as the other.

Good winter pastures may be provided for milk cows by sowing rye now, and several of our citizens are advertising seed rye in The Journal. Buy some and sow it.

Wilson is the largest tobacco market in the world, because that town has the largest warehouses in the world. There are nine of these, and each covers an acre or more of ground.

The editor of The Journal met Miss Elizabeth McLean while in Rocky Mount last week, and from others learned she is adding to her reputation as a teacher in that thriving railroad town.

The City Fathers have raised the town tax rate from 60 cents per \$100 to \$1.00, so Hoke county citizens living in Raeford will, altogether pay \$2.75 per \$100, \$25 on the \$1,000. Folks, that's hard to pay this year.

The commissioners of this county have decided to work the prisoners on the county roads. That is better than allowing them to lie up in jail and eat, but it will be more expensive to work our roads we suspect.

The total number of marriages in 1926 in the United States was 1,202,574.

Misses Pauline and Marguerite Freeman spent Thursday with friends in Maxton.

Mr. W. E. Freeman spent Wednesday of last week in Winston-Salem on business.

Mrs. Guy Taylor of Kinston spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Gatlin.

Miss Alice Clark of Clarkton was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Cromartie last Thursday.

The dam at the power plant on Little River was damaged by the freshet week before last to the extent of several hundred dollars.

The A. & R. Railroad Company has recently purchased a new and a great deal larger locomotive to pull freight over their line.

The county convicts were taken out to work on the county roads for the first time Monday morning with Mr. Charlie McDuffie as guard.

We saw Rev. A. P. Dickson of Greensboro at synod; also Rev. L. A. McLaurin of Rowland, who are for Raeford if not from Raeford at this time.

One thing helpful to contemplate is people in this county have food crops to live on, but their taxes will hardly be paid in many instances—not this year.

We are sorry we could not carry all of Dr. W. A. McLeod's history of Shiloh church in one issue, but we hope all interested will preserve their copies of The Journal containing this historic article.

You get one per cent. off your taxes if you pay them in October. Sheriff Hodgins starts on his first round on Oct. 25th, but you can come to his office and settle earlier, if you are in a hurry about this.

Rally Day in the Presbyterian church Sunday was a considerable rally. 298 persons attended Sunday school, and a collection of \$46 was taken for Sunday School Extension. A beautiful and impressive pageant was given after the regular Sunday school exercises were over.

The day Dr. A. A. McDonald was buried at Jackson Springs some weeks ago, so many people crowded into the church some of the sleepers broke down on one side of the building. There followed no panic, the people slowly and orderly left the building. That church was built in 1854. It was a marvelously good piece of work.

Jim Handon, colored, a brother of Welcome and George Handon of Hoke county, died last Friday in Raleigh, aged 59 years. M. N. McL. McDiarmid, undertaker, went up to Raleigh Saturday morning and brought the remains to the little church near the Russell McNeill mill, where interment was made.

It is reported that on Wednesday morning of week before last, the day after the big rain, five girls from Rockfish and vicinity walked to Raeford to attend school. They were: Louise and Alma Long, Nannie Andrews, Grace Adcox and Henrietta Croley. We admire their pluck, but that truck might have come by way of Fayetteville highway. But this shows the pluck of the girls. Girls all over the state outnumber the boys in schools, and they get most of the prizes offered.

Hard times or good, eggs are following the regular fall advance in price.

The State Fair opened Monday morning, and the attendance is reported good.

The Robeson County Fair is on in Lumberton this week for four days, closing Friday.

The Maderia river in Brazil, is almost as great in volume as the Amazon at their confluence.

Business was very good in town Saturday, after a very dull period for the season of the year.

A large New York department store used seven tons of pennies a week during the last holiday season.

There is now some demand for building material, which is a good indication of a revival of business.

Miss Eunice Campbell of the Troy school faculty spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McLean Campbell.

The Missionary Societies of Robeson and Hoke counties met yesterday in Fairmont Methodist church. Several Raeford ladies attended.

Misses Addie Mae Gatlin of Norwood, M. yme McKeithan of Laurinburg and Dixie Reaves of Walnut Cove schools spent the week end at home.

A small seed association has been organized by the farmers of the Eureka community in Moore County. The association is starting work with abruzz rye.

It was about cold enough for frost recently, but for the wind blowing and the want of dew there was no killing frost, and the 15th of October passes without frost, we are likely to escape a killing frost till November.

Total expenditures of Federal government in 1903 were \$521,000,000 as compared with \$3,848,000,000 in 1928, or an increase of 640 per cent in 25 years. - Frank E. Packard, Attorney for Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

The Cracker Jack Store puts on a special sale on Heinz' lines Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Fifty seven Heinz' products are on sale at special prices under the direction of a factory representative. Read their big ad. It tells the story.

Raeford fans listened in on the Athletic-Cubs game ball in Philadelphia last night, and game. The Cubs won the game 8 to 0 for the 7th inning, but in the 10th hit and scored ten hits and scored ten runs.

Coroner Allgood of Cumberland county has ordered the body of A. Skipper, white, John McLean and Buster McLaughlin, colored, for the death of Bill Baker, who was found on the Fayetteville road in a dying condition a few weeks ago. Norman Chavis, negro, is also wanted in this matter, but he has left the country it is said.

Mrs. J. Crawford Wright drove over a large rattlesnake on the highway near Pine Forest as she was enroute to Raeford one day last week, but the weight of her automobile was not sufficient to even slow him up very much, but she called the attention of an approaching truck driver to the reptile, who drove over it without killing it. Some men gathered around and killed it. It had 12 rattles and a button, which Mrs. Wright now has.