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MADE IN CAROLINA WEEK OBSERVED

Merchants Have Attractive Window Display—Kiwanis and Woman's Clubs Join Movement—Capt. Poole and Sheriff Hodgkin Make Plea.

Last week was "Made in Carolina Week" and was very fittingly observed by the merchants of Raeford and some of the civic organizations. Most of the merchants had on display in their windows many of the articles made in N. C. and it was indeed surprising to see the great variety of these things manufactured in this state. Prominent among these articles were all kinds of wearing apparel displayed by the dry goods merchants as well as a large variety of goods displayed by the grocery stores. Most of the windows had signs indicating that their goods were made in Carolina and the window displays were most attractive. Mention should be made of Baucom's Store windows since an unusually large variety of dry goods were on display in their windows with very attractive placards and sales cards telling where they were made.

Civic Clubs Join In.
At a meeting of the Civic Department of the Woman's Club last week all the ladies present save one, voted to wear Made in Carolina clothing at their banquet which will be held the last of the month. They expect to interest all other Women's Clubs of the community in this project, and confidently expect that great good will result from observance of the Made in Carolina idea. Kiwanis Club Has Made in Carolina Program.

One of the most attractive programs ever held by the Kiwanis Club was held last Thursday night with Capt. W. L. Poole acting as chairman. Capt. Poole listed many of the articles made in Hoke county as well as the wide variety of produce raised on the farms. He was followed by Sheriff Hodgkin, who stressed articles that could be raised in Hoke county that are now being imported.

Some of the figures are unbelievable and show that Hoke County is a long way yet from practicing the "Live at Home Program." According to Sheriff Hodgkin there was imported in Raeford last year: 4115 barrels flour, 159,800 pounds of meat, 101,000 pounds of lard, 209 tons mill-feed, 15,000 pounds of butter, 200 pounds of cheese, 8500 bushels of corn, 185 tons of hay, 1900 gallons molasses, stating that this molasses was the "sapping" variety and does not include the black strap used in poisoning cotton. Scotchmen like, though, Sheriff Hodgkin concluded with the statement that 70 per cent of last year's taxes had been collected to that date, and he advised all who had not done so to pay before Monday.

Another Made in Hoke County Program was put on by Capt. Poole, who had secured a colored woman named Alethea Bryant, a little eight year old daughter and ten year old son, who sang a number of old spirituals. These colored people live on Capt. Poole's farms and he had been dragging for some time about how they could sing and their demonstration of vocal ability simply justifies the high praise that Capt. Poole had given them. The little boy of ten had an especially good and strong voice and all present enjoyed their program immensely.

ANNUAL BANQUET WOMAN'S CLUB FRIDAY, SEPT. 25TH

The annual banquet of the Raeford's Woman's Club will be held at the Blument Hotel Friday evening, Sept. 26, at 7:15. The banquet is to be of "Grown in Carolina" products. The ladies are asked to wear "Made in Carolina Bought in Raeford Dresses."

MRS. P. P. McCAIN, President.

"Patient, I've lost a front tooth."
Doctor: "An upper incisor?"
Patient: "No, a right hook on the booger."

OPENING ANTIOCH SCHOOL MONDAY

R. A. Smoak to Again Be Principal Excellent Corps Teachers to Assist—Other Teachers Also Return.

The Antioch school will open on next Monday, the 15th, for the new year. Mr. R. A. Smoak who has been principal of the school for the past three years will be back on the job. The school is again fortunate in having Mr. Smoak at its head. He has done a good piece of work and of course he will continue his good work. The board has taken much pains and thorough consideration in selecting an excellent corps of teachers to help him in his work. Miss Fannie Mae Temple, of Hickory, will assist Mr. Smoak in the High school department. She comes well recommended with three years experience in high school work.

Miss Beas Monroe, of Hoke county, will have the sixth and seventh grades. She has the very best qualifications and has had four years experience in this work. Miss Willie Peels, of Scotland county, will have the fourth and fifth grades. She was graduated from the East Carolina Teachers College last spring and her practice teaching showed that she would be able to do fine work.

Mrs. R. A. Smoak, who has been in the school for the past three years, will have the second and a part of the first grades again this year. She has shown that she is a real teacher and the children who will have her to guide them will be in good hands.

Miss Elizabeth Stutts will be back again this year for the first and a part of the second grades. She has proven her worth in this capacity and of course continued success is predicted for her.

The parents are urged and cordially invited to attend the opening and back their children from the first day. The book lists will be given out and every thing will be put in readiness for the regular schedule at the beginning days. With the bright prospects it is certain that Antioch will have another good year for the coming term.

Store Building At Montrose Burned

Monday morning about four o'clock a fire of undetermined origin destroyed a store building at Montrose belonging to Mr. J. S. Maulsby of this place. The building and stock being a total loss. The Raeford and Aberdeen fire companies turned out and prevented a fire station a few feet away from burning but could not save the store. Electric wires getting shorted caused the home of Mr. Lee Maulsby, some two hundred yards away, to catch fire but little damage was done other than to the wiring of the house. Mr. I. E. McNulty, of the Sanatorium, while walking on the paved highway nearby, was badly shocked, the ground appearing to be charged with electricity from the falling wires. It was known for a day or two how serious his injuries might be but it later developed that he had sustained no permanent injury. The building burned had two nice storerooms in it and was nearly new. It was partly covered with insurance but there was none on the stock of goods, Mr. Maulsby having allowed his policy on stock to lapse.

Mr. Maulsby has been a large property owner for many years and never had a fire until recently when a large hotel at Lake Waccamaw, belonging to him was burned.

SO DID WE.

He glanced at the beautiful woman beside him, his look heavy with anxiety and humble pleading, but she was unconscious of his appeal. For long moments he watched her, struggling with his emotions, desiring, yet afraid to ask the question that trembled on his lips. At last he spoke, wistfully, yearningly:
"Ma, c'n I have the little piece of pie that was left from dinner?"



W. T. Covington, of Raeford, farmer-sculptor, and one of his early pieces, the statuette "Bedtime." The work is extremely delicate because of its miniature size.

W. T. COVINGTON, LOCAL SCULPTOR GETS WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION

FEATURE WRITER FOR THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER VISITS STUDIOS OF MR. COVINGTON HERE AND HAS INTERESTING ARTICLE IN LAST SUNDAY'S FEATURE SECTION WITH THE ABOVE PICTURE OF MR. COVINGTON AND ONE OF HIS PIECES.

Main street of Raeford would just be an extension of main street anywhere in a small southern town were it not for one thing. That thing is a dog, not a real dog but one of Vermont marble. One notices it off to the left, on passing through the northern outskirts of the town, posed with its left foot raised, tall stiffened, nose fixed on an unseen prey. In the background is a small log cabin. Anybody in Raeford can—and will—see the dog. It is a dog, and it is a dog that the dog was shaped by the chisel of "T. Covington, the south's and perhaps the world's only farmer-sculptor, and that it is one of his first works.

Mr. Covington's art flourished for some time scarcely noticed, and is yet transitional rather than epochal. It mirrors his development from an experimental, uncertain stage to the present confident and productive period.

It represents little of the overarching passion for the individualistic and expressionistic. It is a rediscovery of the body rather than a revelation of the soul; get it involves technical knowledge harmonized with meditation, skillful invention blended with gifted creation.

Is Pioneer in Field.
When the history of fine arts in North Carolina comes to be written, a pioneer's place will have to be accorded Mr. Covington, a tiller of the soil, who could see as much in a clay model as in a clay farm, who had in his fingers the "feel" of genius, and who had an eye for lines of dynamic force or grace as well as for the rows of cotton.

Mr. Covington lives in a nice colonial home, tucked back in a grove just out of Raeford, within twenty miles of where he was born 54 years ago.

He likes sculpture and he likes farming.

But one can't say of him that farming is his vocation and sculpture his hobby—nor vice versa. For he often devotes as much of the day to the curving of a lip as to his 980-acre farm—cotton, melons, fish pools and all.

It all came about this way. Some years ago Mr. Covington owned a vacant lot down town that was pretty much of an eyesore. To enhance its beauty he built a picturesque little log cabin on it and to make the job as rustic as possible, put a pig pen in the background. But the pen needed a pig to make it complete. So Mr. Covington set about making one, and with chisel and mallet soon had a pig in the pen.

How He Got Started.
But the children of the town were rough on pigs—before long they had its ears broken off, its tail gone, its eyes punched out. One could hardly tell it was a pig. Mr. Covington quit fooling with

pigs and determined to make a dog—the one in front of the cabin. With a real bird dog, a pointer, as model, he executed a really remarkable piece of work. So realistic is it that often other dogs see it posed, are deceived by its lifelike appearance, fall in line, and see the imaginary game for minutes at the time.

One day Walter Lambeth of Charlotte passed through Raeford, saw the dog and wanted to buy it. The Hoke county sculptor refused to sell it, but agreed to reproduce it. The dog that Mr. Covington made for Mr. Lambeth so pleased him that he would not take a handsome price for it.

Now very much interested in the art and with the "feel" of it in his fingers, Mr. Covington set about seriously developing his genius by study and practice.

Sculpture's Own Fountain.

He wanted a fountain in his front lawn—needed one in fact to give the correct appearance to the facade of his home. But his sense of beauty told him that he wanted more than an iron pipe with water squirting from it. "The Little Girl at the Fountain" which he wrought for the purpose was his first really distinguishing piece.

Without other model than the one he had in mind of a little girl he once knew, he shaped this "Little Girl at the Fountain," pouring water from a rustic bowl, smiling demurely, with a come-hither look in her eyes.

This was the work that particularly interested Lorado Taft, noted American sculptor, author and artist. "Tell Me More," Mr. Taft wrote in a letter to Mr. Covington, "especially of 'The Little Girl at the Fountain.'"

The acquaintance with Mr. Taft developed quite by accident. Mr. Covington, having read of the wide reputation of Lorado Taft as an excellent judge of sculpture and architecture, wrote him, sending photographs of his work, and asking the noted sculptor's opinion.

At that time Mr. Taft wrote the Raeford man, expressing himself as being pleased with some of the work, especially with "The Little Girl at the Fountain," and desirous of making Mr. Covington's acquaintance.

It happened that at about that time Mr. Taft was to deliver a series of lectures at the University of North Carolina, only a short distance from Raeford. Mr. Covington drove up to hear the lecturer and brought with him several samples of his work.

Meets Lorado Taft.

Upon examining the samples, Mr. Taft and Dr. J. P. Harland, head of the department of archaeology in the university, were enthusiastic in their commendation of the simplicity

M. M. Campbell's Car Stolen Wednesday

Wednesday morning, M. M. Campbell, who lives at Edinburg Siding in this county, phoned the officers here to be on the watch for his car which was stolen that morning by "Big Boy" Walker, a colored youth who had a bad character, having just been released from the road gang last Saturday. He completed a sentence which he received for larceny. Mr. Campbell's car was a Ford coupe nearly new and if he fails to recover it he will sustain quite a loss. Walker was seen driving toward Raeford but no trace of him was found later.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

There will be two amendments to the State Constitution submitted to the people at the November election, which I hope they will vote against. They are: First, one to classify property for taxation. Property may now be valued according to its worth in money, and the Amendment is an excuse to collect more taxes. The other Amendment is to increase the number of Supreme Court judges from five to seven. We have had a court of five justices for a long time. Nobody has complained at the work of the Supreme Court. If it has been good enough for many years, it will continue satisfactory no doubt. Let well enough alone. Why increase this Supreme court item of expenses? Do not be satisfied with passing over these amendments, VOTE against them.

If all you have to sell will not bring enough to pay your debts, I cannot think of any way in the world to help you.

The State authorities down at Raleigh are distressed over the low price tobacco is bringing and are not saying a word about the low price of cotton. The sorriest tobacco has sold for more than it is really worth. The good grades will sell for a higher price of course, so it seems tobacco will do pretty well this year. The best of the cotton comes first. The price is very low. It will maybe go lower. Nobody seems to care if it does. What are cotton growers to do whose cotton was ruined by rain, eaten by weevils, so they came out in debt in 1929.

Three-fourths of all the clothing worn by the people of the world is made of cotton, even if the women are now wearing more silk than they used to. Tobacco is neither food nor clothing—it's just a nuisance people have taken up with, and anybody can get along if there is no tobacco at all. Cotton is the more important crop. (The writer has quit tobacco.)

Before we get one high tax paid another has been figured up and we are urged to pay. If we got any part of the funds so raised we might be more tolerant; as it is * * * we won't kuss.

SANITORIUM NEWS

Senator and Mrs. W. L. Long, of Roanoke Rapids, spent a few days the past week with Dr. and Mrs. McCain at the Sanatorium.

A very successful series of revival services have just closed at Shiloh Church. Mr. Carswell, the pastor, was assisted by Rev. Mr. Carr, of Broadway.

Friends and relatives of Murdoch McLeod, of Montrose, were well represented at the first services held in the new Community Church at Pinehurst. The building is one of the finest in this section of the State. Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Alexander spent Tuesday evening with friends at the Sanatorium.

Mr. J. E. McNulty, who was so nearly electrified the morning the Maulsby store was burned, is recovering nicely.

The laziest man in the world is the one who held a cocktail shaker in his hand and waited for an earthquake.

It is easy to identify the owner of the car; he is the one who, after you pull the door shut, always opens it again and slams it harder.

BIG COTTON CROP EXPERTS PREDICT

Carolinians Only Section of South Where Boll Weevil Is Bad—14,340,000 Estimated.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Estimating the indicated cotton production for this year at 14,340,000 bales, the agriculture department said today the loss from boll weevil activity would be less than in any year since 1925.

Without crediting the drought with the decrease in estimated production, the department said weevil activity had been checked in the last month by relatively hot and dry weather.

"The present prospect is that the total loss from weevils will be less than in any year since all States in the cotton belt proper have been infested with weevils except 1925," the report said.

The only States where the weevil was described as present in numbers are the Carolinas.

The indicated crop for this year would be 488,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight under that of 1929 and 22,000 bales under the indicated production a month ago.

"The average yield was forecast at 153.2 pounds per acre, which is 1.9 pounds less than the average for the last ten years," the announcement added.

At the same time the department reported ginnings for this year's crop prior to September 1 were 1,378,253 running bales, including 43,309 round bales, as against 1,568,434 and 36,912 bales last year.

The condition of the crop on September 1 was 53.2 per cent of normal, compared with 62.2 on August 1 this year, 55.4 a year ago and 58.8 the September 1 ten-year, 1920-1929, average. The September 1 ten-year, 1920-1929, average yield of 153.2 pounds per acre, compared with 155.3 pounds on August 1, 155.0 pounds last year and 155.1 pounds, the ten year average.

The total abandonment of acreage after July 1 was placed at 2.3 per cent, leaving 44,971,000 acres for picking on which acreage the department's estimate of the indicated total production was based. The area in cultivation July 1 was 45,815,000 acres and the average abandonment after that date for the ten years, 1920-1929, was 3.5 per cent the acreage to be picked, based on the average abandonment, used a month ago in computation of the August indicated production, was 44,252,000 acres.

The following is the production estimate:

Virginia, 40,000; North Carolina, 819,000; South Carolina, 997,000; Georgia, 1,500,000; Florida, 36,000; Missouri, 148,000; Tennessee, 437,000; Alabama, 1,358,000; Mississippi, 1,685,000; Louisiana, 649,000; Texas, 4,321,000; Oklahoma, 925,000; Arkansas, 940,000; New Mexico, 97,000; Arizona, 159,000; California, 224,000; Others, 5,000; Lower California, 55,000.

Attention is called by some of the local cotton dealers here to the fact that on a condition report, as of about 62 per cent the government figured a production of 14,362,000 bales and on a condition as of September first of about 53 per cent they reduce their estimate only 23,000 bales. Should a ten per cent reduction be made for the above decline in condition a yield of something over twelve million would result. Just how this estimate is figured is not known and one merchant has written to the Department of Agriculture in Washington for light on the subject.

REV. SMITH, ROCKINGHAM, AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. H. C. Smith, Presiding Elder of the Rockingham District, will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday morning, Sept. 14 at 11:00 A. M. Following the preaching service the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Raeford charge will be held. All the official members of the charge are expected to be present.

The people of the community are cordially invited to attend the morning worship.

W. F. TRAWICE