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## NOTED SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOL FINALS

**Dr. Rondthaler Of Salem To Address Graduates; Dr. Hickman To Preach Sermon; Exercises Begin 15th.**

The annual commencement exercises of the Raeford High School will be held in the period extending from May the fifteenth to the twenty-first inclusive. This period is longer than that which is usually occupied by these exercises. The reason for the spreading out of the exercises is found in the fact that the schools at Mildouson, Blue Springs and Rockfish are having their exercises at the same time. Many of the high school students at Raeford are from these sections and the Raeford exercises were dated so that there would be as little conflict as possible with the commencement activities of the other three schools. The Ashemont school has already completed its final exercises.

The Raeford Commencement will be opened with the Senior Class play on Friday evening, May fifteenth. The play is being coached by Miss Carrie Sturgis and is called "Apple Blossom Time". The seniors have selected a romantic comedy and are practicing industriously in order to put on a good performance.

On Sunday May seventeenth, the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. Hickman of the faculty of Duke University. Dr. Hickman is a prominent member of the faculty of a university which is fast becoming one of the best known in the nation and Hoke County people are privileged to have a chance to hear this distinguished visitor. This service will be held in the Presbyterian church.

Senior Class night has been set for Tuesday night, May nineteenth. The form of these exercises, which includes the graduation students' informal farewell to the school, is well known. In this class night however, plans are being made for a unique presentation.

The high point of the commencement exercises will be reached on Thursday night, May twenty-first when the graduating students will receive their diplomas and advice on their future activities in the form of an address by one of the best known educators in the south. Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler, of Winston-Salem, president of Salem College, will make the address to the graduating class. Dr. Rondthaler is not only one of the south's leading educators but is one of the most attractive and interesting speakers that the state can claim. His intellectual interests embrace all the problems of the modern age.

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## ELECTIONS GIVE CITIZENS FEVERISH DAY AND NEW SET OF TOWN OFFICERS

**Mayor And Board of Aldermen Selected By Citizens In Voting Monday; Courthouse Officials Turn Guide; Much Interest Shown By Citizens In Elections**

The tumult and the shouting dies, the candidates and the voters depart and the much heralded town election has made off into the shades. Raeford's lovely city hall was decorated with coats that proved too hot for the day and ranks of the politically curious who stood by to watch the progress of the day's voting. Along the North wall of the hall the voting booths were arranged with secretive curtains so that except for the stage whispers that emanated from the booths it would have been hard to surmise who the different citizens were voting for.

Pre-primary political work was estimated at a minimum before the big day but all day Monday the air was as tense as the path of a tight-rope walker. Groups gathered on the streets without the least provocation and began to converse in confidential tones, casting furtive glances at other groups at the same time, as if apprehensive lest some bit of wisdom should be loosed in another group. Audited calculations by McMillan, the sage of Sacramento, estimated that every citizen of Raeford who walked the streets on primary day was asked exactly twenty-seven times whether he had voted. Delegates of the courthouse also had a taxing problem steering voters out of the commissioners room and giving directions as to how to reach the City Hall.

After the post-dinner season, in which the voting was rather heavy for an hour the rush died down and candidates and workers alike were able to enjoy an afternoon of horse-shoes on the improvised links next door, and at the same time remain near the scene of action.

The vote-counting in the evening was attended by the greatest curiosity on the part of the citizens. A good crowd was on hand to watch the developments of the race including those who had the bowling tournament at heart and were anxious to be rid of the rivalry which the vote-counting presented. Soon they were rewarded when the political vigil keepers surged away from the polls, telling the ones who accosted them that G. B. Rowland was elected Mayor, and L. M. Andrews, Carl Morris, Archie Stevens, Milton Campbell and W. P. Covington were named to the board of Aldermen.

The following are the official returns:  
For Mayor: R. L. Bethune, 119; G. B. Rowland, 307.

For Aldermen: Carl Morris, 374; L. M. Andrews, 372; W. P. Covington, 366; Milton Campbell, 352; Archie Stevens, 300; M. L. McKeithan, 84; L. B. Monroe, 74; Dr. G. W. Brown, 73.

## PRESIDENT AND FISH

From the office of the chief executive comes a statement which is of real interest to the citizens of Hoke County. After weeks of propaganda, it is a real pleasure to come across an opinion from the president which touches a matter of deep importance to the welfare of so many Hoke County citizens. The statement is as follows:

"I personally, perhaps, lend more importance to fishing than most people, although I sympathize with all those who want to get away from the workshop or desk. I am for fishing for fun as a constructive joy as it gives an excuse and an impulse to take to the woods and the water. Moreover fishing has DEMOCRATIC values because the same joy is available for the country boy as for the city boy."

## OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY HERE ON FRIDAY

**Special Program At School House On Friday Morning; Dinner For Vets; Schedule Of Decoration.**

Hoke County will observe Memorial Day, according to Mrs. Herbert McLean, president of the Raeford Chapter of the U. D. C., on Friday, May the eighth. Memorial day comes this year on Sunday but the Daughters are planning their annual observance for the Friday preceding.

At eleven o'clock on Friday morning the Daughters of the Confederacy are presenting a program appropriate to Memorial Day. Mrs. William McFadyen is chairman of the program and has prepared one which will appeal to all the people of the county. The program will be given in the school auditorium and all the people of the town are cordially invited to attend. At twelve thirty in the high school cafeteria there will be a dinner for the veterans, their wives and widows. It is the hope of the hostesses that all of them will be present.

The following is a list of the cemeteries to be visited by the Raeford Chapter U. D. C. on Memorial Day, and the number of graves on which flags and flowers are to be placed. The flags are at the home of Mrs. H. S. McLean and the Committee will please call for them.

Antioch Cemetery, 35 graves.  
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## Mothers Day



ALL Mothers are rich when they love their children. There are no poor Mothers, no old ones, no ugly ones. Their love is always the most beautiful of joys. And when they are sad it needs but a kiss which they receive or give to turn all their tears into stars in the depths of their eyes.

—Maurice Maeterlinck.

## MRS. BOST TO TALK RAEFORD SCOUTS DO SANATORIUM SOON WELL AT JAMBOREE

**State Commissioner Of Public Welfare To Address Sanatorium Nurses At Graduation.**

Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, will be the principal speaker at the graduation exercises on May 21 of the N. C. Sanatorium Training School for Nurses, according to announcement made Thursday by Miss Martha C. Newnan, superintendent of the school. This is said to be the first time in the history of the institution that a woman has been chosen to address the graduates.

On the Sunday prior to the graduation exercises, Rev. E. L. Barber, pastor of the Aberdeen Presbyterian Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the six members of the graduating class and their friends in the Sanatorium auditorium. Rev. Watson Fairley, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, and Rev. W. C. Ball, pastor of the Aberdeen Methodist Church, have been invited to take part in the graduation exercises proper. Miss Virginia Hufty, popular Wilson vocalist and featured singer on a number of programs as "the sweetheart of the American Legion," will sing several songs. Dr. P. P. McCain, superintendent of the Sanatorium, will present the diplomas to the graduates, and hospital pins will be presented by Dr. S. M. Bittinger, assistant superintendent.

A number of social affairs have been arranged in honor of the graduates by friends at the Sanatorium and elsewhere.

Thirty farmers in Wilkes County have formed a corn club and each of them will grow one acre of corn under the supervision of County Agent A. G. Hendren. The latest methods of cultivation and fertilization will be followed, says Mr. Hendren.

A little jack will lift a car but nowadays it takes a lot of jack to keep one up.

## EAST COAST AIR LINES

Employees of the East Coast Air Lines were in Raeford last week, in the course of a trip southward, erecting beacons for the air line which passes just to the East of Raeford. The beacons mark the direct route which the planes follow although their visibility makes it possible for the planes to vary several miles and still keep in sight of the beacons. These guide lights are brightly painted and are easily seen in day as well as night.

At present the East Coast Air Line is running two planes per day on that part of the line between Raleigh and Florence, which passes by Raeford. One plane passes going south about noon and one going north about three in the afternoon. Word comes from Maxton that passengers may now board the ethereal express there if officials are notified and take the air route to New York. Fare to the city is around thirty dollars.

## WILL BETHUNE DIES AT HOME SATURDAY

**Interment Made At Raeford Cemetery Sunday; Large Crowd Attends Last Rites; Many Floral Tributes.**

William Lauchlin Bethune, a lifelong resident of this county, passed at his home at Montrose Saturday following a few days critical illness and several years of declining health. About five years ago his health became bad from a kidney trouble and he received treatment at hospitals in this state and in Baltimore. About a year ago he entered a Raleigh hospital for treatment and came home somewhat improved, but on account of business reverses and his poor health, he was extremely blue at times, this condition resulting Wednesday, April 29, in his firing a pistol bullet into his head, from which he passed away Saturday at ten o'clock, p. m.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at four o'clock with his pastor, Dr. Weston M. Fairley, conducting the last sad rites. Interment was made in the Bethune plot in Raeford Cemetery. Pall bearers were: Ed. Bethune, Frank Blue, Charles E. Pleasants, Jr., Francis Pleasants, Eston Blue and Malcolm Pleasants, all of Aberdeen, and all cousins of the deceased. An unusually large number of friends followed the body to its last resting place. The floral offering was large and beautiful.  
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## FIRST MEDICAL SCHOOL CHARTERED IN NORTH CAROLINA AT EDINBORO

**Tenant House Which Burned A Week Ago Was Office Of President Of School; College Building Later Became Edinboro Gin; Torn Down Few Years Ago**

by BOB COVINGTON

Through the ministry of forgetfulness carried out by the passing years, little notice was occasioned by the burning of a building Wednesday of last week, which, had it burned in 1860 would have spread consternation and concern throughout the State of North Carolina. To moderns it was a little brick building used on a farm near Raeford as a tenant house. To the citizens of the seventies it was a storehouse of medical experience, a haven of relief to the bodies that fell sick of "distemper" or fever, a workshop from whose doors were turned out the cured people of the section, white and colored, slave and free.

With the burning of the little brick office, there passed from North Carolina the last tangible remnant of the medical school which from 1866 until 1872 trained the physicians of Eastern North Carolina and sent out into the widely scattered homes of this section the gift of what medical knowledge and skill was available in that time. The Edinborough Medical School was the first medical school chartered by the State of North Carolina. It rendered a wonderful service through its trained physicians to all that section of North Carolina between Asheboro and Lumberton, Rockingham

## MUSICAL PROGRAM BE GIVEN THURSDAY

**Community Sing Sunday Will Complete Program In Observation Of Music Week; Much Interest Shown Here.**

The Chaminade Club is carrying out this week its previously announced program with regard to Music Week, which is being sponsored over the nation by the various musical organizations. Over radio, in music schools, by local music clubs and by every organized musical agency, effort is being made this week to recall to the public the glories of the art of music. Numerous radio advertisers are making their bow this week to the art which dominates their programs and newspapers all over the country are giving space to the activities of the musical organizations.

In Raeford and Hoke County the Chaminade club is leading the movement. The program as they plan it will consist of two main programs. The first is to be given in the Raeford school auditorium on Thursday night of this week when the junior and senior music clubs will combine in a musical program which will be open to the public and quite free. The Chaminade club will present a program which will be in effect a review of the music which has been presented at the club meetings throughout the year. The music will be entirely vocal with the possible exception of numbers by a visiting violinist. The vocal numbers will include solos, trios, quartets and musical readings. The Junior Music club, composed of the music pupils of the high school and the members of the younger group who are interested in music, will contribute several numbers to the program including several choruses and numbers by the male quartet. A good program is promised to those who will come out to the entertainment Thursday night.

On Sunday night there will be a community sing in which the three churches of the town will join at the Presbyterian church at eight o'clock Sunday night. The choirs of the three churches will join to assist a song leader in the program. The audience will join in the singing of old and familiar pieces. The intimacy and pleasure of the old group singing will be outstanding in this program. It is hoped that all the people of the community will join with the Chaminade club in their Music Week celebration.

"Don't trust the fellow who says he is boss in his home," advises Sap McLeod. "Chances are he'll lie about other things, too."

Dr. Hector McLean

Much of the story of the old Edinborough Medical School centers around that stalwart and romantic figure, Dr. Hector McLean. In his person were combined the knowledge and unselfish service of the pioneer physician, the wealth and affluence of the land and slave owner, the leadership of the educator. As early as 1856, while Dr. McLean was practicing from his home at Edinborough, young men began to come to "read" medicine under his instruction. He was wealthy in the terms of the time, he was an acknowledged leader in knowledge and practice. He cultivated five hundred acres of land, a monstrous farm for that day, he owned land from Edinborough to the Lumber River, he practiced medicine in a field so wide that at times he would be gone for two weeks on a trip, he stood like a tall and clean-limbed pine, an outstanding leader of the section.

Beginning of the School  
As more young men took up the idea of studying medicine with Dr. McLean, the doctor conceived the idea of a medical school. There was no dearth of enthusiasm among his pupils and at a date during the Civil War which is not definitely told he constructed on the grounds of his  
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