

## Gardner Asks For Unified National Cotton Policy; International Matter

### Extra Session of Congress Is Urged to Deal With Cotton Situation; Whole World Is Affected; Federal Government Should Act First, Says Gardner.

Governor O. Max Gardner, of North Carolina, issued a statement Tuesday, in which he says the proposed holiday of one year in cotton growing, is unsound, without some binding agreement with the foreign powers who grow cotton. He wired President Hoover, urging a special session of Congress to deal with the cotton situation.

The governor's statement follows: "In facing the situation we should remember that cotton is not merely a sectional crop confined to the South, but is a national and international commodity. It is grown in America and at least in 12 foreign countries.

"Last year the United States produced 13,753,000 bales, and foreign countries produced 11,724,000 bales. "Shall the South grow no cotton in 1932, and the foreign countries reap a harvest? This is a most important question. We must remember that the United States government has already recognized and undertaken to meet the problem of cotton through the means of its own creation—the farm board, an agency of the government set up by President Hoover to contend with the identical problem today confronting cotton.

"If the cotton problem is international rather than sectional, it is my judgment that, before any governor calls a special session of the legislature, and as a condition precedent thereto, the president should call congress into immediate session and lay before the states and foreign countries that grow cotton the absolute necessity for unified action and control.

"Not only the South, but America faces a major calamity unless something is done to develop cotton consciousness in the world. The movement should be begun by the president and congress should begin now, before it is too late, before cotton passes from the hands of the farmer. If we wait until December when congress convenes in regular session, the tragedy will already have been enacted.

"Nothing is more unsound than state legislation compelling abandonment of cotton growing in the South without some binding agreement with foreign growers. The several cotton states can make no treaty with a foreign government. That is solely the function of the federal government. This movement should begin with a unified policy adopted by the national government and come down to the producing states instead of beginning in confusion with the several state legislatures and finally heading up in congress.

"What the cotton states demand at this critical hour is national leadership. It is no state issue. If the 12 governors of cotton producing states were to call special sessions of their legislatures without knowledge from Washington of a national policy and international cooperation, we should probably enact a different statute in each state, based upon local conditions, and the whole business would wind up in chaos worse than confusion.

"I, therefore, urge President Hoover to call an immediate session of Congress to formulate a sound national cotton policy with respect to overproduction, reduction in acreage, price stabilization, marketing, warehousing, and such reciprocal agreements with other countries as may be practicable.

"To such a policy, I feel confident every southern governor and every cotton producing section, will give support and cooperation."

The text of Governor Gardner's telegram to President Hoover, is: "Today I gave to the press a statement on the cotton situation in which I urge you to call congress into special session for dealing with our present condition in a comprehensive manner. I urge this action in no political or critical sense but as representing in my opinion the only course by which governmental help can be effective."

Little Lora Mae McKenzie, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McKenzie, of Raeford, is at home from the North Carolina Orphan Hospital in Gastonia, after three years treatment. Lora Mae is much improved, and now walks without difficulty.

## MR. AND MRS. UPCHURCH HAVE BARBECUE PICNIC

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Upchurch entertained a number of local and out of town friends and relatives, and members of the Raeford Fire Department, at a barbecue picnic on the lawn of their home on north Main Street, last Tuesday evening.

The picnic was partly in celebration of Mr. Upchurch's 77th birthday, which was in July. The celebration was postponed until this week, so that it could be held with his two brothers and their wives, and other relatives in attendance.

Besides members of the fire department and other local guests, the following out-of-town people were present to enjoy Mr. and Mrs. Upchurch's hospitality: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Upchurch, Thomasville, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Upchurch, Tallapoosa, Fla.; Mrs. A. F. Nantz, Hoke Springs, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferrell, and Messrs. Dan and Lawrence Ferrell, of Aberdeen; Mrs. D. P. Spell and son and daughter, of Four Oaks; Mrs. Irene Cook, and Misses Vivian and Robbie Johnson, of Raleigh; Mrs. A. G. Johnson, Mrs. Mayton Smith, and Mrs. Glendon Johnson, of Fuquay Springs; Mrs. J. H. Hoyl, and Misses Elizabeth and Laura Hoyl, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Mrs. Allan McGee of Winston Salem; and Rev. Mr. Clegg, of Rockingham.

## RECENT RAINS GIVE COTTON SET BACK

Prolonged recent rains, combined with increased activity of the boll weevil, has set back the cotton crop in this and adjoining counties very materially, County Agent W. D. Burton estimates the Hoke crop to be set back at least 25 per cent.

With cotton at its present price, the consensus of opinion as to what will be paid for picking is five cents per hundred pounds for each cent of the market price. Thus, if cotton sells for six cents, the price paid for picking will be 30 cents per hundred pounds, and so on.

Mrs. Eastend: "You'll not find me difficult to suit, Norma."  
Norma (the new maid): "I'm sure not, ma'am; I saw your husband as I came in, ma'am."

## EQUALIZATION BOARD MAKES ALLOTMENTS

### Budget Allotments Made For State's Hundred Counties And 95 Special Charter Districts; Hoke Gets \$53,250.

The state board of equalization announced Saturday the budget allotments for North Carolina's 103 counties and 95 special charter districts, for the operation of the six months' school term in 1931-32. The allotment totals \$15,482,279.18.

The total school fund provided by the 1931 General Assembly was \$18,500,000, but \$1,500,000 of this is for extended terms in weaker counties, which has not yet been allotted. The allotments made Saturday are for general control, instructional service (\$12,470,302), operation of plants (\$870,010) and auxiliary agencies. Other allotments will be made later, according to Leroy Martin, secretary of the board, for other items, which will bring the total up to the amount appropriated by the General Assembly.

The amount allotted for instructional services represents a 10 per cent reduction in the salaries of all teachers, principals, and superintending principals. Other allotments were reduced from 12 to 30 per cent. The amount set up for the counties and districts is much less than the amount spent last year for the same purposes, and is considerably under the amount requested, Martin said. Approximately \$20,600,000 was spent last year, it was estimated.

Hoke county's share in this total allotment is \$53,250.40, which is divided up as follows: General control, \$4,165.00; Instructional Service \$39,125.00; Operation of Plant, \$2,290.00; and Auxiliary Agencies \$7,670.40. County Superintendent of Education, Mr. Hawfield, says that it will be hard, if not impossible, to stay within the budget allotment on some of the expense items.

## SIX TOBACCO BARNs RECENTLY BURNED

### Sheriff Hodgkin Probably Saves Life of Alton Potter, Asleep In Shed of Burning Barn; One Barn Explodes.

Sheriff Hodgkin, of Hoke County, probably saved the life of Alton Potter last Thursday night. Mr. Hodgkin was on his way home from Antioch when he noticed a burning tobacco barn on the farm of Mr. J. M. Downer; investigating, he found Alton Potter sleeping soundly under the shelter by the barn which was burning briskly. Parker was sleeping so soundly when awakened by Mr. Hodgkin, that it was improbable that he would have known of the fire until too late. The barn and contents of high grade tobacco were destroyed.

On the same night a barn belonging to J. W. Strother, of Ashley Heights, was burned. Next day, P. D. Strother, of the same place, lost a barn. On Saturday morning at eight o'clock, an explosion in a barn belonging to Johnson & Sinclair, of Ashley Heights, resulted in the loss of the tobacco in the barn, but the barn itself was saved, due to quick action on the part of attendants, who threw water on the furnace fire, and smothered the fire inside the barn.

About ten days ago, a barn belonging to Mr. W. J. McDiarmid and one belonging to Mr. J. H. Plummer, were destroyed. Each contained high grade tobacco, and the loss in each case is estimated at at least \$400.

## DR. ANGUS MCBRYDE IS VISITING HERE

Dr. Angus McBryde, who until recently was assistant resident physician in pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ryan McBryde, the former his brother. Dr. McBryde, on September 1st, will go to Durham where he will become instructor in Pediatrics in the Medical School of Duke University.

## WATER TANK GETS NEW COAT OF PAINT

The city fathers have let a contract to a Gastonia firm for the repainting of the city water tank. According to the terms of the contract the inside of the tank is to be thoroughly scraped and cleaned, and the outside is to have two coats of aluminum paint. The work was started Wednesday.

## CLAN McINNIS REUNION

On Thursday, August 20th, Clan McInnis met in the churchyard of Dundarrach Presbyterian Church for their annual homecoming. At eleven o'clock the clansmen and their visiting friends assembled in the church, where they were called to order by their chairman, Mr. Norman McInnis, who explained the meaning of the assemblage.

The program included invocation and scripture reading by Locke McInnis; a solo, "Lassie O'Mine," by Miss Elizabeth McInnis; several hymns and songs by the assembly, directed by Mr. Make McInnis; Historical Facts of the McInnis clan, by Mr. Neill McInnis, and an address by Dr. Alex Bethune, of Raeford, on "Our Inheritance, and What Have We Done With It?"

Following this program, dinner was served on the grounds.

This meeting was one of friends and kinsmen which was no doubt very helpful to all observant persons present. Many old acquaintances were renewed and many new friendships established.

Mr. Neill McInnis read a very interesting paper on the life of the immigrant Angus McInnis, who came to America and established the family in Cumberland County in the year 1815. The sons of Angus McInnis settled in Robeson and Cumberland counties and one son moved into South Carolina.

One of the outstanding features of the meeting was the singing with Mr. Make McInnis leading, and Mr. Neal McInnis playing the violin, while Mr. Hodgkin, of Red Springs, presided at the piano with much skill.

After the dinner, the clan gathered in the church again, where the clan business was attended to, and officers elected. Another song service was greatly enjoyed by everyone at this time, also.

## GOOD ATTENDANCE AT BAPTIST REVIVAL

### Rev. C. C. Wheeler, of Merry Oaks, Preaching Twice Daily; Much Interest Shown In Services.

The revival services which began last Sunday at the Baptist Church are being well attended every morning and evening. Rev. C. C. Wheeler, of Merry Oaks, is assisting the pastor, Rev. J. R. Miller, and his sermons reflect his earnestness and zeal in the Lord's work. He is a good speaker, and his carefully chosen illustrations always give an easy but firm emphasis to his points. At the morning services Mr. Wheeler has been using as his general subject "The Plan of Salvation" with blackboard illustrations.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler is well known in North Carolina, having been an evangelist for many years with the Baptist State Convention. He was also connected with the Baptist State Convention in Georgia, and was for a time on the evangelistic staff of the Baptist Home Mission Board, of Atlanta. During the war, Rev. Wheeler was a chaplain in the navy, and served aboard troop transports.

The services will continue thru Sunday, the 30th, with morning services at eleven, and evening services at eight. The singing is being led by Mr. Robert Gatlin, of Raeford, and is proving to be an interesting feature of the meeting.

## BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR MR. W. A. McLEAN

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McLean entertained a number of guests at dinner last Tuesday evening, on the occasion of Mr. McLean's birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLean, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. M. W. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McDiarmid, Misses Belle Graham and Beulah, Maude, Mable and Brownie McLean, Mr. Julian Wright, and Mrs. Sallie Cameron, of Crestview, Fla.

## REV. NEILL STEVENS HERE LAST SUNDAY

Rev. Neill G. Stevens, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Ala., preached at the morning service of the Presbyterian church here, last Sunday. His subject was "Second Coming of Christ," and it was pointed out that while we naturally think of the glorious past of Christianity, we should be more concerned with its far more glorious future. Rev. Mr. Stevens is well known here, and a large crowd heard him Sunday.

## JOINT MEETING OF CLUBS

The Rotary Club of Red Springs and the Kiwanis Club of Raeford had a most delightful joint meeting with the good folks of Antioch church last Thursday night and went away high in their praise of the culinary ability of the ladies of that section and of the genuine old Southern hospitality displayed. Members of both clubs declared the supper served to be one of the best in the history of man and its quality was only approached by its quantity. John McGoogan, Dave Hodgkin, and several of the champion eaters of these parts left the table with swollen belts and tears in their eyes because they could do no further damage.

After supper a song service was held in the church, led by Mr. Alderman, of Dunn, a noted singer. A short program was carried out which began with some well chosen words of welcome by Rev. G. W. Hanna, pastor of the Antioch Church. This was responded to by Laurie McEachern of the Raeford club and Rev. H. G. Beddinger of the Red Springs club.

Mr. Ernest Graham of the Red Springs club introduced Col. J. W. Harrelson, of the Department of Conservation and Development, as the speaker of the evening, who gave some very illuminating facts on the work of his department and what the conservation of the resources of this state can mean. He made a splendid impression on the audience and made friends for his department.

Despite a thunder storm, a good crowd of people were at this meeting. It was presided over by Dr. McRae, president of the Red Springs Rotary Club.

## ATLANTA BANK TO LEND ON COTTON

### The First National Bank Of Atlanta And Associated Institutions To Lend Farmers 80 Per Cent Market Value.

The First National Bank of Atlanta, and its affiliated institutions announced Saturday, that effective immediately, loans of eighty per cent of the market value of the cotton crop will be made to farmers of the south-eastern states.

These loans will run from four to six months, and those made by the Atlanta banks will be at five per cent interest. The First National and its affiliated institutions have resources of over \$150,000,000 and loans can be obtained through any bank in the states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, according to John K. Otley, president of the Atlanta bank.

"This bank has been financing cotton since 1865, and does not propose to change its policy now," Mr. Otley's announcement said. "The plan we are offering is a repetition of similar movements in support of the cotton crop in 1914 and again in 1921.

The Atlanta bank will not attempt to control future action of the farmer-borrower, in making these 80 per cent loans.

## SERIOUSLY INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

John Melvin, colored, and his wife and children were injured, when their car, on coming out of a side road into the Fayetteville highway, collided with a car occupied by colored people from Laurinburg, on their way to Fayetteville. Melvin and one of his children are said to be seriously injured. All occupants of each car were taken to the hospital Sunday.

It is understood that the patrolman investigating the wreck issued a warrant charging Melvin with driving under the influence of liquor.

"Two good aids to health," says a doctor, "are to swim regularly and drink plenty of water." To ensure the most gratifying results, of course, these should be done separately.

## FLORA MACDONALD OPENS SEPT. 15TH

### Red Springs Institution Has Bright Prospects For Coming Year; New Department Announced; Few Changes.

Flora MacDonald College will begin her thirty-sixth collegiate year on Tuesday, September 15th, 1931. Entrance examinations are scheduled for Monday, September 14th; Registration of students on Tuesday, the 15th, and classes are to begin on Thursday, the 16th.

The college has prospered under the administration of Rev. H. C. Bedinger, who succeeded Dr. Charles G. Vardell, a little over a year ago, and the outlook for the coming year is unusually bright. Already the registrations exceed expectations.

A department of Business and Secretarial Training has been added this year. This commercial course will include Gregg Shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, business law, business correspondence, office management, commercial arithmetic, English and Bible. This department will be in charge of Miss Lila E. Watkins, of Jackson, Ga., who holds degrees from Beattie Tift College, Mercer University, and Bowling Green Business University. Miss Watkins has had much teaching experience.

Miss Jane L. Richards, of Davidson, will succeed Miss Carson, who was recently married, as professor of English. Miss Evelyn Potter will succeed Miss Louise Mandeville, who was also married during the summer, as head of the voice department. Mr. Ernest Graham as business manager, and Miss Anne Williams, of Bishopville, S. C., has succeeded Miss Mary Law, who was recently married, as secretary to the president.

We can understand why a fool and his money are soon parted, but where he gets it is what gets us.

## SUPERIOR COURT IN REGULAR SESSION

### Judge Midyette Convenes Court Monday; Two Murder Cases on Docket; The Grand Jury Makes Report.

The regular term of Hoke County Superior Court convened Monday morning, August 24, with His Honor, Judge Garland B. Midyette, of Jackson, presiding, and Solicitor T. A. McNeill, of Lumberton, appearing for the state.

The grand jury passed on seven true bills of indictment, and received and examined reports from three magistrates. One report was found to be incomplete. The jury found the jail and stockade to be in excellent condition, and commended the officers for their diligence. The court house was found to be in good condition and well kept. It was recommended that the floors in the Register of Deeds office and vault, and in the office occupied by G. B. Rowland, be painted the same as the other offices, and that the inner door of the clerk's office be replaced.

Twelve criminal cases were docketed for trial at this term.

Dan Bain, charged with secret assault in connection with the shooting of Raymond McKinnon, in Stonewall township on October 7, 1930, plead guilty. Judgment was continued for two years upon payment of the cost. Defendant to have until November term of court to pay the costs, and to remain under same bond as he is now under.

Andrew Melvin, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, in connection with cutting Dan Bain with a knife, in Stonewall township on June 6, 1931, plead guilty. Judgment in this case was continued for two years upon payment of costs. Defendant to have until November term to pay costs and to remain under same bond as already given.

Willie Thomas and Johnnie Thomas, charged with fraud, through their counsel waived the finding of a true bill, and plead guilty of larceny of goods worth less than \$20. Judgment of the court was continued upon payment of the costs by November term of court, and a good bond was required for the payment of the costs. Defendants to pay Mrs. D. N. Leslie, the prosecuting witness, \$3.41 in cash. Jail fees to be included in cost of bill.

The jury found Bennie Cook, charged with assault on a female, not guilty.

The most important case, so far, was that of the three Scotland County deputies, Lamar Smith, S. H. Dunlap, and R. C. Miller, against whom the grand jury at the April term found a true bill of murder, in connection with the fatal shooting of Jim Brigman, who was killed when he resisted arrest by the officers, in the Antioch section last spring. All the defendants plead not guilty, and were acquitted by the jury under a directed verdict. Witnesses for the defendants included many prominent people and officers of the adjoining counties.

The case against Jennings Maulsby, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was continued, as was the case against Slon Vample, also charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

The case against John D. Purcell, colored, charged with the murder of Walter McNair, in Blue Springs township, on May 17, 1931. Purcell was arrested Saturday night at the home of Cab McMillan, on the Geo. Watson place, after a reward for his capture had been posted. The grand jury returned a true bill against him Monday. He was convicted of second degree murder and was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of from 15 to 20 years.

## FATHER OF MR. G. D. McQUEEN DIES SAT.

Mr. Y. P. McQueen, of Loris, S. C., father of Mr. G. D. McQueen, Assistant Cashier of the Bank of Raeford, died Saturday in a hospital in Florence, S. C., after an illness of three weeks. Burial was made Sunday, in Loris. Mr. McQueen was 69 years old. He was a farmer of Loris.

Surviving Mr. McQueen are his widow, five daughters, and two sons: Mrs. M. D. Stevens, Mrs. J. D. Thomas, and Miss Ida McQueen, of Loris; Mrs. Carl Nye, Orum, N. C.; and Mrs. O. M. Graham, of Whitesville, N. C.; Mr. F. C. McQueen, of Loris, and Mr. G. D. McQueen, of Raeford.