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## Opening Of Hoke County Schools Postponed Until September 28th

### Board Responds to Demand For Two Weeks Postponement; Children Needed At Home Now; Economy In Truck Operation Cited.

The County Board of Education, at a meeting held on Monday decided to postpone the opening of the schools until Monday, September 28th, two weeks later than the opening date first decided upon.

According to Mr. W. P. Hawfield, Superintendent of Schools, the two main reasons for the postponement are:

First, the financial condition with the low price of cotton makes it imperative for many farmers to have their children help gather the crop. The average daily attendance would have been low for the first month and it would have been difficult to bring the attendance up during the other months.

Second, the trucks would not have been put in as good shape as they should have been by the 14th, the date first set. There has been a delay in getting parts as the Division of Purchase and Contract was late in getting the contracts ready. Since several trucks serve two schools the Board considers that the operation of trucks will be more economical if all schools open and close at the same time.

Mr. Hawfield also stated that the Board regretted that this action was deemed necessary. There seemed to be a general demand for postponement and the Board thought it their duty to yield to the demands. It is hoped, he said, that the change will not cause any inconvenience, and that it will be accepted in a truly cooperative spirit.

### MRS. SEAWELL, TALKS AT CIVIC CLUB MEETING

The Civic Department of the Woman's Club held its first meeting of the season Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m., at the school auditorium, with an unusually large number of members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. C. W. Seate, after which routine matters were discussed and reports made.

Of especial interest was the report of Mrs. H. A. Cameron, who is in charge of the club's welfare work. She told of how much canning had been done during the summer, and how this canned food will be used at the various school lunch rooms throughout the county, in furnishing a more nearly proper diet for children who are undernourished or improperly nourished. In telling of the work of the Baby Clinic held by the club in June, Mrs. Cameron pointed out that she had reason to believe that four babies would have died had it not been for the work of the clinic. She is supported in this belief by physicians. This, and improvements in health of less import, shows the importance of the club's work along this line.

The speaker of the occasion was Mrs. H. F. Seawell, of Carthage, who chose as her subject, "Citizenship." Mrs. Seawell is always a very interesting speaker, and on this occasion handled her subject most ably. She began with citizenship in North Carolina when it was a colony, then continued with a discussion of citizenship in the state thru all its history up until the present time, and then stressed the possibilities of citizenship from now on, especially from the woman's viewpoint.

Those who heard Mrs. Seawell, declared her address to be one of the best and one of the most inspirational speeches ever made before the local club.

At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

### DOVE SEASON INCREASED

H. R. McLean, County Game Warden, announces that under a recent ruling of the Biological Survey, as requested by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, the season to shoot doves in North Carolina is as follows:

The season opens September 1st and closes September 30th, and then again opens on November 20th and closes January 31st.

Warden McLean, desiring to make the law plain, also states that every member of a fox "chase" must have a hunting license, and not merely the owner of the dogs, as is commonly supposed.

**HOKE'S FIRST BALE OF COTTON SELLS FOR 7c**

The first bale of cotton ginned and sold in Hoke County, from this year's crop, brought seven cents a pound, a price 9 points above the New York market on the date of sale. Mr. H. L. Gatlin, of the Farmers Furnishing Company, was the buyer. The cotton was grown by Will Gilchrist, colored, a tenant on the farm of John McKav Blue. The bale was ginned by Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Company, and was middling cotton. The sale was made Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. W. D. Burton, County Agent, estimates this year's cotton crop to be 60 per cent of a normal crop. Wet weather and the weevils have set the crop back very materially.

### MASONIC MEETING IN LAURINBURG TUESDAY

The District Meeting of the 11th Masonic District will be held with the Laurinburg Lodge Tuesday, September 8th. The first meeting at 4 p. m., and the second at 8 p. m. The afternoon meeting will be a school of instruction, to which all Masons are invited, but the officers of the various lodges of the district are urged to attend. The night meeting will be for the address of the Grand Master Grand Master J. Wallace Winborne, of Marion, N. C. and Grand Secretary John H. Anderson, of Raleigh, will be present and address these meetings. It is urged that just as many members of the lodge of the district attend these meetings as possible. The 11th Masonic district is composed of 14 lodges in Hoke, Robeson, Scotland and Bladen Counties with an approximate membership of 300.

For any other information you desire about this meeting please call either Mr. G. W. Cox, Master, or Mr. Edgar Hall, Secretary Raeford Lodge No. 306.

### JUDGE MIDYETTE ADDRESSES CLUB

#### Says Basic Training Needed For Officers; Dangers They They Face In Line of Duty Pictured.

Speaking to the local Kiwanis club last week, Judge Midyette, presiding over Superior Court here, made one of the best talks heard by the club in a long time. His remarks were made without any show or effort at being sensational and yet they showed deep study on his part and a keen insight of some of the unhealthy conditions confronting the citizenship of this state. He spoke of the duties of officers and the duty of the public to their officers, having in mind particularly those officers who are charged with making arrests.

Judge Midyette pictured the dangers that officers are called on to face in the course of their duty and asked for a sympathetic attitude on the part of the public for them. He made the statement that for every civilian killed by an officer there were ten officers killed by civilians. He pictured the difficulties placed in the way of enforcement by the automobile and the easy means of escape afforded thereby. He stated that the officer has a much harder time in apprehending and arresting criminals than before the days of cars, and pictured his task as anything but easy.

Speaking of the duties of officers, he said that an officer was not to be excused for violating the law in making arrests and should be held accountable for his misdeeds just as much as anyone else. He stated that officers, without any experience, are given a billy and a pistol and put on the job, many times, without a proper knowledge of their duties and the proper conduct of their offices and that very often an otherwise good man will shoot when the law allows him no right to use his gun. He felt that some basic training as to their duties and rights should be given to officers before they are allowed to serve and that this would stop most of the actions by some officers that have caused them to be criticized.

## 94 PASS STATE BAR EXAMINATION

### William T. Covington, Jr., Is Among Number; Test Pre- pared by Chief Justice Stacy Unusually Hard.

Ninety-four persons passed the mid-summer bar examinations and were granted licenses to practice law in North Carolina, the state supreme court announced Monday. Of these 94, one is from Raeford, Mr. William T. Covington, Jr.

There were many failures. One-third of those who qualified for the examination did not pass it. There were 148 who qualified and six of these did not take the examination. The test was written by Chief Justice Stacy, and was pronounced to be one of the hardest given in recent years.

Among those who passed were two women, Mary Virginia Hill, of Smithfield, and Annie Perry Neal, of Louisburg. A son of Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Edward Lee Cannon, of Durham, was also among the successful candidates.

There were four county applications, one each from New York, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Georgia.

The new lawyer from Raeford, Mr. Covington, is one of the Hoke County's most promising young men. He is a graduate of Davidson College, class of 1927, and was a member of the Laurinburg School faculty for two years. He attended the University of North Carolina Law School, and plans to return to Carolina for further study before beginning regular practice.

In commenting on the examination, Mr. Covington told of its procedure. The applicants met in the Supreme Court Room on the morning of the 14th, with the court in session to examine the candidates, and listened to speeches by members of the court. After this the candidates went to a room in the capital, where they were given the examination. Time allowed was from 10:30 a. m., to 6 p. m., and a light lunch was served in the room at noon. A member of the court was on hand to supervise and give any needed information.

### AT THE CHURCHES

At the Presbyterian church, the pastor, Dr. W. M. Fairley, will preach at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. His subject at the morning hour will be "Spiritual Growth." Sunday School is at 9:45 a. m.

Rev. W. F. Trawick, the pastor, will preach at the morning service at 11 o'clock, of the Methodist Church; his subject will be "Hope." The evening service at eight will be in charge of the young people, and should prove very interesting. Sunday School is at 9:45.

At Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Rev. D. L. Jones is assisting the pastor, Rev. A. D. Carswell, in a series of revival services. There will be services Sunday, which is the last day of the meeting, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

There will be no preaching services at the Baptist Church Sunday; Rev. J. R. Miller, the pastor, will

## POLITICS AND PERSONALITIES

There is more sense than sensationalism in "The Mirrors of 1932," an anonymous book unmasking ten presidential prospects recently published by Brewer, Warren and Putnam. True, the author pays some attention to the personal foibles of his subjects, but almost invariably for the purpose of showing up their quality of statesmanship. Thus he relates that Gifford Pinchot is said to crumple his expensive attire before donning it in order to appear more democratic; that "Joe" Robinson's weakness for high society leads him to play into the enemy's hands; that Hoover's "stark, selfish individualism" is largely attributable to the fact that he was never a "swimmin' hole kid"; and that Albert C. Ritchie's political sentimentalism is in tune with his favorite ballad, "When You and I Were Young, Maggie."

A swift, sure style of brief sentences and paragraphs and an abundance of pointed adjectives characterize the volume. When the author has completed his X-raying and dissecting, only one specimen of presidential timber remains sound and whole. It is Newton D. Baker, of whom the writer says:

## RAEFORD NOW HAS FOUR EAGLE SCOUTS

### Nathan Epstein and Paul Dickson, Jr., Made Eagles; N. J. Blue And Billy Craw- ley Omitted In First List.

In the News-Journal's Boy Scout article two weeks ago, the names of Neill James Blue and Billy Crawley were omitted, through error, from the list of those who were awarded merit badges, for work done at Camp Chickagami, the Boy Scout camp at Lake Waccamaw. Neill James Blue a First Class Scout, gained merit badges in Firemanship and Reading. Billy Crawley was awarded merit badges in Life Saving and Swimming.

Two more local scouts have completed work and study necessary to become Eagle Scouts; they are Paul Dickson, Jr., and Nathan Epstein. Paul was awarded badges in Camping, Reptile Study, Poultry Keeping, and the Farm Home and its Planning, bringing his total number of badges up to the required 21 for the Eagle rating. Epstein, in bringing his badges up to the necessary 21, completed work in the following subjects: Life Saving and Red Cross Life Saving, Camping, Cooking, Woodcarving, Woodwork, Bird Study, Reading, Farm Home and its Planning, Animal Industry, and Leathercraft. The Raeford troop now has four Eagle Scouts, the other two being J. H. Anstine, Jr., and Thomas Cameron. Eagle Scouts are the highest ranking scouts, and the rating requires much hard work and study.

The Raeford scouts made an unusually good showing at camp this summer. The Cape Fear Council of approximately 1000 boys had an attendance of from four to five hundred at the camp. Out of this camp attendance, only 13 boys completed work necessary for the Eagle rating, and of these 13, four were from the Raeford troop, which had an attendance at camp of 17 scouts. The camp ran for 10 weeks, and closed on August 22.

The local troop now numbers 23 members with the joining of Alvis Dickson, last week. Mr. F. B. Sexton, the Scoutmaster, is desirous of bringing the troop membership up to the full size of 32, as soon as possible.

The local scouts and their leaders are certainly deserving of congratulations for the splendid record made this summer.

### NOTICE TO SCOUTS

Every Boy Scout of the local troop is asked to be present at the hut, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, to help in cleaning the grounds. Each Scout is to bring food for supper, after which there will be a camp meeting. F. B. Sexton, Scoutmaster.

preach in Wagram. Sunday School will meet at 9:45 a. m., and the B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m.

At Phillipi Presbyterian Church, the pastor, Rev. A. D. Carswell, will preach Sunday, at 3:30 p. m. His subject will be "The Open Door."

## Farm Board Will Buy No More Cotton; Stabilization Effort Futile

### REGULAR TERM COURT ADJOURNED FRIDAY

Purcell Sentence Lightened. Dividend Ordered To Raeford Cotton Mill Creditors.

The regular term of Hoke Superior Court was adjourned last Friday, after conclusion of the civil docket. John D. Purcell, colored, sentenced to the penitentiary from 15 to 20 years for the killing of Walter Mc Nair last May, had his sentence reduced to from 10 to 12 years. Purcell was taken to Raleigh to begin his sentence, by Deputy Barrington, last Saturday.

The grand jury returned a true bill against James Monroe, charged with false pretense, and the case was continued to the November term.

Willie Thomas and Johnnie Thomas, who, in one case, submitted to a charge of larceny of goods worth less than \$20, were found guilty of fraud and sentenced to four months on the roads.

In the civil docket, a payment to the preferred creditors and a dividend of 8 per cent, to the general creditors, of the Raeford Cotton Mills Company, were recommended by the receiver, Warren S. Johnson, and ordered by the court. Money left on hand after the payment and dividend is to be held pending a decision as to several disputed claims against the company.

Judge Garland E. Midyette, of Jackson, who presided at this term of court, has gone to Fayetteville to hold a session of court there. Recently the Wilmington Star carried an editorial in which Judge Midyette's name was put forward as one the Wilmington people would like to see among the names of those offering for the nomination for governor.

## LOW PRICES IN NEW BRIGHT LEAF BELT

### Farmers Show Dissatisfaction Because Offerings Are Of Better Quality; Many Tags Are Turned.

Prices ranging from an average of \$6.10 to slightly under \$8 a hundred weight were paid for tobacco on the 17 North Carolina markets in the New Bright leaf belt which opened Tuesday.

Farmers generally, expressed dissatisfaction at the bids, holding that the offerings were superior in quality to those on last year's opening break while the price ranged from \$1 to \$2 a hundred pounds less. A number of growers turned the tags on their piles in warehouses where the price range was low.

Wilson, the world's largest tobacco market was one of the few points reporting a higher average than prevailed on last year's opening. Sales there totalled 503,526 pounds at an average of \$7.82 compared with an average of \$7.65 paid last season for 490,496 pounds.

Despite this improvement growers expressed dissatisfaction at prices paid and indicated they intended to wait on the market to improve before offering any great amount of the remainder of their crop.

Unofficial figures on the Greenville market, second largest in the belt, placed the average price at \$7.25 with offerings totaling slightly less than 900,000 pounds. Beginning low with the morning sales, the price trend was upward in the afternoon and some of the houses selling late averaged more than \$8.50 per hundred pounds.

Wendell reported official sales of 61,646 pounds at an average of \$9.29. Unofficial figures of approximately 25,000 pounds at \$7.78.

A number of markets, including Goldsboro where an average of \$7.95 was paid for 157,000 pounds, reported a few sales as high as 25 to 28 cents a pound for the better grades, but the poorer grades reduced the average.

Robersonville sold 250,000 pounds at \$6.10 and has a block sale of 100,000 pounds scheduled for tomorrow.

Williamston reported sales of 192,000 pounds at an average of \$6.54 with indications that sales for the remainder of the week will be light.

The Ahsokie market sold 111,366 pounds at an average of \$6.79, with

### Purchases of Cotton and Wheat Against Continued Overpro- duction Proves to be Decid- ed Failure; Cudahy To Buy Cotton.

Washington, Sept. 1st.—The federal farm board yesterday abandoned the principle of government purchases as a means of meeting the problems created by mounting surpluses of wheat and cotton.

The board's determination to engage in no further stabilization purchases was made known by Carl Williams, vice chairman and member of the board for cotton.

At the same time in Chicago the Cudahy Packing company announced that it would invest 10 per cent of its southern sales in cotton until December 1 1931.

E. A. Cudahy, Jr., president, said his firm thus would purchase about \$1,000,000 worth of cotton before the end of the year and would hold it until the market price of cotton reaches 10 cents.

"Stabilization operations have certain virtues that are valuable under conditions of temporary or seasonal surpluses," Williams said. "But I think we have demonstrated they are more or less futile in the face of continued overproduction by the farmers and ever increasing surpluses."

The board has made no cotton purchases since it bought up the surplus of 1,300,000 bales from the 1929 crop, and it ceased stabilization efforts in wheat when the 1931 crop became a factor in the market this spring. Recently, however, proposals for renewed purchases have been made in various plans submitted as possible solutions of the cotton and wheat problems.

Williams' statement was regarded as an automatic veto of any cotton plan which included stabilization and shifted attention from them to others which did not have this particular angle. Among plans still under consideration by the board was the one proposed by Democratic senators Smith of South Carolina and Black of Alabama.

Under this plan, farmers who sign contracts not to plant any cotton next year or to plant only half of this year's acreage would be allocated from the farm board surplus a quantity equal to their crop this year.

Resigned to the failure of its plan for destroying a third of the growing cotton crop, the board advanced a new plan yesterday for the wheat situation. Williams said the indicated reduction of 12 per cent in the winter wheat plantings would not be enough to help materially in cutting down the wheat surplus, and suggested that half the winter wheat acreage, be left out of production this winter.

### TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHURCH DEBT

A committee of 25 men was appointed recently by the session of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, to raise money toward the liquidation of the debt against the church. Mr. F. B. Sexton is chairman of the committee, and Mr. J. S. Johnson, secretary and treasurer.

The plan of the committee is that every member of the congregation pay a certain amount every Sunday into this fund. Mr. Sexton pointed out last Sunday, that if every member would pay one cent each day toward the fund, the debt could be liquidated.

A great deal of interest has been manifested in the work of the committee, and it is believed that its efforts will be successful.

### BAPTIST MEETING CLOSES

The revival services which were held last week at the Baptist church resulted in the addition of ten members to the church. Baptismal services were held Wednesday evening, at which time there were six baptisms.

Rev. C. C. Wheeler, of Merry Oaks, assisted the pastor, Rev. J. R. Miller, and preached strong and interesting sermons, and it will be a long time before the full effects of the revival will have been spent. Much interest was manifested throughout the week.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler left Monday for Bailey, where he is holding another meeting.