

ALLOTMENTS MADE COTTON IS OUTLAWED FOR EXTENDED TERM IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Superintendent Hawfield Explains How Tax Reduction Fund For Extended School Term Is Allotted.

Hoke county was recently allotted \$2,552.03 from the \$1,500,000 Tax Reduction Fund for the extended school term. Antioch and Blue Springs Schools and schools in Little River township receive nothing from the fund. Rockfish gets \$165.64, Ashmont \$681.87, Raeford \$1,039.72, and Mildouson \$664.90.

A 14c levy was made and where this does not take care of the cost the allotment makes the difference. For instance, the cost for Antioch for the extended term was figured at \$1,214.71. The yield of a 14c levy on \$1,130,718 valuation amounts to \$1,583.00. Consequently, no Tax Reduction Fund was allowed. The cost of Ashmont amounts to \$1,670.09. The yield at 14c on \$705,877 valuation amounts to \$988.22. By taking this amount from the estimated cost we get \$681.87, which is the amount Ashmont is allotted. In order for a school to participate in the Tax Reduction Fund the levy must be at least 14c on the one hundred dollar's worth of property. Of course, if the valuation shows more than is figured by the Equalization Board the 14c levy would not be necessary. The Equalization Board had to follow the law in distributing the funds, but it would have been better if the same plan had been followed as for the past two years. Hoke County received \$4,031.51 last year, but under the present plan the allotment was considerably lower. The change in the law has brought this about, and not the Equalization Board. If the valuation had not been lowered by the Equalization Board the allotment for Hoke County would have been a little more than \$600.00. The trouble comes about by not having a uniform valuation for the state. A fund of this kind will never be equitably distributed until values are more uniform.

AT THE CHURCHES

At the Presbyterian Church, Dr. H. G. Bedinger, President of Flora Macdonald College, will preach at the morning service at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Dr. Fairley, will preach at the evening service at 7:30. Sunday School is at 9:45 a. m. The Young People's Vesper Service is at 7 p. m.

At the Methodist Church, the Sunday School Promotion Day exercises will extend into the time for the morning service at 11 o'clock. A very interesting program has been arranged, which will take the place of the regular morning preaching service. The pastor, Rev. W. F. Trawick, will preach at the evening service at 7:30, on the topic "How One Should Best Invest His Life," a sermon that will be of special interest to the young people. Sunday school meets at 9:45 a. m.

At the Baptist Church, Rev. J. R. Miller, the pastor, will preach at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. His topic at the morning hour, will be: "Jesus Beholding Our Gifts." The Sunday School meets at 9:45 a. m., and there will be a special Promotion Day program. B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30.

At Bethel Presbyterian Church, the pastor, Rev. A. D. Carswell, will preach Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Special attention is called to the change in the hour.

At Sandy Grove Presbyterian Church, Homecoming Day will be observed. After a sermon at 11:30 by the pastor, Rev. A. D. Carswell, a picnic lunch will be served. All former members and friends of the church are especially invited to the Homecoming.

At Dundarrach Presbyterian Church Rev. A. D. Carswell, the pastor, will preach at 3:30 p. m.

COMES HOME ALL SMILES

Mr. Tommie Upchurch came back from Aberdeen Thursday very much encouraged over a sale that he had just made of some tobacco. He sold four thousand pounds at the Aberdeen Warehouse for an average of seventeen cents. He is enthusiastic over the market in that city and feels that Hoke County people should do all in their power to make this a good market, since it is so close home.

Governor Blackwood Signs Bill Prohibiting Planting of Cotton in 1932, Provided Other States Act Likewise.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 23.—Governor Blackwood signed the cotton prohibition bill today.

By fixing his signature to the measure, it becomes a misdemeanor in South Carolina to plant cotton in 1932. The act contains the proviso that three-fourths of the cotton-growing states pass similar acts.

As he signed it, Governor Blackwood said the only thing that prevented it from being a "perfect act" was that cotton was not outlawed unconditionally in South Carolina next year.

"The more the other states grow the more we will wish we hadn't grown any," he said.

If the total prohibition act had been passed, he added, it would have been "the greatest piece of legislation in 50 years."

The prohibitory law was passed last week by both houses of the general assembly called into extraordinary session by the governor.

MOORE COUNTY FAIR OPENS ON OCT. 13TH

Gov. Gardner To Speak On Opening Day; Legion Members To Be Guests; Interesting Program Arranged.

Artillery firing by Capt. Dan King's Sanford battery and a concert by the Fort Bragg band will feature the opening day of the Moore county fair on Tuesday, October 13, O. B. Welch, the fair manager, stated yesterday. Tuesday has been designated as "American Legion Day," and Gov. O. Max Gardner and Henry Bourne, of Tarboro, commander of the North Carolina department of the American Legion, have been invited to speak. A free barbecue for all of the ex-service men of the county has also been planned. A committee, composed of B. C. Wallace, past commander of the Joseph G. Henson post, chairman, Kenneth Caddell and John Beasley, has been named to arrange the program for this day.

Wednesday, as customary, will be "school day." A half holiday will be granted the school children of the county and they will be admitted free to the fair.

"Home Coming Day" has been set for Thursday, the third day of the fair. Hundreds of native sons and daughters of Moore, who have strayed away from their native hearth, will be sent special invitations to be here that day, and a committee, of which Col. D. A. McDonald is chairman, is getting up an interesting program for their entertainment.

Friday will be "Live-at-Home Day." E. H. Garrison, the county agent, and Mrs. W. L. Ryals, the home demonstration agent, have the program for this day in charge. As the name implies, living at home will be emphasized, and a number of experts will be here from Raleigh to stress different phases of this agricultural movement.

Saturday, the closing day, will be set aside for the colored folks of the county. The public address system for the fair grounds was signed up last week. This system will enable the broadcast of speeches and music to all parts of the grounds.

Mr. Welch is now engaged in lining up free acts, like bucking Fords, balloon ascensions and high wire acts. More money will be spent for free acts this year than was the case during the last fair, and far better rides, shows and other midway attractions are being secured.

"We promise a bigger and better fair for 1931," said Mr. Welch, "and we are sparing no expense to this end."

MATHESONS MOVE

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Jr., have moved to the Cameron home on North Main Street, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Upchurch. Dr. Matheson's telephone number will remain the same, 261.

All Hoke County Schools To Open Monday Morning, September 28th

County To Have Thirty-Eight Teachers This Year, A Net Loss Of Four From Last Year—Two By Consolidation And Two From District Funds; No Formal Opening At The Raeford School Monday Morning

All schools in Hoke County are to open on Monday morning, September 28th, at 8:30 o'clock. All pupils are urged to be present at the opening time and get started properly, so as not to cause trouble to themselves and their teachers, that a late start would involve.

The schools were originally scheduled to open on the 14th, but the Board of Education at a meeting held early in the month, yielded to a general demand, and postponed the opening date in order that pupils could help their parents in crop gathering. Too, additional time was needed to get the trucks, used for transportation of pupils, in better shape.

The schools this year will have a staff of 38 teachers, which means a loss of two teachers employed by funds from local taxing, and the loss of two high school teachers brought about by the Equalization Board's consolidation plan. The schools which lose a teacher each from local taxing funds are Blue Springs and Rockfish. Antioch loses two high school teachers, and Ashmont one high school teacher, while the Raeford School gains one high school teacher, through the consolidation of high schools in the county.

The teacher list this year is substantially the same as the list last year. It follows:

Raeford School: Mr. J. F. Lowrance, principal; Miss Carrie Sturgis, Rock Hill, S. C.; Miss Nell Vincent, Weldon, N. C.; Miss Lois Waller, Oxford; Miss Lillian Dorn, Granite Falls; Mrs. J. C. McLean, Raeford; Mr. A. H. Padgett, Chadbourne; Mr. John T. Biggers, Matthews; Miss Anna Belle Tyson, Ayden; Miss Margaret McKerr-

zie, Gibson; Miss Mary McKinnon, Mt. Gilead; Miss Xymena Smith, Huntersville; Miss Jessie Heafner, Raleigh; Miss Elizabeth Tyson, Farmville; Miss Anne Buie, Red Springs; Miss Ruth Fulcher, Leasburg; Mrs. A. K. Currie, Raeford, and Mrs. Ina P. Bethune, Raeford.

Antioch School: Mr. R. A. Smoak, Red Springs, Principal; Miss Willie Peele, Laurinburg; Miss Archie McPhaul, Red Springs; and Miss Elizabeth Stutts, Gibson.

Blue Springs School: Mr. Johnson Matthews, Wagram, Principal; and Miss Lettie McMillan, Raeford.

Rosendale School (Little River Township): Mrs. G. C. Richardson, Lakeview.

Rockfish School: Mr. J. W. George, Greenville, S. C., Principal; Mrs. J. W. George, Greenville, S. C.; and Miss Treva Townsend, Rockfish.

Ashmont School: Mr. E. W. Fort, Fork, S. C., Principal; Miss Treva Auman, West End; Miss Mary Dunlap Wagram; Miss Myrtice Barrington, Raeford; and Miss Thelma Auman, West End.

Mildouson School: Mr. J. W. Coates, Clayton, Principal; Miss Inez Hooker, Laurel Hill; Miss Theima Hndson, McColl, S. C.; Miss Irene Downer, Raeford; and Miss Aris Shankle, Shannon.

Mr. J. F. Lowrance, principal of the Raeford School, says there will be no formal opening or chapel exercises on Monday, the opening day. Pupils will be enrolled, book lists distributed, and assignments made for Tuesday. Later in the week, the grammar grades and high school will assemble in the auditorium for the formal opening. Announcement as to the day will be made later.

TWO SENTENCED IN RECORDER'S COURT

Jim Cromartie And James Wall, Colored, Get Six Months Each; Several Cases Are Continued.

In Recorder's Court Tuesday, Jim Cromartie, colored, was tried on two charges. One for trespassing on the premises of Mr. Sam Epstein after being forbidden to go there, and on another for an assault with a deadly weapon. He plead not guilty of the charges but was found guilty on each. Four months on the roads was the judgment and an old case in which prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs for having a pint of whiskey in his possession was called against him. He was given an additional two months for failing to comply with the terms of his sentence.

Charlie Harrington, colored, was tried on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and found not guilty.

James Wall, colored, entered a plea of guilty of larceny and was sentenced to six months on the roads. One night last week he went on the premises of Martin Coggins and took a windshield complete from Coggins' car and carried it home with him. Mr. Barrington tracked him to his home and Wall confessed and produced the windshield.

John Henry Blue, colored, of Stonewall Township, faced a charge of larceny and was found guilty. It seems that he missed some parts from a car which he owned and that he located what he thought were the parts on a similar car belonging to John D. McDonald, another colored youth. He proceeded to take the parts off the car in the day time and carry them home. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs.

R. E. Townsend, white man of Robeson County, charged with giving a bad check, failed to appear for trial and his bond was ordered forfeited and capia to issue.

Several other cases were continued for a week.

FIRST FLIGHT MADE BY DIRIGIBLE AKRON

World's Greatest Dirigible Pleases Navy Officials Aboard Her On Maiden Flight Of About 4 Hours.

The U. S. S. Akron, world's largest dirigible airship, was taken upon its first flight Wednesday afternoon. The flight lasted three hours and 47 minutes, and was entirely satisfactory.

The ship was built by the Goodyear Zeppelin corporation in Akron for the United States Navy, and the flight Wednesday was highly pleasing to navy officials, at the end of the estimated 125 mile trip. Perfect weather conditions prevailed, after several days of waiting.

Lieut. Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, former skipper of the Los Angeles, and a survivor of the wreck of the Shenandoah six years ago, is the commander of the Akron, and was in charge Wednesday on its trial flight. Secretary of the Navy Adams and other high Navy officials made the trip with high officials of the Goodyear corporation. In all there were 113 men aboard, the largest number ever to make a flight in this country.

The Akron is 785 feet long and has a gas capacity of 6,500,000 cubic feet. Its diameter is 132.9 feet, and the cost of manufacture was \$5,375,000.

A crowd variously estimated at 100,000 to 200,000 people witnessed the first flight.

DR. H. G. BEDINGER TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Dr. Henry G. Bedinger, President of Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, will preach at the morning service of the Raeford Presbyterian Church next Sunday Morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Bedinger succeeded Dr. Vardell as president of Flora Macdonald, a little over a year ago, and the college has done unusually well under his administration. The Presbyterian Church here is looking forward with pleasure to having him preach at its service Sunday.

HOKE FARMERS FOR NEW BELT MARKETS. COTTON REDUCTION OPEN; PRICES LOW

Mass Meeting In Courthouse Thursday Morning Not Well Attended; Petition Gardner For Legislation.

A mass meeting of farmers interested in the production of cotton was held in the courthouse Thursday morning and about thirty-five men answered the call. Owing to the fact that the meeting was not widely advertised a large crowd was not present. However, those present were representative of the farming and business interests of the county. Mr. E. B. McNeill was elected to serve as chairman of the meeting and Dr. W. M. Fairley as secretary.

A resolution was passed unanimously requesting the governor of North Carolina to call a special session of the legislature to consider the cotton situation and nothing else, the meeting to be called after Texas has adopted control methods for dealing with the situation.

Similar meetings were scheduled to be held all over the cotton producing sections of North Carolina at the same time, so one hundred and fifty such meetings having been called.

FAIR IN LUMBERTON OPENS NEXT TUESDAY

Robeson County Fair To Specialize In Farm Produce And Live Stock Exhibits; Many Shows And Free Acts.

Lumberton, Sept. 24.—The big Robeson County Fair to be held in Lumberton this season September 29, 30, Oct. 1 and 2, bids fair to be the best ever held in the county and is the only fair in this section this year.

The ladies all over the county have been making inquiries of Secretary W. O. Thompson for space for booths, flowers, canned goods, fancywork and all kinds of household articles, and Mr. Thompson assures all that ample space has been arranged to take care of everything that they may bring.

From the requests for coop space it is expected the poultry house will be full and running over. Several hundred coops have all been cleaned out and ready for the birds when they arrive.

Hogs, pigs, cows, horses, sheep and mules will have a newly-arranged and better-fitted place to be housed this year, and the managers of this department claim they are going to show visitors what the farmers are doing in this line.

Farm produce will be in charge of Messrs. O. O. Dukes and E. Bundy Kinlaw, and they are very optimistic over the outlook for farm articles for the county has grown one of the best crops in its history.

Plenty odd shows, and free acts, fire works to keep you entertained all the time.

ROBT. GATLIN ON DUKE FACULTY

Friends of Robert Gatlin will learn with a great deal of interest and pleasure that he has recently been elected as an assistant instructor in the school of engineering at Duke University, and began his duties there this week. This makes two Hoke County men teaching at this great institution, Dr. Angus McBryde being in the medical school. Robert received some most gratifying recommendations from the officials at State College, where he graduated, and his many friends here have just cause to be proud of him.

SANDY GROVE CHURCH TO HAVE HOMECOMING

Next Sunday will be Homecoming Day at Sandy Grove Presbyterian Church, in the county. The pastor Rev. A. D. Carswell, will preach at 11:30, after which there will be a picnic dinner on the grounds.

All members of Sandy Grove invite former members and friends of the church to meet with them next Sunday, and join in the spirit of reunion.

Poorer Grades Of Leaf Predominate In Fairly Heavy Breaks Tuesday; General Average Is \$10.

Poorer grades of leaf predominated in the fairly heavy breaks on nine middle belt tobacco markets which opened in North Carolina Tuesday, with the result that the first day averages, with one exception, were considerably below those of last season.

Despite the decrease, the opening prices were better than those paid on other markets on opening days, with the general average for the belt holding at around \$10 or slightly better a hundredweight.

Louisburg was the only market to show a better opening average over last year. The 151,392 pounds sold there went at an average of \$12.74, compared with last season's sales of 60,000 at \$10.

Sales were blocked at Durham, one of the larger markets, where approximately 300,000 pounds changed hands at an average of \$10. The great bulk of the offerings there, was of poor quality. Farmers expressed disappointment but said they were "not surprised." Only one of the two sets of buyers operated.

The Aberdeen market reported its largest opening day, with approximately 200,000 pounds being sold at an average of between \$9 and \$11. Good quality leaf brought fairly good prices, with some smokers selling up to \$28, but the poorer grades brought down the average.

Fuquay Springs, the best paying market last season, opened with sales of 194,000 pounds at an average of \$9.90, compared with last year's sales of 300,000 pounds at \$12.

The Oxford market sold 275,000 pounds at an average of \$9.10. One warehouse handled 48,000 pounds of poorer grade leaf at an average of \$7.48, but sales at the other warehouse, where better quality ruled, boosted the average.

Warrenton sold 57,000 pounds at \$10.42, compared with 30,000 pounds last year at \$11.25.

Carthage reported sales of 210,000 pounds at an average of between \$10 and \$12. Sales there last year amounted to 150,000 pounds at \$12.50.

Domestic cigarette types were in best demand on the Henderson market, where 172,564 pounds were sold at an average of \$10.38, compared with 217,770 pounds last year at an average of \$11.78.

The official figures announced there, included only three of the city's five warehouses. One of the others did not complete its sales and the fifth did not sell at all.

Approximately 200,000 pounds were sold on the Sanford market, where the unofficial average was estimated at slightly better than \$10. Good grades brought fair prices but the inferior grades sold low.

NEILL MCKEITHEN IS PLEAS'D AT OPENING

In a conversation with Neil McKeithen, manager of the Aberdeen Warehouse, since the opening sales on Tuesday, a News-Journal reporter found the former Hokeite very optimistic over the showing made by his house and the young gentleman was proud of the fact that his house led all houses in the sandhill territory in net averages paid to the growers. Mr. McKeithen, like most warehousemen, is very optimistic about prices that will be paid for good tobacco but does not expect much for the low grades, an expectation that is backed up by the experience on markets that have been open for some time.

Mr. McKeithen is especially proud of the large number of Hoke County growers who are patronizing his warehouse and says that he deeply appreciates their patronage.

Ideas are valuable only when put into effect; applies to advertising.

Most troubles are said to be imaginary; so are most pleasures.

MIDDLING COTTON

Middling cotton was selling for 6-3c to 6-3-4c on the streets of Raeford Thursday afternoon.