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## GOOD ATTENDANCE AS SCHOOLS OPEN

Nearly 1,100 Pupils Present  
On Opening Day, With More  
Expected; Raeford Enrolled  
Total of 545.

The schools of the county opened Monday morning with about 1,100 pupils present. This figure is considerably smaller than last year's enrollment, but more pupils are, of course, expected to come in later and raise the total.

The Raeford school enrolled 303 in the elementary department and 242 in the high school. The elementary school figure is 14 less than last year, while the high school shows an increase of 48, brought about largely by consolidation of Antioch and Ashemont high schools with the Raeford high school. Of course, the figures for this year are the first day's figures only, while those for last year show the total enrollment. Figures for other schools are as follows: Antioch, 87, on the opening day, with an enrollment of 143 last year; Blue Springs, 60, (estimated) against 70; Little River, 25 (estimated) against 27; Rockfish, 98 against 115; Ashemont 163 against 201; Mildouson 112 against 199. Total elementary enrollment on first day, 848; total enrollment for last year, 1,080. Total high school enrollment first day, 242, against a total enrollment for last year of 257.

In several schools parents were on hand to attend the openings, and to see their children started. A formal opening in the Raeford school was not planned for the opening day, but was to be held later.

The opening of the schools was delayed two weeks, and there are four less teachers this year; the allotments made for some items by the equalization board will be hard to stay within, and there have been a few misunderstandings on the part of parents and teachers, and some dissatisfaction because of consolidations and changes for which the local board is not responsible. The Raeford school year has been shortened. But with all of these unfavorable conditions, the outlook is unusually good, and everybody connected with the schools seems determined to make this year a good one in every respect. Everything went off smoothly on the opening day, and according to plans.

The Board of Education is working on a map to be filed with the State Board of Equalization, showing routes for each truck in the county. An effort will be made to secure state maintenance on general connecting links. This will be gone into at the regular meeting of the board next Monday. The trucks cannot be operated on roads not on the state highway map, except by approval of the equalization board, and on roads approved by the highway commission.

## STEAM HASTENS GROWTH OF SWEET POTATO PLANTS

On his farm near Timberland Mr. J. D. Tapp used a system this year of hastening the growth of sweet potato plants by heating the soil under the plant bed by steam pipes. A short item giving the details of this plan was recently sent out by the Associated Press to all its members. The steam was turned on for about an hour a day, and operated from a small steam plant nearby. When the plants in the steam heated bed had reached a height of seven inches, according to the article, others bedded at the same time in unheated soil were just beginning to break through the top of the soil.

## FIRST FOOTBALL GAME IS WITH MAXTON HERE

Local High School Team To Play Its  
First Game October 9.

The football team of the high school will play the team of the Maxton school on the home grounds, on the Aberdeen road, October 9th, at 3:30 p. m., in the first game of the 1931 season.

The football squad is hard at work under the direction of Coach A. B. Padgett, and the boys are determined to overcome the handicaps of a light team that is somewhat green, with good training that results from hard practice.

Squad members have been working hard, and a good game can be counted on next Friday.

Admission charges will be 35 cents for adults and 10 cents for school children.

## REV. H. G. BEDINGER HERE LAST SUNDAY

Flora Macdonald President  
Says Meet Present Day  
Troubles As Test For Faith  
In Sermon Here.

Dr. Henry Graybill Bedinger, President of Flora Macdonald College in Red Springs, preached at the morning service of the Raeford Presbyterian Church last Sunday. His text was chosen from the book of James, and the sermon began with an introduction of James, the man. Rev. Mr. Bedinger pointed out how James described himself—"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ," and told how strong was this word servant in old Hebrew usage.

Mr. Bedinger went then into the main part of his sermon, calling on his listeners to, like James, "count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations," and to meet all struggles and trials constantly coming up in life, as though they had been looked forward to, and to use them as opportunities to prove a strong faith. He told how a football player who had been drilling and training hard for the game, would be asked by the coach to go into the game and take another's place, and how this player would do his very best without thought of personal risk or danger, and plow into the line in an effort to display his training and ability. The analogy is that we as Christians, should by our very faith, be trained to meet any emergency, especially the present one in which people of all nations find themselves, and to put our all into the fight, knowing that faith has nothing to fear. He asked that his listeners look upon these present trying days as a time of opportunity to test their faith. He closed with the fact that the Lord has prepared for them that love Him.

Before beginning his sermon, Mr. Bedinger told of the opening of Flora Macdonald College. There are 212 girls enrolled this year—a somewhat smaller student body than last year, but for many reasons this was to be expected. The student body's size this year, however, exceeded expectations, and the outlook for a highly successful year is very good, indeed, President Bedinger said.

Mr. Bedinger preached in the absence of Dr. Fairley, pastor of the church, who preached the Centennial sermon at the Clinton Presbyterian Church, Sunday.

## COUNTY FIGURES IN GINNINGS REPORT

2,097 Bales of 1931 Crop  
Ginned Prior To September  
16, Compared to 1,899 Last  
Year.

The United States government report on ginnings up to September 16, shows 2,097 bales of the 1931 crop ginned in Hoke county. This gure is larger than that for the same period last year, which was 1,899 bales.

Total bales of the new crop ginned in the state is 40,323, against 32,205 bales for the same period last year. The excess for the current year indicates an earlier maturing season, the report indicates.

Robeson county easily led the other counties in this state in ginnings. Its figures are 5,397 bales up to September 16.

Ginnings in other counties, 1931 and 1930 figures, are: Anson, 3,600 and 2,814; Cleveland, 2,369 and 2,450; Cumberland, 2,468 and 1,473; Lincoln, 677 and 312; Mecklenburg, 155 and (figures not given); Richmond, 1,095 and 1,031; Scotland, 3,693 and 3,555; Union, 431 and 148.

## CENTENNIAL SERMON AT CLINTON BY DR. FAIRLEY

Dr. W. M. Fairley, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, went to Clinton last Sunday to preach the Centennial sermon at Graves Memorial Church there. This church was organized by his grandfather, Rev. Alex McIver, in 1831—one hundred years ago. Several hundred people attended the Centennial, a feature of which was the bountiful dinner served on the grounds just after the sermon. In the afternoon Mr. Henry Faison addressed the gathering on the history of the church.

## HOMECOMING DAY AT SANDY GROVE

Sermon, Communion Service  
and Picnic Feature Home-  
coming Program At Old  
Presbyterian Church.

Over two hundred members, former members and friends of historic old Sandy Grove Presbyterian Church in the Fort Bragg reservation, gathered at the old church last Sunday for a homecoming day. The exercises began at 11:30 and the pastor, Rev. A. D. Carswell, preached the sermon, which was followed by a communion service. After this a bountiful dinner was served in the grove to the enjoyment of everyone present. Rev. Frank S. Blue, a senior at Union Seminary in Richmond, asked a blessing on the food.

Sandy Grove Church was organized in 1855, and is therefore, 76 years old. The present church building is the original one, and is still well kept. The membership at the present time is 35. The territory which the old church formerly served is now largely a part of the Fort Bragg reservation, but the members who moved from their old homes still hold the church dear, and gather there every fifth Sunday for preaching services. The church has no property rights, of course, in the reservation, but the membership has the use of the church and its grounds so long as they may be wanted. The church and cemetery are always well kept.

A Lee County Food, Pasture and Livestock Show will be held in Sanford, on October 9 and 10.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL BRUMMIT SPEAKS

Makes Very Interesting Talk  
To Kiwanis Club Last  
Night; On The Needs Of  
The Hour.

Attorney General Dennis G. Brummit was the speaker of the evening at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club last night and made a speech that met with the approval of everyone present. After a few preliminary remarks he went into the main idea of his address and stressed throughout the necessity of the masses of the people informing themselves upon the tax situation in North Carolina and not losing their heads. He stated that at times like the present there were dangers from two kinds of leadership: one that would destroy the very foundations of our government and make of our country another Russia or some such kind of state; and the other the leader who would use the distress of the present to saddle upon our government false leadership and wrong theories of government. A plea for intelligence, for an informal citizenship on the question of taxation was the keynote of Mr. Brummit's address and he left his hearers convinced that it is one of the crying needs of the hour.

While Mr. Brummit is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor next year, his speech was strictly devoid of anything political and was well received by a large attendance. He is a man of pleasing personality and forceful delivery.

## POLITICS AND PERSON

Nothing since the war debt moratorium has provoked such a buzz speculation as Governor Albert C. Ritchie's recent speech before the American Bar Association. Riding his favorite hobby, "States' Rights," the Maryland executive charged into the advocates of power regulation by the federal government and attempted to rout them. His attack has given rise to numerous questions:

Is the Governor trying to regain his lost position as an important Democratic presidential prospect? While his remarks were directed at a whole political faction, his main target obviously was Franklin Roosevelt, chief pretender to the Democratic throne in 1932. The more conservative element of the

## COUNTY OFFICERS GET THREE STILLS

Still in Little River Township  
Captured While In Opera-  
tion; Two Operators Cap-  
tured and Two Escape.

A fifty gallon whiskey still in operation in Little River Township was captured last Saturday afternoon about 2:30 by Sheriff Hodgkin and Deputies Barrington and McNeill. Four operators were working the still: one, Neill Hart, was taken, while another, Luke Cornelius started to run away but was overtaken after quite a chase. The other two operators succeeded in making their escape. All were white men.

This still had been found a few days before the raid, and was being watched by the officers. At the time of the raid the men were just winding up some work and about eight or ten gallons of whiskey were taken.

The county commissioners decided to turn the case over to the federal authorities so as to avoid the expense of the trial to the county.

Early Saturday morning, the same officers making the raid in Little River, made one on a still in Quewiffle township. This still had been watched, but since no one showed up in some time, the officers destroyed it. It was a small tin can outfit.

Saturday, about noon, the officers destroyed another still. This one was also in Quewiffle township, but was knocked down in preparation for removal to another place for operation, but it was not moved quite soon enough. The still was a small one, and none of its operators was caught.

## UNOCCUPIED HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

House on North Green Street  
Belonging to F. G. Leach  
Burned Early Sunday Morn-  
ing.

A house on North Green street, belonging to Mr. F. G. Leach, was totally destroyed by fire about two o'clock Sunday morning. The local fire fighters answered the call quickly but the house was too far gone when they arrived on the scene for their efforts to be any good.

The house was unoccupied, the family of Mr. S. L. Akins having moved out of it the day before. No cause for the fire is known. The owner, Mr. Leach, went through the house the afternoon before and is sure no fires were left burning, and as it was cleaned up the day before he knew of no debris of any kind left in the building which could have caused spontaneous combustion. The electrical wires had been disconnected. The loss is covered by insurance.

## NOTICE TO U. D. C. MEMBERS

The Raeford Chapter U. D. C. will meet on Wednesday afternoon, October 7, at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. F. Trawick, with Mrs. H. L. Gatlin and Mrs. A. D. Carswell, joint hostesses.

Mrs. H. W. B. Whitley is program leader for the meeting. All members are urged to attend, as delegates will be elected at this meeting to attend the General Convention in Jacksonville, Fla., in November.

Special attention is called to the change in the hour of the meeting: 3 p. m., October 7th.

## ORPHANAGE SINGING CLASS ENTERTAINS

14 Boys And Girls From Ox-  
ford Institution Present a  
Very Enjoyable Program  
on Monday Evening.

The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage presented its annual concert in the Raeford school auditorium Monday evening to a fairly large crowd. The class this year is composed of new members entirely, and is under new direction, Miss Anna Morrison being in charge. The 14 boys and girls who make up the class gave a program of unusual interest. Each member of the class was good in his or her part, but if one must be singled out for special mention it would be, according to comment heard after the entertainment, the smallest member of the class, and presumably the youngest, little Miss Todd.

The class was at its best in the chorus numbers, of which there were five. A duet entitled "You Mustn't," by Watson, was perhaps the number which drew the most applause. Little Billy Todd and Edgar Williams were at their best in this offering.

An operetta, "The Cruise of the Trundle Bed," by Tracy, made up the second part of the program, and again the members of the class displayed their talent and training to a high degree.

Mr. L. W. Alderman is again the manager of the class, and between the two parts of the program he told something of the work at the Orphanage and how it is doing its best in training for usefulness its nearly 400 boys and girls, from homes all over the state. The class was welcomed by Mr. W. P. Hawfield, and an offering was made.

It is a treat that the Raeford people have every year in hearing the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class, and having its members visit in their homes. The programs are always looked forward to with pleasure, and justly so.

## SOLICITOR McNEILL GETS AUTOMOBILE OFFER

(Charlotte Observer)  
Rowland, Sept. 26.—Friends of Solicitor T. A. McNeill, of Lumberton, who live in the vicinity of Rowland, have offered to give him an automobile and furnish him free gasoline to make a canvass of every county in North Carolina if he will consent to enter the race for governor.

## WAREHOUSES ARE ASKED TO CLOSE

Virginia Farmers Take This  
Step In Protesting Against  
Low Prices Prevailing In Old  
Belt.

Danville, Va., Sept. 30. — Warehousemen of Danville were today asked to close their auction centers from October 2 to October 19 at a meeting of landowners and farmers held in a theatre at Chatham. It was a protest by the growers to prevailing prices paid for their leaf at the opening of the selling season yesterday, notwithstanding a price average of 7.37 cents per pound and one considered by many elements of the trade as proportionate with the values offered.

The Chatham meeting was attended by about 175 farmers and was presided over by J. E. Stone, county agent. The resolutions brought in by a committee of representative farmers also called on the growers to keep their tobacco in the barn and urged contiguous tobacco counties to take concurrent action. This was done in the hope that the world's financial situation might have a chance to resolve itself. Next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock another meeting will be held at Chatham when according to Stone "a more definite programme" will be outlined.

The Chatham action had no marked effect here, the view being that the closing of the warehouses could not relieve the situation complained of which is conceded to be beggarly. It was considered doubtful if the warehouses would close because there are farmers who still desire an outlet for the product despite the low prices. Deliveries were practically at a standstill today.

## L. M. CURRIE DIES AT HOME IN COUNTY

Highly Esteemed Citizen of  
Lower Hoke Passed Away  
Sunday; Interment Made in  
Antioch Cemetery.

Lawrence Madison Currie, well-known resident and highly respected citizen of Antioch township, passed away at his residence Monday morning, September 28th, at 10 o'clock. He had been in failing health for many months and his death had been regarded as inevitable for several days, yet it was a shock to his relatives and friends. He was born at the identical spot where he died, in what was then Robeson county, January 30, 1867, and was almost 65 years of age.

Lawrence Currie, as he was popularly known, was the eldest son and child of the late Captain Frank Currie, a brave Confederate soldier who died about 50 years ago, and Mrs. Margaret Graham Currie, who passed away a few years ago at the advanced age of 85, both of whom were members of prominent Scotch families. He was a familiar figure in lower Hoke and upper Robeson counties and was prominent in local military circles, having joined the Old Lumber Bridge Light Infantry at its reorganization in 1887. He spent several months on the Mexican border in 1917 as first lieutenant in the same company, known then as Company "L," N. C. National Guard. He united with Antioch Presbyterian church many years ago, and was a regular attendant upon its services until forced to remain away by illness. A loyal friend and helpful neighbor, his going is a distinct loss to the community in which he lived.

Surviving are his wife, who, before marriage, was Miss Virginia Hall, daughter of the late Nathan Hall and Josephine Hall of Dundarrach, two sons, Francis, of Pinehurst, and Albert, of Hopewell, Va., and one daughter, Miss Mary Kate, who is still at home, and four grandchildren. Also one brother, Mr. Alex G. Currie, who lived with the family of the deceased, and two sisters, Mrs. Flora G. Cobb, of Maxton, and Mrs. John E. Ray, of Red Springs.

The funeral was conducted from the home Tuesday morning at 10:30 by his pastor, Rev. G. W. Hanna, and interment was made in the cemetery at Antioch. The pall bearers were Capt. Ernest McGowan, John A. Currie, Herbert Humphrey, Dan Graham, Zeb McMillan, and W. A. McBryde, all cousins or close friends of the deceased.

## STATE FAIR TICKETS NOW BEING SOLD

Raleigh, Sept. 30.—Season tickets at \$2.50 each will be sold for the North Carolina State Fair again this year; and although this feature has not heretofore been announced through the press, requests for them have already begun to pour into the office of T. B. Smith, manager-secretary, at Raleigh. The regular single admission tickets will be sold at 75 cents while children 12 years old and under will be admitted in the daytime for 35 cents and at night for 25 cents, when the gate for adults will be 50 cents.

Cumberland County farmers cooperated to ship a mixed car of hogs and sheep to the Richmond market last week.

## MIDDLING COTTON

Middling Cotton was selling on the streets of Raeford, Thursday at from 6 1-8 to 6 1-2 cents.

## COON SEASON NOW OPEN

Warden McLean Asks Hunters To  
Be Careful About Fires.

H. R. McLean, game warden for Hoke and Scotland counties, reminds hunters that coons may be hunted with dog and gun now, the season for fur-bearers having opened on October 1. Trappers, however, says Mr. McLean, must wait until November 15, to begin their activities. The season for fur-bearers, which includes coons, opossums, minks, skunks, otters and muskrats, lasts until February 15.

Warden McLean asks that hunters be very careful with fires. He warns that a forest fire will destroy the home of the animals, aside from other loss and possible serious consequences of forest fires.