

ENROLLMENT IS LOW IN SCHOOL REPORTS

First Month's Enrollment is Lower Than Expected But Attendance Percentage of Those Enrolled is Good.

The reports for the first month of school have been turned in, and the percentage of attendance shows up better than for the first month last year. Those who enrolled made good attendance records, but the reports show that a large number did not enroll during the first month. The number of teachers allowed by the state is based upon the average daily attendance, and a small enrollment for the first month makes the average daily attendance low, although the attendance percentage of those enrolled may be high. A small average daily attendance during the first month is difficult to raise during the later months. It would have been fine if all pupils could have entered, and attended, the first month, but the enrollment was necessarily low in some of the schools on account of the children having to stay out to work.

The enrollment, average daily attendance, and percentage of attendance for each school, is given below:

Antioch, enrollment, 95; average daily attendance 79.5; percent, 92.9.

Blue Springs, enrollment, 61; average daily attendance, 48.4; percent, 92.2.

Rockfish, enrollment, 111; average daily attendance, 97.5; percent, 93.9.

Ashmont, enrollment, 182; average daily attendance, 164.9; percent, 93.4.

Raeform, Elementary, enrollment 320; average daily attendance, 296.8; percent, 95.6.

Raeform, High School, enrollment, 263; average daily attendance, 248.3; percent, 97.5.

Mildouson, enrollment, 122; average daily attendance, 106.2; percent, 94.9.

This shows a total enrollment for the first month of 1,154. It is hoped that every pupil will enter and attend every day that he possibly can. The State is paying for the largest part of the cost and very little of the cost is being taken care of by the counties. The schools are free to the largest majority of our people and the opportunities should be taken advantage of during these times. The teachers are at their posts of duty and stand willing to do their part if the children are present. Every day that a pupil is absent he is the loser. Every one is urged to co-operate in making the attendance the very best possible.

October School Reports Issued

Prof. Lawrence Asks Parents' Co-operation in Matter of Monthly Reports.

Reports for the first month's work were given to the pupils Wednesday afternoon. These reports show pretty clearly the progress the pupil is making in his studies. Parents are asked to examine these carefully, and in case of unsatisfactory work or deportment, a conference between parent and teacher may help to remove these conditions.

Pupils are expected to take these reports to their parents promptly for their examination and signature, but it is not always possible for the teacher to know, when the report is returned, whether the parent has seen it. Unless the parents co-operate heartily in this, the purpose for which reports are given will be defeated. We are asking, therefore, that you co-operate in requiring your child to present his report to you promptly at the end of each month. These reports will be given to the pupils on Wednesday following the end of each school month.

GINNERS' REPORT ISSUED

There were 9,641 bales of cotton ginned in Hoke County, from the 1931 crop, prior to October 18, according to the report just issued by the Department of Commerce. Up to the same date last year, 8,745 bales had been ginned.

For adjacent counties the report gave the following figures: Columbus, 284 this year, as against 741 last year; Cumberland, 14,556, against 13,030; Harnett, 23,054, against 21,059; Moore, 931, against 1,443; Richmond, 6,439, against 7,348; Robeson, 31,194, against 29,600; Scotland, 15,156, against 14,480.

LOCALS WILT BEFORE RED SPRINGS ATTACK

Red Springs Scores on First Scrimmage—Their Heavy Backs Run Wild to Win by Score of 31-0.

Red Springs High School defeated Raeform High at Red Springs Friday, 31-0. The Raeform team was held to a single first down, while Red Springs piled up a total of 21. Captain Bullock, Odum and McNeill featured in the Red Springs back field, while Bedinger, Ratley and McDonald were best in the line. Curry, Epstein and McInnis featured for the locals.

Red Springs started the game with a spectacular score on the first scrimmage of the game. Red Springs kicked off to Raeform but pulled a short kick and recovered the ball themselves near Raeform's forty-yard line. On the first play Bullock passed to Odum for the touchdown. The try for point failed.

Raeform received the kickoff following this score as: on the first scrimmage "Big Bill" McInnis was injured, a cartilage in his knee being misplaced when he was tackled while carrying the ball on an end run. When Bill was assisted to the sidelines and the Raeform team was left without his services, the superiority of the Red Springs team became more evident with every play. Red Springs continued to pile up touchdowns in every quarter of the game by superior weight and teamwork.

Raeform never came through with a real threat although the team fought valiantly against discouraging odds. The light Raeform line was no match for the husky Red Springs forward wall and throughout the afternoon the Raeform secondary was called upon to do most of the defensive work. Nig Epstein and Bradley Norton shone brightly in this department making tackle after tackle when Bullock and Odum broke through the Raeform line into the open field. In the Raeform line Dink Davis and Sam Snead did some re-decking work.

Raeform, Elementary, enrollment 320; average daily attendance, 296.8; percent, 95.6.

Raeform, High School, enrollment, 263; average daily attendance, 248.3; percent, 97.5.

Mildouson, enrollment, 122; average daily attendance, 106.2; percent, 94.9.

This shows a total enrollment for the first month of 1,154. It is hoped that every pupil will enter and attend every day that he possibly can. The State is paying for the largest part of the cost and very little of the cost is being taken care of by the counties. The schools are free to the largest majority of our people and the opportunities should be taken advantage of during these times. The teachers are at their posts of duty and stand willing to do their part if the children are present. Every day that a pupil is absent he is the loser. Every one is urged to co-operate in making the attendance the very best possible.

CITIZENS SEE REAL PASSENGER TRAIN

Troop Train Moving Men and Officers of 1st Battalion of 5th Field Artillery Passes Through Monday.

Citizens of the town who happened to be near the A. & R. station late Monday afternoon, were treated to a sight the like of which is very rare indeed, in Raeform. One of those recently purchased big engines of the A. & R. steamed up with a real passenger train behind it—two baggage cars and three pullmans, all loaded. The train stopped in Raeform for the engine to get a supply of water, and was the object of many curious pairs of eyes, and, no doubt, several people let themselves fancy for a moment, that Raeform was on the main line of a big railroad.

The train was a troop train, and was taking men and officers of the First Battalion of the Fifth Field Artillery from Fort Bragg to Aberdeen, where the Seaboard picked it up. The Battalion was on its way to Madison Barracks, at Sacket's Harbor, N. Y., just across Lake Ontario from Canada. There were 100 enlisted men and eight officers on the train. Other members of the Battalion had already left.

In one of the baggage cars a kitchen had been set up. A big range had some steaming pots on it, and chickens were being carved on a big meat block, by a sergeant with a big grin on his face.

On Sunday, the day before, the equipment of the Battalion was moved over the A. & R. lines, by a special train consisting of 30 cars. Twenty cars were loaded with field pieces, and ten with other equipment of the Battalion.

GALATIA CHURCH TO HAVE HOMECOMING DAY

Homecoming Day at Galatia Church will be observed on the second Sunday in November. There will be two sermons, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. A picnic lunch will be served on the grounds. Members of the church are looking forward to the occasion which will be means of renewing old acquaintances and enjoying sermons together again.

Rev. G. F. Bain is pastor of the church.

SANATORIUM IS HOST TO MEDICAL SOCIETY

Fifth District Group Addressed by Dr. J. B. Wright, President of N. C. Medical Society—Good Attendance.

The Fifth District Medical Society, of North Carolina, met at the Sanatorium on Wednesday last week, at 10 o'clock. A number of papers were read and medical subjects discussed, before the society heard the speaker of the occasion, whose address was followed by routine business and election of officers. Dr. Lynn MacIver, of Sanford, District President, presided.

Dr. G. G. Chiles, of Sanford, read a paper on "Malignant Growths of Uterus," and Dr. H. M. Baker, of Lumberton, opened the discussion following the reading. The next paper was by Dr. O. L. Miller, of Gastonia, who presented a paper, "Differential Diagnosis of Hipjoint Complaints in Children." Discussion of this paper was led by Dr. J. F. Highsmith, Jr., of Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville. Drs. P. P. McCain and C. D. Thomas, of the Sanatorium staff, then gave "A Summary of Tuberculosis in the Schools of Gaston County."

The speaker for the meeting was Dr. J. B. Wright, President of the North Carolina Medical Society, and his address followed the reading of the papers and discussion of them.

Dr. R. L. Pittman, of Fayetteville, was chosen president of the Fifth District for the coming year, and Dr. D. S. Currie, of Parkton, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

At the close of the meeting luncheon was served in the Sanatorium dining room.

About sixty doctors were present. The Fifth District includes the counties of Chatham, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Robeson and Scotland.

CHANGE MADE IN TRAIN SCHEDULE

Effective last Monday, train No. 33 on the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad, arrives here at 8:25 a. m., instead of 9:25 as formerly. The train now leaves Aberdeen at 7:30, arrives in Raeform at 8:25 and gets to Fayetteville at 9:45 a. m. Of course, as everyone in Raeform knows, the "train" is really a motor bus on the rails, and known as the "Doodlebug." The change does not affect the connections possible with the old schedule.

RAEFORD TO PLAY CARTHAGE THIS WEEK

Local fans have a chance to see the Raeform team in action Friday when they will meet Carthage on the local field. Carthage is an unknown quantity, but from the spirit which the Raeform boys have been showing on the practice field this week, they are out to redeem themselves and it is believed locally that Carthage is in for a trimming Friday afternoon at three-thirty.

LADIES' SHOPPE MOVES

The Ladies' Shoppe, popular ladies' ready-to-wear store of Raeform, will move into their new store in the Bluemont Hotel building this week, and expects to be open for business Saturday morning, in the new location, which is on the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue. The Ladies' Shoppe was formerly located in the Bank of Raeform building.

The operators of The Ladies' Shoppe are Misses Lizzie Niven and Belle Graham.

POLITICS AND PERSONALITIES

Tents are being pitched and war whoops practiced, presaging tumultuous and joyous 1932. The Democratic "victory fund" drive for \$1,500,000 now underway is one form of preparation for battle. Another is the Republican National Committee get-together scheduled for this December. That some of this discussion may concern the almost perennial Committee custom of ousting the Chairman casts few shadows over G. O. P. brows, least of all over that of the Chairman, the Honorable Simeon Fess. He is secure until a thoroughly satisfactory successor presents himself, which is equivalent to saying that he is secure indefinitely.

Another conference expected to take place shortly is that of the

REV. R. A. McLEOD HEARD LAST SUNDAY

Presbyterian Junior College President Substitutes For Rev. L. A. McLaurin, Unable to be Here.

Rev. R. A. McLeod, president of Presbyterian Junior College, at Maxton, preached Sunday morning at the Presbyterian Church here.

His theme was the first commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Rev. Mr. McLeod traced the history of peoples of the world since creation, who had started out to worship God, and then for various reasons had turned from Him to other gods.

He said that the trouble with America today, is that it has turned from God, and has set up a God of Mammon; all this after the founders of the country had set up the country as one in which God might be worshipped according to the dictates of conscience. It was pointed out that America needs, like the Israelites of old, to fall down before Mount Sinai, as the earth trembles and the mountain belches forth smoke, and thunder and lightning fill the air, and hear again the words of the Lord, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," and turn again unto Him. It is a question of putting first things first. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you." When this is done, the speaker said, evils and troubles of the present times shall fade before us, and the love of God shall have dissolved all our difficulties.

Mr. McLeod had planned to preach in Rowland for Rev. L. A. McLaurin, while the latter preached for Dr. Fairley in the Raeform church, but Mr. McLaurin became ill Saturday and asked Mr. McLeod to fill his appointment in Raeform instead of preaching for him at his own church in Rowland, as had been planned. A large congregation heard Mr. McLeod.

HOURS FOR OUTGOING MAIL

Since the change in schedule Monday of No. 33 on the A. & R. Railroad, the first mail gets into Raeform at 8:25 a. m. Likewise the first outgoing mail from Raeform leaves at that time. Postmaster G. W. Cox advises that it will be necessary for mail to be posted by eight o'clock every morning to make the first train with its new schedule.

Other hours for outgoing mail remain the same. They are as follows: Mail for L. & S. bus to Laurinburg must be in postoffice by 3:45 p. m.; mail for A. & R. No. 41 must be in postoffice by 5 p. m.; on Sundays outgoing mail must be in the postoffice by 10:30 a. m.

RAEFORD PASTORS HOLD MEETINGS

Dr. W. M. Fairley, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, closed a meeting at the Presbyterian Church in Fairmont, last Saturday. The meeting developed greater interest after each service, and at the close there were several additions to the membership of the church. The Fairmont Church is at present without a regular pastor, but Rev. L. A. McLaurin, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Rowland, is acting as pastor.

Rev. J. R. Miller, pastor of the Raeform Baptist Church, closed a meeting last Friday at Baltimore Church, near Fairmont, in which much interest was manifested. Mr. Miller assisted Dr. T. H. Plemmons, pastor of the church.

John Miller, Colored, Killed Last Friday Afternoon By Bud Sinclair

STATE PATROLMAN IS FATALLY HURT

A. J. Hedgepeth Crashes Into Telephone Pole at Laurinburg While Chasing Speeding Automobile.

Crashing his motorcycle into a telephone pole when he lost control of the machine while rounding a curve just inside the city limits of Laurinburg, A. J. Hedgepeth, 24, state motorcycle patrolman, was fatally injured last Friday night.

There were no eye-witnesses to the accident and Hedgepeth never regained consciousness, but a friend of Hedgepeth's said the officer saw a speeding car go through Laurinburg, and expressed determination to catch it.

The injured patrolman was taken to the Hamlet hospital in an ambulance, but died shortly after 9 o'clock from his many injuries.

His jawbone was broken on the right side, his skull was fractured, his left thigh between the hip and knee was broken, his left knee was lacerated at the joint and his chest was crushed on the right side.

Hedgepeth, the son of Lonnie G. Hedgepeth of Rowland, had been on the state highway patrol force since July, being stationed in Laurinburg.

In addition to his father, Hedgepeth is said to be survived by a brother and sister. He was not married.

Laurinburg was agog with excitement. (Continued on back page)

COMMISSIONERS TO MEET NEXT MONDAY

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular session Monday morning, November 2, at the court house.

CONFIDENCE MAN AT WORK HERE

Giving Name of W. H. Tison, Man Secures Cash and Merchandise on Worthless Checks.

Saturday afternoon a man giving the name of W. H. Tison, who said he was from Moore County, came to Raeform, worked a little game, and left two business houses in Raeform sadder but wiser.

Tison made arrangements from Mrs. J. A. Blue to rent her stables, telling her that he was to do some road work near Raeform, and would need quarters for his teams. After this he went to McLaughlin Company's store, where he saw Mr. E. B. McNeill. He told Mr. McNeill that he had rented Mrs. Blue's stables, and that he was to do some road work on the Aberdeen-Raeform highway; he also became quite conversational, telling of incidents that he and Mr. McNeill knew about that happened years ago. At the end of the conversation he made arrangements to get feed oats for his teams, which he asked sent around to Mrs. Blue's stables. He then bought some shoes, and a shirt, presenting his own check on the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, of Southern Pines, for \$28 in payment. He received \$4 cash in change.

Tison then went to Farmers' Furnishing Company's store, where he worked the same game; telling them also, that he knew Mr. McNeill at McLaughlin Company. He ordered oats sent around to Mrs. Blue's again, and offered his check on the same bank for \$10 in payment, receiving several dollars in cash as change.

The local merchants failed to find the teams at Mrs. Blue's stables when they made delivery, and they became suspicious. When the checks were presented for payment the bank said "No account like this," and that the man was unknown to them.

Mr. McNeill, investigating, found out that the man's name was really Tison, as he had given it, and that he is a former resident of Moore, but had not lived there in some time. He did not have a good character.

Tison has a long face, and long nose and is somewhat red faced; he is around 50 years old, is about six feet tall, and weighs around 190 or 200 pounds.

The County Board of Education will meet Monday morning, November 2, in regular session at the court house.

BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MEET NEXT MONDAY

The County Board of Education will meet Monday morning, November 2, in regular session at the court house.

MIDDLING COTTON

The cotton market took a drop of a quarter of a cent Wednesday afternoon, which it did not regain Thursday morning. At that time cotton was selling for from six to seven cents, depending on the grade, in Raeform.

CITY FATHERS TO MEET

The Board of Aldermen for the Town of Raeform will meet in the City Hall, Monday evening, November 2, for its regular session.

ASHEMONT SCHOOL BUILDING PAINTED

The Ashemont school building looks a lot better since it has received a fresh coat of paint on its exterior woodwork. The painting was done by D. Ammons, who recently painted several class rooms in the Mildouson school building at Dundarrach.

HOKE HAY NOT SUITABLE TO BRAGG OFFICIALS

Hoke County farmers who planned to make a competitive bid to officials at Fort Bragg in the hope of securing the contract of supplying the post with hay this winter, found that the hay produced in the county was not the kind the army officials wanted. Only soy-bean and cow pea hay was available in large quantities in the county, and these kinds were not desired by post officials, who wanted Timothy, Johnson Grass, Prairie Upland or Alfalfa and heavy Timothy mixed.