

To Discuss Farm Demonstration Work In Citizens Meeting Here Saturday

Commissioners Order Meeting For December 12th, at 1:30 P. M., In Court-House; Large Attendance Urged.

At the regular meeting of the county commissioners held Monday at the court-house, it was ordered that a meeting of the citizens of Hoke County be held at the court-house in Raeford on Saturday, December 12, at 1:30 p. m., to consider the advisability of continuing the farm demonstration work of the county.

The Board also decided to meet in special session at three o'clock, after the citizen's meeting, to take some action in regard to the matter.

There has been considerable discussion among the people of the county as to whether the county should continue its share in the salary of a farm demonstrator; this salary is met jointly by county, state and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Since the resignation, last month, of W. D. Burton to accept work in Pamlico County, Hoke County has been without a demonstrator, and at the citizen's meeting it will be decided whether the county shall continue without the farm demonstration work. The commissioners expressed the hope that representatives from all parts of the county will be present at the citizens' meeting on Saturday.

In its regular routine business, the board ordered that the valuation of the 104-acre tract of the Rosebloom Orchard Company (now held by Virginia Trust Company) in Quewhiffle township, be reduced from \$5,800 to \$3,720 because of peach trees on 70 acres having died since its last valuation; this reduced value is to be effective for the 1932 tax year and for each year thereafter unless good reason for change is shown.

It was also ordered that Marshall Newton, of Raeford, Route 2, be appointed local registrar of vital statistics for McLauchlin township, in place of N. A. Lindsay, former registrar, who moved to Cumberland County.

The commissioners ordered that the county treasurer's bond be reduced from \$15,000 to \$10,000 on account of his handling much less money than heretofore and also on account of his carrying an additional bond of \$10,500 to secure public school funds.

The board adjourned to meet in special session at 3 p. m., on December 12.

MR. WILSON RECOVERS

Mr. J. A. Wilson, who has been sick with pneumonia at his home on North Main Street, is recovering nicely and is able to be up some.

Car Is Wrecked In Dangerous Accident

Unoccupied Car of C. W. Seate Is Demolished In Crash Sunday.

Sunday afternoon about three o'clock the car of Mr. C. W. Seate, parked on Central Avenue in front of the H. L. Gatlin home, was run into and completely wrecked by a car said to have been driven by C. J. Nichols, silk mill employee of Fayetteville. The Seate car, unoccupied at the time, was pushed by the impact over the curb into a tree, and was crushed from each end. The driver of the other car was thought at first to have received serious injuries, but Dr. Matheson, to whom he was taken, found his injuries not so serious. There was another occupant of the Fayetteville car, who was unhurt in the crash.

It seems, according to reports of the accident, that the Fayetteville car was being driven at a very rapid rate of speed in an effort to pass another car, and as the car it was endeavoring to pass slowed down, the driver attempted to pass it on the wrong side, apparently not seeing the Seate car until it was too late. The Nichols car was damaged but not to the extent of the Seate car.

Nichols was released on a cash bond of \$300 for trial on December 15th.

STAR OF "WHOOPEE" VISITS IN RAEFORD

Popular Helen Kane, Who Co-Starred With Eddie Cantor In Famous Picture, Was Here Saturday.

Helen Kane, popular and pretty radio and motion picture star, was a visitor to Raeford last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Kane, whose husband is spending some time in Southern Pines, is in this part of the country on a visit to him. She visited Raeford with Dr. Claude C. Milham, of Southern Pines, to consult with Dr. R. A. Matheson. Drs. Matheson and Milham are former school-mates.

Miss Kane, who starred with Eddie Cantor, in the picture, Whoopee, said she was enjoying her stay in the South, and thought Raeford one of the prettiest little towns she has seen in the state.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT ABERDEEN

Aberdeen, Dec. 8.—Richard Boggs, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boggs, who live on Highway 70, half way between Aberdeen and Pinehurst, was struck by an unidentified auto and instantly killed this afternoon. His neck was broken and his skull fractured.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTS OFFICERS

Lewis Re-elected Chief; Committee To Aid Relief Committee By Donation And In Solicitation Work.

R. B. Lewis, cashier of the Bank of Raeford, was re-elected chief of the Raeford Fire Company at a business meeting of the Fire Department held Wednesday afternoon at the city hall.

Elected to serve with Chief Lewis are the following: Assistant Chief, C. E. Upchurch; Captains, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., and R. L. Carter; Secretary and Treasurer, L. S. McMillan; Trustees, McNair Smith, J. F. McFadyen, Jr., and C. C. Conoly.

The Department offered its services to the local Relief Committee, to make solicitations next week for cash, food, clothes and bed clothes. This offer was accepted, so next week members of the Fire Company will go around and try to see all residents in the Raeford School District, and solicit anything that can be used by the Relief Committee.

The Fire Company voted, at its meeting, to assist further in the local relief work, by giving \$25 from its fund, for the help of the poor and unemployed.

The following men compose the company: R. B. Lewis, C. E. Upchurch, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., R. L. Carter, L. S. McMillan, McNair Smith, J. F. McFadyen, Jr., C. C. Conoly, E. E. Smith, Alfred Cole, J. W. Walker, W. L. Poole, A. C. Gillis, Arch McKeithen, H. A. Green, Buist Bethune, J. L. Teale, J. C. McLean, Jr., W. P. Baker, and H. L. Gatlin, Jr.; Reserves: Martin McKeithen, Louis Upchurch and Alex Walters.

BUDDY BARRETT ESCAPES GANG

One of the most artful dodgers in the criminal circles of Hoke County goes by the name of Buddy Barrett, a young colored man, and he has been the topic of conversation among the officers of the county on more than one occasion, having served several terms on the county roads for various offenses. About a year ago he escaped from the stockade here and had been at large when he was picked up by officers in Fayetteville and sentenced to two years on the roads for breaking out. However, his stay lacked a good bit of being two years for he gave leg ball last Saturday while the gang was out at work and has not been apprehended as yet.

He seems to be just a little bit too smooth for them.

16,918,000 BALES IS NEW CROP ESTIMATE

Based On Conditions Existing December 1st; Shows Increase Over Figure Announced One Month Ago.

Washington, Dec. 8.—This year's cotton crop was estimated today by the department of agriculture at 16,918,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, based on conditions existing December 1. A month ago the estimate was 16,903,000 bales. Last year's crop totaled 12,837,099 bales.

The indicated yield of lint cotton was placed at 200.1 pounds, per acre, compared with 217 pounds last year. Revising its estimates on this year's acreage, the department placed the area in cultivation July 1 at 40,954,000 acres, and that left for harvest at 40,495,000 acres, the abandonment having been 1.1 per cent after July 1.

Production by states follows: Virginia, 43,000 bales; North Carolina, 775,000; South Carolina, 1,015,000; Georgia, 1,395,000; Florida, 43,000; Missouri, 270,000; Tennessee, 605,000; Alabama, 1,430,000; Mississippi, 1,725,000; Louisiana, 865,000; Texas, 5,270,000; Oklahoma, 1,220,000; Arkansas, 1,855,000; New Mexico, 93,000; Arizona, 119,000; California, 181,000; and all other states 9,000. Production in lower California (old Mexico), not included in the United States total, 28,000.

Ginned Cotton Totals 15,023,451 Running Bales

Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton of this year's growth ginned prior to December 1 was announced today by the census bureau to have totaled 15,023,451 running bales, including 514,847 round bales, counted as half bales, and 6,826 bales of American-Egyptian.

To December 1 last year 12,837,099 running bales were ginned, including 455,813 round bales and 15,482 bales of American-Egyptian.

Ginning by states to December 1 this year were:

Alabama, 2,365,016; Arizona, 53,973; Arkansas, 1,473,226; California, 133,506; Florida, 42,948; Georgia, 1,345,376; Louisiana, 813,454; Mississippi, 1,518,893; Missouri, 201,160; New Mexico, 68,839; North Carolina, 732,509; Oklahoma, 1,053,559; South Carolina, 974,969; Tennessee, 504,556; Texas, 4,693,885; Virginia, 39,731, and all other states, 7,851.

BREAKS HIP

Mrs. Nan Bowden, elderly lady, had the misfortune Sunday afternoon to fall from the porch at the home of Mr. Lonnie Guin, in Raeford, and break her hip. She is doing as well as could be expected.

Presentation Of McLauchlin Bust Arranged For Wednesday, Dec. 30

DOLLAR DAYS BRING INCREASE IN SALES

Practically Every Store Reports Increased Sales; Many County People Here; Customers Are Pleased.

The Dollar Days staged by nearly all merchants in Raeford on Friday and Saturday of last week resulted in increased sales at practically every store. Some stores reported only small increases, but others reported the best two days' sales in some time. At one store it was reported that more people were in it during the two dollar days than had been there in considerable time, and the crowds included people from the county who had not been seen here in quite a while.

Friday, the first day, was disagreeable from a weather standpoint, but nevertheless there were people from outside town here early to make the rounds of the stores offering dollar day bargains.

All merchants queried agreed that the dollar days program resulted in increased sales and was a big drawing power, although the increase in (Continued on back page)



DR. W. J. FENTON

FIRST AID WORKER VISITS SANATORIUM

Dr. W. J. Fenton, Field Representative of Red Cross, Instructs Nurses And Addresses Doctors' Meeting.

The students of the Sanatorium Training School for Nurses have been receiving instructions in first aid methods by Dr. W. J. Fenton, first aid field representative of the American Red Cross. Similar courses in first aid have been given in various parts of the country.

Dr. Fenton addressed the regular meeting of the Hoke County Medical Society held Tuesday evening at the Sanatorium, on phases of his work.

Dr. Fenton joined the Red Cross national organization in 1926 as surgeon and instructor in charge of the Red Cross first aid instruction car, which traveled on railways from coast to coast and from Canada to Mexico.

Prior to joining the Red Cross, Dr. Fenton was for fifteen years engaged in mining and railway surgical practice. This had to do with a great deal of emergency work in accidents. During the World War he served in the base hospital at Camp Sherman, Ohio. His general experience also covers seven years of practice in orthopedic surgery in Des Moines, Iowa. While living in Des Moines, he was for some years Chairman of the First Aid and Life Saving Committee of the local Red Cross Chapter, instructing classes in first aid with the telephone company, local industries and police departments. His interest in first aid brought him in close touch with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and similar organizations. Because of his conspicuous service in these lines, he was asked (Continued on back page)

Garner Quickly Chosen Speaker As Democratic Reign Begins

OUTFIELDER OF NEW YORK YANKEES HERE

"Dusty" Cook, Team-Mate of Babe Ruth, Gets Big Thrill On Deer Hunt; Guest Of C. E. Upchurch.

"Dusty" Cook, outfielder with the New York Yankees, was among the guests of Mr. Clyde Upchurch on a deer hunt held on the Baker place on Little River, last Saturday. Mr. Cook received quite a thrill when he killed a 175 pound buck, the first deer he had ever seen in the woods. So thrilled was he that he decided to wire his team-mate, one George Herman Ruth, now hunting in the eastern part of the State, but when "Dusty" saw the papers he found that the Bambino had also shot a deer, so he really had nothing on the Babe.

Mr. Cook, whose home is in Durham, was once a slugging outfielder for the Asheville Tourists, playing with them about three years ago. He went direct from Asheville to the New York American League Team.

Other guests of Mr. Upchurch from out of town, were Messrs. Henry Roycroft and Frank Barfield, also of Durham. Mr. Barfield had a couple of shots at a deer, but failed to kill him. Mr. Upchurch himself, killed one. There were about 15 in the party.

SCHOOL GIRL IS FATALLY BURNED

Inez McBryde, of Blue Springs Township, Falls Into Open Fire While Reading Book; Found By Brother.

Inez McBryde, 14-year-old daughter of Mrs. Maggie McBryde, was fatally burned at the home of her mother, in Blue Springs township, last Thursday afternoon about five o'clock.

Inez, who was a member of the seventh grade of the Blue Springs School, had just come home with a new library book, and sat down in front of an open fire to read it. About ten minutes later, she was found by her brother, Clarence McBryde, badly burned about the face and head, after having apparently fallen forward into the fireplace. She never regained consciousness, and died about 10 o'clock that evening.

Her grandmother, Mrs. Sallie McBryde, was in the same room at the time, but she is an invalid in bed, and was asleep at the time, and knew nothing of the tragic occurrence until others made the discovery.

Inez was subject to epileptic spells, and it is believed that one of these spells was the cause of her falling into the fire.

Funeral rites were held from the home, Friday, by Rev. A. D. Carswell, pastor of Bethel Church, of which the deceased was a member, and interment followed in Bethel cemetery.

Miss McBryde is survived by her mother, Mrs. Maggie McBryde, and one brother, Mr. Leonard McBryde.

FT. BRAGG TEAM WINS FROM BATTERY F 20-15

The Basket Ball team of Battery F was defeated by a quintet representing the 17th Field Artillery of Fort Bragg, on the local court on Thursday evening of last week, by the score of 20-15.

The game was hard fought, and the teams were evenly matched throughout the entire contest, which ended in a tie necessitating an extra playing period of five minutes in which the Fort Bragg aggregation scored 5 points to win. At the end of the half the score was 8-7 in Raeford's favor.

Those who started the game for Raeford were Messrs. Biggers, and Buist Bethune, guards, Geo. Bethune and R. L. Murray, forwards, and Cameron at center.

The two teams will meet again on Friday night of this week on the local court.

Seventy - Second Congress Opens Amid Atmosphere Of Uncertainty; First Democratic Speaker In Twelve Years.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The nation's new Congress convened today in a calm, quiet manner that belied under-surface tension and the strifefilled issues awaiting consideration. The House went into the hands of the Democrats. Joyful "rebel" yells greeted the smiling veteran of the party. Garner, of Texas, as he ascended the Speaker's rostrum, last held by a Democrat 12 years ago.

Republicans clinging to their stronghold in the Senate. It went through the brief routine of swearing in new members in a formal 35-minute session.

To this divided and politically hostile Congress, President Hoover tomorrow will submit his legislative recommendations and a report on the state of the union.

Economic Problems
The dominant economic problems facing this Seventy-second Congress met with an unemployment demonstration on the Capitol plaza. Representatives of the organized marchers were halted by police at the doors of the Senate chamber.

With tomorrow's reading of the Presidential message, the Congress will plunge immediately into its task of devising a way to speed American prosperity. That is the keynote. Assuming Congressional authority for the first time in a dozen years, Democratic leaders are moving cautiously, but untied. There will be no coalition. There will be politics, for it is the dawn of a Presidential year. But on the vital steps for national recovery, there is promise of prompt, non-partisan action.

In keeping with the spirit of this Congress, elected a year ago in the depths of economic adversity, the membership went about its business today in informal attire, for the most part, and in sombre attitude.

Galleries Thronged
Spectators thronged the galleries, with women predominating. Eager members of the families of more than 100 new members were there. It was the House, however, which "stole the show." The roll call giving the Democrats the Speakership and control was greeted with applause and cheering.

The grey-haired, ruddy-faced Garner took over the Speaker's gavel last welded by his close friend, but political foe, the late Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, leaving a business suit of brown. He left his new formal cutaway coat at home.

He was handed the gavel by the defeated Republican candidate, Snell, of New York, with the latter's praise (Continued on back page)

John Hector Conoly Dies Last Thursday

Excellent Citizen and Long Resident of Antioch Section Passes at 73

Mr. John Hector Conoly died at his home in the Antioch section on Thursday afternoon of last week, following an illness of several weeks. He was 73 years old.

Mr. Conoly was born in the Antioch section and had been a life-long resident of that community. He was the son of James A. and Mrs. Mary Livingston Conoly, and came from a prominent family. He was an excellent citizen and successful farmer. He was a good Christian and a member of the Antioch Presbyterian Church, and was loved by all who knew him.

The funeral was held at Antioch on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. W. M. Fairley, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, in charge. Interment followed in the Antioch cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Conoly are his wife, who was formerly Miss Flora McNeill, and one daughter, Miss Mary Anne Conoly.

HOKE COUNTY COTTON

There were 12,487 bales of cotton of the 1931 crop ginned in Hoke County prior to December 1, 1931, as compared with 12,730 bales ginned up to the same time in 1930, according to statistics from the Department of Commerce report recently issued.