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BATTERY F WINS IN COMPETITIVE MATCH THURS.

Lieut Walker of Raeford Unit Has Highest Individual Score; Capt. E. D. McGougan of Parkton, Second.

On Thursday, Nov. 23rd, a rifle match was held on the edge of the Fort Bragg reservation, Company "E," Concord, Company "L," Parkton, and Battery "F," Raeford, participating. Six turkeys were offered as prizes, for highest gun in match one turkey gobbler, highest gun in each of the five courses first, one turkey hen. Besides the six individual prizes a cup was offered to the team winning the highest score for team. This was won by Battery "F," the local outfit. Lieut. John W. Walker of Raeford won the gobbler with a score of 268 in a possible 250. Lieut. Walker also was high man on a standing position, but due to a ruling made before the shoot, one man was not allowed more than one turkey. Capt. E. D. McGougan of Parkton was next highest man with a score of 235. He also won a turkey by shooting a possible in rapid fire. He was also high gun on another course, but due to ruling referred to above, was not allowed but one turkey. Capt. Chas. N. Alston of Concord, who had a score of 227 for the shoot won a turkey on rapid fire position. Sgt. Alfred Cole, of Raeford won a turkey by having high score on standing position. Corp. Ben M. Bradin, a member of Battery "F" who resides at Southern Pines, won a turkey by shooting 49 in the kneeling and sitting positions. The average per gun for each team was almost the same. Battery "F" had an average of 213.1 per gun, while both the other outfits had an average of 212. per gun. The first match ever held here, the winning team won with an average of less than 200. The score last Thursday shows considerable improvement has been made in rifle firing. It is not believed that the score made by Lieut. Walker has ever been bettered in North Carolina.

Mrs. Flora Campbell Passes Saturday

Mrs. Flora Jane Campbell, wife of Mr. D. M. Campbell, died at her home in northwest Raeford Saturday, Nov. 24th, about 12 o'clock. She had been in declining health for several months, but seemed to be convalescing, and hence her going was rather sudden and unexpected, passing away while sitting in a chair in her home. Before marriage she was a Miss Peterson, daughter of the late John and Catherine Peterson. She was born and reared a few miles north of Raeford and lived in this community all her life, a kind, helpful friend and neighbor, and an affectionate and faithful wife. She was for many years a consistent member of Raeford Presbyterian church and always attended its services when she was able to do so. Mrs. Campbell was in the 72nd year of her age and is survived by her husband and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Scull, who was living with her. The funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by her pastor, Dr. W. M. Fairley, and interment was made in Raeford cemetery. The active pall bearers were L. B. Brandon, Angus Keith, Martin McKethan, M. A. Davis, Hector McBryde and D. J. Campbell.

P. O. Department Is Accepting Bids

Post Office Inspector R. E. Dauch was in Raeford last Friday receiving bids on a new post office location and looking over prospective offerings. It is understood that bids have been submitted by the Blumont Hotel and by McLaughlin Company and that possibly a third proposal will be submitted later. One location was rejected on account of having insufficient daylight. Mr. Dauch will probably be in Raeford again in the near future and says that the acceptance of a site will probably be made about the first of January.

Mr. Jessie Wright Dies in State Hospital

Mr. Jessie Wright who lives on Mrs. J. F. McGowan's farm on the Raeford-Fayetteville highway, died in the state hospital, Raleigh, Saturday night. He had been carried to that institution a few months ago for treatment, but failed to regain his health. The remains were brought to Spring Hill in Scotland County Sunday and buried there Monday. He was 64 years of age and is survived by his widow and eight children, two of whom are married.

Kills Porker That Weighed 540 Pounds

The season of the year has arrived for the demise of porkers and it is always interesting to see who kills the largest one of these grunting and grunting quadrupeds. The largest reported on this paper thus far was killed last Thursday by Mr. J. H. Campbell, a prosperous farmer near town, and this little starter tipped the scales at only 540 dressed. If you can beat it, just report the facts to this paper and they will be published.

Will Have Union Services Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is to be observed in Raeford by an annual union service at the Methodist church Thursday morning at 10:30. Dr. Fairley, pastor of the Presbyterian church, is to preach the sermon and a collection will be taken for the orphans of all three of the denominational institutions. All those who are unable to attend this service are requested to hand their contribution to an officers of their respective church.

Kills Wild Turkey With Automobile

Last Wednesday afternoon as Mr. DeWitt Tapp was returning from Person County a wild turkey flew in front of the car. It hit the top just above the windshield and was killed instantly. Mr. Tapp picked it up and found that it was only slightly bruised, so a turkey dinner was served that evening to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Freeman, and Frances Jean Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, and Mary Ellen Gatlin, Mr. C. H. Tapp and family.

Wagram Class To Have Bazaar

The Loyal Workers Sunday School class of the Wagram Presbyterian church will have a bazaar in the vacant store building next to the bank on Friday, Dec. 6 at 3 o'clock. Funds will be raised for the Wagram work and gifts of all kinds. Come and do your Christmas shopping. A supper will be served beginning at 5 o'clock, 59 cents per plate. Benefit of Wagram Presbyterian church debt.

LOOKING BACKWARD... OLD BETHEL CHURCH

By W. A. McLEOD

One of the dearest spots in my N. C. homeland is old Bethel church, three miles from the spot on which I was born, the old "Buffalo" place, now owned by Mr. E. B. McNeil of Raeford. As long ago as I can remember, we used to go to Bethel to church as our McLeods had done since coming over from Skye and settling there in 1820. When we used to come in sight of the building, (and how far off it seemed, but how close now) I used to see it looming up so white, tall and majestic among the green pine trees. And at the sight of it what a thrill one would feel! Such indeed as many have felt the pious Hebrew when from some great height he first beheld the towers and towers of Solomon's temple. Bethel church was the biggest and handsomest building I had ever seen up to that time; and, besides, it was painted. Isn't it strange how few of the older people yet point out their houses? And yet paint can make such a pleasing transformation. Eh, ladies? Drawing nigger to the church, we soon got among many people milling around about the grounds, lots and lots of people. The great old grove would be full of horses and buggies, some fine and indicative of thrift; others related to them as an old-fashioned Ford of today is to its most elaborate and costly neighbors. And many were the neighs and incessant brays heard from that grove, horses and mules giving vent to feelings merry or sad. We would stand around, outside the church while the older ones met and greeted old friends for a time, then all went inside the preaching. No, not all that certain "sons of Bithai" never went in, but rather remained outside to swap yarns and knives; and once in a while, coarse scandal by their loud and unseemly laughter. I don't know after all, if the world was not as bad then as now. The size of the coterie outside depended somewhat on the drawing power of the preacher. If he seemed to be some feeble brother of mean attainments, the contingent outside would be big, while a preacher like Rev. Archibald McQueen would reduce it to the vanishing point. Once after Mr. McQueen had preached as only he could preach, a gentileman said to one of these outsiders, who on that particular day had gone inside to the services, "I tell you McQueen is a great preacher." The other replied, "My God ain't he solid." An with him "solid" summed up all possible praise. In those early days, the pulpit was in the end of the church opposite to the one now occupied by it, and it was very high, and very high. There were galleries on three sides, also, in one of which would sit some colored worshippers, a remnant of those who had attended in slavery days. Among these was old "Uncle Datus," once the slave of my Grandfather Currie, who came to Bethel as long as he lived. I recall one occasion, long ago, when a great company of these colored people came down from the gallery after the white congregation had retired, took seats in front of the pulpit, while the minister and elders gave them the communion. Among other things about that day which struck me was the singing of these colored people. I can still see the old black faces of many of them, serious and kindly as they sat and drank in the words of the white preacher. And yet since then, I have served in some Texas churches where such an occurrence would provoke a riot. But our Texas people had not come to know the negroes as we had. The outstanding event in Bethel history of those early days, although I do not remember it personally, was the great McQueen revival. The McQueen preachers, Martin and Archie, were the preachers, but most of the preaching was done by the former

with intent to kill and inflicting serious injury on another colored woman. Adell Watson and Abraham Jones were indicted for forcible trespass but the case was continued until next Tuesday in order that counsel for Jones might have time to prepare the case. Another case against Adell Watson was tried and she submitted to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Judgment was reserved until the trespass case is tried. Clarence Fields, white, plead guilty of shooting birds out of season and was taxed with the costs.

6 STITCHES IN HEART, MAN STILL LIVES

A man at the University Hospital Baltimore, named Barrington Hill is still alive with six stitches in his heart. The operation was performed last Saturday a short time after Hill was alleged by police to have been stabbed in a brawl. Unless complications develop, physicians predict that he will recover. Five stitches were made in the left ventricle and one in the left auricle. The physicians had to remove part of Hill's breastbone and two ribs.

Few Cases In Recorder's Court

Tuesday was a rather light day in Recorder's court, seven cases coming up for trial with a part of these continued for various reasons. Walter Alderman, colored, who was tried last week removing crops from the farm of Arthur Parks without giving money and taxed with the costs are required to pay to Parks the sum of ten dollars for the crops removed. He gave notice of appeal to Superior court.

Otis white, colored, plead guilty to violating the prohibition law and was taxed with the costs. It seems that he was indicted in a Magistrate's court for an affray and in telling how the affray occurred stated that he had brought home some whiskey for his own consumption. It was his statement in this trial that led to a warrant being issued on the liquor charge. Janie Gillispie, colored, was bound over to Superior court under a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon

Lumber Bridge H. D. Club Has Meeting

Lumber Bridge, Nov. 26.—The Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Annie Belle Smith on Wednesday, Nov. 20th. Mrs. D. Z. McGougan, president, presided. The election of officers was brought before the club, and the following were elected: President, Mrs. Lucy John; vice president, Mrs. W. D. Smith; treasurer, Miss Lina Chason; secretary, Mrs. R. G. Dearen. Miss Frazer was present and demonstrated date loaf and brown bread using Graham flour and honey, thereby encouraging the use of home products. Some of the members had the left of their hats, but owing to the lack of time she asked those who attended the demonstration of hat making in Lumberton to assist other members with their hats.

Mrs. Smith and Miss Ursula Balfour were hostesses to the club and served hot tea and sandwiches, cake and candy. About twenty were present.

Local and Personal

Mr. J. M. McGougan, a prosperous young farmer a few miles from town, went to Raleigh last Wednesday to hear Carl Williams, the cotton member of the new Federal Farm Board, speak. Mr. McGougan was very much impressed with his talk and the method the farm board is trying to put into operation. He seems to think it is the salvation of the cotton farmer.

Miss Meta Klarpp of Shannon spent last week here visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. E. Clifton. Miss Klarpp is with an aunt at Dundarach this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Monroe of Chatham spent Wednesday and Thursday here visiting relatives.

Mr. Don Livingston of Washington, N. C., spent a few days recently with his mother, Mrs. George Livingston.

Mr. W. E. Marley left early Monday morning for Bladen county to spend a few days hunting deer. He belongs to the Bladen County Deer Hunters' Club.

Mr. Robert Monroe and daughters, Misses Maggie and Leona, Master Hubert Covington and Mrs. R. M. Brown, spent Friday afternoon in Lumberton visiting Mrs. Brown's son, Mr. Theo. Brown, and family.

Mr. S. J. Grasser returned last Tuesday from Highsmith hospital where he had been receiving treatment for a while.

Mr. N. H. G. Balfour and sister, Miss Ursula, Miss Bettie McNeill and Audrey and Neil Shaw Balfour, visited Mrs. Neil Shaw in Fayetteville Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Shaw is slowly improving and we hope to see her come home soon. Mrs. Annie Belle Smith will leave Fayetteville with her sister, Mrs. S. M. Davis.

Mrs. W. J. Currie of Maxton spent a few days last week visiting her sister, Mrs. M. L. Marley. She left Friday for her home.

Mrs. W. D. Smith and little daughter, Sara Bell, and brother, Mr. Marcus Allan, of Wilmington, will leave Thursday morning for Littleton to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents.

Mr. Melvin and Miss Beatrice Honeycutt of Linden visited Prof. C. H. Young and family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Angus McInnis of Fayetteville spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. George Livingston and family.

Miss Elizabeth Sumner visited her sister, Miss Alicia Sumner, a student nurse in the Baker Sanatorium, Lumberton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Parnell and family were visitors among relatives in Lumberton Sunday.

Mr. David Jones, and sister, Mrs. Effie Honeycutt, and Mr. and Mrs. Stamford of Raleigh were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dearen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pearce and mother, Mrs. G. W. Kinlaw, and Mr. Wilburn Kinlaw of Wilson spent Sunday with Mrs. George Livingston and family near town.

Messrs W. G. Marley and W. D. Smith are planning to spend Thanksgiving at Shallotte and Cherry Grove, S. C., hunting ducks.

Mrs. M. L. Marley and little sons, Jimmie and Lennon, Jr., left Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Marley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Butler, at Loris, S. C.

Miss Rebecca Currie, a senior of Greensboro college, spent the weekend of the 17th in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Currie. Mrs. Currie and Miss Leona Monroe took her back to Greensboro Monday.

GENERAL NEWS

Judge N. A. Townsend has resigned as executive counsel, a post held since the position was created by the 1929 General Assembly, and U. M. Mull of Shelby has accepted the appointment to succeed him. Governor Gardner announced Monday. Judge Townsend has handled many delicate and difficult situations with remarkable tact, patience, and devotion to duty, says Governor Gardner, and my administration owes a large measure of whatever success may have attended its efforts to his untiring efforts and ability. It is said that he expects to return to the practice of law, and may locate in some piedmont North Carolina town.

Some time during Sunday night fifteen prisoners made their escape from the Pitt county convict camp, and at last accounts they were still at liberty. The delivery was made with the use of a hack saw, with which they sawed a place in the floor of the cage. They were all negroes and most of them were short termers. There were three other men in the cage, but having only a few more days to serve they remained.

R. H. Hamilton, a young farmer, near Dunn, disappeared November 1, and has not been heard of since. He left Dunn on October 31, stating that he was going to Fayetteville to the fair, which he did, staying that night with his sister-in-law and left next morning about 6 o'clock. His whereabouts since that time are unknown. He owned a farm, was married and has five children. He is about five feet and seven inches in height and weighs about 155 pounds, is clean-shaven and has light complexion. His wife and mother are both prostrate from anxiety, and it is asked that any information concerning him be sent to his wife, Mrs. R. H. Hamilton, Dunn, N. C.

The sale of automobile license plates in North Carolina passed the 600,000 mark last Friday, being the first time in the history of the State that license plate sales went over the half million mark. The report of Sprague Silver, head of the motor vehicle division of the Department of Revenue, showed that 500,426 plates had been sold since the beginning of the year. Total license plate sales in 1928 were 493,770.

The annual report of the American National Red Cross for the year ending June 30, 1929 has been distributed and it is interesting reading. The membership is now 4,100,000, and the total expenditure by the National organization and the Chapters was \$5,326,570.15 of which \$4,306,000 was derived from restricted contributions to specific operations transmitted through the Chapters and an additional \$463,000 was raised and expended by the Chapters directly. It reports 16 buildings damaged or destroyed, 2 persons killed 14 injured, and 30 assisted by the Red Cross in Hoke County.

Arthur Wilson Page, son of the late Walter Hines Page, has been appointed assistant secretary of State to succeed Nelson T. Johnson, who has become minister to China. This is considered one of the most interesting appointments so far made by the Secretary of State, Stimson, because the appointment marks the beginning of a new policy of personal reorganization in the state department. Mr. Page was born in Aberdeen, N. C., in 1883 and was educated at Lawtonville and Harvard. His wife is the former Miss Mollie W. Hall, of Milton, Miss.

Senator Francis Warren of Wyoming died in Washington, D. C., Sunday of pneumonia. He was 85 years old and was "Dean" of the Senate, having served in that body continuously since 1895. He was the oldest member of the Senate both in length of years and of service, and was the only member who participated in the War Between the States. General Pershing, his son-in-law, was at his bedside. His death leaves Senator Simmons the ranking member of the Senate, he having taken the oath of office on March 4, 1901. Congressman Stedman now enjoys the distinction of being the only veteran of the War Between the States in either branch of Congress.

State Rural School Supervisor Here

Miss Nancy O. Devers, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, was in the county on Monday and Tuesday of this week. She visited all of the schools and offered many helpful suggestions to the teachers. Standard tests have been given in practically all schools and she was of valuable assistance in checking up on the results of these tests. She is doing a great work in the State and the teachers were glad for her to visit them and help them in their work.

Fayetteville on business. Messrs John Malloy Shaw and William Cobb were Fayetteville visitors Sunday.

Mr. James M. Loan is on the sick list with tonsillar trouble.

Some Results Cotton Dusting

By L. B. BRANDON

Not all of those who dusted for weevil control kept tab on yields but a few did. Some began dusting too late for best results and, too, the late dustings were not as effective as they would have been had it not rained so continuously. Many fields had the dust washed off before results were obtained.

The cotton variety test on farm of Messrs J. B. Thomas and Will Rose in which 14 varieties were planted, and some of these varieties were very low producers, gave an average production of 1810 lbs. per acre. A seed cotton with 6 applications of 5 lbs. each at a cost of \$2.10 per acre for dust alone. Mr. Rose states that he will get 22 bales on thirty acres on which 5 applications of dust was used.

Mr. Luther Clark of Dundarrach, on a measured acre, picked 1230 lbs. first picking and will get approximately 100 lbs more. This was done with 5 applications of dust at a cost per acre of \$1.75 and on the area not dusted on Mr. Clark's farm, he states he will not average one-half bale per acre.

Mr. D. S. Currie also picked two bales from two acres that had one application of the 1-1-1 molasses mixture and 5 applications of dust at a cost of \$1.90 per acre.

Mr. A. K. Stevens reports 85 bales from 225 acres with 5 applications of dust and many of his neighbors who are good farmers, are getting one-third bale per acre. In Mr. Stevens case poisoning was done too late to do more than protect what had blossomed before poisoning began.

Messrs A. P. Stubbs and D. B. McFadyen report 40 bales to 60 acres on one farm and 37 bales to 75 acres on another farm with five applications. Some of the latter dustings were washed off before the poison had time to produce results. These fields were heavily infested with weevil early.

The Pee Dee Experiment Station of Florence, S. C., which is the second biggest boll weevil experiment station in the cotton belt, is recommending the early use of the 1-1-1 mixture beginning with the first signs of squares and applying once each week for three weeks and then begin dusting later when the weevils are sufficiently numerous, which is about August 1st, and apply 3 dustings of 5 days each apart.

Dr. McMillan To Preach Here Sunday

Rev. Hester McMillan, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, will preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. McMillan is one of the leading ministers of the Southern church and the Presbyterians are fortunate in having him to preach to them.