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MARTIN A. RAY PASSES THURSDAY

Beloved Presbyterian Minister and Member of Orange Presbytery, Answers Final Call Here.

Rev. Martin A. Ray, Presbyterian minister and member of Orange Presbytery, died at his home here Thursday evening, February 20th, at 8 o'clock, after a long period of ill health, though his passing was rather sudden and unexpected, as he had been able to be up and about his home and even to ride down town in his car, a short while before his death. Mr. Ray was a son of the late Neill A. and Isabella Johnson Ray and was born and reared in this community which was formerly Cumberland, but now Hoke County. He was educated at Davidson college and at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, graduating from the seminary in 1909. Soon after he was ordained and licensed to preach and accepted work as stated supply with the church at St. Joseph, Mo., serving the church at Platte City, Mo., during this year and part of the year 1910. In 1910 he came to the church at Thomas W. Va., where he remained about one year, coming from thence to the Highland church at Fayetteville. He returned to West Virginia in 1911 or 1912 and accepted the pastorate of the church at Piedmont, where he remained until 1921 when he received a call to the Jonesboro group of churches in Orange Presbytery. He remained in this field and preached most acceptably until 1926 when his health gave way. It was no doubt a keen disappointment to him, but he accepted the situation with splendid Christian grace and fortitude. In the fall of 1926 he moved with his family to Raeford. In November 1929 Mr. Ray was married to Miss Sadie F. Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Arnold, of West Virginia, who with their two children, Mr. Arnold Ray, 16, and Miss Charlotte Ray, 14 years of age, survive him. He is also survived by three brothers, Mr. Daniel J. Ray of Raeford, Mr. Marshall C. Ray of Cumberland county and Mr. New D. Ray of Raeford.

The funeral was held from the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was conducted by Dr. R. C. Gilmore of Sanford, assisted by Rev. Mr. Cook of Jonesboro, Dr. W. M. Fairley and Rev. A. D. Carswell of Raeford, and Rev. F. M. Bain of Galatia church. Interment was made in Raeford cemetery. Mr. Ray was born February 19, 1880, and hence had just entered his 51st year of age. He was an able and sound minister of the gospel and held in high esteem by all his co-workers and especially by the congregations he had the privilege of serving. He was not seen much in Raeford as the condition of his health kept him pretty closely confined to his home, but his cheerful smile, his genial and kindly disposition and his cordial handshake appealed to all and he will be greatly missed by a host of friends.

The sympathy of the whole community is extended to the widow and children and all the relatives in their bereavement.

The active pall bearers were E. B. McNeill, Louis Parker, McLean Campbell, W. B. McLaughlin, Archie K. Stephens of Raeford, and M. R. McGirt of Jonesboro.

R. C. Lindsay Dies At St. Pauls

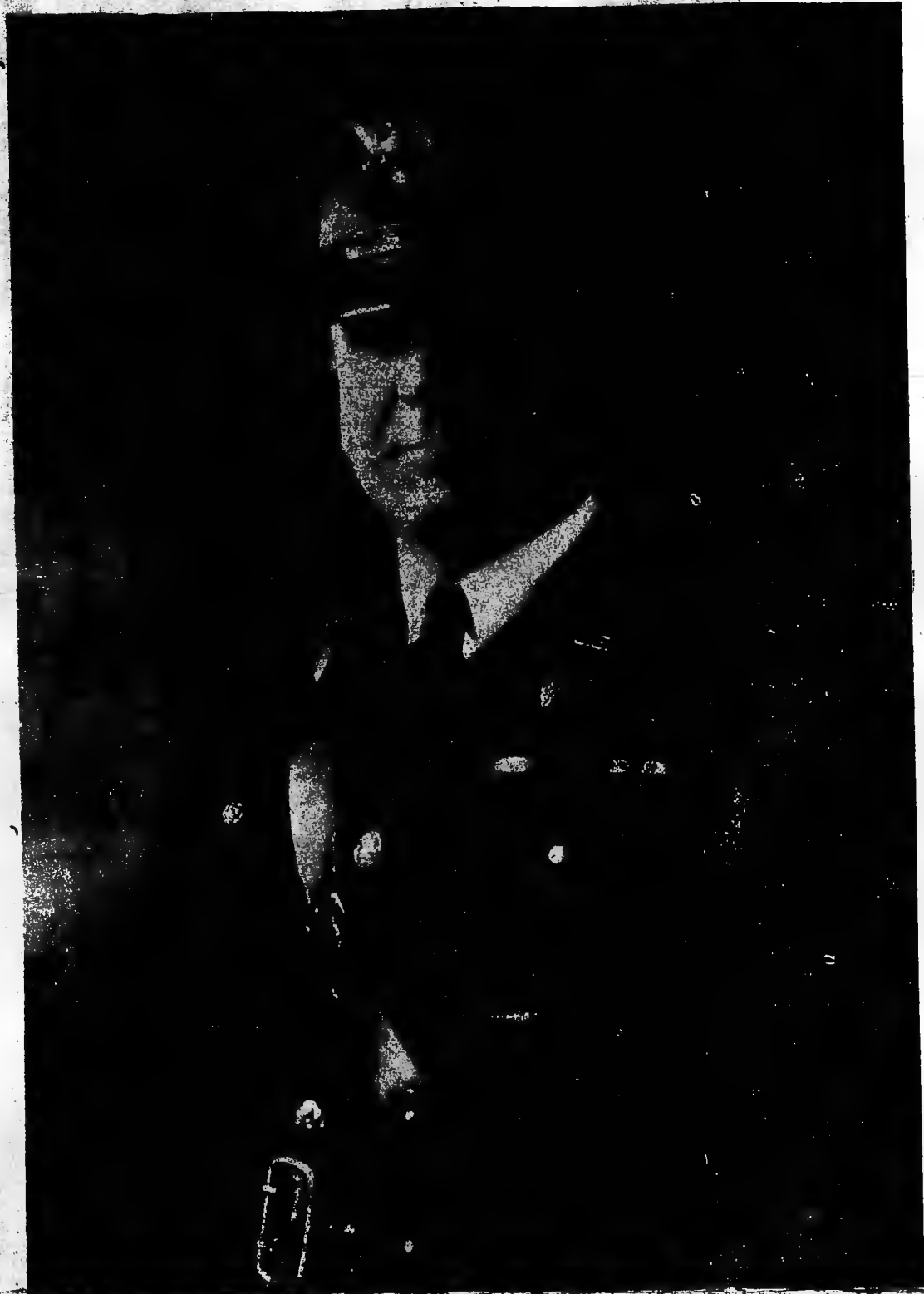
Mr. R. C. Lindsay, formerly of the Rockfish section of this county, died at 1 o'clock a. m. Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. L. Monroe, with whom he lived at St. Pauls. He was injured in a fall two months ago and was treated in Pittman's hospital for a while, getting better and returning home. He was taken worse Sunday. The funeral was conducted from Galatia church Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. F. M. Bain assisted by Rev. W. L. Foley of St. Pauls and interment was made in the cemetery near the church. He is survived by three daughters Mesdames C. L. Monroe, of St. Pauls; F. M. Warwick and E. L. Cook; one son, Mr. W. M. Lindsay, all of Cumberland county. Mr. Lindsay was about 70 years of age.

SENIOR GIRLS GO ON HIKE MONDAY P. M.

Several girls in the senior class went on a hike Monday afternoon. They hiked to Timberland and enjoyed a weenie roast. Some of the girls were very foot-sore and weary when they arrived home, but all thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Those going on the hike were Mildred Peele, Catherine Peele, Dora Snead, Mary McFadden, Thelma McKeithan, Sarah Neal Stephens, Anna Rogers, Lula Hall, Isabella Campbell and Mary Neal McNair.

SAM BLUES, COLORED, FOUND DEAD IN WOODS FRIDAY

Sam Blue, a colored man who was living near Asheville Heights, went out to the woods last Friday to chop wood and was found dead later by his wife. It is thought that his death was due to a stroke of apoplexy or heart failure. He was buried Saturday at New Hope colored church. He was about 40 years of age.



Adjutant General of North Carolina, who is practically certain that Raeford will get a new military company, the Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 252nd Coast Artillery.

NEGRO STEALS CAR, RUNS DOWN BOY AND PONY

Robert Cole in Jail At Raeford Charged With Theft of Car and Running Into and Killing Dan Newton, Son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Newton; Pony Also Killed; Admits Most of Charges.

Red Springs, February 26th.—Robert Cole, young colored man of the Duffie section, was arrested early Sunday morning at the home of his uncle, J. P. Ray, at Shannon, by Sheriff Hodgins, of Hoke county, and night policeman, A. J. Breedren, of Red Springs, charged with running over and killing Dan Newton, aged thirteen, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Newton, of Hoke County.

A short time before running into the Newton boy, Cole is alleged to have appropriated to his own use a Chevrolet coach belonging to Mr. Rowland Brown, of the local post-office force.

It appears from information obtainable that Mr. Brown parked his automobile in front of the postoffice and went inside to make up the mail for the night train. He was in the office only a few minutes and upon emerging found his car gone. A search was immediately instituted which resulted in locating the car about two miles from Red Springs in a cotton patch near the home of Mr. Will McNeill, on the road from Red Springs to Wagram. Following the tracks of the tires movements of the car was traced to the home of Charlie McRae another colored man, who cheerfully volunteered the information that Robert Cole had been there a short time before driving a new Chevrolet coach, which he said he had rented in Red Springs to take McRae's daughter up to Lamb Cole's, the boy's father, and had then brought the girl back home and left her and saying he was going to Shannon to spend the night with his uncle.

The car was found, about ten o'clock, but as no one had been along the road traversed by the car nothing was known at this time about the Newton boy's death. When the body was found by Sandy Livingston sometime after eleven o'clock, who happened to be passing on his way home, the search for the fugitive began in earnest.

Blood hounds were secured from Fort Bragg and a posse of several

Says Chain Stores Are Uncharitable

Dear Mr. Editor: Since there is being so much talk about the chain store menace all over the country, much of which is no doubt very true, a number of citizens who are interested in the welfare of our town and community, have recently asked me whether or not our local chain stores contributed to our Community Chest or Red Cross fund just before last Christmas. In answer to this question I wish to say that they did not help one penny!

As a member of the committee appointed to solicit money and various articles to be distributed among the poor and needy in our last campaign just prior to last Christmas, I personally called on the different merchants and business houses in Raeford, soliciting such donations as each cared to give to this worthy work. To me it seemed that most of them responded in a very loyal manner. However, there was an exception or two, among which was one very outstanding case. This case referred to was a store here in Raeford that belongs to a foreign-owned "Chain" against which there are now accusations of many kinds. This "Chain Store" was called upon in the same manner as all the other stores in town, and on my first visit to ask them how much they would donate to the Red Cross work, I was told that they "couldn't do a thing for us today." I rather took this statement to imply that at a little later date they would respond to the call and help us. However, it was not long until time to have all these donations gathered together in preparation for their distribution to the unfortunate families that were to receive the benefit of these donations. So the time now being close at hand I called on them again in a few days to see how much they would give but was met with the same answer. After thinking over the matter I concluded that they probably did not intend to help at all, and that they did not care to shoulder their reasonable responsibility to the community, which responsibility certainly should be shouldered by them as well as by the other stores in town. At this time another member of the committee was sent to them to find out definitely whether or not they were going to help any. To this they replied that they could not help us.

To all who read this, and especially

Marvin A. Gillis Dies Saturday P. M.

Mr. Marvin A. Gillis, only son of Mr. A. J. Gillis, who lives about one mile southeast of Raeford, and who was painfully burned last Tuesday about noon while engaged in Hoke county road work, mentioned in last week's News-Journal, died in Highsmith's hospital, Fayetteville, Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock. He was not thought to be so seriously injured at first, but his condition became unsatisfactory and he was carried to the hospital Thursday afternoon where he continued to grow worse until death relieved his sufferings. It was a most pathetic and sad death, as he was a most estimable young man and in the prime of life, being about 30 years of age. His passing is one of those Providential mysteries which we cannot understand here, but He who holds all of our lives in His hands once said, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." He is survived by his widow who before marriage, was Miss Maggie Belle Lindsay, daughter of Mr. John Lindsay of McLaughlin Township, one little daughter, Ruth Gillis, three years old one sister, Mrs. P. C. Howell, and his father, Mr. A. J. Gillis.

The funeral was conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at four o'clock by his pastor Dr. W. M. Fairley, assisted by Rev. A. D. Carswell, and interment was made in Raeford cemetery. One of the largest crowds ever seen at a funeral here was present, attesting in a small way to the popularity and esteem in which this splendid young man was held. Gentle and sympathetic hands covered the grave with beautiful floral wreaths.

The active pall bearers were Clifton Conoly, H. A. Currie, Lonnie Guins, D. J. Campbell, Millard Baker and Oscar Norton. The bereaved family has the sympathy of this entire section.

Doc—What is water? Block—A colorless fluid that turns black when you wash your hands.

ly those who are in sympathy with the charitable work of this kind, we trust you will remember the way this store failed in its community responsibility. However, from what can be learned of them it is their custom to turn a deaf ear to similar calls all over the country.

(Signed) One of the Committee. Raeford, Feb. 26th, 1930.

HOKE COUNTY WILL HAVE NEW MILITARY CO.

Lieut. J. W. Walker Chosen To Command New Organization of National Guard.

One of the best pieces of news to come this way in a long time was conveyed in a letter from Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts to Lieut. John W. Walker Tuesday, instructing him to ascertain if he can enlist sufficient men for a new company in Raeford which will be known as Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 252nd Coast Artillery. This new unit will carry a minimum of twenty-five men, a captain, a first and a second lieutenant. Lieut. Walker has been recommended to command this battery which will give him the rank of captain.

There has been an opening for three of these new organizations upon several weeks and immediately upon General Metts' receiving orders to locate them, the Raeford folks got busy and had him to come down and look the situation over. He was accompanied on this trip by Col. Davids, Senior Artillery Instructor for North Carolina. Both seemed well pleased with the situation and were impressed with the spirit of the people here with reference to the National Guard. General Metts almost stated while here that Raeford would get one of these batteries. The other two go to High Point and Greensboro, according to plans which are considered as good as final. Numbers of other towns have made strong pleas for one of these batteries and Hoke county is to be congratulated upon receiving this great distinction. The way Capt. Poole and his officers and men have deported themselves, as well as the fine feeling that exists between Battery F and the civilian population is largely responsible for this new unit coming here. This company will be responsible for about seven thousand dollars being spent in the county per annum, and this will prove of great benefit to the men involved and to the various business houses.

As soon as Lieut. Walker gets the required number to sign an agreement to join this battery, he will convey this information to General Metts, who will then send him the necessary enlistment blanks, have the men enlisted, examined and inspected for federal recognition. Lieut. Walker feels sure that he can get the necessary number of names in a very short time.

General Metts has been to Raeford on former occasions and is well known by all who have met him. He is a friendly kind of man and enjoys talking to men in all walks of life, being a well informed man on current topics and always interested in the life of the community in which he is visiting. He stands high in military circles and is, no doubt, designing Raeford for this new company strictly on the merits of the case. He has seen the work that Captain Poole and his company has been doing and the fine personnel in the company. He has also ascertained the feeling in the town and county toward this company and it is felt that the location of his new company is in reality a compliment to Captain Poole and his men. Had they made a poor showing and had a hostile populace here, it is certain that the company would never have been placed in Raeford as it seems almost certain now, that it will be.

While a small town and county, Raeford and Hoke county stand high in National Guard circles. Battery F has three officers and 65 enlisted men. Colonel R. B. Lewis, and officer in the 252nd lives here; Dr. R. A. Matheson is a captain in this unit, being a medical officer. Captain J. H. Blue and Captain Poole are two other officers living here. At present there are three lieutenants living here: 1st Lieut. J. W. Walker and Second Lieutenants H. A. Currie and Herbert McKeithan. When the new battery is organized it will mean another captain, who will be J. W. Walker, and two other lieutenants, making a total of commissioned officers living here of ten. Quite a number for Raeford.

Negro Is Killed In Aberdeen Suburb

Hamer Spencer, a negro who lived in Berkley a suburb for the colored race on the outskirts of Aberdeen was found dead in his home Saturday night, Feb. 22nd, with a bullet hole in his chest. His wife says that on returning from her work she stumbled over his body lying on the floor. At first she supposed he was drunk, but on making a light found he was dead. One witness reported that a sword-off shotgun was lying on the floor beside the body. This was later found in the loft, with an empty cartridge in one barrel, and with blood stains on the barrel. Suspicion points to murder and not that of suicide, but there was not enough evidence to convict his wife and she was not held. Doctors gave their opinion that the man had been dead for about 30 minutes when the body was found. The coroner's inquest rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death at the hands of an unknown party.

DEFICIENCY IN FOOD SUPPLY OF HOKE FARMERS

Failed by Produce Worth \$540,943 Of Producing Enough For Their Own Requirements In 1928.

Hoke county Farmers in 1928 were the best off in any of the Sand Hills counties, according to a survey made by the agricultural extension service of North Carolina State College, but the same survey shows that Hoke farmers were far behind in their production of food and feed items and failed to supply not only the food and feed requirements of their county but even failed to supply their own requirements.

This survey was made in connection with Governor O. Max Gardner's "Live At Home" program in which farmers throughout the State have been called upon to increase their production of food and feed to the point where they not only will be self-sustaining themselves but will produce sufficiently to meet the requirements of the non-farming population. (Continued on page four)

Lieut. Gov. Page Addresses Kiwanians

The Kiwanis club had as its guest last Thursday evening Lieut. Governor Robert N. Page of Aberdeen, who made a most interesting talk on the objectives of Kiwanis. Governor Page stated in his remarks that the guiding principle of Kiwanis was "We build," but emphasized the fact that this did not necessarily mean to build houses. He said that there are a great many things of as much or more importance, to build in a community, such as character, hope and optimism. He especially urged the importance of helping the underprivileged child and the unfortunate who are always with us, calling attention to the happy result of keeping the "Golden Rule." Governor Page recommended that the various committees have regular meetings and oversee their proper functions. After the club meeting he talked to the directors, asking and answering many questions relative to Kiwanis activities, and complimented the club on its fine showing. Mr. Page is well known and highly esteemed, not only by the members of the Kiwanis club, but by all of our people, and it is hoped that he will find it convenient to attend many of the club meetings during the year. The club had also as its guest Rev. Dr. Bittinger of West Virginia, father of our Dr. Bittinger of the State Sanatorium, who also made a talk which was greatly enjoyed. In the absence of President McEachern, and Vice-President Upchurch, Dr. R. L. Murray, Trustee, presided, and Kiwanian J. Benton Thomas was in charge of the program.

Automobile Accident Occurs In Virginia

Last Monday afternoon while Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arnold, sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Martin A. Ray accompanied by a nephew and niece, were returning home from Raeford where they had attended the funeral of Rev. Martin A. Ray, met with a serious automobile accident at Harrisonburg, Va. It was a head-on collision and resulted in a serious injury of Mrs. Harry Arnold. She suffered a fracture of the skull and had to be operated upon and at last accounts she had not regained consciousness. The others in the party escaped serious injury, but were more or less hurt or shocked. Mrs. Ray has the sympathy of all of her friends in this additional sorrow that has come to her.

Pastors To Exchange Pulpits Next Sunday

Dr. W. M. Fairley, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, and Rev. F. Campbell Symonds, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Fayetteville will exchange pulpits next Sunday morning, March 2nd. Dr. Fairley will preach at the First church at 11 o'clock, and Rev. Mr. Symonds will preach here at the same time.

Junior-College Glee Club Here Sunday

The Glee Club of the Presbyterian Junior College for Men at Maxton will give a concert at the local Presbyterian church Sunday evening, March 2nd, at 7:30 o'clock. It is composed of sixteen young men and a splendid entertainment is anticipated. Prof. W. M. Martin, a member of the college faculty, will accompany the club and will make an address. Members of the other churches in town and community are cordially invited to be present and enjoy the concert.

NATHAN McMILLAN DIES

Nathan McMillan, a colored man who lived on the farm of Mr. Will Lentz, died Sunday with heart failure. He was about 60 years of age. Interment was made Monday at Silver Grove colored church.