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Notice, Notice.

A public meeting will be held in the court house in Raeford Saturday, March 21st, 1925, at 11 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of organizing a camp of the United Sons of the Confederacy for Hoke County. All sons and grandsons of Confederate veterans are eligible to membership. All members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are invited to co operate.

ALEX. McMILLAN.

R. O. Everett Pays Tribute to Mr. Currie.

(The Laurinburg Exchange.)
The Exchange has received the following letter from Hon. R. O. Everett, of Durham, a member of the Legislature, and who occupied a seat next to Mr. A. D. Currie, Scotland's representative. Mr. Everett pays Mr. Currie a handsome compliment and the letter is as follows:

To The Laurinburg Exchange.

Throughout tedious days and toilsome nights of service to his State, the representative from Scotland County, the Honorable A. D. Currie, has been on the job he was elected to fill. Although he is now 76 years old, he has fulfilled the duties imposed on him at the time of his election with vigor and precision. He has taken a constructive stand on all important legislation. He has exercised a discrimination that has been marked. The County of Scotland is to be congratulated on having sent him its representative to this very important session. He has been moved by a sincerity of purpose and has not considered his own personal pleasure or comfort. Although the constitutional limit of sixty days expired Saturday night, Monday morning found your representative in his seat in the Hall of the House ready to serve his state, pay or no pay.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to occupy a seat next to Mr. Currie throughout the session and I thought your readers might be interested in this expression which, it is a pleasure for me to make

Sincerely yours,

R. O. EVERETT.

Raleigh, March 9th.

SPECIAL for Saturday, No. 2 galvanized was tubs 68c, wash boards 39c.

Fuller's Variety Store

SEE our New Line of Shoes. McLauchlin Co.

Kiwanis Club Notes.

E. S. Smith, Chairman of the recent appointed road committee reported that Mr. J. Elwood Cox, Commissioner for this district, would be in Raeford Monday or Tuesday of next week for the purpose of consulting with local officials over the proposed paving for Hoke County. Mr. Smith stated that the U. D. C. chapter would be asked to furnish a lunch for the members of the local committee, some 20 in number, and Mr. Cox. Hoke County Kiwanians are making every effort to see that our county gets its rightful share of the highway money now being distributed by the state.

The Raeford Quartet, Messrs. Cromartie, M. L. McKeithan, Martin McKeithan, and E. E. Fridell delighted the club with two popular numbers. It is quite safe to say that these Kiwanians have sang their way in to the hearts of their fellow club members, and all the secretary has to do to insure a full attendance at the regular meetings is to announce that the quartet will sing.

A feature of the meeting was a short talk by D. S. Poole, Hoke County Representative in the recent legislature. While in Raleigh Mr. Poole created state wide interest in his Evolution Bill, and in the course of his remarks at the Thursday night meeting, stated that it was a source of surprise to him that so much interest should have been taken in a bill which he intended as a resolution to restrict the teaching of any theory in the public schools of the state that would in any way reflect upon the Bible. Mr. Poole stated that he was especially surprised at the way the leading educators of North Carolina flocked to Raleigh to participate in the discussion of his bill. He concluded his remarks by saying that he went to Raleigh not so much to do things as to prevent things being done, especially in the way of high taxes.

Kiwanian J. W. Johnson acted as chairman of the program for the night. He stated that the club anticipated having the Governor of Pennsylvania, who is at Pinehurst, as the speaker for the next meeting. Dr. Fairley was then introduced as the speaker

of the evening. Dr. Fairley, who was a Kiwanian in Texas before coming to Raeford, delighted the club with his practical and entertaining talk along the lines of town building. He asked the club members what they'd do 'ef' they were building a town? Just what sort of a town would they build 'ef' they were undertaking the building of a real town, or city? Then he pointed out that Raeford Kiwanians are building a town, not an imaginary theoretical town, but a real living town, and he urged that as Kiwanians the members give serious thought to the building that it might be of a permanent nature, something that would stand for generations to come.

He called attention to the fact that so much building is short sighted, and that so many people are engaged in the bare making of a living that they give no thought to the finer things that go into the make up of the town. Dr. Fairley named a number of things that might very profitably occupy the attention of the Kiwanians. Among others he discussed beautifying of the town, the support of the educational and religious institutions, the necessity of real cooperation among the citizens and their officials, the provision of wholesome recreation and amusement. He emphasized the duty of Kiwanians to make of the town that we are building more than just a place to live in, but to make of it a place where life might be enjoyed in all of its fullness and beauty. He stated that in his opinion the city should own the lot adjacent to the Presbyterian church, and that it should make of this lot a park which might be enjoyed by all of its citizens. He also touched briefly the desirability of beautifying the plots in the center of North Main Street, and the erection of a white way, and the organization of a community band. In conclusion he suggested that Mr. Poole give space in each issue of the Hoke County Journal for items of interest from the Kiwanis club. He indicated his belief that if the people knew the things that were really needed in the town they would be more than glad to cooperate with the club in building a town that would be a delight to live in, and that would stand as a monument to its builders.

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The Raeford Gin Company.

The Raeford Gin Co. is a new organization in this town, by which some of the leading business men of this section, and other capitalists of Laurinburg are to erect a ginnery of large capacity, and with plenty of money behind it. The new enterprise is to have a capital stock of \$100,000 and to be the last word in up to date equipment.

This has been a very mild winter with just a few samples of cold weather thrown in along.

We have the best and purest of water, good climate and fine soil to cultivate. We are well enough fixed.

We admire a fellow who hits home runs, but it is not right to give him all the praise and overlook the fellow who shovels one side of 15 acres of cotton in a day.

The U. S. Government is making Fort Bragg reservation a game preserve and is helping to save the wild life to a large extent, and hunting is prevented on the reservation except an occasional fox hunt.

SEE our line of flower pots, price runs from 15c to 35c, including saucers; also a nice selection of vases for 25c and 65c. Fuller's Variety Store.

Since Twenty Years Ago.

You remember the little wooden depot and passenger station? The covered way in the middle of Main street? The little post office 10x15 feet? The old school building, the dormitory and the cottages, the boys and the girls, who were then students in Raeford Institute?

Twenty years, two decades, is not a long period, but long enough to bring about many changes in the town of Raeford, its make-up in buildings and its inhabitants.

The trees on Magnolia street had been cut into cordwood, but the brush still lay unpile on the ground. Harris avenue was opened soon after. There was one residence and two small cottages on that street. Small trails led to them through the brush.

The bitterest municipal fight ever known in the history of the town was fought in 1905, and the animosity then engendered still crops out occasionally, hard as all good citizens have striven to crush it.

No outbursts of the boomtown has ever characterized the town's growth. It was first a school town, and has ever had a college air tendency, still the human in us cast us adrift that once only

No "malefactors of great wealth," ever made residence here, neither has poverty gotten in her worst licks, so brotherly love has pervaded the social ozone, and this has been a favorite place in which one naturally likes to live.

In 1903 the voters of Raeford managed to lose the names of three of its citizens on the Cumberland county Democratic ticket, Dr. W. W. Johnson for County Commissioner, N. A. Watson for Sheriff and J. W. McLauchlin for State Senator, the latter taking the nomination from the vest pocket of Capt. James D. McNeill of Fayetteville, where it had been securely tucked away for some weeks by that adroit politician, and from which it was snatched by a little convention maneuver planned and carried out by the writer and others. But that is a whole story in itself.

Captain McNeill was then in the heyday of a successful political career. He had canvassed

the county in the interest of his candidacy for the State Senate, and being popular had pledged a majority of the delegates to the county convention to his support, hence the expression, had the nomination tucked away in his jacket pocket. Other leading politicians disliked McNeill for some reason, and planned his defeat by persuading Maj. McLauchlin to become a candidate, much against his inclination. Maj. McLauchlin was a formidable opponent, without blemish. But McNeill had the advantage of a pledged convention.

The convention proceeded by running in reverse from the start by beginning at the bottom of the ticket, a political strategy, really, and nominated first a board of commissioners and on up to State Senator.

Hope Mills No. 2 wanted her favorite son nominated for county commissioner. Raeford helped with all her strength. Hope Mills No. 1 wanted her prominent citizen nominated for the House. Again Raeford turned the trick for her. Each of these promised us all the help possible in return for the favors shown, if we ever needed them. That opportunity came after sundown that same day when Raeford demanded a return of the neighborly kindness when Maj. McLauchlin was a candidate for the nomination for State Senator before that convention. Although they had pledged solidly to support Capt. McNeill, they split their vote in half for Maj. McLauchlin and this with the vote of Cabin Branch precinct, which had been solidly pledged to Capt. McNeill, gave McLauchlin a majority of ten votes in the convention. Through the persuasion of one friendly delegate the Cabin Branch delegation was begged into giving the vote to Maj. McLauchlin (the first time) and it was understood that thereafter the vote was to go solidly as pledged to Capt. McNeill. But there was no second ballot. It should be stated that this vote was cast when only a few of the Cabin Branch delegates were present, or the result might have been different. But Maj. McLauchlin's nomination and subsequent election resulted in the beginning of the memorable fight for the establishment of a new county called Hoke.

A Note of Thanks.

We wish to thank our Raeford friends for remembering us so kindly during the death of our dear father Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Williamson.

Kiwanis Notes.

"Ef" we are building a town it will look better clean. Flowers and shrubbery look better than weeds.

The ladies' of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church gave us a very satisfactory lunch. They all always do that, though.

Dr. Fairley always talks so you see the points sticking out.

We are all great in a dress parade, but not worth much in a charge.

Dull care drives us toward despair, but true courage refuses to be driven.

Base ball was the medium by which Raeford made her way to the front ranks of North Carolina small towns.

The price of cotton will likely go to 30c as there has been no overproduction in several years, and only half time running by the mills will prevent a cotton famine.

Reforest your own farm. Start that this year. Care for every tree and shrub on your place. Let not one be ruthlessly destroyed, and be sure to plant others. If this is followed zealously for a hundred years, the State's wealth will have doubled in increase of timber supply.

A highwayman makes a bungling job of robbing people. He takes all he finds on a man; whereas, if he were to take a little at a time covering a number of years in the transaction, he would escape the ignominy of his crime and be considered a good business man, and not a robber at all.

Recent Fires.

The Fort Bragg reservation has been almost entirely swept over by forest fires during the past week, but the report that Sandy Grove church had been burned is untrue.

Cotton in the co-op warehouse was discovered on fire Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. It was extinguished. About 30 bales were pretty badly damaged.

The Bowmore colored school was burned last Thursday night. Just a year ago that school was burned, by an incendiary, it is believed.

\$200.00 REWARD!

The Hoke County Board of Education will pay a REWARD OF \$200.00 for evidence sufficient to convict the party or parties guilty of burning the Bowmore School House on the night of March 12th.

(Signed)

W. P. HAWFIELD,
County Superintendent.

Five room house, one half cash, balance in Building & Loan. McNeill & Leach.

Several nice residential lots at a bargain. McNeill & Leach.

Mrs. E. R. Williamson is running Hemstitching Machine and making buttons to order, also doing expert dress making. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction. At Nisbet & Howell's Store, Raeford, N. C.

Pure Bred Plymouth Rock Eggs, Parks and Holtermans Strain, 15 for \$1.00.

J. K. McNEILL.

J. H. BLUE

ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING
Raeford, N. C.
Phone 253.

Recital

BY

The Chaminade Music Club

Friday Evening, March 20th

- I. (a) Carmena.....H. Lane Wilson
(b) Alpine Rose.....Gerrit Smith
The Club.
- II. Piano Solo (a) Love's Dream.....Liszt
(b) Turkey in the Straw, (Arranged) David Guion
Miss Mary Poole.
- III. Vocal Solo—Sleepy Hollow Tune.....Richard Kountz
Mrs. Marshal Thomas.
- IV. Trio—Minuet.....Paderewski
Mrs. R. B. Lewis, Miss Julia Calvert, Mrs. James Poole.
- V. Vocal Solo—Jean.....H. T. Burleigh
Miss Julia Calvert.
- VI. (a) Goin' Home.....Anton Dvorak
(b) Walk Together, Children.....Rosamond Johnson
Chorus of Mixed Voices.
- VII. Quartet—The Indian Mountain Song.....Cadman
Mrs. R. B. Lewis, Mrs. Marshal Thomas,
Mrs. H. C. McLauchlin, Miss Bennie Lee Upchurch.
- VIII. Sextette—(a) While the Birds are Singing.....L. Boccherini
(b) Little Orphan Annie.....Clayton Thomas
Mrs. A. K. Currie, Miss Sadie Culbreth,
Mrs. Pelham Covington, Mrs. James Poole,
Mrs. George Fuller, Mrs. Luke Bethune.
- IX. Bridal Chorus.....F. H. Cowen
The Club.
- X. Southern Melodies.....Chorus

Admission 25 and 50c.



Main Street Filling Station.