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NOTICE!

The town convention for the nomination of candidates for mayor and five town commissioners will be held in the court house Tuesday evening, March 31st, 1925, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance of the voters of the town is very much desired.

ARTHUR D. GORE,
Clerk and Treasurer.

Kiwanis Notes.

The members enjoyed the splendid lunch prepared and served by the ladies of the Methodist church.

After luncheon Chairman McEachern eulogized a good citizen, Mr. A. A. Williford, who had died that afternoon. Kiwanian J. W. McLaughlin made a few appropriate remarks and immediately the club adjourned without motion in honor of our departed dead.

County Sunday School Convention.

The Hoke county Sunday school convention meets in Raeford Presbyterian church Saturday evening next and continued through Sunday.

We hope every Sunday school in the county will send large delegations to this meeting, as it is intended to awaken more interest in Sunday school work.

The North Carolina Sunday School Association will be represented by Mr. D. W. Sims and Miss Flora Davis. This is an interdenominational organization. Let all Christian workers join in to make it a success.

Mrs. Gary Parker.

Mrs. Gary Parker died Thursday night after a brief illness, and her remains were interred at Parker's Grove church Friday afternoon, her pastor, Rev. N. C. Yearby, conducting the funeral service.

Before marriage Mrs. Parker was a Miss Gibson, a daughter of the late Wm. P. Gibson, a prominent citizen of Gibson, Scotland county.

She was a good, Christian woman, a consistent member of the Methodist church, leaves a large family of children and many other relatives, most of whom live in Scotland county.

Ten sons and three daughters were born to them; two of the sons are dead; the others survive with her husband.

The Army's Schedule.

The Local Military Outfit Battery "G" 200th Art. has arranged quite an attractive Baseball schedule for this spring, as follows:

March 24th, Red Springs High School.

March 27th, Red Springs High School (there.)

April 4th, Wake Forest Fresh.

April 13th and 14th, Davidson Fresh.

April 23rd and 24th, High Point College, Varsity.

May 1st and 2nd Buies Creek Academy.

May 8th and 9th, Mt. P. C. I.

April 18th and 22nd, 17th FA

Other games are pending and will be announced later. The locals will have a good team composed of Walker, McLean, Blue, Cole, Culbreth, Sessoms, Epstein, Henderson, Morris, Wilson.

These games will not conflict with the High School schedule, and fans can be assured of at least three games each week by local teams. The Battery team will play two games each week, and all except two at home, while the Highs will play at least one each week at home.

A Shooting Melee.

On the public road near Rock fish Station last Sunday night, Alex. Ratley, Dan Odom, Will Welsh, white men and John Brown, colored, engaged in an affray. Welsh and Brown were each shot in the stomach, and both are in hospitals in Fayetteville. It is thought both will recover.

Tarheel farmers grew 44,514,000 bushels of corn last year. Seventy-seven percent of this was of merchantable quality and at an average price of \$1.48 per bushel this was worth \$50,728,154.

Mr. Watt Lentz of Wadesboro was a Raeford visitor Sunday.

The recent legislature elected nine new magistrates in the county, but we have no idea they will all qualify.

McFadyen Music House of Fayetteville have furnished Raeford Presbyterian church with two new pianos. This makes 3 pianos and an organ in that church's equipment.

Since Twenty Years Ago.

Early in January, 1907, when the session of the legislature was quite young, Jno. W. Moore came down to the printing office (it was where the Upchurch Milling Co. is now) and said: Mr. Poole what do you think of the establishing of a new county here from the upper parts of Robeson and Cumberland counties? Mr. McLaughlin says he has been discussing the question with Col. N. A. McLean, (who was a member of the Senate from Robeson that year) and he says Col. McLean will not oppose it very much. The writer then discussed the advantages of a new organization to the people of this outlying, neglected sections of the two old counties, and we told Mr. Moore we would join in the fight for the common good, but the establishment of a new county would be very much against the paper in a financial way. He thought a new county would be an advantage to the newspaper, and everybody else. But we explained that the paper would be better off with two large counties from which to draw patronage than from one small county, but the people of this section needed the advantages of a more direct administration of their affairs, and so I supposed it was my duty to make the sacrifice, and that I would enter soulfully into the fight. We got up the data and petitions for a new county, and we found whether Col. McLean would fight it.

The bill for the establishment of "Glenn County" was introduced in the Senate by Senator McLaughlin, and it was referred to the committee on counties, cities, and towns, a hearing came on to be heard, and the people of the new county filled the capitol at that hearing. And be it remembered, we had literally taken the city of Raleigh by storm for several days before the hearing, lobbying for the bill. The committee heard our argument, and made its report—unfavorable, with one vote in the committee for favorable report.

In 1909 the people of this section were again in Raleigh clamoring for the establishment of "Hoke County." We had one friend in that legislature, Representative John Underwood of Cumberland county.

We lived in Raleigh for several days, and then came a hearing before a House committee, as Mr. Underwood had introduced a bill in the House this time for the creation of "Hoke County." We had better luck this time, and there were three votes for a favorable report of the bill, but an unfavorable report was made of course. It was remarkable how we all snuck with such odds against us. We had hardly made any impression at all in the two efforts. One vote in the first committee, and three in the second was not encouraging to say all that could be said for us. We have never known people to make a worse start, and at such enormous expense. It had cost the advocates of the new county thousands of dollars at each session of the legislature.

But in 1911, with Mr. J. W. McLaughlin in the Senate, the people acted like they had just missed their aim heretofore by a small margin, and felt as if they were sure to win this time. The editor of the paper was elected Reading Clerk in The House. He was sick to start with; he had a substitute to read, and remained on the job when he should have been in bed. He has often

thought of the criticism of his physical condition. His nervousness and sore throat were regarded as personal defects which he was personally responsible for. If he had personally inflicted that illness upon himself, and the folks knew that he had done this, then their criticism might have been justified. But he stayed in the House when he should have been in bed, and from the indiscretion of that conduct he has had fixed a permanent throat trouble.

But Mr. McLaughlin introduced a bill in the Senate early in that session, and after a big fight it passed that branch of the legislature, and then after a harder fight it passed the House of Representatives, and was ratified the 15th day of February, 1911.

The advocates of the new county were remarkably united in their efforts for the establishment of Hoke. It is remarkable that not a discordant note was sounded within the ranks. Each acted as he thought wise, and it happened to be just what all the others would have done, had they thought of doing that particular thing.

The law provided for the new county to begin functioning April 5th, 1911, and we well remember the day. It was one of the windiest days we ever saw, and everybody and his wife and children came to Raeford that day. We had a picnic dinner and more barbecue than two such crowds could eat. The county officers—Wm. McQueen, Clerk of Superior Court, Sheriff, J. Hector Smith, Register of Deeds, W. J. McCraney, Treasurer, J. W. Johnson, S. J. Cameron and J. A. McPhaul, County Commissioners.

A Note of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother.

Mr. G. B. Parker and Family.

Mr. Henry Parker of Texas arrived home a few days before his mother's death. He left on the return trip Tuesday accompanied by his brother, Mr. Wm. P. Parker.

Messrs. A. D. Currie and A. A. Lytch, two prominent Scotland county citizens, came to Raeford to attend the county Sunday school convention, but they found they were a week ahead.

Mr. Hoke Floyd of Fairmont, who was a member of the Raeford ball club in 1921, and who has since played ball in several minor leagues, died in Chicago last Friday night with pneumonia following an operation for appendicitis. His remains were buried in Fairmont. The Raeford boys sent a beautiful floral design.

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A. A. Williford.

After a brief illness Mr. A. A. Williford died at his home in Raeford last Thursday at one o'clock. For several years he had heart trouble, and an attack of influenza proved fatal, as above stated.

Mr. Williford was born in Flea Hill township, Cumberland county 73 years ago. He came over into this section of Cumberland when quite a young man and identified himself with the interests of this section. He was very industrious, honest and capable, and succeeded in business, and made friends of all his acquaintances. He was a man of tireless energy and leaves a large estate.

He was thrice married, first to Miss Margaret McRae of this immediate section. She died within a year. He next married Miss Laura Currie who died in 1906. In 1914 he was married to Miss Julia McEachern of Red Springs, who survives him.

Mr. Williford was a good neighbor. He was unusually kind hearted. He liked to help the needy. It is said that some times that he would flatly refuse, even vehemently refuse aid to one seeking help—tell him sorri-

ness was the trouble with him, and as the fellow would turn away he would recall him and give him the needed help. A neighbor tells of a time when Mr. Williford came to his house pistol in hand following a dog. He asked the neighbor: Is that your dog? He has been eating my chickens. The neighbor said: I do not think so, but if it is, you kill him. He followed that dog around a block, ready to shoot him, and then called him to him, petted him and fed him good—said the poor thing was hungry, that was why he was eating chickens. He was very sympathetic. Pity for a hungry dog overcame his sense of justice often. He always heard the cry of the needy. He was liberal in his beneficence. No one did more for the Near East Relief, and kindred appeals than he.

He was loyal to his church and for years he was a Deacon in Raeford Presbyterian church, and a member of the board of trustees. He was a charter member of that church.

The funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. Watson M. Fairley, D. D., assisted by Rev. F. T. Collins, pastor of the Baptist church. A very large concourse of sorrowing friends attended to show their appreciation of a useful life just ended, among the number a large crowd of colored people, to whom he had often proven very helpful, and always kind.

The interment was made in Raeford cemetery, and the grave was converted into a mound of beautiful flowers, placed there by the hands of those who love his memory.

Raeford high school base ball team opened the season Friday afternoon with a game with McColl high school team, which they won by a score of 10 to 7. The boys say they have a good team this year.

We have always advocated a live at home policy for farmers, and we do believe if all farmers were to forget all about money and think only of living as well as they possibly can, they would make lots more money than they now make, because they would offer less for sale, and would get better prices.

Parent-Teachers Meeting.

(Communicated.)
The Parent-Teacher Association gave a very interesting and instructive program last Monday P. M., the 16th.

Mrs. Walker's class in Home Economics gave a demonstration of their work which was indeed interesting and reflected great credit on their teacher.

This class is being taught not only how to prepare a well balanced meal, but also how to make dresses and hats that are neat and attractive in every way.

This part of their education, will doubtless, mean much in the making and keeping of their own homes, and parents should be pleased at the work they are doing in this line.

Dr. Fairley made a talk that was enjoyed by every one present. While he is not a parent or teacher, he knows what to say at a Parent Teacher meeting.

A quartette by the teachers was also much enjoyed.

These meetings each month should mean a great deal to the parents and teachers, in bringing the parent and teacher closer together, and promoting a better feeling and understanding.

It is to be regretted that so few of the parents take advantage of this hour with the principal and teachers and thus keep in touch with the school work and the progress their children are making.

The new moving picture machine is a big asset to the school. Good pictures are being shown each week and the children are much interested.

It would be well for parents to come out occasionally and see the kind of pictures that are shown to your children.

The amount of \$450 pledged by the different departments will soon be over the top.

New books are being added to the library, and Raeford School bids fair to be put on the top shelf.

Next Thursday evening, the 26th, is Ladies' night at the Kiwanis Hall, and the Parent-Teacher Association has planned to take charge of the dinner for this occasion, and each parent will be asked to donate some thing, this will be only a small item to them, but by cutting expense in every way we will come out with a clean sheet.

On April 17th, arrangements have been made for an old fashion spelling match, every one will have an opportunity to show their ability in this line. At the school auditorium. Admission fee ten cents. Get out your old Blue Backs and refresh your minds and at least learn how to spell "erysipelas."

Just a word to the mothers: When you get your notice of the meeting of the Parent Teacher Association, don't lay it aside and forget all about it, but make up your mind to attend, and I assure you, you will not regret it.

It is a duty you owe to your self, your child, to the principal and teachers, to your school and to your town.

Joe Stone of Robeson is now executioner at State prison by Gov. McLean's appointment.

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