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A PRAYER.

Give me strength, Father,
I pray Thee, just for today;
Strength to meet the tasks
That would o'erwhelm me;
Strength for the duties
That seem too hard for me.

Give me patience, Father,
I pray Thee, just for today;
Patience to meet the many little
worries
That fret me sore,
Patience to smile and bare,
Though the pain may still be
there.

Give me wisdom, Father,
I pray Thee, just for today;
Wisdom to walk the
Straight and narrow way,
Wisdom to guide me,
When all is not clear.

Give me grace, Father,
I pray Thee, just for today;
Grace to bear the pain or sorrow
That may be mine,
Grace to sustain me, if—
Through the valley of the
shadow,
I am called to pass.

—Mrs. G. W. C.

Mrs. John A. McGougan.

Mrs. John A. McGougan, widow, died at the home of her son, Mr. D. N. McGougan, with whom she lived in Allendale township last Friday evening at the age of 87 years.

Before marriage Mrs. McGougan was a Miss McNeill, born and reared near Gibson, N. C. She was a good Christian woman, a consistent member of Spring Hill Baptist church, and her remains were interred Saturday afternoon at Spring Hill cemetery.

She leaves four sons, Messrs. J. G. McGougan, D. N. McGougan, and Mr. Luther McGougan of Scotland, and one daughter, Mrs. A. D. McGirt of Scotland county.

The greater part of the Hoke county crop was planted last week, and even before that.

Messrs. J. G. McGougan and A. J. Jordan of Allendale township were in town Saturday.

Mr. Murphy Blue of Blue Springs township lost his eye one day last week when a bit of cold iron chipped with a cold chisel from a battered bolt in a cotton planter struck his eye.

Kiwanis Items.

Kiwanians T. B. Upchurch, E. B. McNeill, J. W. Johnson, Edgar Hall and E. S. Smith appeared before the State Highway Commission in Raleigh last week in connection with the proposed hard surfacing in Hoke county. They report that they were accorded a cordial reception by the Commission, and best of all they were promised 10 miles of hard surface, the work to be done at once. The only delay will be the decision as to which road to put the hard surface. At the last meeting of the club E. S. Smith brought up this question and it was unanimously voted by the club to request that this hard surface be applied to the Fayetteville road to the Cumberland county line. This action supersedes the recent action of the club in requesting that the Aberdeen road be paved. The reason for this change was that it developed from the interview with the Commission that it would be approximately two years before the Aberdeen road would be ready for paving, whereas work on the Fayetteville road may be begun at once. By the time the Aberdeen road settles in readiness for hard surface there will likely be another bond issue, and Hoke county will stand a chance of getting that link also. The Highway Committee is to be congratulated on securing this much deserved paving for Hoke county.

Kiwanians F. B. Sexton and Paul Dickson were appointed as a committee of two to go to Fayetteville and purchase a piano for the club. They had the instrument on hand at the last meeting. After Kiwanian Sexton had conducted a minute investigation of the interior of the said piano by match light to determine whether or not it harbored any rat nests, moonshine stills, rusty springs, or German spies he reported that it was free from all such contamination and the directors voted to purchase it.

The speaker at the last meeting was Kiwanian Fairley. He made a splendid talk on "Circles." He pointed out that it is God's plan in the universe to have things move in circles. He stated that the individual or the club doing the most important thing is the one starting and complet-

ing the more and the larger circles. During the course of his talk Kiwanian Fairley quoted extensively from Emerson Dr. McDiarmid, chairman of the program, voiced the sentiment of the club at the conclusion of Dr. Fairley's talk when he said that it was one of the best that had been delivered before the local club.

The Club voted not to send a delegate to St. Paul convention. An empty pocket book was given as the reason.

Any piano upon which Doctor Brown can sing Jay Bird Sittin' On A Hickory Limb is a good instrument. Doctor was looking for his tune.—ED.

Beware of Vandalism.

(Contributed)

There is nothing which so generally strikes the imagination, and engages the affections of mankind, as the right of property; or that sole and despotic dominion which one man claims and exercises over the external things of the world, in total exclusion of the right of any other individual in the universe, and as the customs of the remotest ages are not the customs of the present time, it is reasonable to suppose that one should expect some protection to the most sacred spot against the act of vandalism, and that is the little square in the cemetery, which is dear and sacred in the memory to all concerned, and which is the duty of every individual to respect. Hence, each and every citizen should put forth every effort to prevent such destruction to the works of art, or such as destroys what is artistic or venerable.

to be more sublime and let there be no flower cutting from that sacred spot, and remember it was clear that the earth would not produce her fruits in sufficient quantities without the assistance of tillage; but who would be at the pains of tilling it, if another might watch an opportunity to seize upon and enjoy the product of his industry, art, and labor? Had not, therefore, a separate property in lands, as well as movables, been vested in some individuals, the world must have continued a forest, and men have been mere animals of prey; which, according to some philosophers, is the genuine state of nature. Whereas now (so graciously has providence interwoven our duty and our happiness together) the result of this very necessity has been the ennobling of the human species, by giving it opportunities of improving its rational faculties, as well as of exerting its natural beauty.

Only a very few days have elapsed since some of our town's people were deeply grieved to find that some one had watched an opportunity to seize upon and enjoy the product of their labor, by cutting the flowers which should have remained especially for adornment. "In a certain contention Abraham thus endeavored to compose; Let there be no strife I pray thee between thee and me. Is not the whole land before thee?" Thus, is not the whole land beyond the boundaries of the cemetery sufficient without approaching upon the rights of others? Where is that person who wishes to be classed with the vandals of the 5th century? Hence, if you do not wish to be in the class noted for fierceness and destruction of the works of art, then, refrain from plundering the cemetery

Full blooded Poland China pigs.
F. G. Leach.

Wheeler's History.

The reprint of Wheeler's history of North Carolina will be ready for distribution early in May as announced by the New York Publisher, Frederick Hitchcock. The book which contains valuable information of the early days and families of North Carolina, (much of which is found nowhere else) will be a facsimile of the original volume as published in 1851.

It will also have some new and interesting matter, including a list of the present State Officers and members of the last Legislature both House and Senate, State Judiciary, U. S. Congressmen and Senators, Governors from 1851 to the present time, and names of counties added since 1851.

There are still 200 copies available for advanced subscribers at \$4.00 each for which write Mrs. E. L. Shuford, State Historian, D. A. R., Hickory, N. C. When these are exhausted, the regular Booksellers price will take effect at \$6.50 each.

Spivey-Baker.

Mr. Charles B. Spivey and Miss Eunice Baker, both of Raeford, motored over to Bennettsville, S. C., Sunday and were married. We extend our best wishes.

A Message From the Jail.

(From The Roxbro Courier)
The women will fret you for things they can get, the men will forget you when they owe you a debt, the maidens will frown upon you when in company you get into a bad place. Remember you no matter where they put you. Now listen, young fellow, take warning from me, never let a vagabond lead you astray; never let wild women stuff your head with dope, if you do you and your pocketbook will all ways be broke. It is all right to take a sweet little girlie to the show, but listen bud, do not fly to pieces if she does not kiss you when you get home from the show, that is the kind for a good man, boys: those kind never go stale. But watch your step for you will need help when you get the kind that has no pep. But look boys, there is only one friend and girl, and that girl is a true girl that too that never turns you down, and that is a dear little mother—the sweetest girl known in this wide world. No one as that dear old mother, so precious and divine. So stick to dear old mother, boys, as her hair is turning gray, remember those golden locks was like yours once in her day. Look more closer to her, boys, as some day you may not have the chance. Kiss her each night, and her words that she whispers in your ear, take warning to them as you may need them before another year. I wish I had listened to her—maybe I would have been at home today with dear old mother.

I'm sending this to your paper hoping to attract some boy or girl to do better, and will follow with a short story of the real facts which I know will help some. Thanking you, and I hope to soon see you.

I remain,
Yours truly,
Carl Harris.
Co. Jail, Roxbro, N. C.

I am offering a pair of registered spotted Poland China hogs, just what you need to start a first class herd. I will trade one or both of these for beef cattle or milk cows.
F. G. Leach.

Superior Court.

Judge Grady of Clinton convened Hoke Superior court Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The following men, good and true, were drawn, sworn, empannelled and charged to serve as a grand jury for one year:

J. L. McFadyen, Foreman, L. B. McBrayer, Jr., J. E. McPhaul, J. D. B. Lindsay, J. McK. Blue, Alex. McDougald, W. M. Monroe, Jr., F. F. McPhaul, Clyde Upchurch, Alex. McMillan, Ernest Wall, D. M. Watson, Hugh McGill, D. H. Johnson, Dan Conoly, M. A. Chisholm, C. R. Freeman, Neill Cameron.

I still have some first class town lots for sale or trade.
F. G. Leach.

A Card of Thanks.

We want to sincerely thank our neighbors and friends for sympathy and great helpfulness during our recent great sorrow and bereavement. May God richly reward each one.
Mrs. W. P. Peele and Family.

Moore county has a Recorder's court, to begin functioning May 1.

Raeford highs beat Fayetteville highs 12 to 9 in a free hitting contest in Fayetteville last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Carrie McRae, widow of the late Lucius McRae, and mother of Mr. Arthur McRae, died at her home in Red Springs on Wednesday of last week, aged 66 years.

The Sandhill Orchard, managed by Mr. L. B. McBrayer, one of the finest in the State has a fine crop of peaches. If they escape frost after this a record crop will be shipped.

The Army beat the Guilford boys 7 to 2 in a good game Friday afternoon. John Walker hit a double and a home run; Culbreth and Cal McLean got a three bagger each.

Notice to People of Raeford.

The following ordinance is enacted by the town authorities of Raeford:

1. It shall be unlawful to use or maintain any residence or other building in the city of Raeford which is located on a lot abutting on the city sewer line, said residence or building being not more than 200 feet from the same, where one or more persons live or congregate, unless such residence or building be provided with such flush closet or closets connected with said sewer, provided water is available from the city main within 200 feet from said residence of building.

2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances previously enacted which are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

3. That this ordinance shall be enforced from the date of its passage.

4. Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of \$5.00 for the first day and \$1.00 for each additional day the violation is continued, dated from the time specified in official notice from the city.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of March 1925.

Signed: J. E. CONOLY, Mayor.
Signed: A. D. GORE, Clerk.
Raeford, N. C., April 13, 1925.

Excellent Values in Nice Dress Shirts.
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Notice of Election.

An election of mayor and five commissioners for the town of Raeford, N. C., will be held Tuesday, May 5th, 1925.

A. B. McGill is registrar and his books will be open for the registration of voters at the court house from now until Saturday, April 18th, 1925. Poll holders are A. B. McFadyen, and D. S. McKeithan.

Signed: J. E. CONOLY, Mayor.

Signed: A. D. GORE, Raeford, N. C., April 13, 1925.

One five room bungalow going at a bargain. Terms to suit you and at a price that will pay you 10 or 12 per cent. on your investment.
F. G. Leach.

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D. H. Johnson,
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Most everybody that "STAR BRAND SHOES ARE BETTER!"
Baucom's Cash Store.

FOR SALE, or will trade for beef cattle, three first class Jersey milk cows.
F. G. Leach.

Another lot SURE FIT Caps for Men and Boys.
Baucom's Cash Store.

I am always in the market if you've got a bargain to offer, it doesn't differ what it is.
F. G. Leach.

Superior Quality Pin Check Work Pants at
Baucom's Cash Store.

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Raeford, N. C.
Phone 253.

NOTICE.

To avoid having your property advertised, settle your taxes at once

E. R. WILLIAMSON,
Tax Collector for Town
Raeford, N. C.

Notice--Stop Plowing in the Roads of Hoke County.

Notice is hereby given that the law prohibiting the plowing into the roads of Hoke County will be strictly enforced. Run your rows with the road or plant at least two rows running parallel with the road. Plant cotton or some low growing crops around curves. Don't blame the Commissioners if the Rural Policeman gets you for plowing in the road, for we are giving you fair warning.

(Signed)
J. A. McDIARMID,
Chairman of the Board
of Commissioners.
D. K. BLUE,
Clerk of the Board.

Final Notice to Tax Payers!

The County Commissioners at their last meeting ordered the sheriff to postpone the advertising of land for taxes until May the 1st, in order to give those who have not paid, another month in which to pay up. Now it is hoped that this will be sufficient time and notice, and those who are behind will take advantage of it. The money is badly needed and the sheriff does not want to humiliate any one by advertising their land for the taxes, but the taxes must be paid, and must be paid now.
EDGAR HALL,
Sheriff.



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