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## The Philip-Caroline Parker Reunion Communicated.

The fourth annual Parker reunion was held at the home of Mr. Louis Parker Thursday, August 6th. This reunion includes all descendants of the late Philip Parker of Marlboro county, S. C. Eight of the nine surviving children, who are, W. F. Parker, Gibson, N. C., J. M. and C. B. Parker, Hope Mills, N. C., Louis Parker, Raeford, N. C., Miss Nancy Parker, Raeford, N. C., Mrs. Carrie Plummer and Mrs. Cattle McLaurin McColl, S. C., and Mrs. J. F. McFadyen, Raeford, N. C., were present. The oldest living member, Mrs. Amanda J. Smith, Columbia, S. C., was unable to be present. The family representation, including members from Virginia and the two Carolinas, numbered about one hundred.

A bountiful dinner, consisting of all the good dishes for which the ladies of the Parker family are famous, was served under the spacious oaks. After the dinner was served, short, but appropriate talks were made by the two invited ministers, Rev. J. B. Thompson, Gibson, N. C., and Rev. R. A. McLeod of Galatia, N. C.

## Thieves Caught.

M. B. Raefield of Fayetteville had been working in Florida since last winter and one day last week he started on the return trip in his Ford car, accompanied by three other young fellows, strangers to him, who, they said, lived in West Virginia and came to meet him all the way without trouble until about the time they reached Raeford and Raefield found his money was gone, and he was broke and out of gas. He accused his companions of stealing his money, but they denied it, and submitted to his search of their pockets.

After this his three companions left Raefield here in Raeford, and they started on their way on foot. Raefield reported his loss to the police here and officers Andrews and Williamson went after them, arrested and searched them and found the stolen money under the sweat band in a cap worn by one of them. They owned up to the charge and were brought back to town and placed in jail. They gave their names as Charlie Turner, Frank Boyles and Harold Chatman.

## Harnett County News.

Rory Matthews is being held without bail following the coroner's inquest over the death of Daniel J. McLeod. The inquest was begun at 11 o'clock Saturday morning and was not concluded until 2 o'clock. Matthews is confined in jail here, where he has been since being taken immediately after the shooting affair which resulted in McLeod's death in Neills Creek township about 9 o'clock Thursday morning, July 30th.

Tax collected and unaccounted for to the amount of \$56,453.62, with statutory penalties aggregating \$34,036.88, making a sum total of \$90,490.50, constitutes the shortage charge to be brought against former Sheriff J. W. McArtan and his bondsmen by the county of Harnett, according to the figures furnished by report of the special auditors to the Board of County Commissioners here Monday.

Get your Overalls and Work Shirts at The Kash Store.

## Clippings From The Laurinburg Exchange.

The Scotland county chain gang is running over with a total population in excess of 70 men, white and colored. The quarters are being taxed to take care of the prisoners and it is said that the county commissioners will be compelled to make arrangements to hire out some of them to other counties if the courts keep sending them up. There seems to be no slowing up in crime and with the usual run of whiskey cases and other more or less serious offenses the chain gang population may be expected to hold its own and probably show an increase, judging the future by the past.

The tax rate for general county purposes, including schools and roads, for 1925 will be \$1.41 on the hundred dollars valuation as fixed by the board of county commissioners in regular session Monday. The rate jumps 24 cents over the rate last year, and as compared with the rate in 1923 is 141 to 97, and 141 against 66 in 1922.

The town commissioners of Laurinburg voted at the regular meeting Tuesday night to put a tax of \$200 on every public dance, to apply to white and colored both.

A total of 163 carlots of peaches and 30 carlots of watermelons were shipped from North Carolina Saturday and Sunday. There are approximately 3,025 acres in this county planted in watermelons. The shipment of peaches consisted mostly of Elberta and Belle.

Friends of Dr. J. M. Arnette, pastor of the Spring Hill Baptist church at Wagram, sympathize with him in the loss of his father, Mr. Allen Arnette, who died Sunday, July 25, at his home in Moore county at the ripe old age of 80 years and five days.

Wednesday, August 5, or the first Wednesday in August, was the date of the annual reunion of the Currie clan at Turnpike bridge in the Sandhill country. Hon. A. D. Currie, and his family of children and grand children who have been visiting him for a few days, attended the reunion Wednesday.

## A Homicide in Hoke.

Last Friday night at a negro church one mile west of Antioch Levy Ellerbe stabbed Dan Shaw in the heart killing him almost instantly.

Hard feeling existed between the parties prior to this meeting at the church door Friday night, and it is stated that Ellerbe came up to Shaw and without warning stabbed him in the heart without a word.

Sheriff Hall was notified, and responded, taking with him Dr. K. B. Geddie and others, but the wounded man was dead, and the slayer gone when they arrived. Ellerbe made his escape, and up to this writing has not been apprehended.

## The County Sunday School Convention.

The Hoke County Sunday School Convention meet with Shiloh church Saturday evening, August 15th, at 8 o'clock and will continue its sessions through Sunday the 16th.

A good program has been made and all Sunday school workers are invited attend.

A banner will be awarded the school sending the largest number of representatives to the convention, Shiloh excepted.

## Raeford Kiwanis.

Raeford Kiwanis club had a good meeting for three reasons last Thursday evening.

1st. Mrs. G. B. Rowland's Sunday school class of young girls fed us well and served the meal with grace and dignity.

2nd. Rev. A. D. Carswell made us a strong and helpful speech that set us all thinking.

3rd. The club remembered brothers in trouble. Messrs E. S. Smith, F. B. Sexton, Doctor Cromartie, E. B. McNeill and W. B. McLaughlin were appointed a committee to visit Bro. J. W. Johnson, who is confined to his room by sickness.

F. B. Sexton and D. S. Poole were appointed a committee to bring in resolutions of sympathy for Bro. L. B. McBrayer, who was recently bereft of his good wife by death.

An animated discussion was indulged by Brethren Fred Johnson and Ed. Smith praising the public spirit of W. F. Covington displayed in the Log Cabin, a community clubhouse and a town ornament.

## Locals.

If the weather continues dry quite a lot of cotton will be open in August.

Mr. D. M. Currie, of Charlotte, spent the week end with his home people.

The price of watermelons slumped about the time the crop was ready to harvest.

Miss Agnes Sinclair of Scotland Neck visited relatives here and near Raeford last week.

Mrs. J. M. Thomas and children of Norfolk, Va., are visiting her sister, Mrs. K. H. Cole.

Rev. N. C. Yearby and family left last week on a vacation to be spent with relatives in Creedmore.

Mr. F. Smith is not improving as was hoped and is suffering quite a good deal from rheumatism.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. E. W. Cameron is at Highsmith's hospital in Fayetteville and is quite sick.

William Jennings Bryan was a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 A. F. and A. M., of Lincoln, Nebraska.

People dread to see wet weather now since that suits the boll weevil, as he is a hard worker when the weather suits him.

Mr. J. C. McLean and daughters, Misses Maude and Beulah, returned last week from a visit to Charlotte and Chimney Rock.

One thing farmers of Hoke have that they did not have a year ago, and that is a prospect of hog and hominy at home of their own.

Farmers think they have good crops of cotton, but they are not sure of what the harvest will be, because they don't know what the boll weevil may yet do for them.

It is expected that Dr. W. M. Fairley, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church will return to Raeford about the middle of next week filling his pulpit about the 4th Sunday in August.

In three counties not far away last week, three men are charged with the basest of crimes, unnamable crimes, and two of them are now in the State prison in Raleigh for safe keeping. Two of these criminals are young white men, and the third is a young negro.

Mr. W. M. Blue has returned from a business trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill Currie are visiting relatives in Scotland county this week.

Mrs. J. A. Clifton and little son of Kinston is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. M. McNair.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John K. McNeill Sunday morning their third son, and a fine boy he is.

Mr. Earle Blue of Charlotte is spending a two week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blue.

The question is: Who is governor of North Carolina while W. McLean is camping in the Michigan woods?

Mr. G. A. Fuller has added jewelry to his stock in the Novelty Store, the department to be known as The Gift Shop.

Mr. Grady Leach spent his vacation in the Land of the Sky while his substitute, Mr. A. R. Currie, carried the mail on Route Three.

Mrs. Alice McDuffie Andrews carried the mail on Route 2 the past two weeks while her father, J. G. McDuffie, enjoyed a vacation.

Thursday, Aug. 27th is home coming day at Union church in Hoke county. Raeford is likely to send a large delegation to the meeting.

Fire destroyed a barn and a crop of tobacco belonging to Mr. N. A. McDonald of Timberlake one night last week. There was no insurance.

It is thought from appearances that there was a general rain last week, and there was to the north of us, but the drouth continues in the south.

Mr. Lawrence McNeill, who has been teaching in Blue Ridge Institute, Hendersonville, this summer, is at home for a rest before returning to college this fall.

Messrs C. Creech, editor of the Red Springs Citizen and Bill Arp Lorraine of the Western Newspaper Union, Charlotte, were pleasant visitors to this office Friday afternoon.

They call him John McMillan, we thought his name was Tom, is in the State prison in Raleigh, to save him from being lynched for criminally assaulting a Mrs. Sides Aug. 3rd, at Eagle Springs.

Mr. Robert Currie of Blue Springs township was carried to Highsmith's hospital last Saturday, and was temporarily relieved, at least it is hoped he will improve in health generally.

Superior court convenes next Monday with Judge Neil A. Sinclair presiding. Judge Dunn was to have held Hoke court, but an exchange was allowed so both judges would spend a week at home, or at least, near their homes.

Mr. Ol Sanders, who lives near town planted a half acre of land in Porto Rica yams last April, and has sold from his patch \$28.50 worth of potatoes up to last Thursday morning. They are very large, smooth and nice for the time of year.

P. V. Hardy, a tobacco warehouse man shot at S. V. Lane, a Co op inspection official, at Dillon, S. C., last Tuesday week. The auction sales for the day had closed and Lane was looking to see if any Co op tobacco was among the lots sold, when Hardy shot at him without warning, but fortunately his aim was bad and he missed.

Miss Josephine Hall is visiting relatives in Parkton.

Miss Mittie Davis is visiting her sister in Rocky Mount.

Mr. Dan Watson of Antioch visited relatives in town this week.

Attorney Seawell of Carthage attended Recorder's court here Tuesday.

Mr. S. F. Lee and family visited relatives and friends in Apex last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blue and little son spent the week end at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. Sterling Currie, who recently visited his people here, has returned to Atlanta, Ga.

The Johnson Covington building will be completed about September 1st, and is a pretty building.

Mr. John Archie Currie was pretty badly injured at his farm near town Tuesday morning.

Marshall and Ransom Whitten of Benson are spending a few days in town with relatives.

The News and Observer pecks like a hydraulic ram on Pou and the State Prison management.

The Abereen road is to be gravel surfaced this year, the hard top to be put on next year.

Sheriff Watson spent some recent days fishing at Myrtle Beach. That's what he said.

Dr. H. R. Cromartie is having plans made for a new residence on his residence on Magnolia street.

Mrs. R. L. Crump and three children of Rocky Mount spent last week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. W. Brown.

Mr. W. T. Covington left last Thursday for a two or three weeks stay in the mountains of western North Carolina.

Miss Bennie McFadyen, who has been several days in Charlotte with her sister, Mrs. H. E. Black, is expected to return home this week.

Mr. Ernest and Miss Margie Campbell left early Tuesday morning for Dunedin, Fla., to visit their brother, Mr. Arthur Campbell.

Phillippi Sunday school held a delightful picnic Wednesday afternoon and invited a number of their friends to enjoy their hospitality. And they surely did.

The valuation of personal property is several thousand dollars less in Hoke county in 1925 than it was in 1924. The poor crop year in 1924 accounts for this shrinkage.

The Klansmen of Virginia carried a flag 45 feet by 75 in the Washington parade Saturday. It is stated that anywhere from 25,000 to \$100,000 Klansmen were in the parade at the Nation's capital Saturday.

As Mr. G. C. Ammons' son was was turning into his home in the mill village Saturday night after the show a car driven by two men from Carthage drove into his car and several of his children were cut more or less by broken glass. One of Carthagians was thrown through the windshield and badly lacerated about the head.

After spending several weeks at the home of her father, Mr. J. F. McFadyen, Mrs. A. J. Ramsey and two little sons returned last week to their home in Douglas, Ariz. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Ramsey's sister, Miss Annie Black McFadyen, who expects to spend some with them.

Mr. W. H. Graham of Raleigh spent Sunday at home.

Miss Myrtle Baker of Charlotte is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. Tommie and Miss Bennie Lee Upchurch are spending a while at Carolina Beach.

Mr. W. H. Hobson and family visited relatives in Cumberland and Sampson counties last week, and say they never saw such crops as they have down there this year.

The Chatham Record criticises Judge Shaw of the Superior court bench for a statement he made in a charge to a grand jury recently, in which he said that forty per cent. of the graduates of universities were agnostic, and in criticising of a magazine sent out from the University of North Carolina, which is as full of agnosticism as an egg is of meat. We want to say the Judge is right. The University is State property and to prove the charge, Bro Peterson: How long has it been since the University has sent out a man who has been an active church worker?

The truth about that deficit, of which you have heard so much is the Bickett administration spent approximately two million more than the State taxes provided money to pay, and the Morrison administration a little more than three million dollars. This is how it would be if all the taxes levied by the several legislatures had been applied as directed. Since the McLean administration began a cash policy has been begun and money borrowed to pay back indebtedness. That's the fix we are in. Nearly ten million back indebtedness in running expenses has been taken care of with short term notes.

Our neighbor Stacey Brewer has been appointed Secretary of A. N. C. R. R., a sinecure, and right away he has gone and bought The Carolina Banner, a newspaper published in Sanford, and now he owns two papers, The Vass Pilot and The Carolina Banner. The railroad job may not prove burdensome, but the two papers will make him a heavy load.

## PROGRAM NEW THEATRE RAEFORD, N. C.

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14 and 15—Jack Perrin in "Crashing Thru." Comedy, "East of the Water Plug."

Monday and Tuesday, August 17th and 18th—Dixie Handicap," all star cast.

Wednesday and Thursday, August 19th and 20th.—Strong heart, the wonder dog, with Lillian Rich in "The Love Master."

In these modern days the song runs, "Where is my speeding girl tonight?"—Milwaukee Journal.

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