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## Raeford Kiwanis Club.

Notwithstanding the unusual hot weather last Thursday evening, Raeford Kiwanis club met with a very good attendance, and the Methodist ladies gave us a good feed.

The usual routine was passed, and Kiwanian Roy Reaves moved that the club meet at the Log Cabin next Thursday. This met with favor, but was left contingent upon the will of those who furnish the feed. It will be a more pleasant place to meet.

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted by the club for Bro. Louis McBrayer, whose wife died recently.

The entertainment committee, Dr. Cromartie, chairman, gave us a good program. A speech by Rev. C. G. Long was interesting and enlightening. The vocal trios by Misses Blue, Lamont and Poole were greatly enjoyed by the club.

## The Graham Reunion.

Editor in company of Sheriff and family attended the sixth reunion of the Graham family, which annually meets at the home of Mrs. M. A. Currie, near Shannon.

There is something both cheering and sad about a family reunion; it reminds one of the past pleasures enjoyed, and also brings to remembrance those sad things in life that has been almost forgotten.

But the pleasure of the family meeting prevails, and it is always a joyous occasion. If any one had a pang he hid it.

These reunions are held at the home of Mrs. M. A. Currie, with whom live her sons, Mr. Lawrence Currie and his family, and Mr. Alex. Currie, unmarried. Mrs. Currie, who is 88, enjoys these reunions better than any one else, perhaps, because at these she meets all her relatives and friends at her own home, and to her these occasions are of special pleasure. At this, the sixth reunion, 156 persons enjoyed a fine day. It was very hot weather, but a place where there is more shade could hardly be found. At the noon hour a long table, which had been built in the yard under two of the prettiest hickory trees you ever saw, was loaded with the choicest food and the large crowd invited to come forward and partake to their satisfaction. Both tea and coffee were supplied also.

The most interesting feature of these reunions to us is the folks who attend them. Four generations of people meet and commune on a common level, with different views of life and its environs. Their prospectives are altogether different, and still from many viewpoints they agree. Kindness and thoughtfulness of each other marked this occasion. The same dispositions in many respects mark the people of this connection. We would judge the whole family in a class of grade A American citizens.

## Court in Session.

Hoke county superior court with Judge Thos. H. Calvert presiding convened Monday morning. Solicitor T. A. McNeill is at his post prosecuting for the State.

The grand jury, J. L. McFadyen, foreman, reconvened, and transacted the business on hand and adjourned.

As there are no very important State cases, the civil docket will get more attention, and a two weeks' term is very probable.

## County School News.

(BY W. P. RAWFIELD)

The Antioch school Committee men are having the school building there repaired and put in good condition for the opening of school. The prospects for a good school during the coming term are very pleasing. They have secured Mr. Fred Abernathy of Lincolnton as principal of the school. Mr. Abernathy was principal of the Aberdeen High School last year. He is a good school man and comes highly recommended. Miss Grace Monroe from Scotland county will assist him in the high school. The other teachers are Miss Claudine Krider, Salisbury; Miss Mary McPhaul of the community; Miss Katie Blue McLeod of Red Springs; and Miss Mary Livingston of Scotland county. Miss Grace Goodman will have charge of the music.

For the Mildouson school Mr. Joe Osborne comes back as principal of the school with Miss Katie B. Seals of Scotland county as assistant in the high school. Miss Seals is a graduate of the State Normal at Greensboro and with this combination in the school the prospects are good. Miss Lena Mae McEachern of Maxton will return for the sixth and seventh grades. Miss Janie Bullard of Cumberland county will have the fourth and fifth grades. Miss Katie Lou Geddie of the same county will have the second and third grades. Miss Lena Beard of Rex will have first grade. The prospects are pleasing for a good school at this place and no pains have been spared in locating a strong facility.

Mr. B. D. Williams of Cabarrus county, N. C., will have the principalship of the Rockfish school. He is a graduate of Furman University, South Carolina and comes to us highly recommended. The committee feels fortunate in securing him to head the school during the coming term. He will be assisted by Misses Mary McBryde and Marjorie Campbell of Raeford, and Miss Carrie Mae Smith of Maxton. We feel that with this combination Rockfish is headed toward an excellent school year.

Blue Springs will have the same corps of teachers for another year, with Miss Xymena Smith of Huntersville as principal. Miss Lettie McMillan intermediate work, and Miss Ada Smith of Concord as primary teacher. The success of these splendid teachers has already been proven and of course everyone is expecting nothing but continued success. The patrons of this school met at the school house last Friday and put the school grounds in fine shape. The flowers planted there in the spring are showing up well and the patrons are to be congratulated for the fine spirit of cooperation in the success of the school in every way. It would be fine if some of the other schools of the county would catch some of the desire for the beautiful in connection with the attractiveness of the grounds.

Mr. R. S. Sessoms of St. Pauls will have the principalship of the Ashley Heights school for another year. Mr. Sessoms did splendid work in the school last year and the patrons are highly pleased that he will be with them again. He will be assisted by Mrs. Julia Cameron of Vass, who has taught in the county for three years before. Her success as a teacher is well proven and the school is fortunate in secur-

ing her services. Miss Ora Lee Maxwell of Raeford will return for the primary work. Miss Maxwell proved herself to be a real teacher in her first year of teaching experience and of course every one connected with the Ashley Heights school will be glad to hear of her return.

Miss Cora Gunn of Pulaski, Va., will have charge of the Montrose school for another year. She has a number of years of experience and comes well recommended for the place. The intermediate teacher has not been settled yet. Miss Ella Grey Gwaltney of Hiddinitz, N. C., will have charge of the primary grades. She has had several years of experience and knowing that she comes from a family of teachers it is felt that no mistake has been made in securing her for the work. The high school pupils from this school will be brought to Raeford coming year so only elementary work will be done in the school. An effort is being made to get Ashley Heights and Montrose schools together and if this succeeds the consolidation program of the county will be practically completed with the exception of Little River township. Quewhiffle township has probably made more rapid development within recent years than any other township in the county and a good school for all children will mean a great deal to continued progress. There will be a called meeting of the Board of Education and the committeemen of these two schools held a next Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock to see if the plans can be worked out for better school facilities for the township.

All of the teachers have been settled upon for Little River township at this time and an announcement of the teaching force there will be made later. The pupils from the McCrimmon's Chapel School, (Rosendale), and Lobelia will be transported to the Vass school during the coming year. The Board of the Vass School have agreed to transport the children and give them an eight months term for what the teachers would cost the county for the six months term. This is only temporary arrangement for the sentiment of a majority of the patrons of the township seems to point to one school for the township where their children can be given both elementary and high school instruction. Taken as a whole the prospects for good schools for Hoke county seems better than any year under the present administration.

## Mr. Archie Gillis.

Mr. Archie Gillis died at his home in Raeford last Friday morning at 3 o'clock, aged 50 years.

Mr. Gillis came to Raeford with the family before the town was incorporated, and has lived here continuously since. He was entirely harmless man. If he ever did any harm to a human being we never heard of it.

When in the prime of his life and before disease preyed upon his physical and mental powers, Mr. Gillis was a perpetual great surprise to all who knew him, for he was an unusually intelligent man. He knew men and measures. He was just in his mental conclusions, and accurate in his spiritual conceptions. After a long period of affliction he is at rest. His remains were interred in Raeford cemetery Saturday morning. Rev. A. D. Carswell, his pastor, conducted the funeral services, assisted by Rev. Dougald Monroe of Vass.

## Edward W. Cameron.

The town and community were saddened Saturday morning when it was learned that Mr. Ed. Cameron had passed from this stage of action. He died at Highsmith's hospital in Fayetteville at 1 o'clock that morning.

Mr. Cameron, a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Cameron, aged 42 years, was born and reared in this section, and with the exception of a few years spent in Florida, lived here, and those who have known him all his life say a good citizen and an energetic and successful business man has been lost to the community. No man had a kinder, more sympathetic heart than Ed. Cameron, and no one would do more for a man in distress than would he.

He has gone, but he had in life endeared himself to a large circle of friends, and a beloved son, husband and brother has been removed from this life's activities, but his memory will be ever sacred.

He was a Deacon in Sandy Grove church, and none surpassed him in loyalty to his church nor in faithfulness in duty.

So far as we know he was the only manufacturer of naval stores in this state at this time. He was operating a turpentine distillery in Bladen county.

To his parents, his devoted wife, his brothers and numerous relatives, we extend our heartfelt sympathies.

The funeral was conducted from the residence Sunday morning at 10:30 by his pastor, Rev. A. D. Carswell, assisted by Rev. Eugene Alexander of Salisbury, a former pastor. In the largest assemblage of people ever seen at a funeral here, and his remains were interred at Sandy Grove church. Quite a crowd of colored people attended the funeral.

A delegation of four K. K. K.'s were present and took part in the funeral rites.

## A Well Planned Reception.

The Ladies Auxiliary planned to give Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Long supply pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church and his young helpmeet, a reception in the basement rooms of the church after prayer meeting Wednesday evening, and a very enjoyable occasion they made of it.

The ladies had provided refreshments, and after the services, held in the Sunday school auditorium as usual, all the congregation repaired to the basement, where the reception was held, and the refreshments served.

Rev and Mrs. Long came to Raeford two months ago strangers, but by their earnestness and zeal, and their splendid work here, they have endeared themselves to their parishioners as with very strong ties. Mr. Long is on fire with zeal in the Master's cause, and Mrs. Long has proven an helpmeet indeed.

The Men of the Church presented Mr. Long a purse of \$50, and the Woman's Auxiliary gave Mrs. Long a linen shower in appreciation of the excellent services rendered the church by these consecrated young people.

Mr. Long is a student and an able preacher and his sermons will bear fruit in Raeford in future years, we believe. And each sermon seemed an improvement on the last. We will hold a keen interest in both Mr. and Mrs. Long, and regret very much to see them leave Raeford.

## Mr. Baker Watson.

Mr. Baker Watson of Alledale township died in a hospital in Fayetteville Sunday morning.

Mr. Watson was about 50 years old and unmarried. He had always lived with his brother, Mr. G. F. Watson, the two brothers owning things in common, or so they lived.

He was a good Christian gentleman, who leaves a spotless reputation, a number of relatives and a host of friends.

His remains were buried at Centre church Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

## Those Boys Have Gone.

Our readers will remember that in a recent issue of this paper we have published a news item of three young white fellows who were arrested for stealing money from a man named Rayfield, who brought these fellows from Miami, Fla. Turner plead guilty in Recorder's court to the charge of taking the money Tuesday of last week. Boyles and Chapman said they were not guilty.

After the trial Prosecuting Attorney Rowland had a conference with the boys and found that, that in all probability, they been sinned against more than sinning, and so he wired the boys' fathers, and directly money was wired to pay the court cost and to pay the boys' transportation to their homes. Boyles and Chapman left for their homes Saturday. Turner did not get away until Monday. He was charged with petty larceny, which was settled by his paying the cost.

These boys are a way from home to have a big time and they had it.

## A Card of Thanks.

In this hour of pail, when all things earthly seem as unavailing, the one ray of comfort is found in the love and sympathy of friends, whose kindness and help causes one to look to the Divine Source, and hope revives. I thank you all.

S. J. CAMERON and FAMILY,  
MRS. E. W. CAMERON.

## Locals.

We have heard some say they would start picking cotton this week.

Miss Winnie Smith of Atkinson is a guest of Sheriff Watson and family.

Miss Janie Pratt, secretary of Congressman Hammer, is at home on a visit.

The cooler weather after some very hot days last week is very much appreciated.

Mr. J. P. Smith lost a tobacco barn by fire Saturday entailing a loss of several hundred dollars.

Dr. Fairley is expected home today, and to fill his pulpit in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Judge Sinclair is sick, and Judge Calvert of Raleigh is presiding over Hoke Superior court this week.

Mr. Roy Wright, who has been teaching in New Lexington, Ohio, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wright.

There was a great deal of lightning with the clouds last week, and the electrical display Wednesday night was unusual.

Battery G returned from an encampment at Fortress Monroe, Va., Saturday night. The boys made a good record at camp, more of which will be published next week.

Cotton is opening pretty fast, and we expect the gins to start next week.

Mr. J. W. Johnson is improving, and is around on the streets his friends are glad to see.

Mr. B. R. Gatlin has improved quite a good deal, and rides out frequently, we are glad to note.

Mr. W. T. Covington and family have returned from a trip to the western part of the State.

The Water Carnival at River-ton this year was well attended. Wagram mermaids won nearly all the contests. Practice makes perfect.

There is quite a contrast between the crops by the roadside as we went to the Graham reunion last year, and the crops the people have this year.

J. McR. Bracy, a prominent business man of Rowland has been recently indicted from procuring money on a bill of lading for cotton he did not own.

Mr. W. B. McMillan, who has lived in this section all his life, was in town Thursday morning, and told the editor that crops are the best he has ever seen here.

Lefty Taylor, pitcher for the Fayetteville base ball team, broke his arm just above the elbow as he delivered a ball in the 2nd inning of a game with Siler City last Thursday afternoon.

Wilmington, Aug. 10—Developments in the Fisheries Products litigation today consisted of the sale at auction of the Hilton plant across the river here, by former Judge W. H. Neal of Laurinburg to B. F. Kettif for \$75,000 or an increase of ten per cent over the bid for the same plant at the previous auction sale that was not consummated, and a controversy later in the afternoon at a meeting of stockholders, said to represent half a million dollars in shares, between Receiver Neal and C. B. Atwood, former treasurer of the defunct concern.

## Students Entering

The Atlanta Southern Dental College in October should matriculate at once. This is the last year it will be possible to enter a dental college with only high school education, and increased enrollment must be provided for in the new building now under construction. (Adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Glenn of Durham visited Miss Dora Tapp last week.

## PROGRAM NEW THEATRE RAEFORD, N. C.

Aug. 21st and 22nd—"Branded A Bandit." Comedy, Charley chase in "Bad Boy."

August 24th and 25th—Harold Lloyd in "Safety Last."

August 26th and 27th—The Bad Man," an all star cast.

LOST—One black mare mule 4 years old, with scar behind right foreshoulder. Left home Aug. 8th. Finder please notify Andrew Ratley, Parkton, N. C.

DON'T FORGET to visit Jordan's Electric Shoe Shop while in town.

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