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Interesting History.

(From the Biblical Recorder.) In Bethel Presbyterian church, Hoke County, there is a Bible the sight of which would delight the soul of Col. F. A. Olds. He would make an effort to secure it for the Hall of History.

Rev. Hector McNeill was for forty years pastor of Bethel Church. It was during his pastorate that Sherman led his army through the South, taking in North Carolina in his triumphal march. Mr. McNeill lived near Bethel Church. Trustworthy tradition has it that Sherman visited the home of this Scotch Presbyterian preacher, and had a long talk with him. Mr. McNeill was an "unreconstructed rebel," and gave his opinion very freely to his "Yankee General," which opinion was not complimentary to the General and his associates. The preacher was especially hard on Abraham Lincoln. Sharing the opinion of many Southerners at that time, he believed that Lincoln was about the worst enemy the South ever had. That opinion has been completely changed, however, and no part of the country holds Lincoln in higher esteem than does the South.

Leaving the home of Parson McNeill, Sherman went to the church, in which building he made headquarters for the night. He found a large Bible on the pulpit, and wrote on the inside of the front lid the following: "Rev. Mr. McNeill will preach in this church next Sunday from I John 4:8, and offer special prayer for 'Old Abe,'" by order of W. T. Sherman, commander of the division of the army of the United States.

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Superior Court.

Hoke Superior court adjourned for the term Friday afternoon. Judge Thos. H. Calvert, who presided at this term of the court, added to his laurels as a jurist for his fairness and accurate knowledge of law. Judge Calvert is one of the ablest lawyers on the bench in this State today, and a most pleasant and affable gentleman. Everybody likes him.

25 New Homes.

Twenty five new houses have been built in Laurinburg with the assistance of the Scotland County Building and Loan Association, which was organized and began business September 22, 1923, or a little less than two years ago. These buildings range all the way from the modest cottage to the substantial home, costing as much as ten to twelve thousand dollars. It is safe to assume that the large majority of them would not have been built without the aid of the building and loan association.—The Laurinburg Exchange.

For the best Cake, Bread and Rolls try ours and be convinced; fresh every day. McNeill Grocery Co. Phone 244.

Raeftord Kiwanis Club.

Raeftord Kiwanis club met at the Log Cabin last Thursday evening and aside from the nice picnic dinner the Legion Auxiliary fed us there was not much doing. Nobody could speak to all outdoors at once, and although members of the club had some distinguished guests they could not even introduce them to a crowd scattered over two and a half acres of land, so we ate and adjourned one at a time.

At the Cabin is a nice, cool place, a pleasant place to be in two's, but it is not suited for the transaction of business.

Couldn't Have Heppened Fifteen Years Ago.

An observing citizen walked up one side of the business street of Concord the other day. He reports that he saw a young woman sitting in a car filing and dressing her finger nails; just a few feet farther on he saw a young girl, without modesty or precaution, adjusting the roll of her stockings to suit a vulgar fashion that prevails with some; and the thing that hurt him most was seeing a young matron walking along the street sucking an ice cream cone.

The real mothers have a pressing opportunity to exercise some fine influences upon the young to the end that they may grow up with that beautiful sense of modesty that cries aloud for a restoration.—The Upift.

Fayetteville Baseball.

The first three days of last week Fayetteville beat Kannapolis 10 to 5, 11 to 5, and 10 to 5. Here are the words of the text assigned: to Mr. McNeill: "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

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We have said all season that the umpiring had a lot to do with Fayetteville's winning and we have said before, and say again, base ball has not helped the popularity of the City on the Cape Fear.

Raeftord has played five games with Fayetteville and lost four of the five, but with honest umpiring Raeftord would have won three of those games.

The moral to this story is that honesty or dishonesty may be seen in sports as well as in business.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank all our friends that were so kind and helpful to us during the sickness and death of our brother. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McLeod.

Little Miss Rosa McBryde invited a number of her little friends to a birthday party, her sixth birthday last Thursday afternoon and the refreshments and the little presents brought happiness all around, as little children always have on occasion.

Galatia church, just over the Hoke line in Cumberland county, will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary with the meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery there next month. Great preparations are being made for an enjoyable time for presbytery, and a memorable event for the membership of the church.

Opening Dates of Schools.

(W. P. HAWFIELD.) The Raeftord school will open on the 14th of September instead of the 31st of August as was previously talked. No certain date has been fixed until the 14th of September was decided on. We are sorry to announce that Mr. Stackhouse is sick at present, and he thinks it advisable not to open before the 7th or 14th of September. So the 14th has been set as the opening date.

The Antioch, Montrose and Ashley Heights schools will open on the 14th of September. The Mildouson, Blue Springs and Rockfish schools will open on the 28th of September. The six months schools will open the 12th of October. The colored schools of the county will open on the 9th of November. It is hoped that every one will make an effort to be able to start according to the dates mentioned above.

Short Items.

Mr. Marion Dew has returned from a long tour of northern states and Canada.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Murray have returned from a visit with relatives in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Algé McRae of Fayetteville spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Culbreth.

Rev. and Mrs. D. A. McNeill and children of New Orleans, La., are visiting relatives near town.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Long left Friday for Albemarle where Mr. Long has accepted a call to

Robeson Baptist Union meets with Smyrna Baptist church on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Mrs. Kesler Cobb and little child of St. Pauls are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McFadyen.

Blue Fertilizer Co. have a fine ginnyery plant, are good people, and are desirous to gin your cotton. Give them your business.

The people of Raeftord are sorry to hear of the continued illness of Prof. J. M. Stackhouse, head of the Raeftord schools. He is in a hospital in Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bake have been experimenting in home making Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Castle's home, the late B. F. Moore place, while the Castles are visiting relatives in Virginia.

Mrs. J. W. Scull of Raeftord, Route 2, and daughter, Miss Mary Lee, who is a nurse in Highsmith's hospital, Fayetteville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hall of Raeftord several days last week.

The B. L. Lucas Company, incorporated, contractors and builders, will go out of business, it is said after the present contracts are completed. We understand Mr. Lucas thinks now of going to Florida.

Mrs. Passie Harris Edgerton of Kenly who taught music in Raeftord Institute for three years in the hey-day of its once greatness, her two sons, Griffin and Jarvis, and Miss Janie McNeill of Kenly are guests of Mrs. A. A. Williford and others.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Stutts of Montrose were in town Saturday. These people moved from Montgomery county to Hoke last winter, and they like the sandhills. Mr. Stutts has good crops, and has sold between \$500 and \$600 worth of truck since the 1st of July.

A new straight sidewalk helps the progress of a town.

Harold is producing a pretty crop of peas this year.

Mr. Arthur Smith and family visited in Garland, last week.

The new crop in Hoke will be sufficient if it needs it is now believed.

Mr. A. K. Stevens visited in Bladen county last week.

Mr. O. Wilson of Aberdeen was a Raeftord visitor Thursday of last week.

Mrs. J. Walker is visiting her mother and sister in Spartanburg, S. C.

A new crop of cotton was sold in Morven, Anson county, more than two weeks ago.

Miss Estelle Currie is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. C. O. Burt of Wingate.

The discussion of what all the boll weevils may yet do is the chief occupation of people.

The new bale of cotton in Robeson was sold in Red Springs on Wednesday of last week.

Misses Ruby and Annie Norton of Laurel Hill spent the week end with Mrs. W. M. Norton.

We hear of other pests other than boll weevil, among which are terrapin bugs on the colards.

Mr. Duncan McFadyen carries the mail on Route 1, while Mr. Angus Keith enjoys a vacation.

Misses Estelle and Edna Norton have returned from White Lake where they attended a house party last week.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Fairley are back and again on duty, much to the delight of the whole town of Raeftord.

The first 1925 bale of cotton grown in Cumberland was ginned, and sold in Fayetteville on Tuesday of last week.

It is remarkable how scarce eggs are now. And it is well known how bad we want them when we can't get them.

The Sandhill Fair at Pinehurst is looked forward to as the greatest event of the year by the people in this part of the State.

Mr. Harry Green had a bale of cotton out by the 19th, but he didn't have it ginned—just picked right on and has several now.

No, they didn't get anything for their watermelons, those consigned, anyway. Those who found purchasers on the side-track did better.

In some places there are cotton fields in Hoke that will not make a bale to each 5 acres, but lots of it will make a bale and more to the acre.

Mr. J. W. Barnard asked the editor Saturday morning if he thought there was frost enough to hurt things. It had turned cooler Friday night.

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Silver Grove, colored, entertain "The Union" on Friday, the 28th, at which there will be 125 churches represented.

The Charlotte Observer says that last Thursday was the hottest day in 47 years. Well, maybe so, but two weeks ago today distressed the editor more.

Were it not for blockading there would not be much for the courts to do in Hoke county. Liquor is still at the bottom of most of the crimes committee.

The co-ops advance \$75 per 500 lb. bale of cotton.

Miss Beattie Norton spent last week with relatives in Hoffman.

Miss Catherine Gillis of Wagram is visiting Miss Louise Blue.

Southern Pines is accusing golf players of having cold feet this hot weather.

Mr. Oscar Leach of Raleigh spent a few days in Raeftord on professional business last week.

Mr. D. M. Johnson of Manchester was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Monroe last week end.

Mr. D. S. Currie has sold a good crop of apples from his orchard this year at \$1.50 per bushel.

Rev. N. C. Yearby and family returned last week from their vacation spent with relatives in Creedmoor.

Mrs. G. A. Martin and children have returned to Smithfield, after visiting her mother, Mrs. Bennie Currie.

An effort is being made to organize the Sandhill newspapers, but whether it will succeed is yet unknown.

Hoke Oil & Fertilizer Co. want to gin your cotton and ask you for your business, and you know they are thorough reliable.

Mr. F. F. Dickson of Council is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dickson several days last week.

Mr. Alex. Cameron of Birmingham, Alabama, spent last week with his people here. He is looking well, and is doing well in the business world.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Henley McNeill and their children of Antioch drove their car a 700 mile trip through the western part of the State last week.

Mr. Paul Stewart, formerly of Timberland died in Columbia, S. C., last Friday of appendicitis. He was assistant superintendent of the Soldiers' Home there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Walters and their children moved to Fayetteville last week, and this we hated to see, for they were good people; however, we wish them well in their new home.

The Journal is very sorry to hear of the extreme illness of Mr. A. A. McInnis of Rockfish. He has an unusual case of eczema, and his condition has become extremely critical.

Mr. Herbert McKeithan, County Treasurer, has had the lockjaw for three weeks caused by the breaking off of two teeth as a dentist was endeavoring to extract them. He is about well now.

That negro Hamilton, who assaulted a Mrs. Sides at Eagle Springs on Aug. 3rd, was convicted at Superior court in Charlotte last week, and sentenced to die in the electric chair in Raleigh on Oct. 2.

Rains have come with unusual regularity in the north and west this summer. You learn that from the base ball page in the daily papers. Games have been rained out in the big leagues nearly every week since the season opened.

Mr. Meredith Herndon of Jackson Springs was struck on the cheek by a pitched ball in a game in Rockingham Saturday week ago, and had his jawbone broken. He was rendered unconscious for several hours. He was carried to a hospital in Hamlet, and will recover, but an operation will be necessary to unlock his jaws.

Mr. Crawford Thomas gave a birthday party on Tuesday night of last week to quite a crowd of his young friends, and they had a very enjoyable time.

Thermometers show different degrees of heat in different places, but you wouldn't have guessed Charlotte to have been the hottest place in the State as was shown by the weather men last Thursday.

The new awning over the windows of Dr. H. McK. McDiarmid's office on the second floor of the Bank of Raeftord building was burned Sunday morning about 9 o'clock, but how it took fire nobody knows. Mr. Collins, who occupies rooms just over Dr. McDiarmid's office, says he was asleep and knew nothing of the fire at all.

Battery "G" in Encampment.

Battery "G" 200th Art. Local National Guard Unit, returned Aug. 15th from a very successful annual encampment. 18 hits were made on sleeve target in 7,990 rounds. This is better than showing made by Regulars recently at Fort Tottan, New York in demonstration there before committees from Congress; they made 19 hits in 16,000 rounds. A total of 51,000 rounds was fired during training period, and excepting first day, only 4 balloons were missed out of over 300.

The battery won the field meet winning 32 points in a total of 68, Knox Poole winning three first places. A cup is awarded for this Field day and Raeftord has won two out of four times and was in second place on the other two.

During encampment Battery "G" played four ball games and won three. The Fort Monroe team splitting with the locals. The Fort team had played 52 games and had won 41 of them up to the time of our visit. Buck Blue, Alfred Cole, Frank Culbreth and Willie Hodgkin starred in the ball games.

The deportment of the Battery was a source of pride to the officers and to the home people as well.

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Fresh Pork Sausage and Weenies, Hams and Bacon fresh daily. Phone 244 Phone us your wants. McNeill Grocery Co.

PROGRAM NEW THEATRE RAEFORD, N. C.

Friday and Saturday, August 28th and 29th—"The Fugitive." Also a Mack Sennett comedy, "Half Back of Notre Dame." Monday and Tuesday, August 31st and Sept. 1st—"Excuse Me." Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 2nd and 3rd, Colleen Moore in "FLAMING YOUTH." This picture is the best this season.

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

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