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## American Legion Banquet

The Miss Williamson Post American Legion met in the Kiwanis Ball Friday evening Jan. 8th, in annual meeting. 23 men responded to notice by Adjutant Lewis and they enjoyed a bountiful banquet by the ladies of the Local Auxiliary.

The meeting was called to order by John Walker, retiring commander, and after many talks by members present, the following were elected as officers for the year 1926: Commander, Harry Greene, Vice Commander, J. H. Blue and Neill Willis, Adjutant, Walter Maxwell, Service Publicity Officer, A. C. Gillis, Chaplin, W. P. Hawfield.

Commander Greene and past Adjutant Lewis, reported that they had guaranteed the town commissioners that if fire equipment was purchased the Local Post American Legion would guarantee to organize and keep in practice a fire company. This action was indorsed by the Post and the first practice will be called as soon as new truck arrives. It is the plan of the Post to keep this fire company in regular working order and the town is insured of better fire protection.

These present showed more interest than any former meeting, and the new year is entered with every prospect of a successful year.

## Annual Meeting Stockholders Bank of Raeford.

On Thursday morning, Jan. 7th, the stockholders of the Bank of Raeford met in the banking room for their annual meeting. Statement of condition of the bank was presented and it showed that the bank had enjoyed one of its most successful and prosperous years. The following Directors were elected to serve for this year: J. W. McLaughlin, E. B. McNeill, T. B. Upchurch, J. C. Thomas, H. L. Gatlin, N. S. Blue, W. P. Lester, F. B. Sexton and R. B. Lewis, Jr.

At a meeting of the Directors following the stockholders meeting the following officers were elected to serve for this year: President, J. W. McLaughlin, Vice Presidents, T. B. Upchurch and H. L. Gatlin, Cashier, R. B. Lewis, Jr., Assistant Cashier, G. D. McQueen.

A dividend of ten per cent. was declared and the Surplus Fund was brought up to \$35,000.00.

## Negro Tenant Makes Record Cotton Crop.

(The Fayetteville Observer.) Pierce McClain, a negro tenant on R. H. Thompson's farm in Harnett county, made 38 bales of cotton, weighing over 500 pounds each, on 30 acres of land last year. He ran a two-horse crop, having only a half grown son, a smaller child and his wife to help him and, in addition to his cotton yield made a considerable quantity of corn. His cotton yield is thought to be a record for this section of the State.

Mr. Neill McKeithan has sold out his stock and fixtures in Raeford and will return to Vass.

Mr. J. A. Niven has sold his grocery business to Alex. and Willie Walters and Frank Culbreth.

Anyhow, whether there will be any great improvements made one knows yet, but a transfer of the Jackson Springs property has been made.

## Like Their New Preacher

His many friends here are ready to vouch for the truthfulness of this statement of a Baxton Springs correspondent of the Christian Observer of a former pastor at Raeford Presbyterian church:

Rev. W. C. Brown, pastor of Little Joe's church, is proving to be the right man in the right place. The work of the church has been completely reorganized since he came to us. Five new officers have been elected, two elders and three deacons. A very unique plan has been adopted by Mr. Brown, that of having a joint meeting of church officers once each month. These meetings are an inspiration to both Mr. Brown and the officers. In addition to his regular preaching and prayer meeting services, he teaches a class in Bible study and one in "Romance of Home Missions" for the woman's auxiliary. When on the grounds he attends regularly one of the Christian Endeavor societies, and assists with the work. When possible, he attends the various cottage prayer meetings. He is loved by all because he is a servant of all.

## Gang Charged With Larceny of Forty Cars.

Eagle Springs, Jan. 5, 1926.—The peaceful little village of Eagle Springs experienced a little excitement on Tuesday afternoon when Officer Huffine and a posse of officers from Moore and Guilford Counties swooped down on a band of automobile thieves and arrested five men, including Curtis Brower, well known colored garage man, his brother, and three other men who were loading about Brower's place and carried them to Greensboro to face a charge of larceny of about forty automobiles, from High Point and Greensboro within the last few months.

Curtis Brower, it is thought, is the ring leader and the directing head of one of the biggest gang of automobile thieves at work in North Carolina at present. A vast quantity of stolen goods, including merchandise of every description, was found in Brower's garage and in other near-by buildings.

The arrest was directed by officers Huffine and Coley Loman police officers of the city of Greensboro who went to the place of Brower and posed as automobile thieves, and contracted to steal cars for Brower and deliver them to him at his place here. It was after the agreement was made with the officers that Bower opened up and told them of the stolen cars he had disposed of, which led to the discovery of the Greensboro cars that had been purloined.

Brower has operated a filling station and garage here for a number of years, and had so concealed his business that most of the good people living in Eagle Springs thought well of him and would have given him a good character. He has recently completed a new brick filling station and garage, and everybody here thought he was getting along nicely in a respectable way.

We clipped the above from the Montgomery Herald, which tells a long story in a little space.—Ed

Pinebluff Hotel opened last week. This is one of the best hotels in the Sandhill section.

The Journal welcomes Mr. and Mrs. H. S. McLean to Raeford. They occupy the Morris cottage on South Main street.

## Short Items.

Aunt Het lives all over the country.

There are scores as pretty, as silly and as sorry as Tillie the Toiler.

The rough weather last week forced most folks to stay within doors.

When bad weather comes and people lose a little time they get blue as indigo.

Mr. J. G. Forbes and family have moved from Antioch to Lumber Bridge.

Mr. Tom Culbreth lost a Peace Dollar when he fell on the street the night of the fire.

Mr. Jephtha Peele is confined to his room, and to his bed often we are sorry to hear.

Mr. Kelly Sessoms was reported better the past few days we are glad to report.

It is believed Raeford will have a hotel before many months. It is a poor town that has no hotel.

There is not only an epidemic of smallpox in Tampa, Fla., but three cases of leprosy have been discovered recently.

Some old time weather arrived last Thursday night, and Friday everything wore a coat of white. It was pronounced a sleet.

One hundred bales of cotton were destroyed by fire when Smitherman Cotton Mills' warehouse took fire in Troy Sunday night week ago.

New York, Jan. 5.—Otto Ulbrich sold 100 hours of sleep for \$2.00. He bet that if he could remain awake 100 hours—and won.

A banker told The Journal man a few days ago that the people of this county are a hundred per cent. better off than they were a year ago.

Messrs. W. I. Culbreth and J. C. Cox of lower Stonewall town snip were in town last Friday. They say people are preparing as usual for another year's work.

The Harnett News has changed owners. Mr. Steele, who has made the best paper Harnett county has ever had, has sold his paper to Mr. J. L. Russell of Sanford.

An X mark following your name is our way of notifying you that your subscription has expired.—When you see this please mail us a check for \$1.50 right away.

Rev. J. E. Hoyle, the new pastor of Raeford and Waxram Baptist churches, and his family have moved in and settled down and we extend to them a hearty welcome to Raeford.

Judge Daniels, not Judge Dunn, will preside over Hoke Superior court next week. There is not very much on the State docket, and the civil calendar appears in this issue of The Journal.

One loss hitherto unmentioned in the recent fire was the electric sewing and dress making department of F. J. McGill in the rear of Nisbet & Howell's store. This was estimated at \$1,400 with no insurance.

On Jan. 5th, 1875, there was a sleet that felled trees and branches of trees that gave the woods the appearance of a new ground. The editor remembers it because he rode all day in it from Clark's Mills to Argyle, and the next day from Argyle to Fayetteville and back. And on the next day, after the sleet, there was one of the heaviest thunderstorms he ever experienced.

## Clippings from the Laurinburg

Laurinburg was the midst of a religious revival which started Sunday night at the Presbyterian church with Rev. Trigg Thomas, D. D., of Wingona, in charge, services are being conducted every night at 7:30 o'clock and beginning today there will be services each morning at 11 o'clock, for 15 minutes in some business houses of the town. The first morning meeting will be in the First National Bank this morning on the subject, "The Need of a Revival in Laurinburg."

Mr. Anke Fairley, one of Scotland county's best known and most beloved citizens passed away at his home near Laurinburg Monday night, Jan. 4 at 11 o'clock, following an illness extending over the past 18 months. He was 73 years of age.

Mr. Fairley was an elder in the Laurinburg Presbyterian church for many years, being a member of that governing body at the time of his death. He was one of the county's best known and successful farmers and had a tremendous circle of acquaintances and friends.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, head of the Duke Hospital foundation, will speak at the Community Meeting in Gibson on the evening of January 15th to which all citizens of Scotland county have been given an urgent invitation to be present.

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—More than seven millions of dollars of property went up in smoke during 1925, the State insurance department reported after compiling figures on the total fire loss to property in the state during the year.

Kinston, Jan. 5.—Totaling up the last few pages of the musty ledgers in which are recorded marriages statistics, covering a period of 41 years, Justice "Ken" Foscoe today reported that he had officiated at 105 weddings during 1925.

Probably holding a national record, Judge Foscoe has sent a few more than 4,100 couples venturing forth on the sea of "uncertainty"—the word his own—since the early eighties. All of the ceremonies have been performed in Jones and Lenoir counties, in both of which he has resided.

Asheville, Jan. 5.—A full grown eagle, "large as a turkey," and weighing fully 20 pounds, is being exhibited in a cage in the office of Dr. M. M. Leonard, veterinarian. The huge bird, the only specimen of the kind in Buncombe county in many years, was captured by a farmer a few days ago, after the eagle had killed a number of sheep.

After a lingering illness of several weeks, Mr. Gilbert Snead died at his home near Laurel Hill, Dec. 25, at 2:00 A. M. Mr. Snead was 59 years old and spent his entire life in Scotland County.

We have had muddy roads for the past several days, and the sooner we have the State roads paved the better off we will be. The other counties are having the State hardsurface all the roads within their bounds, and Hoke county will have to help pay for them, and we have no way of helping ourselves. You see they will go ahead and build their roads and then raise the license and gas tax rates, so we help pay for other people's roads, and lug through mud ourselves.

## Raeford Kiwanis.

Raeford Kiwanis Club met last Thursday night, and had a very interesting and enjoyable meeting. To start with the Baptist ladies pleased a big majority of the club in serving oysters, stewed and fried, and the crowd seemed equally fond of each.

There was no program for the evening, but a general discussion of things to do. T. B. Upchurch submitted a proposition to build a hotel very much needed just now, that met with general approval. The hotel is to be a fifty-room building, so built the additions may be added when conditions require, to be owned by a stock company, shares of stock at \$25 each, and on a plan something like building and loan, so anybody can easily own stock. Another proposition to build a hotel was offered the club by N. S. Blue, but this plan has not been definitely made out. A committee will consider both plans and report at the next meeting.

This was the liveliest meeting the club has held in some time. The minstrel show idea was junked, and a Womanless Wedding will be pulled instead some time the latter part of this month.

The club's finances were reviewed, and the past year's work held in retrospect.

There appears to be some snap to the club's mental attitude, and we trust it will find vent at all future meetings.

## Getting Money from Bank Long Since Defunct.

Lonoke, Arkansas, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Florence Gross of this city, recently received a check on a deposit of \$4,000 she had made in the J. Bunn Bank, Springfield Illinois, in the year 1878.

In 1887 the bank was forced to close its doors.

The recent death of Jacob Bunn, owner of the defunct bank, placed his entire fortune in the hands of his sons and daughters. Checks totalling \$800,000 were mailed out of Springfield, in part payment of "a claim upon the family honor."

Depositors and heirs of depositors in the old bank will be paid in installments until principal and interest accruing to date is paid in full.

Moffit's Army Store will likely move the stock to some other town, as they have no lease on the store they occupy.

FOR SALE: One fire-proof Carey safe, in excellent condition. Chas. G. Rose, Fayetteville, N. C.

## HONOR TO WHOM HONOR.

The several fire companies who came to Raeford's help on the night of Dec. 30th, did nobly. They did a lot toward saving property from destruction by fire. If they had not come, it's a guess what would have been left, but that the loss would have been a great deal heavier there is not a doubt.

But two of Raeford's young men rendered a service that has not been mentioned by any one, so far as we know, yet had it not been for that service the firemen, who did so valiantly, could not have been of service at all, for the water supply would have soon been exhausted.

Messrs. J. L. Teal and J. W. Walker started the pumps above the Cotton Mill, connected the pipes with the town reservoir, and when there was likely to be farther need of water they connected the lines with the mill reservoir. There was no two men who did more to save Raeford from destruction that night than Lonnie Teal and John Walker.

The older generation of singers meet at Glendale school house in Cumberland county on each 4th Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and sing the tunes found in the Psalmist and Tabor.

## NOTICE.

The delivery Grocery merchants of Raeford kindly ask the ladies of the town to plan their meals and phone their orders in for food just after breakfast so they can make more than one delivery on each trip, and not cause us so many unnecessary trips. When we make a trip for bread and small items it takes twice the profit we make on it to deliver it. Therefore we ask the ladies to co-operate with us and use some forethought and plan their meals early in the morning and not wait until dinner time to phone your orders.

We appreciate the business given us the past year and hope by your co-operation we can give you still better service the coming year.

DELIVERY GROCERY MERCHANTS OF RAEFORD.

## PROGRAM NEW THEATRE RAEFORD, N. C.

Friday and Saturday—Jack Hoxie in "Don Dare Devil."

Monday and Tuesday—"After Six Days."

Wednesday and Thursday—"Top of the World."

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