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## The Department of Literature.

On April 12th the Literary Department of the Woman's Club met in the home of Mrs. Julian Johnson. It being a combined business and literary meeting the program was shorter than usual. The subject for the afternoon was Popular Philosophers. Mrs. Donnell McQueen, the leader, gave an appropriate introduction to the subject, which was followed by a short sketch of Walt Mason and several selections from his writings, prepared by Mrs. J. E. Hoyle and read in her absence by Mrs. W. E. Freeman. Mrs. G. B. Rowland gave a sketch of the life and philosophic works of Mark Twain, and read several of his sketches. Mrs. J. M. Stackhouse finished the program with a discussion of philosophers and philosophy in general.

All the former officers, except Mrs. Fairley as Press Reporter, who said she could not serve, were re-elected. They are: Chairman, Mrs. R. L. Murray; Vice Chairman, Mrs. W. E. Freeman; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. G. B. Rowland; Press Reporter, Mrs. Graham McLeod.

The following committee was appointed to prepare the programs for the coming year: Mrs. Donnell McQueen, Chairman, Mrs. H. W. B. Whitley, Mrs. Carl Freeman, Mrs. Wm. L. Poole, Mrs. T. B. Lester. The hostess committee appointed is: Mrs. J. B. Thomas, Chairman, Mrs. J. S. Johnson and Mrs. Bruce Morris.

The treasurer's report showed \$33.87 spent for books for the organization, and \$10 given to the high school library fund, with a small balance in the treasury. Members were asked to revalue the books they had given up to the school library and report the value to the treasurer. The club voted to send \$2 to the Sallie Southall Cotten scholarship fund, and which is used to help educate worthy girls.

The department voted to amend Section I of Article IV, of the By-Laws, thus eliminating the restrictions regarding inviting visitors to the meetings.

As has been agreed at the March meeting all members wore cotton dresses, they liked it so well they will wear them again to the May meeting. The fresh violets, prints, etc., added to the atmosphere of Spring that prevailed the entire meeting. (It was heard on the side that most of the dresses were finished the night before.) Spring was suggested by nearly everything, from the fragrant lilac and roses that greeted the guests in the yard to the refreshing iced tea that came later. The living and dining rooms were artistically decorated with dogwood blossoms.

Mrs. Ryan McBryde and Mrs. Ed Cameron assisted Mrs. Johnson as hostesses. They served chicken salad, with dainty and appetizing accessories, and iced tea. The entire meeting was a most enjoyable and satisfactory one.

Rev. W. R. Coppage, D. D., of Rockingham, died last week, aged 75 years.

Don't you believe the limbs that are now dead on fruit trees froze to death in time of the big snow? Looks like it.

And now it is said the contractor, Mr. Bowe, must finish a job he is doing in Georgia before he can commence on the Fayetteville road. Why in the world did not this become known sooner?

## Hoke Superior Court.

Judge M. V. Barnhill of Rocky Mount convened Hoke Superior court here Monday morning. A grand jury was drawn to serve the next twelve months, composed of the following named citizens: M. G. Ray, Foreman, J. R. Capps, Neill Cameron, D. B. Trawick, A. R. Livingston, W. A. Davis, R. J. Diamond, Hugh McGill, L. M. Maxwell, D. A. Currie, W. F. Walters, J. W. Bass, P. H. Wright, A. K. Currie, W. I. Culbreth, J. H. Campbell, J. A. Jordan, W. A. McLean.

Solicitor T. A. McNeill was here to prosecute for the State, but there was little to do.

The civil docket was taken up Wednesday morning.

## Taxes Show Staggering Figures.

The cost of all government in the United States is enormous. It is 11 1/2 billion dollars—nearly one sixth of the entire annual income of the country.

This cost is not only enormous but is growing. In 1925 the government cost more than 12 times as much as in 1890. The increased cost of government in these 35 years outstripped the growth of population by more than seven to one. In 1925, we spent for government nearly half the value of our railroads.

In the five years ending with 1925, the cost of running the federal government was decreased by one-third. But at the same time the cost of running the state and local governments more than doubled.

The greatest single item in the cost of government is the public payroll. So many people are now supported by the government that for every 10 people employed in other than government work, there is one person supported by the government.

During the past five years our state and local governments have put us deeper into debt at the rate of \$3,300,000 a day. During 1925, this rate was increased to \$3,800,000 a day—more than ten times as much as it was 25 years ago.

We are finding it hard now to pay only the interest on these immense debts our state and local governments are piling on us. What are we going to do when the time comes to pay off the mortgage?—Sandhill Citizen

The above is true, and the Journal has been alluding to it frequently for years. Taxation has gotten to be such a burden that it is handicapping business and lessening the production of the country. This is the result of politics and the rewarding of some men to help others into office. Places must be made and are made to reward party workers who helped candidates get into office, and no part of the United States is more prone to this evil than North Carolina. We have in this state at least twice as many papsuckers as we should have to support.—EDITOR.

Messrs. A. J. and H. F. Currie of Allendale, A. H. Ray, G. F. Koonce, G. A. Phillips and H. W. White of McLauchlin were in the city Saturday. They say planting is about through.

The murder trial of the slayers of Sheriff Purner of Lee county took two weeks. Only nine days were actually used in the trial but it took the first three days to open a way for the trial. Davis and McAvindie were convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 30 years each, Harrison and Robbins, manslaughter, 20, and 15 years, respectively.

## City Fathers.

At the town convention held Tuesday night of last week, the following ticket was nominated: W. B. McLauchlin was nominated over A. P. Stubbs by a vote of 42 to 40, for mayor.

For town commissioners the following board was nominated: 1st ward, N. McL. McDiarmid; 2nd ward, A. P. Stubbs; 3rd ward, J. McK. Blue; 4th ward, W. L. Bethune.

At Large, E. B. McNeill.

This is a very good ticket, and the town should move forward. The town has gradually improved, and still the tax rate has been lower than in any other town we are acquainted with.

## An Apology.

I took a line out of the report of the Woman's Club meeting last week to make a correction, and in putting it back into the forms it was placed in the wrong place, so instead of reading: Cooking Meals by Mrs. Paul Dickson, it came in for cleaning up Paul Dickson. Now, Paul swears he'll clean up The Hoke County Journal, and he may, do that thing, and we are scared about it. So this explanation.

The ladies of this town are not to blame for this blunder, it's all The Journal's and it is a proposition we do not mean to have anything to do with. We do not want any trouble over this matter, or any other, and if Lawyer Currie takes this case on a contingency, and collects a cold million or more, we'll cause the loss of his professional card, certain.

## U. D. C. Prize

Any high school graduate can compete for the Jefferson Davis Essay prize which is a scholarship at N. C. C. W., East Carolina Teachers College or the U. of N. C., valued at \$200.00. This essay must not exceed 3,000 words, must be typewritten and must reach Mrs. L. B. Newell, Charlotte, not later than June 1.

## A Card of Thanks

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the loving kindness, sympathy and help shown us during the illness and death of loved one.

Mrs. A. G. Jones' Family.

## McFadyen Atkins.

Mr. Dougald McFadyen and Miss Mary Atkins of Philadelphia were married in Miami, Fla., on Saturday, April 9th. They are now visiting relatives in town.

As Mr. Austin Butler of Stone wall township drove up Main street Saturday morning, he struck a match to light a cigar and the three bales of cotton on his wagon were ignited, flames flashing all over them almost instantly and were not extinguished until the town water hose had played a stream of water on the fire for a time. The damage is estimated at from \$25 to \$50.

Some seven years ago N. McL. McDiarmid bought a hearse, which has since been run on the same tires, until recently a new set replaced them and Ed Buie, colored, put the old tires on his Buick, and after he had driven the car for several weeks afterward, he had a blowout one day, and he found half a mule shoe inside the inner tube, and Ed. says that inner tube must have been made with that thing in it. Now, ask Ed.

## Better Babies Contest.

Under the auspices of the Woman's Club there will be a Better Babies contest held May 4th, 1927, at 2 o'clock in the Bank of Raeford building across from Dr. Gaddie's office.

Dr. Shaw of Fayetteville, baby specialist and a state nurse, will be in charge, assisted by Raeford doctors and nurses.

There will be no charges. Babies from 6 months to two years old will be examined and several prizes will be awarded for the best babies.

Mothers wishing to have their babies examined will please register at Dr. Gaddie's office by April 30th, or phone

MRS. G. B. LESTER, Chm. of Better Babies Contest.

## April U. D. C. Meeting.

The Raeford chapter of U. D. C. met with Mrs. W. B. McLauchlin and Mrs. Wm. Lamont at the former's home April sixth.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. W. B. McLauchlin and Mrs. J. W. Fullford, the Chapter conducted the devotional which was very beautifully applied. The roll was called and minutes of the last meeting read and approved. At the business meeting which followed the following were made chairmen of the following causes:

Miss Beatrice Sclair—Bessie Bell Reid Bed. Sanatorium; Mrs. A. D. Carswell, Memorial Chapel, Woman's Home; Mrs. E. B. Garrett, Home for the Deaf, Historic and Monumental; Miss Lizzie Niven—Roll of Honor.

A letter was read from the State President, which stated that plans were being made to beautify the Jefferson Davis Highway with red and white crepe myrtles.

The chapter voted to send \$10.00 for the U. D. C. scholarship at Flora McDonald College.

The following delegates were elected to represent the chapter in Lillington at the district meeting April 26th:

Mrs. Wallace McLean, Mrs. Pelham Covington, Alternates: Mrs. H. L. Gaskin, Miss Lizzie Niven.

The name of Miss Margie Campbell was unanimously endorsed by the chapter to become a member.

Miss Brown and Miss Anderson of the school faculty who hold their membership elsewhere were visitors.

The following program was carried out:

Story of the Bonnie Blue Flag, Mrs. Wm. Lamont  
Song, the Bonnie Blue Flag, Chapter.

Comrades of '61, Mrs. E. B. Garrett.

Current Events:  
At Last, a Gettysburg Memorial, Mrs. T. B. Lester.

Reunion at Tampa, Mrs. H. L. Gatlin.

The following historical papers were assigned for the May meeting by Mrs. Arch Currie, Chairman of the program committee: Confederate Generals of the Old North State, Mrs. W. M. McFadyen.

Why North Carolina Should Mark the Battle of Bentonville, Miss Jeanette McNeill.

After a social hour when delicious refreshments were served the chapter adjourned to meet in May.

Miss Meta Chisholm was operated on for appendicitis at Pittman hospital last Saturday morning and is getting on well.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Cotton advances slowly.

Mr. D. J. Priest of Little River was in town Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Howell, on the 7th, their first, a daughter.

The larger portion of the Hoke county cotton crop had been planted before Easter.

15 carloads of strawberrie were shipped from Columbus county last week. They bring \$10 a crate.

A good shower, that was very much needed, came on Sunday night; now seed will germinate.

Since two weeks the garden truck has grown very little, but the leaves on the trees have grown.

If people have no regard for the Fourth, Commandment, why should they have any for the others?

Mrs. C. B. Carper and children of Rowland spent last week with Mrs. L. S. McMillan and Mrs. R. L. Bethune.

And Friday was a legal holiday, but nobody thought about it until they found the banks closed for a day's rest.

Misses Martha Lee McLean, Mary Douglas Smith and Josephine Hall came home from Queens for the Easter holidays.

Mr. M. W. McLean and Mrs. W. A. McLean also attended the Confederate veteran reunion in Tampa, and visited relatives in Dunedin, Fla.

Mr. W. A. McBryde of Lower Sandhills township was in town Saturday. He says the big snow came near ruining his young peach orchard.

Miss Elizabeth Sessoms was brought home from Charlotte last Wednesday, and is well on the road to recovery her friends are glad to hear.

There have been frosts in my time here later in the spring than this, but the writer never saw an altogether killing frost out once after the 15th of April.

Mary Jane McPhatter, colored fell in swoon on Main street Saturday morning, which caused considerable excitement for a time, as people thought she had fallen dead.

In a most exciting game here Friday afternoon Raeford High School base ball team defeated the Lumberton Highs by a 7 to 6 score in ten hectic innings. It was a real battle for a fact filled with tense situations.

The Lewis Players present "Burglars Beware" in Raeford school auditorium tonight, Thursday, at 8 P. M., under auspices National Guard. Side splitting fun is promised all attendants.

Mrs. W. M. Fairley of Raeford was elected President of Fayetteville Presbyterial at the meeting at Waxram recently to succeed Mrs. J. R. Page of Aberdeen, who had been president for four years.

John M. Graham, one of the best colored men in Hoke county, lost his home by fire recently, and everything he had in the house was consumed with the building. And to add to his troubles one of his mules died a few days after the fire.

There was plenty of rain in the North and West all last summer; during the fall and winter there were heavy snow and rain falls, and now the floods are breaking the levees and the Mississippi valley is being drowned out. This is the greatest flood ever, they say.

Mr. Ernest Campbell returned from Florida Tuesday.

Mr. J. E. Conoly has been sworn in as a Justice of the Peace.

The earlier planted cotton has come up, but it is not the most generally robust looking plants.

Say, if John McGoogan is to be this new economical reformed county government high mucky muck, he must get on the job.

We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Baucom in the death of their infant son Tuesday morning, which lived only a few hours after birth.

The grand jury was drawn, sworn and charged, but they had not a bill of indictment before them to consider, neither did they make any presentments.

Prof. Osborn, the new Raeford school head, brought a groundhog to town Tuesday. It looks very much like a coon, and we are still in doubt about there being any such animal. We believe this to be a species of raccoon.

One of the promoters of a Statewide poultry co-operative marketing association, an experiment soon to be made in the middle west, was recently in Raleigh studying the methods of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association.

You read a lot about divorces in the papers, and some people are alarmed over the situation. They think people should live together, whether they are agreeable to it or not. It is the frequency of divorce proceedings that is alarming, it is back of that. The trouble is an effort to annul the Divine law.

## Death of Mr. J. A. Green.

Mr. J. A. Green, a highly respected citizen of Lumberton, aged 64 years, died last Friday afternoon almost suddenly from apoplexy.

The burial service was conducted from the home by his pastor, Dr. G. E. Morehouse, Sunday afternoon and the remains were interred in Raeford cemetery.

Mr. Green came to this state from Tennessee many years ago to superintend the Lumberton Cotton Mill, which position he held till his death. He leaves a widow, and two sons, Messrs. Harry Green of Raeford and Willie Green of Atlanta, Ga.

## Notice to Taxpayers.

Under the new law, land will not be advertised for taxes until the 1st of May, but this is to give notice that on that date, all lands in the county on which the taxes have not been paid, will be advertised as the new law provides.

EDGAR HALL, Sheriff.

For Sale—Good 4 gallon cow, easy to milk and well broken.

J. H. Campbell.

I HAVE FOR SALE—Corn, pea vine and soy bean hay, baled and loose, pea hulls for the cows, several nice porkers, feeders and breeding gilts. Prices reasonable.

J. D. MASON, Phone 513-13.

## Administratrix' Notice.

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Luther Bethune, deceased, late of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate, to present them duly verified on or before March 31st, 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This March 18th, 1927  
Mrs. INA L. BETHUNE, Administratrix.