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The Parker Reunion

The Parker Reunion was held Tuesday at the country estate of Mr. Lewis Parker in McLaughlin township, six miles east of Raeford.

The Parker family are descendants of Phillip Parker of Marlboro county, South Carolina, and they have scattered over Scotland and Hoke counties. There were sixteen children born to Phillip Parker and wife, of whom eight survive, five sons and three daughters.

There were approximately one hundred of the children, grand children, cousins & gathered for their eighth reunion, together with a few invited friends. These meetings are altogether informal. They have no program, they just meet, greet and pass the day in reviewing their past careers.

These are typical southern citizens, plain, honest people, who have met life as it came, and as a rule succeeded. They all are comfortable livers, who have made it a rule in life first of all to have a conscience void of offense toward God and man, and after all is said and done, this is the highest achievement attainable in life.

We spent the day with them for the first time, and we observed their mode of thought and reasoning, and decided they are of the highest type of citizenship—clean and upright in thought and action. In a family now grown so large, we surmised, it is wonderful that there are none that brings reproach to the family escutcheon. There are but few families that have not been made to blush because of the appearance of an occasional black, but this one has escaped the ignominy.

At the noon hour a liberal dinner was spread upon an improvised table beneath the trees in the yard, and after a blessing upon the family connection had been invoked by Rev. G. W. Hanna, pastor of Antioch church, all feasted upon substantial and viands until altogether satisfied. We have never seen a better dinner, nor one more plentiful. A good portion was returned to the boxes after everybody had been well fed.

One thing we may learn from reunions of this nature, and that is the value of good training in the home. These good, reliable and substantial citizens were trained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Parker years ago. These married in homes of like training, and a citizenship worthy of Good Old South results. A want of this home training is filling the jails and road gangs today.

It is a delight to spend a day in company of such worthy folk, and to say we enjoyed it falls short of expressing what we feel.

The next reunion in 1929 will be held at the late Gary Parker, some three miles beyond Mr. Louis Parker's where several of Gary's children live, and who are numbered among the best citizens in Hoke, Mr. D. K. Parker now head of that family.

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D. SCOTT POOLE, Editor.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Locusts are denuding the shade trees in Charlotte.

Three mules were burned in a barn near Goldsboro last Thursday.

Prof. Hawfield and family are visiting relatives in Davidson and Union counties.

Times would not be held, if we did not require so much more than we used to.

The tobacco markets in Georgia opened on the 2nd with very good prices being paid.

Miss-Elizabeth Sessoms of Charlotte is spending some days with her home folks in Raeford.

Miss Mary Brown of Barium Springs is visiting Miss Hallie Freeman and other friends in the city.

Polston Motor Co. are crowded with work, because it has been made known they are equipped to do the work.

A good many crops in portions of South Carolina have been abandoned because of wet weather we are told.

Lightning struck a pole on the Raeford Power & Mfg. Co. line last Friday and the current was off for a few hours.

Senator Simmons says Smith is a friend to democracy's foes, and is therefore not a friend to Simmons nor to us.

Gardens and corn crops needed rain when it came, but cotton is boll weevil days, needs but little rain when it is fruiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Felham Covington, Jennie McNeill Clark are spending a week in the mountains.

The Currie reunion was held at the Pike last Tuesday. They had a good crowd, a pleasant day and are all happier now.

Half the ball games in northern states were rained out last Thursday, and showers were due to follow here two days later.

Harnett county tax collector collected \$440,639.13 out of a total of \$483,793.46 levied in that county last year. Nearly a half million.

Mr. W. L. Bethune and family have moved into the Epstein residence on Prospect avenue, since their home was destroyed by fire.

Messrs Daniel Wilson and Robert Currie, members of Battery F, have been sick with malarial attacks since their return from camp.

The sandhill peach growers are offering the orphanages of the state all the peaches they want if they will come after and gather them.

There has never lived a more persistent pest than bean beetles. They multiply exceedingly fast, and must be destroyed frequently, or they destroy crops.

Senator Simmons has at last spoken, and says he wishes the county and State and district Democratic tickets elected, but goes no further in his wishes.

Six persons were killed in this State on Aug. 1st, five at automobile crossings and one as he walked along a railroad, at China Grove, Hillsboro and near Lexington.

There are two million bales less carry over cotton in the world than there were a year ago, and two or three hundred million pounds less of tobacco, but the commercial world is trying hard to find excuses for a drop in prices.

Watermelons still being clear money to shippers.

Superior court convenes Monday week the 20th.

Mr. George McLendon reported open cotton bolls last Thursday.

The City Fathers had the town pavement repainted last week.

Rev. J. Murray of Lexington, Va. visited his brother, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Murray, the past week end.

The Hoke Motor Co., Inc. have had the interior of their large building repainted and is very nice indeed.

We read that the Hamlet peach show last Tuesday was a success, and of course it was. If fine peaches make a show.

There are about three hundred million pounds less of tobacco still manufactured now than there was a little time last year.

Fight fans prove the total apostasy of the race. When men enjoy looking at butchery, they are tending toward savagery.

A number of orchardists have stopped gathering peaches, as the price has reached the point where money is lost to gather and ship.

Polston Garage is getting all the work they can do, so the manager tells The Journal that's because they are prepared for work.

Misses Lena Graham and Eoyd Tapp are spending some time in Chamey Hook, Asheville and other places in Western North Carolina.

Mayor McLaughlin informs us that the soldiers and truck train did not stop on the morning of Mrs. C. L. Black's funeral until he stopped them.

We have not seen any sweet potatoes yet. Wonder what is the matter with Mr. J. K. McNeill? But Mr. M. K. McNeill reports new crop yams.

We had showers in Raeford and in the western and northern parts, though not general in these parts of the county, last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Boll weevil infestation is rapidly increasing in Hoke and adjoining counties we are informed, and will no doubt do a great deal of damage to the cotton crops.

There are some very dry streaks of territory in Hoke. There has been no rain in eastern McLaughlin township in four weeks, and with the hot weather crops have suffered.

The advertising in the local newspaper tells more about a town than any other thing. It shows the pluck, get up and get in the town's business men. Advertising makes a town.

The railroads are asking for a raise in freight rates, while the rates are so high now as to be prohibitive, due to going back to normalcy in part and abnormalcy in part of the country over.

A broken rail caused a wreck of a freight train on the A. & R. Railroad on the Smith farm two miles north of Raeford last Saturday morning. Several cars were derailed and a number turned over.

The Raeford cantaloupe buyers left not only the growers in the hole and half the cantaloupes in the fields, but they left a bunch of help without work and with no means of support, and they a long way from home and no money to pay transportation.

Rev. B. P. Robinson of Warrenton was a guest of Mr. T. B. Church the past week.

Mr. Oscar Leach of Raleigh spent last Sunday in Raeford with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fairley were on their vacation next Sunday to be away two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McLaughlin of Hamlet spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McFadyen of Fayetteville visited his father, Mr. J. F. McFadyen and family last Sunday.

Miss Inez McDougald of Baton Rouge, La., who has been a guest of her aunt, Mrs. R. L. Deane, has returned home.

The markets glutted by the late Georgia crop, the growers in this state have quit shipping, and are offering peaches at the orchards at unprecedented prices.

Mr. Clyde Upchurch asks us to correct the statement as to the weight of the watermelon is his first cut, which should have been 40 pounds average, not 45, and \$3.25 paid on the siding for them.

There is a peach tree on the block near The Journal office that is as full of peaches as it can hang. It is a volunteer tree, and the fruit may not ripen, but if it does, whose fruit will it be?

Mrs. Ethel McEachern Adkins, a niece of Messrs. John, McLean and Arthur Campbell of Raeford, a beautiful and most estimable lady, aged 31 years, died at her home in Florence, S. C., last Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Raeford's first postoffice still stands, that is the original post office and the added room. That house shows how Raeford has grown, for that first little building was sufficiently large for the use the town had for it.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bradley of Roxboro are with Mrs. Bradley's sisters, Mrs. Lillie F. Thomas and Mrs. J. K. McNeill. Mr. Bradley is assisting Pastor Yearby in a series of meetings at Parker's Chapel this week.

Over 1,200 people of Hoke took advantage of the free vaccinations for typhoid and diphtheria, still not so many as should, for everybody, except the old people should be vaccinated. It's playing safe. See Dr. Murray, maybe it is not too late now.

Family Reunion

A reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Warner on July 29th, honoring Mrs. Warner's 75th birthday and Mr. Warner's 76th. They are among the few who have passed their golden anniversary.

The reunion being secretly planned by their sons and daughters, came as a joyful surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Warner. The bounteous dinner which was prepared and brought by their children was spread on a long table beneath the oaks; the centerpiece being a lovely birthday cake with 76 candies.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner have seven children, and twenty two grand children, all of whom were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gibson, of Gibson; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Warner and family of Clarkton; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Warner and sons of Neuse; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williams and son of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McLean and sons of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Warner and family of Raeford; Juanita, Sarah and Claude Warner, and M. J. Clark, all of Raleigh.

The McPhaul Reunion

Mr. Editor: On Thursday, Aug. 2, the reunion of the McPhaul Clan of the McPhaul's Hill notoriety, was held at River-ton on the Scotland side of the Lumber River, which is a nice bathing place and a pleasant one every way, and it occurred to me that most all the McPhauls were there. The number registered was 195. There were a few invited friends, Rev. Fred Brown and Mr. C. B. Skipper, Superior Court Clerk, of Lumberton A. J. Currie, N. A. McLaughlin and myself, Confederate veterans. It was the intention to invite all the Confederate veterans in the county, but the secretary did not know their names nor addresses. It was one of the most pleasant days we have spent in many years. Some of the connection came from as far south as Orlando, Fla., and as far north as Greensboro, and the dinner was just as fine as could be, and lots of everything good, and a number of baskets full left over.

We had some good talks by Rev. Chas. Hodgins, Rev. Fred Brown and C. B. Skipper, and I told them how Mr. Make McPhaul (Big Make) saved Richmond, the capitol of the Confederacy. He was leader of the band of the 46th regiment, which was in camp near Richmond, and my brother who was at Camp Winder hospital went out to see Make McPhaul, and Make asked him if he would like to hear his band play a tune, and he told him he would, so Make called his band together, and they played Dixie, and Gen. Dahlgren, with some other tunes.

Between him and the Confederate capitol but McPhaul's band, heard that music, and thinking a great army confronted him, turned and retreated, so the Confederate capitol was never captured.

Our people down here do not talk much politic; but some say they want vote for Al Smith. A few say they will vote for Hoover.

We have a change in our post office. An Inspector came over Thursday and removed Mr. J. B. McKenzie as P. M. and put in Mr. L. A. McInnis, and moved the office back to the McInnis building. There seems to be complaint from mail order houses about returns of C. O. D. packages sent to this office.

Crops are fine here now, and the farmers have cleaned the grass out, but some complain of too much rain.

Maj. Johnson and myself are going to the N. C. Confederate reunion in Tarboro this week.

ALEX. McMILLAN,
Dundarrach, N. C.

9th District Bar Association Meets

The Bar Association of the 9th Judicial District will meet at White Lake Thursday evening, July 9th. This district is composed of Hoke, Robeson, Bladen and Cumberland counties.

Mr. J. W. Currie of Raeford is President of the Association, and Judge Neill A. Sinclair of Fayetteville will be the chief speaker of the evening.

Miss Lillian Youmans is visiting relatives and friends in Charlotte.

Mrs. W. K. Sessoms is visiting her son, Mr. William Sessoms of Newton this week.

Mr. W. O. Youmans and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roudleselle, all of Charlotte, visited Mrs. Ella Youmans Sunday.

The Johnson Reunion

The family of Mr. H. A. Johnson held its annual reunion this year at the old home place near Eagle Springs on Sunday, July 29th. Fifty-two of the family and friends were present and a day of pleasant fellowship was enjoyed. A bountiful dinner was spread beneath the huge trees and was not the least of the day's pleasure.

This is another good family, of which Mr. D. H. Johnson of Ashley Heights is member.

Great Servant of Agriculture

A short time ago a fifty-car trainload of tractors, to be used in the cultivation of cotton, was shipped into Mississippi. It is stated that these machines will do the work of 1300 men and 5200 mules in drawing multiple row cultivators.

The Florence, Alabama, Times-News, in commenting on this, says that "there will probably be more significant development in Southern agriculture during 1928."

The tractor has given the farmer new standards of speed, efficiency and labor saving. It will be interesting to observe the progress in cotton cultivation in the Mississippi delta that will be effected by the utilization of these tractors.

LOST—A sorrel mare mule weighing about 1,000 pounds. When last heard from she was near Rockfish Station Sunday morning. Any information as to whereabouts notify George Williams, E. L. McNair Place, M. C. RAY, Rockfish.

Notice is hereby given to the public that Jethro Crouch, a minor, has left his home without my consent, and all persons are hereby forbidden to hire, harbor, feed or give comfort to said minor, and that whoever does will be prosecuted as the law directs. This July 21st, 1928. JAMES CROUCH, Shaanon, N. C., R. 1.

Ford Truck for Sale.
H. R. Baucom,
Raeford, N. C.

Notice is hereby given that I am no longer connected with Hoke Motor Co., of Raeford, N. C., and am no longer responsible for any bills or debts said Hoke Motor Co. may contract, as I sold all my interest in said business. This July 14th, 1928. J. LEE BROOKS.

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