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SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Born to Chief and Mrs. Bethea a week ago a fine son.

It will please anybody to come to this town to see it dressed up.

They are moving some but the real moving time is next week.

Mr. N. B. Blue killed last week four pigs that weighed over 1,500 pounds.

Our folks have meat and bread, and they are neighborly, so they are alright.

Not only their children, but Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin has been sick with influenza.

Nearly all the colleges and public schools closed last week on account of influenza.

Dr. G. W. Brown had killed last week four porkers that weighed over 400 pounds each.

Trade in Raeford with people that support your churches, schools and build your good roads.

If you want an o'possum, go hunting with Bob Parks or Herbert McKeithan. They have tree dogs.

Santa Claus is just as good and kind this year as he ever was, and the children will get just as much, to them, as ever.

We will try hard to make a good county paper, and the best thing we can do for folks now is to provide relief for the blues.

William L., Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Poole has had a bad attack of influenza since Saturday. He is reported as improving.

Raeford Kiwanis club were guests last Friday evening at the Red Springs Rotary club, and they had a very delightful evening.

The crops in Hoke this year are wonderful, the seasons considered. What would the folks have made, had it been a good crop year?

Raeford buyers have bought more cotton this season than usual, because people say it is the best cotton market in this part of the state.

Raeford banks say they never had better collections than in 1928. That speaks well for Hoke. They may be hard run, but they pay their debts. Time stores collected well also.

The price of cotton averaged lower in October than in any other month, because there was too much of it being sold during that month to be taken care of. Oh that people would learn to market.

Mr. M. W. McLean has a well arranged farm home. He pays attention to growing crops, successfully, and also stock raising. His farm is an interesting place to visit, if you like to look at pretty animals, fowl, and a well arranged homestead.

There were last week fifty or more thousand cases of influenza in the state, and it ran into the hundreds of thousands in the United States, but the death rate from the disease was not high. The disease is of a much milder form than in 1918 they say.

Rev. F. C. Symonds, First Church, Fayetteville, Rev. L. A. McLaurin of Rowland, Dr. W. M. Fairley of Raeford, Elders E. H. Williamson of Fayetteville, and A. R. McEachern of St. Pauls constituted a commission of Fayetteville presbytery to install Rev. E. S. Mathews pastor of Lumberton Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon.

Cotton gained a little last week

The price of board and everything else has gone up in Raleigh.

Robeson county farmers will grow peanuts next year as an experiment.

Because of so much sickness, the Raeford school closed last Friday until Dec. 31.

One hundred and fifty new nurses passed the state examination in Greensboro last week.

Mrs. Earle Charles and little daughter of Charlotte are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dezerne.

Raeford buyers sell lots of cotton to Fayetteville and Bladenboro mills, trucks hauling almost daily.

The veneering plant of the Maxton Manufacturing Co was destroyed by fire last, Thursday night, loss \$40,000.

Eggs have been priced as high as 75 per dozen in Raeford, but that was when we were all rich. They stop at 50c this fall.

The whole town of Raeford has decided to offer their big stocks of goods through the holiday season at reduced, or to cost prices.

Last Sunday Maxton Presbyterian church celebrated its 50th anniversary. The church has had but four pastors during all this time.

Mr. H. B. Sterett of Charlotte was a guest of Mr. A. K. Stevens for some days last week enjoying hunting birds and o'possums while here.

After a trial lasting two weeks, and after the jury considered the evidence for 42 hours, the trial of Dr. Robert S. Cantel of Asheville resulted in a mistrial by a tied jury.

Fuel is now the largest single item of expense to the average family. Whether you cook on an oil stove, electric range or on an old wood burner, the expense mounts up.

The Farmers of Union met in annual meeting in Greensboro last week, and decided to cancel county lines, and divide the state into districts. What good would that do?

It is being published in news papers that a dog rained from the clouds in Brunswick county a few days ago. They must have a bad article of Christmas booze down there.

Rev. W. C. Brown, formerly of Raeford Presbyterian church, pastor of Little Joe's Church, Barium Springs, has been sick, but has recovered so as to resume his ministerial duties again.

We suggest that the trees already along the highways be pruned, shaped up and fertilized. They would improve you have no idea how fast, and would soon be as pretty as any you could plant.

The hunting licenses sold this year brought in \$135,000. As it is being managed, too many birds and animals are allowed killed. We will have none at all in a few years, and that statewide game law was passed to preserve wild life in the state.

"North Carolina, A Good Place To Live," is the title of a little book of some 80 pages, gotten out by the State Department of Conservation, and is a thing of beauty, beautifully illustrated. And it contains much useful information. North Carolina is the best place we have ever lived, and is getting better every day. The only thing is to learn how to meet expenses.

Charging All To Future, Bad Habit

The question of taxation is outstanding among present day problems. It is a rare community that is without indebtedness, and to a larger or lesser extent, a tax burden.

Investigation shows that communities which have the largest bonded indebtedness and the highest tax rates are not usually the most prosperous. "Improve ments" and government ventures which are made without sound economic foresight are doomed to become expensive failures. It is easy to vote bond issues. The rub comes when they have to be paid in the tax bills.

We will have general tax reductions when communities learn the difference between improvement and extravagance and prefer to "pay more as they go" instead of "charging it all to the future."

Hoke County Cotton.

There were 13,694 bales of cotton ginned in Hoke county of the crop of 1928 up to Dec. 1st, as compared with 13,440 to the same date last year. Beat last year, and nobody looked for such a thing.

Robeson ginned 36,945 in '28; 39,545 in '27.

Scotland, 21,562 in '28; 25,141 in '27.

Cumberland, 16,236 in '28; 16,688 in '27.

LET US UNDERSTAND.

We are going to send this paper hereafter to those who pay for it. We do not like to be dumped on people for their sins. This is humiliating, to both parties, the editor and the subscriber. We will solicit subscribers, but will not be running around trying to collect small accounts. You can pay in some thing, money or produce. That will be satisfactory, so hereafter life will be more pleasant to us all.

Send it on, I will pay you for it, and we send and send, and ask for the little dribbles, and the folks being dummed get mad, whether they says so or not. Dogon it, let's quit it.

TOWN PRIDE SHOWN.

That the citizens of Raeford, business men, their wives and their children, are proud of their home town is now shown this Christmas season in the holiday attire in which the town is dressed today.

The people of the country round are invited to come and see the prettiest town in the state. Everybody has tried to make the place look good, and they have succeeded. Anybody will agree with us in this statement who has seen Raeford since Tuesday. We believe all the citizens of Raeford feel like complimenting themselves on this season's decorations. Come and see a pretty town.

But the biggest attraction is the reduced prices at which all the stores have cut prices. Our merchants are a neighborly lot and are willing to help out their friends by cutting off their usual profits.

NOTICE.

The Educational Department will meet Friday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, with Mrs. H. A. Cameron and Mrs. Clyde Upchurch as joint hostesses. A special Christmas program will be rendered, Mrs. J. C. Thomas, leader.

J. Rogers.

Mrs. J. Rogers died after a long and painful illness Thursday morning at 2 o'clock. She was a victim of cancer. She was 45 years of age, and had lived in Raeford for a number of years.

Before marriage Mrs. Rogers was a Mrs. Hasty of Scotland county, and was a good woman, a loving wife and devoted mother.

She had a husband and six children, from 8 to 22 years of age: Howard J. of Wilmington, Howard, Anna, Elizabeth, Blanch and Julia.

The funeral was conducted from the Raeford Methodist church Friday morning by her pastor, Rev. W. F. Trawick, assisted by Rev. W. M. Fairley, and interment made in Caledonia cemetery, Scotland county. She had been a member of the Methodist church since early life and lived a consistent Christian life.

Show A Right Spirit.

The members of the Woman's Club desire to thank the merchants and business men of Raeford for their willingness to cooperate in beautifying the town.

The good spirit they have shown is heartily in accord with the glad season, and we appreciate the interest being shown in making our town a City Beautiful.

Raeford in its every day attire is a good looking town, and we are proud of it. Strangers passing through frequently comment on the beauty and cleanliness of the place.

Its beauties and resources are not to be taken for granted by itself for a small town, but there is room for improvement, and with a little time and effort it can be made so attractive as to cause many people in the county to take special trips to town to see it, and naturally this will mean more trade and business for the merchants.

Friends, in behalf of the Woman's Club, I thank you for your courteous treatment of our proposition, and trust you will reap rich rewards for all your trouble.

The Civic Department of the Woman's Club will give a prize of \$5 to the firm or person having the prettiest decorated tree.

I feel sure the Kiwanis Club would like to join me in this expression of thanks, for they heartily endorsed the movement, and as on all previous occasions they stand ready to join in anything that means improvement and beauty for the town. It is an organization that the town is justly proud of. Its organization meant a "Bigger And Better Raeford."

MRS. T. B. UPCHURCH, Pres. Woman's Club.

Prof. W. P. Hawfield is starting a new campaign, one we think means more to Hoke county than any one that has ever been put on. He will try through the school children to have every child in school plant a walnut on their home places. Even if they live on rented lands, they may plant, unless the owner objects, which is not likely, and by this means over 1,500 walnut will be planted, and if this is carried far enough, some day Hoke will be the richest county in the state, that is if no other county follows this example. And, folks, plant out cedars if you can find young trees. Chickens which roost in cedar trees never have mites. Have one or several growing about the place on vacant spots or backyard. The cedar makes valuable timber in a few years.

Aberdeen has a new telephone building just completed.

Work on the new hospital at Pinehurst is being rushed.

Learn both to be abased and to abound, so we will have a good Christmas.

24 per cent more electricity was used in North Carolina in '28 than in '27.

Mr. Robert Cox was too sick with flu Saturday to be at his place in the post office.

Mr. Louis Parker killed two hogs last week that netted 1075 pounds. Now, those were some hogs.

Mrs. Wm. Lamont accidentally fell Sunday night and broke her arm above the wrist, we are sorry to learn.

The Troy Cotton Mills have been sold to a New York concern. The mills will be doubled in capacity, it is said.

The State pension checks came in Saturday, and several Confederate veterans met them, and went away rejoicing.

The Hoke county Confederate pension list is the same now it was when there were more veterans living. There were 56 in 1912, and 6 now.

Mr. J. L. Hobson was in town a few days ago, and remarked that he used to drive his mule hitched to his old buggy when he came to town, and he carried \$10 or \$15 back with him every trip, now he has a car, and he hasn't carried anything home since. Make your own calculation.

Mayor and Mrs. A. B. McLaughlin and Mrs. E. B. Garrett and Mrs. W. C. Brown, they found both in bed sick. Mr. Brown convalesced from an attack of influenza, but was suffering from an attack of rheumatism. Mrs. Brown had flu. Both were perhaps a little better when Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin left Saturday.

United Daughters Meet.

The Daughters of the Confederacy met Dec. 5th in the home of Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin. Receiving with Mrs. McLaughlin were Mrs. A. D. Carswell, Mrs. W. M. McFadyen, and Miss Margaret Currie.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. E. B. Garrett, President, and America was sung, after which Mrs. Carswell conducted the devotional.

A message from Mrs. McKee, State President, was read to the Chapter.

It was voted that we send canned goods to the Confederate Woman's Home, and a cash contribution to the Veteran's Home for Christmas.

Mrs. Lester had charge of the program, which consisted of an interesting talk by Mrs. Frances W. Dickson, which was greatly enjoyed by every one. She gave interesting facts of Christmas during and following the War Between the States.

Mrs. H. W. B. Whitley read a poem: Christmas Night in '62.

A social hour followed at which time refreshments were served. Chapter members are invited to attend the opening of the Memorial Chapel on Sunday afternoon, December 23rd, at 2 o'clock at the Confederate Woman's Home, Fayetteville.

The merchants complained that the Christmas trees furnished for street decoration are too small. They'll hardly make a like complaint of the cost, but they're very pretty—those geared in.

Mrs. J. McLaughlin Entertains Literary Club.

The Literary Club held a most interesting meeting Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 11, with Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin.

An effective arrangement of holly, mistletoe and poinsettias presented a delightful setting for the club members and guests.

The club had the honor having Mrs. Eleanor Herr Boyd of Southern Pines, who gave a talk on "The Visit of the Wise Men to the Christ Child." Mrs. Boyd has written several books and a number of Bible stories for children. Her talk was unusually helpful and interesting.

Mrs. Barrington sang a beautiful solo in keeping with the Christmas program, accompanied by Mrs. W. T. Covington, and Mrs. R. B. Lewis played a number of Christmas Carols.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. McLaughlin was assisted by joint hostesses, Mesdames J. S. Johnson, E. B. Garrett, I. H. Shankle and Edwin S. Hoyle in serving a delicious salad course with fruit cake and coffee.

Raeford High School girls were guests of the club.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends for all their kindnesses and help during our recent bereavement, the death of our dear wife and mother.

H. J. ROGERS and CHILDREN.

Lumberton shipped 750 lbs. poultry last Friday and Saturday.

The warm weather the first of the week caused most uneasiness amongst folks with most to eat.

Both Misses Mary Jane and Hettie McNeill of near Bethel were sick with influenza at the same time last week.

Overcoats, Suits, Shirts Ties—Everything in Gents' Furnishings still at reduced prices. McLaughlin Co.

FOR SALE—150 bushels of Crocker's Cotton Seed at \$1 a bushel. Wm. L. POOLE, Raeford, N. C.

Shoes, Hosiery, and Dry Goods everything at reduced prices. McLaughlin Co.

FOR SALE—Choice pea vine hay, 40 head nice feeder pigs, and fresh hog products, hams, sausage, pudding, etc. Wanted—50 bushels sound cow peas. J. D. MASON, Raeford, R. 2.

FOR SALE—Shots and pigs; several breeds, good stock, all at reasonable prices—D. Scott Currie, Raeford, N. C., R. 2.

Man wanted to run McNess business in Hoke county. \$7.00 to \$12.00 daily, year around work, no layoffs, unusual offer. Write me today. Mr. Porter, in care of Furst & Thomas, Freeport, Ill.

FOR SALE—Two good farm mules, wagon and harness and all farming equipment. See N. J. GILLIS, Raeford, N. C., R. 2.

WANTED—A few lean yearlings or calves. Pay all they are worth. W. G. Johnson, Raeford, N. C.

Ford touring car for sale, H. R. Baucom, Raeford, N. C.

CLOCKS, Watches, Safety Razors, Silverware, plated ware. Raeford Hardware Co.

Frostproof Wakefield Cabbage Plants now ready. 500, 60c, 1,000, \$1.00. JESSE GIBSON, Dundarrach, N. C.