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RAEFORD, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1929.

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Mr. Daniel M. Gills Dies.

(From Laurinburg Exchange)
Daniel M. Gills, aged nearly 40 years, died Wednesday morning, May 15, at about 5 o'clock at his home on Covington street after an illness of several days and a period of declining health which extended over several months. Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 8 o'clock from the home. Dr. C. M. Hawkins of the Methodist church officiating. Interment was made in Hillside cemetery.

Mr. Gills was born September 12, 1889, and was the son of E. B. Gills and wife of Hoke county. He had lived at Laurinburg for several years, and was for some time a successful and well known merchant here. He had a wide acquaintance in this and neighboring counties and was well liked.

Mr. Gills married Miss Alice Pearl Inman, of Robeson county, who survives with the following children: Mary, aged 17 years; Eloise, aged 15; Malcolm, aged 13; Alice Pearl, aged 10 years; and Dorothy Cade Gills, aged 8 years.

One brother and two sisters survive: H. M. Gills, Mrs. B. F. McDuffie and Miss Fannie Gills of Raeford.

Taxes in 1940.

Fair taxes stimulate progress, high taxes result in inertia and retrogression.

At the present time a large part of the European powers are struggling under a burden of debt that saddles business and the citizen with a terrible weight of taxes. We in the United States, can observe and learn.

It is an unquestioned fact that the cost of government, particularly state, county and municipal, has been on the up-grade. Part of this can be laid to the cost of needed improvements and unavoidable expenditures; part also is due to too zealous an ambition which has resulted in large bond issues for public luxuries.

American citizens might do well to consider what the total bill will be ten years hence if it continues to increase as fast as it has in the past two years.

Senate Abandons the Attempt to Impeach Governor Huey Long.

Baton Rouge, La., May 16.—The Louisiana Senate court of impeachment today abandoned trial of Governor Huey P. Long and dissolved by unanimous consent without hearing any testimony on the charges of high crimes and misdemeanors.

Adjournment was forced by Long forces presenting a signed motion for adjournment sine die bearing the signatures of 15 senators declaring they would vote to acquit the governor regardless of the evidence as they believed the charges had been voted in violation of the law and constitution. This number was one more than necessary to prevent impeachment.

Killed By Train.

Greenboro, N. C., May 16.—Samuel T. Coggins, 60, watchman for the North Carolina Public Service company, was killed instantly early today when he fell between coaches of a passenger train as it was leaving the station here.

Witnesses said the watchman leaped aboard a moving coach in an apparent effort to board it. He fell across the track and 3 coaches passed over the body.

Young Peoples' Conference at Red Springs.

The Young Peoples' Conference of Fayetteville Presbytery is to be held at Flora MacDonald College, Red Springs.

Red Springs offers a central location, railway facilities and a network of North Carolina highways, hence access is assured.

Flora MacDonald College offers comfortable rooms, beds, water, lights, assembly rooms, a spacious dining hall and excellent kitchen.

Facilities for recreation and sport are excellent; a large campus, tennis courts, swimming pool, bowling alley, gymnasium and ball field.

The date is June 20-27.

Who may attend? All boys and girls from 12-24 inclusive from the Presbyterian church of Fayetteville Presbytery.

Mark those dates on your calendar and make your plans now to attend.

For information address Rev. F. C. Symonds, First Presbyterian church, Fayetteville, N. C.

Presbyterian General Assembly.

Montreat, N. C., May 16.—With a number of important matters, among them the church's position on divorce, slated for discussion during the week, the sixty-ninth general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States got under way here today.

300 commissioners, representing 92 presbyteries, were in the main accommodated in the new Assembly Inn. The building not yet completed is being constructed of native stone by native workmen under direction of Dr. R. C. Anderson, president of the Mountain Retreat Association. Dr. Anderson and Dr. William S. Wilson, pastor of the local church are acting as hosts.

Dr. Harris Elliott Kirk of Baltimore, retiring moderator, today warned the southern Presbyterian church in 69th annual assembly against church union of the kind which "desires external unity in the interest of expediency under the leadership of ecclesiastical bureaucracy."

Railway Employee Killed.

Rocky Mount, N. C., May 16.—John W. Bell, 40, Atlantic Coast Line freight yard foreman, was killed instantly here today when he was knocked off a shifting engine in the freight yards.

Bell was said to have been riding between the switch engine and an empty box car, when the engine struck a car loaded with rocks. He was thrown against the box car and his skull crushed.

Eight Billion Saved.

Washington—The annual saving to the American people because of prohibition is placed at \$8,000,000,000 by Deets Pickett, secretary of the Methodist board of temperance, prohibition and public morals; half of it is direct liquor cost, half indirect saving due to increased efficiency.

Nurses Graduate.

The graduating exercises of the graduating class of nurses at Sanatorium were held on Tuesday of last week, when a splendid program was carried out.

Four received diplomas as follows: Misses Myrtle Allen, Elizabeth McKain, Myrtle Statson, Annie Laura Lowe.

Mildouson School Closing.

The Mildouson school closing exercises began Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by a sermon by Rev. George W. Hanna, pastor of Antioch church.

Monday evening at 8 o'clock a play and other exercises were given by the lower grades.

On Tuesday evening a play was given by the high school pupils.

On Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, Mr. Thomas M. Seawell, editor of the Fayetteville Observer, delivered the literary address. Then followed the presentation of certificates and prizes.

Ford Cars.

F. H. Merritt, photographer of San Pero, Calif., has made several trips by automobile from his home to Boston, Mass. This year he drove a Model A Ford Tudor Sedan and the entire round trip cost him \$128. He traveled 9,104 miles and his only trouble was one punctured tire. His daily average was 325 miles.

Total fuel consumption of the Rouge Plant of the Ford Motor Company during the past year was 12,700 car loads, enough to make a coal train 100 miles long.

W. G. Bailey of Wauchula, Fla., drove his Model A Ford business coupe on a 4,000 mile trip, carrying two passengers and heavy baggage, and the cost of oil and gasoline was only \$40, a rate of one cent per mile.

Professor Floyd Field, mathematics teacher and dean of men at the George School of Technology, has bought a new Model A Ford automobile after the exceedingly serviceable career of his old Model T. He drove the old car, which he still owns, 150,000 miles, a distance equal to six trips around the world. He burned 10,000 gallons of gasoline and wore out 17 sets of tires.

Junior Organizer Coming.

J. A. Preslev, State Organizer for the Jr. O. U. A. M. will spend next week in Raeford and Hoke county in the interest of that order. He will be glad to meet all members of the order and other citizens of the county.

Raeford High School Commencement.

The local school commencement exercises begin next Sunday morning with a sermon by Dr. John E. Avscue of Campbell College, Buies Creek, in the school auditorium.

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock Class Play
Thursday evening, Class Day Exercises.

Friday morning, Recitation and Declamation Contests, and Literary Address by Prof. W. B. Bolick of Duke University, Durham. Presentations of diplomas and certificates.

Antioch School Closes.

The Antioch School closed with an address Wednesday, May 15th, Rev. J. A. Hobbs of Red Springs.

The closing exercises began Friday night, May 10th, with exercises by the lower grades.

Sunday, 12th, the sermon was preached by Dr. G. E. Morehouse of Laurinburg.

On Monday evening a high school play was given.

On Tuesday evening they had Recitation and Declamation contests.

RAEFORD WINS.

Uhuh! Clayton met us in Fayetteville, down in Highland Park Friday afternoon—and evening, for they played through. It was hectic, exciting and everything else that gets on a fellow's nerves, but after eleven spasms, some of 'em distressing, Raeford won 6 to 5.

Both teams played well. Clayton has a good team. No doubt about that. Raeford has a better, though, and notwithstanding a few bones, miscues and hardballs, they came out victorious. Raeford batted, and had the breaks during the first three innings, and piled up a 4 to 0 lead, but later some hits by Clayton representatives, errors by Raeford linemen and hard luck plays, and the score was tied 4-4.

In the 10th inning Clayton scored one more tally, but Raeford equalized in their next at bat. Then in the 11th, Clayton was held scoreless, and Raeford in that frame filled the bases by hits and fumbles by the Clayton players, then John Dunk McNeill came to bat for the 1st time and hit one too hard for Clayton shortstop to handle cleanly, and the winning tally crossed the home plate.

It was a hair-raiser all the way through, and a large crowd saw the Raeford High School clinch the Eastern Championship, and place their bid for a visit to Chapel Hill, where next Saturday they will win the State Championship. Watch those boys.

Coach unassuming, without a bluster, Coach Willie Huggins, who has been forming a machine, imbued it with a spirit of determination that wins ball games.

Duncan A. McGougan Dead.

The Journal learned with genuine sorrow of the death of Mr. Duncan A. McGougan of Allendale township, which occurred on Friday evening, May 10th.

Mr. McGougan lived his life in the vicinity where he was born and reared, and no man can say he was not an upright, honest man, who desired to live the life of the just.

He leaves a wife, three brothers, Messrs. J. G., D. N., of this county, and Luther McGougan of Scotland county; one sister, Mrs. A. D. McGirt of Robeson county. His remains were buried at Spring Hill cemetery near Wagram, Rev. J. E. Hoyle, of Raeford, assisted by Rev. G. W. Hanna of Antioch, conducted the funeral exercises. He was 68 years of age.

Mr. Thad Glisson Dies.

Mr. Thad Glisson, who had been paralyzed for several years, but who got about on crutches, who lived near Arabia, died suddenly Friday morning. He had seemed in his usual health, and although sadly afflicted, was always bright and cheerful.

He was a good man, and made friends, because of his unfailing cheerfulness and friendliness to everybody.

He leaves a widow, three sons, Messrs. John, Lawrence and William Glisson, also one small daughter.

Raeford did not observe the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence anniversary Monday, but Lumberton did, and that was the only town in this section of the state that took any notice of the day, so far as we've seen.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. W. F. Walters had snap beans to eat and to sell for the past ten days. Hers are fine.

The Journal office has been turning out a lot of job printing lately, and some of it very fine.

The tobacco crop has been set out, and the acreage is not much larger nor smaller than it was last year.

Mr. W. W. Smith of Hamlet was in town one day last week calling on friends of whom he has many.

These Raeford folks are not excitable, and go their own gait, no matter what the balance of the world decides to do.

Misses Maude and Mary Poole have returned home from Lowell, where they have taught for the past several years.

There is some cotton still unsold in Hoke we are told, and the folks who own it can wait as long about selling it as they like.

Judge Pell of the Corporate Commission and Mrs. Pell of Raleigh spent the week end with their son, Prof. W. E. Pell and his family.

Mr. McLean Campbell is able to be on the streets of the town again after a long confinement to his bed and room—something near five months.

These folks up in Moore are trying to awaken interest in business next fall, and it is not a bad idea. They will have it when there is some.

This year's Raeford base ball team reminds us of Fayetteville's football team a few years ago. That team won the State championship without being scored on.

Four-H club members of Edgecombe county will concentrate on a campaign to eradicate rats. Substantial prizes have been offered by banks of Tarboro.

Mr. L. H. Huckabee of Rocky Point, Pender county, but a former citizen of Hoke, was a visitor with relatives near Raeford, last week, and his many friends were glad to see him.

Mr. N. McL. McDiarmid was a little sick last week, and the doctors said he had smallpox, so he stayed indoors and busied himself with any task he could invent. He is getting on well, except for the loneliness of life.

We had a good shower here last Thursday evening. There was a big rain in the lower part of the county Wednesday evening, and again Thursday evening. There was some hail at Antioch Thursday evening, but not enough to do much harm.

Rev. J. B. Black, pastor of Red Springs Presbyterian church was to have filled Dr. W. M. Fairley's pulpit in Raeford Sunday morning, but Mr. Black had to conduct a funeral at Smyrna church at 11 o'clock Sunday, so he had Rev. J. A. Hobbs, pastor of Red Springs Methodist church come to Raeford to preach for these Presbyterians, and he preached an excellent sermon.

Some two weeks ago, Miss Lillian Akins injured her knee in crossing a fence as she and others were in quest of wild flowers. Dr. Murray splinted the injured limb, still it failed to heal, and last Thursday he carried her to Highsmith hospital, where an x-ray examination revealed an injured ligament, so her limb has been put in a plaster cast, and she is now awaiting results from that.

The Southern Baptist Convention met in Memphis, Tenn. last week.

Mr. J. M. Poole of Jackson Springs was in town last Monday.

Born on Wednesday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Baker, a fine daughter.

Mr. Mack McDiarmid is getting on very nicely. No new cases are reported in town.

Mrs. J. D. Graham, who has been quite sick again, is reported as improved, we are glad to report.

Limestone added to poor land has resulted in excellent growth of red and sweet clover in Union county.

Four hundred and fifty farmers of Wake county attended the recent dinner given by the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce at State College.

Miss Sarah McFadyen did not accompany Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin to Montreal. She is teaching this summer in the mountains of Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coble, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Parker and their children of Greensboro were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Poole.

Lightning struck a radio pole at Mr. John A. McKethan's home in town last Thursday evening, and tore up the pole and made a hole in the ground.

Crops are grassy as in the country over, and if the weather happens to be unfavorable for work the next ten days, the farmers are in for a hard time, and a poor crop.

Mr. D. N. Leslie was in town from his Quawhills home one day last week, and was grumbling about having to pay \$35 a year privilege taxes to a State tax collector a day, or two before. Taxes are ruinous.

Mrs. John Blue in Hospital.

Mrs. John Blue was carried to Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, last Saturday night and was operated on for appendicitis at 11 o'clock. She is reported as doing well.

That Cleveland Tragedy.

A spontaneous combustion, it is thought, caused a fire in the basement of a clinic hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, last Thursday morning, and the burning of some picture films created a most deadly gas that caused 130 deaths within less than two days, and a hundred and more are near death's door. It is said the gas eats out the red corpuscles of the blood and causes death. Those connected with the clinic, firemen and others, were fighting to stop the fire, and rescue the sick in the building, and those died from the effect of the gas fumes. We hear Mr. Broadway Austin, a former Raeford man, who is now in Cleveland, rescued three persons in the building, and it is hoped escaped harm. It was the most terrible catastrophe that has occurred in years.

King-Bostick.

Mr. Delton A. King, formerly of Raeford, now of Fayetteville, and Miss Omega Bostick, of Hope Mills R. 1, were married in the Register of Deeds office in Raeford Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. F. Trawick. We extend congratulations.