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Raeferd People Give Much Assistance To Needy Families

We, as the committee of the Christmas Cheer fund, wish to express our sincere appreciation for the generous response made by the different organizations and individuals who contributed to this fund.

First, we wish to acknowledge the splendid contribution given by the school children at Thanksgiving which found its way into the homes of about fifteen needy families where it proved a great blessing.

Second, the call for clothing was generously responded to and about seven hundred articles, including garments, hose, and shoes, have been placed where they are helping to keep warm those who would otherwise be suffering from cold. Material for seven quilts has been given and nearly all are ready for service now.

Last but not least, the food that was distributed to at least forty families who were really in need.

We further wish to acknowledge the efficient work of the Boy Scouts in helping pack and distribute this food. We wish to extend to this organization our hearty appreciation and our full support in their work.

On Christmas Eve the chapel on the mill village was warmed and decorated. Seventy-five children gathered to sing Christmas songs, hear the Christmas story, and each received a stocking filled with fruit, candy, and nuts, also a pair of hose each and a toy was given by the school children. From the cloth contributed by the merchants, 21 dresses had been made by kind, loving hands and were given to the little girls. You may imagine how happy they were! Besides these there were ten or twelve other children who received Christmas presents suitable to their several needs.

May God richly reward each of you for your kindness to others.

Committee:
Mrs. H. A. Cameron,
Mrs. Hallie Gatlin,
Mrs. Brian McBryde,
Mrs. J. L. McLeod,
Mrs. Hector McBryde,
Dr. R. L. Murray,
Dr. H. K. Cromartie,
W. E. Freeman,
W. P. Hawfield.

Donations to the Christmas cheer fund not previously listed in The News-Journal are the following:

F. P. Johnson, two and a half bushels of meal; Mrs. R. B. Lewis, \$10.00; Mrs. A. D. Carswell, \$2.00; Mrs. Jesse Gibson, canned goods; Mrs. Paul Dickson, canned goods; J. L. Teal, meat; Aberdeen Chapel, groceries; Dr. W. M. Fairley, \$5.00; a friend, flour and groceries.

Old Catalog Raeferd Institute Unearthed

The News-Journal is indebted to Mrs. M. W. Dew for a catalog of old Raeferd Institute for the year 1896-97, most of which is reproduced as written. The front cover is labeled "Circular" and carries the name of Maj. M. McC. McLachlin as principal. It will be recalled by many that he was a brother of Mr. J. W. McLachlin. This little booklet was printed by The Fayetteville Printing and Publishing Co. It will be noted that the list of pupils for the preceding year classifies them as males and females.

Mrs. R. B. Lewis Honors Mrs. Thomas

Mrs. R. B. Lewis charmingly entertained on Friday afternoon, December 27th at her beautiful new home. This was another of the many parties given in honor of Mrs. Crawford Thomas, a recent bride. Christmas decorations made the already lovely living room and sun rooms most attractive. Three tables were arranged for bridge. After several lively progressions Miss Josephine Hall was found to have made high score and was presented a beautiful chifon handkerchief. Low score price, an attractive sewing box, went to Miss Marie Dew. Mrs. Thomas was also given a dainty chifon dance handkerchief. Mrs. Lewis, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Allen McGee, of Winston-Salem, served a delicious salad course. Those present were Mesdames Crawford Thomas and Aler Patterson and Misses Pauline Freeman, Addie Mae Gatlin, Mary Lee, Alma McBryde, Jessie Bright Ferguson, Myrtice Barrington, Mar Lee Seate, Bennie McFadyen and Josephine Hall. Mrs. W. E. Freeman, Miss Hallie Freeman and Miss Robbie Johnson of Raleigh came in for refreshments.

Senator Brookhart To Be At Southern Pines

United States Senator Brookhart of Washington, will be the guest of the Church of Wide Fellowship at Southern Pines next Sunday, Jan. 5th. He will deliver the sermon at

Christmas Season Passes Very Quietly

Christmas was quiet in Raeferd this season, there being no outstanding events taking place and no tragedies to mark the occasion. Fortunately no wrecks of any consequence occurred on the highways, which is a cause for satisfaction. A large number of boys and girls at college and teaching, as well as a large number of others, returned to their homes for the holidays and their presence made the occasion a happy one. Everyone cooperated beautifully in greeting the Christmas cheer fund to large proportions and through this agency many families were made glad. The Boy Scouts under Mr. Cliff Conoly, made the rounds in a truck the morning before Christmas and deposited the more substantial contributions. Christmas Eve they made the rounds and gave things of a Christmas nature. The ready response to the call of the needy was one that gladdened the heart of many a giver and the thoroughness with which the task was accomplished speaks eloquently of the spirit of the people.

Many Colored People Assisted Christmas

Mention should be made about the valuable help that was rendered the colored people of the county during the Christmas season. For the past two or three years a sum of money had been turned in from the sale of Christmas seals among the colored people and \$120.80 of this fund was used to furnish something to eat for those who were in poor circumstances. An effort was made to distribute what was given to all parts of the county and to old people who were unable to work and to widows with a number of children. Thirty-seven families and individuals were helped. It is certain that aid went to a large number who were in destitute circumstances. It might be that some received help who did not deserve it, but most of those who were helped were really in need of something to eat. The colored people are to be commended for making available this sum of money for the help of the needy, and if they knew the great good that was done for the small amounts paid in by them they should not regret having a hand in helping out in the way they did.

MATHESON-LAKEL

The following announcement will be of widespread interest to people of this section.
"Mr. and Mrs. Samuel William Traylor announce the marriage of their sister, Miss Nellie Pauline Lakel, to Dr. Joe Gaddy Matheson on Saturday the twenty-first of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, Washington, Pennsylvania. Will be at home after the fifteenth of January 434 Leonard Avenue."

The following account of the marriage was carried by a Washington newspaper: "Dr. J. Gaddy Matheson, of the interne staff of the Washington hospital, and Miss Nellie Pauline Lakel, of Los Angeles, California, were married Saturday in Pittsburgh by Rev. Elbert E. Oney. Mrs. Matheson is a graduate of Penn Hall at Chambersburg, and also of the nurses training school of the Pennsylvania hospital, at Philadelphia. Dr. Matheson's home is at Raeferd, N. C. He graduated from the University of North Carolina and from the Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia. They returned to Washington Sunday and will establish a home in Leonard avenue."

Dr. Matheson is a son of Mr and Mrs. R. A. Matheson of this place and has a large circle of friends who will wish him every happiness.

Empire Cafe Wins Christmas Tree Prize

During the Christmas holidays the Woman's club sponsored a Christmas tree movement among the merchants of Raeferd which was carried out in fine style and added much to the attractiveness of the town. Trees were set at the curb in front of each merchant's store and wires were strung in a line over these trees on both sides of Main Street in the business section. The merchants attached Christmas lights which showed off the trees in many colors and made a very pretty scene, especially at night. A prize of five dollars for the most attractive tree was won by the Empire Cafe.

WOMAN'S CLUB THANKS RAEFERD MERCHANTS

The Civic Department of the Woman's club desires to express their deep appreciation to the merchants of the town in the placing of the Christmas trees in front of their places of business. The trees were all very pretty, and even the undecorated ones added to the beauty of the streets. The prize goes to the Division of the Empire Cafe. The merchants will see that

Raeferd Furniture Co. Successor To Freeman Furniture Stores

Effective January the first The Raeferd Furniture Co., a new enterprise in Raeferd, began business in the location formerly occupied by Freeman Furniture Stores, this business, in a way, succeeding the old, though with a new line of merchandise. It is owned by Messrs. H. L. Gatlin and son, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., and will be under the management of the latter, assisted by Mr. J. D. Howell, who has been with the Freeman Furniture Stores for a long number of years. Mr. W. E. Freeman, owner of the retiring business, will devote his time to his two stores in Aberdeen and Fayetteville and will probably move to the latter place sometime this year.

Mr. H. L. Gatlin, Jr., is a graduate of Wake Forest College and has been associated in business in Raeferd since his graduation with the Farmers Furnishing Co. He is a young man of exemplary habits and gives promise of a highly successful business career. He is a native of Raeferd and before attending college graduated at the Raeferd high school and his friends are glad that he has decided to make Raeferd his place of business. In having Mr. J. D. Howell associated with him he will have a man of wide experience and good judgment in the furniture business and one who has a host of friends who like to do business with him. This combination assures this section of a first class furniture store and a continuation of the business which Mr. Freeman leaves, even though it be a new business in all essential details.

Willie D. Walters Passes Last Week

Mr. Willie D. Walters, son of Mr and Mrs. T. E. Walters, of Blue Springs township died Thursday morning, December 26 at 12:15 o'clock of pneumonia. He had been seriously ill for only a few days, but had never been in robust health, being afflicted with asthma for many years. He was 29 years old and was a most estimable young man. He was a member of the Raeferd Methodist church, and was excommunicated in his habits and worthy of the esteem of all his acquaintances. The funeral was conducted from his home Friday morning at 11 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. W. F. Irawick, and interment was made in the Raeferd cemetery. The choir sang softly and beautifully at the grave. "Albide With Me," and "Shall We Gather at the River." The beautiful floral wreaths and the large crowd present attested in a small way to the esteem in which the young man was held. The bearers were Alex Walters, Willie Walters, Hinton McPhaul, Floyd McPhaul, James McPhaul and Cecil McPhaul, all first cousins of the deceased.

Miss Louise Blue Entertains Friends

Miss Louise Blue entertained with two tables of bridge at her home Friday evening, Dec. 27th. After several progressions the hostess assisted by Miss Margaret Peele, served delicious refreshments. Those present were Misses Kathleen Dew, Mary Lee Seate, Josephine Hall, Eunice Campbell, Forest Austin, Lucile McLeod and Margaret Peele.

Mrs. Polston Hostess At Bridge Party

Mrs. Benton Polston very charmingly entertained at bridge on the Monday preceding Christmas day. Three tables were arranged for the game in her attractive sun parlor. Christmas decorations made the background for an evening of gaiety. Especially attractive was a small brilliantly lighted Christmas tree in one corner. Mrs. Clyde Upchurch made high score and received a lovely green crystal sandwich plate while Mrs. Bonnie Blue received low score prize. Mrs. Polston served a very delicious sweet course. The Christmas idea was carried out in the refreshments.

WOMAN'S CIRCLE MEETS

The Business Woman's Circle met Tuesday evening, Dec. 31st at Mrs. W. M. Fairley's. The young ladies of the town who are at home for the holidays were the guests. After a delicious supper, a business and devotional hour was conducted. Those present besides the members of the circle were Misses Maud and Mary Poole, Mayme McKeithan, Isabel McFadyen, Sarah and Elizabeth Cromartie, Margaret Walters, Josephine Hall, Eunice Campbell, Margaret Peele.

Fair Exchange

"Did you notice how the contractor started at you as if you hadn't said

Austin's Cotton Gin Destroyed By Fire

Christmas morning about three-thirty Austin's Gin in Raeferd was discovered to be on fire and the alarm was turned in, the fire boys having to leave warm beds and dreams of Santa Claus to face a bitter morning and the handling of water. They were too late to save anything of the gin house or contents but their presence saved the cotton and seed houses. Just how the fire originated is not known. A colored man had worked from about seven o'clock the evening before until about three the morning of the fire loading cotton seed from the seed house into a box car and had nearly finished his job when he decided to go to his home nearby for a nap. While he was away the gin house caught fire and when it was discovered was well under way the whole building being in flames. The firemen rolled the car of seed away from the fire and no damage was done to this other than being derailed.

This gin is the second to burn on this site and makes the fourth fire on this site, two other fires having occurred there within a year, though neither of the two amounted to any great loss. The gin was of two-story construction, had been in use for a number of years and had ginned a large quantity of cotton in the years since it was built.

This property was insured but the amount is unknown as this is written.

Lumber Bridge Items

Lumber Bridge, Dec. 31.—Friday evening at eight o'clock the annual reunion of the alumnae of Lumber Bridge high school was held at the school auditorium. Membership classes from '22 to '30 were invited. The auditorium was lovely decorated in Christmas colors. There were four tables of bridge made up by the guests. Also other amusements were enjoyed.

There was an election of new officers at the close of the reunion. Mr. Duncan McCougan was elected president; Miss Mary Croon Walker, vice-president; Miss Leona Monroe, secretary; Mr. Walker Stamps, treasurer. It was the decision of the alumnae that the reunion would be held next Christmas. A delicious course of chicken salad was served.

Mrs. Kate D. Walker and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, and son, Mr. N. L. Walker, of Raleigh, spent the weekend of the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Walker's daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Thos. Stamps. Miss Ursula Balfour gave a dinner for a few of her friends Christmas evening. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mrs. Annie B. Smith, Mrs. M. H. Allen and Mrs. W. A. China. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Bristow and children of Raeferd spent Christmas with Mrs. Bristow's mother, Mrs. George Livingston.

Miss Allie Clifton of Charlotte spent the Christmas holidays in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifton. She returned to her work in Charlotte Monday.

Miss Maggie Monroe returned home Saturday after visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Felton in Carthage.

Mr. Otis Keeter of Charlotte was a weekend guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifton.

Mr. Edwin Clifton of Washington, D. C., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifton. He will return to his work Wednesday.

Mr. Fred Lee of Rocky Mount spent the weekend in the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cobb.

Mr. Glynn Cobb returned to Wake Forest Sunday after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cobb.

Miss Mary Helen Chason spent several days during Christmas with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifton.

Miss Mary Frances Carver of Fayetteville spent the weekend with Misses Margaret and Annie Mack Tolar.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Young of Richmond, Va., arrived Sunday and spent until Christmas evening with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Young.

Mr. Marcus Allen of Wilmington spent several days through the holidays in town with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith.

Mr. T. G. Balfour of Richmond, Va., is spending the holidays here with his children, Mr. and Miss Balfour.

Mr. D. C. Adams of Reidsville spent Christmas here with his mother-in-law and family. Mrs. Adams had been here for several days. Both returned to Reidsville Sunday.

Local Man Held Up And Robbed Monday

While returning from Aberdeen on Monday night of last week, Mr. J. G. Williams, an insurance man of this place, was forced off the highway by a car which passed from the rear and after he was forced to stop he found that he was hemmed in by this car and another from the rear. Three men with masked faces made him "stick 'em up" and then robbed him of a roll of money, which they must have known in some way that he had with him, to the amount of \$97.00. There were five men in the two cars and after robbing Mr. Williams they let the air out of a tire and made him stand behind his car as they drove off. No clue has been found as to who the perpetrators of this outrage are. Officers here think it may be the same gang that made a very similar holdup near Sanford a few nights previously.

Mrs. R. A. Collier Honored Last Week

People of this place will be interested in the following account of a party given in Statesville honoring Mrs. Robert A. Collier, who before her recent marriage, was Miss Margaret Adams, formerly of Raeferd.

"Statesville, Dec. 28.—Complimenting Mrs. Robert A. Collier, a bride of the early fall, Miss Anne Faysoux Johnson was hostess at a lovely tea, Tuesday afternoon at Barium Springs.

"The guests were greeted by Mrs. J. H. Lowrance, of Barium Springs, the first half hour, and by Misses Dorothy Dillon and Catherine Neely afterward. Miss Johnson received in the living room with Mrs. Collier, Misses Anne and Eloise Bristol, Miss Mary Lois Elm, Mrs. C. D. Moss, Mrs. Jack Joyner, Mrs. James Patterson, Misses Ida Allison, Jean Craig, Joan an Annie Irvine Morrison, of Charlotte; Miss Quinn Long, of Norfolk, Va.; and Miss Katherine Rogers of Griffin, Ga.

"Misses Beth Sloan, Blanche Alexander and Rebecca Blackwell showed the way to the dining room. Refreshments were served by Misses Lila Steele, Louise Knox, Rosa Steele, Dolly Moore, of Charlotte, and Mary Denny Hall of Belmont.

"Coffee was poured by Mrs. J. B. Johnson and Mrs. W. C. Brown, mothers of the hostess and honoree. A musical program was given during the afternoon by Miss Martha Dalm, of Charlotte, Miss Margaret Pennington presided at the register. Mrs. S. A. Grier, of Barium Springs bade the guests adieu the first half hour and Miss Mattie Belle Fraley spoke the good-byes the remaining hour. The entire lower floor of the home was thrown en suite and decorated throughout with a wealth of Christmas greens."

County Boards to Meet Here Monday

The Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education will meet in regular session on next Monday, January 6th. Nothing of unusual interest is scheduled to take place other than that a committee from the Raeferd bar will appear before the commissioners to ask them to use all leniency expedient and lawful in the foreclosure of lands under tax suits recently instituted.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. China of Rosemary and mother, Mrs. M. H. Allen of Little ton spent Christmas with Mrs. Allen's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Felton and little daughter, Margaret Ann, of Carthage, were guests of Mrs. Felton's mother, Mrs. A. J. Marley, during the holidays.

Mr. B. M. Williford of Aberdeen spent Christmas in town with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Charles Murphy and sons, Stephen and Fitzhugh and daughters, Margaret, Mary Cobb and Agnes, of Gretna, Va., spent the weekend with Mrs. Murphy's brother, Mr. J. D. Cobb, and family. Mrs. Murphy and children are visiting relatives at Parkton and Red Springs also.

Mr. William Walker of Raleigh spent several days during the holidays with Mr. Walker Stamps.

Miss Maud Lovett is ill with flu. She has been sick for several days.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marley was right sick several days with carlet fever but is up now playing about. Mr. and Mrs. Marley have three other children, but none of the others have contracted the disease so far.

School will begin Wednesday, Jan. 1st. This is an ideal time to begin work so as to be busy all the year. Here's hoping every student will resolve to do better work the coming year and put forth every effort to keep that resolution.

Mrs. A. J. Marley is in Carthage visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Marley.

Dr. McCain Expresses His Appreciation To Hoke County People

To the Editor, Hoke News-Journal, Raeferd, N. C.

Dear Sir:

The good people of Raeferd and Hoke County have done so much in the way of contributing to the happiness of the boys and girls at the Children's Division, that I wish to take this method of thanking them. It would have done their hearts good to see the children enjoying themselves at the Christmas Eve celebration, when they received the gifts so kindly sent them by their friends in the Sandhills. A number of them would undoubtedly have been left out completely and the kind of Christmas most children know would have been denied them had it not been for the kindness of our friends. One little girl who did not hear from home at all developed a case of scarlet fever on Christmas morning, and the toys which she got off the Christmas tree have done much to keep her amused and happy during this illness. Another little girl, who is blind, read from raised type, the beautiful story of the First Christmas from the Bible as part of the Christmas tree exercises.

The people of Raeferd and other nearby towns have done so much for our children at the Sanatorium during the past several years, that I am at a loss to express my own appreciation and theirs; but we wish these good people to know how deeply we appreciate their kindness. We extend to all of them our best wishes for a New Year of much happiness and prosperity.

Sincerely yours,
P. P. McCain, Supt.,
North Carolina Sanatorium.

Miss Margaret Morris Entertains Friday

Miss Margaret Morris delightfully entertained a number of her friends Friday evening, Dec. 27th, at her home from 8 until 10:30. Dancing and games were enjoyed after which punch and cake were served. Those enjoying this delightful affair were Misses Mary E. McFadyen, Libby McBryde, Sarah B. Campbell, Floreeda Campbell, Mary Monroe, Mary Morris, Mary Neal McNair, Lorena Andrews, Mildred Duffie, Thelma Hall and guest, Nell Jones, of Talbot, and Messrs Woodrow Teal, Julian McLeod, Woodrow McLean, Julian Wright, T. B. Lester, Fred Culbreth, "Chink" Bethune, Kermit Crawley, Jake Austin, Henry Monroe and William Lamont.

Entertains With A New Years Party

Miss Anna Rogers entertained a number of her friends at her home Tuesday evening at a new year's party. Dancing and progressive conversation were enjoyed until a late hour and the shooting of fire crackers and other fire works furnished much merriment. The young folks were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new year and at a few minutes before midnight they journey down town and rang the bells.

Those invited to enjoy Miss Rogers' hospitality were: Sarah Draughan, Mary Neal McNair, Mary Monroe, Elizabeth Cromartie, Margaret Walters, Floreeda Campbell, Vera Cox, Lorena Andrews, Harriet Hodgins, Lula Hall, Susan Gulleddge, Hallie Freeman and Hallie Reeves, "Chink" Bethune, Robert McDonald, T. B. Lester, Jr., Marion Gatlin, Robert Hampton, Fred Culbreth, Walter Brown, Gaston McBryde, Henry Monroe, Leo Fuller, John D. McNeill, James Matheson, "Hump" Campbell, Kermit Crawley and William Lamont.

HAS OLD-TIME SQUARE DANCE

A most delightful old-time square dance was enjoyed by the friends of Mr and W. J. Bounds at their home in Quewhiffe Township on Saturday night last. Among those in attendance were Misses McNeill, Pauline Redden, Katie Conoly and Mame Conoly. Among the gentlemen dancers from Raeferd were Messrs Eldridge Chisholm, Martin McKeithan, Locke Cameron, Hubert McLean, Robert Morris and Woodrow McLean, and from the adjacent section were Messrs Tom McNeill, Clarence McBryde, John A. Wilkes and several others.

ASHFORD-McCORMICK

Friends in Hoke County will be interested to learn of the marriage of Miss Sarah McCormick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCormick, of Parkton, to Mr. George Ashford, of Rocky Mount. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride on Monday morning, Dec. 23rd, at 10 o'clock with only a few close friends present. Following a wedding trip, they will make their home at Rocky Mount.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. ...