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## Commissioners Inspect New Stockade Monday

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blue were hosts to the county commissioners at lunch on Monday when this body inspected the new stockade for Hoke County prisoners. The lunch was a fine one and was served in the stockade where the prisoners will eat. Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Blue were Messrs J. A. McDermid, S. J. Cameron, N. H. G. Balfour, Arch McGil, R. F. Stewart, J. W. Currie, J. A. McGoogan, Millard Baker and Paul Dickson. Everyone present expressed a desire to do something or other by which he could get regular board at this place. Mr. Blue informed them, however, that the menu for every day occasions was not quite so elaborate. Eating honors were carried off, as may be guessed, by County Auditor J. A. McGoogan of cat fish stew fame. One other gentleman, in his haste to get the start on all rivals, put salt in his coffee but discovered his mistake before any damage was done. Mrs. W. E. Blue was assisted in serving this lunch by her daughter, Miss Louise Blue, and Mrs. Millard Baker.

An inspection on the camp after lunch revealed a very complete and modern stockade. The walls are of brick, floor and roof of concrete and partitions are of iron bars. Accommodations are available for 24 colored prisoners and six white. Each compartment is separate and has running water with shower. There is a good stove in the kitchen. A trusty will be allowed to keep the fire going. The cook's quarters are off to themselves and will enable the cook, who will also be a trusty, to go around to the kitchen without calling the guard to let him out. The building is as nearly fire-proof as can be made everything except the bed clothing and the bottom of the beds being of non-combustible material. A room has been fixed up in the truck building for a commissary and guard's quarters, being near enough by for him to hear anything unusual that might happen.

Anyone desiring to look this camp over will be glad to be paid for their time for it is a very complete outfit.

## Raeford Post Office Falls Off Slightly

Cash receipts at the Raeford post office during the year 1929 were \$6,030.46, according to Postmaster G. W. Cox, as compared to about fifty dollars more for the preceding year. There were sixteen hundred and fifty insured packages sent and about five hundred registered pieces. There were 6,247 packages sent by parcel post to the value of \$34,556.52. Announcement is expected in the near future of a new location for the Raeford office, though the exact date of such announcement is not known.

## Mrs. Mary Ellis Dies Last Tuesday

Mrs. Mary Ellis died at the home of her son, Mr. K. W. Ellis, in the southeastern section of the county Tuesday afternoon, of pneumonia. She was 82 years of age and had been sick several days. Mrs. Ellis was a faithful member of the Baptist church, and her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. Scott Turner, Wednesday afternoon, and interment was made in the cemetery at Lumber Bridge. She is survived by her son, Mr. K. W. Ellis, with whom she lived and perhaps other children.

## "Aunt" Mary Fairley Passes Tuesday A. M.

"Aunt" Mary Fairley, an old and highly esteemed colored woman who lived on the Lumberton and Carthage road between Raeford and Antioch died at her home Tuesday morning, Jan. 7th, at 2 o'clock. She was about 90 years of age and was well known in the community in which she lived all her long life. "Aunt" Mary as she was known by white and colored, was a fine type of the old ante-bellum colored folks who are rapidly disappearing, and her going is a distinct loss to her many friends who admired her many fine qualities. The funeral was held at Piney Grove Baptist church Wednesday at two o'clock p. m. and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. I. M. Melton, and interment was made in the burying ground at Silver Grove church. She is survived by several children and grand-children. Her youngest son, Rev. W. T. Fairley, who is pastor of a church in Rutherfordton, N. C., attended the funeral.

## GAS STOVE CATCHES FIRE

The fire alarm sounded Monday evening about 7:45 and the gasoline stove in the news stand of Mr. Willard Huggins was found to be on fire. It looked bad for a few minutes, but the fire was extinguished before the fire trucks arrived, though they were at the scene very soon.

## Board To Exercise Leniency In Collections

The board of county commissioners met in regular monthly meeting on Monday and all the members were present. The usual routine of business was taken up and consumed all of the day. A delegation from the Hoke County Bar Association appeared before this body and presented their resolution requesting the commissioners to use all leniency possible in the foreclosure of lands for delinquent taxes. The following order was passed by the board: "Ordered that the county attorney proceed to take judgments on pending tax sale suits in which the county is plaintiff as the opportunity presents itself to do so; but it is the sense of the board that these judgments should not be executed until next November, except in unusual cases."

It is interesting to note that there are only about one hundred of these suits in Hoke County and that the sum of \$8,000.00 in delinquent taxes is involved, that is, taxes due in 1927 or prior years. Most counties have suits running up into many hundreds and some in excess of a thousand.

## Board of Education Gets New Members

The county board of education met in regular session on last Monday with all members present. The following resolutions were entered upon the minutes of the Board: That the resignation of Mr. W. E. Freeman as trustee of the Raeford school be accepted with regrets. The board wishes to go on record as highly endorsing the efficient services of Mr. Freeman and as expressing an appreciation for the full cooperation in his relations with school work. The board feels that he will be greatly missed and that while the change of location necessitated his resignation the board wishes him God-speed in his endeavors and hopes that he will reflect with satisfaction on the splendid work he has been able to accomplish as a member and chairman of the Raeford board of trustees.

Mr. H. L. Gatlin was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Freeman.

The following resolution was adopted: Whereas, God has seen fit to call to Himself our friend and esteemed trustee of the Blue Springs school, W. B. McMillan; and Whereas, by his genial spirit and splendid traits of character he has greatly endeared himself to the members of this board and to the people generally of his county and community;

Therefore, be it resolved: First: That in the death of W. B. McMillan the county and the Blue Springs district has lost the services of a very valuable public spirited man and the school has been deprived of a most efficient trustee; Second, That we extend our sincere sympathy to his bereaved wife and other members of his family; and Third: That a copy of these resolutions be published in The News-Journal and a copy placed upon the minutes of the board.

Mr. D. G. McMillan was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. W. B. McMillan as a trustee of the Blue Springs school.

## Persian Missionary To Preach Sunday

Rev. Yosip Benjamin, a native of Persia, and a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, an ordained minister of the Presbyterian church will preach at the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at seven o'clock. Mr. Benjamin was a missionary for ten years in Persia and Russia and he and his family are now waiting for an opportunity to return to the mission fields. He is endorsed and commended by many eminent ministers of the Southern Presbyterian church, and his story of the experiences and perils through which he has passed in the foreign field, is said to be most interesting. Dr. W. McF. Alexander says of a visit to his church in New Orleans, "His sermons were informing, sound in the faith, fervent with love to Christ. Any church will be helped spiritually by a visit from this brother."

## MORE FINE PORKERS

Mr. J. N. Maxwell killed a pig last week that tipped the scales at 620 pounds, and Mr. Harry Green also killed one that fell below the six hundred pound mark. Who will be the one to beat them? Let us hear from you, gentlemen.

## MASONIC EMBLEM PIN LOST

If anyone should find a small white gold Masonic emblem pin, supposed to have been lost between the 5 and 10 cent store and the post office, will return it to Miss Hattie Graham, who will be glad to reward the finder.

## Pays Fine And Costs Running Slot Machine

A case that has created quite a bit of interest locally was tried in Recorder's Court Tuesday. N. B. Bullard was indicted in Mayor's court on December 18, 1929, charged with operating a slot machine in the Town of Raeford. The Mayor found him guilty and taxed the costs and fine of ten dollars. He appealed his case to Recorder's Court and the judgment of this court was that he pay the fine and costs in Mayor's Court and the costs in Recorder's court. The statute under which the town ordinance was drawn provides that it shall be illegal to operate or cause to be operated, any machine or other device which does not give the same returns for the much each time it is played. It was the contention of the defendant that this machine gave five cents worth of mints each time five cents was placed in it and that sometimes it gave coins or checks which entitled the winner to play the machine some more. The court held that even the privilege of playing the machine for pleasure was not uniform in granting this privilege it came within the statute. John Bishop, colored who lives about one mile North of Raeford, was charged with the possession of a half gallon of whiskey and pleaded guilty. John says that he was fixing to have a party Monday night and had procured a bit of refreshments and hid it in a briar patch in front of his house. The officers came along Monday evening as John was cutting wood for the party and discovered the said refreshments and brought them to town, John in the meantime getting out of sight. Tuesday morning, however, he came down to the sheriff's office and owned up. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs provided John behaved himself for two years. J. M. and Ernest Capps, white, of the Rockfish section, entered pleas of guilty to the possession of a barrel of wine and prayer for judgment was continued in each case upon payment of the costs.

## Bank of Raeford Makes Good Report

On January 2nd, the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Raeford was held. The report from the cashier showed that the bank had enjoyed a very good year. Earnings for 1929 exceeded the two previous years. The stockholders elected the following board of directors for the year 1930: J. W. McLaughlin, T. B. Upchurch, E. B. McNeill, H. L. Gatlin, F. B. Sexton, C. W. Seate, J. B. Thomas, J. L. McNeill and R. B. Lewis. At a meeting of the board of directors held after the stockholders' meeting the following officers were elected for the year 1930: president, J. W. McLaughlin; vice-president, T. B. Upchurch and H. L. Gatlin; cashier, R. B. Lewis; assistant cashier, G. D. McQueen. The surplus fund of the bank was increased to \$40,000.00, depreciation account increased to over \$10,000.00 and a dividend of 10 per cent was ordered paid to stockholders. This bank has served Hoke County and this vicinity for over 26 years.

## Building and Loan Holds Annual Meet.

The stockholders of the Raeford Building and Loan Association held their annual meeting Tuesday Jan. 7th, 1930. Directors were elected for the year, and other officers as follows: president, F. B. Sexton; vice president, R. B. Lewis; secretary and treasurer, W. L. Poole; attorney, A. D. Gore. A recent audit of the association showed that the institution was doing well, the earning rate being above seven per cent. It is said that this is considerably above the average earning rate over the State.

## Sunday Schools Enter Six Months' Contest

The Presbyterian Sunday Schools of Hoke County are putting on a six months' contest to see which Sunday School can secure the highest average attendance during this period. The attendance will be based on the average attendance in each school for the month of December. At the close of the contest, July 1st, the school having the highest increase in attendance will receive a cash prize of \$10.00 and there will also be a big Sunday School picnic of all the Presbyterian schools in the county sometime in July. Time and place to be decided on later. Superintendents are requested to keep an account of the attendance each Sunday and report at least once each month as to what progress they are making. The Sunday Schools in the Bethel group of churches had a similar contest last year and found it to be

## Warden McLean Has New Fire Apparatus

County Warden H. R. McLean has a new fire fighting trailer which he had in front of the court house Monday and showed to the commissioners and a number of interested spectators. This trailer is attachable to his car and carries a complete set of tools and other paraphernalia used in fighting forest fires. On the rear are two fifty gallon tanks for carrying water which have faucets for filling the smaller tanks used by the fighters. Included in the equipment are two bush hooks, 12 buckets, 3 rakes, six tanks with pump and nozzle, and other minor articles. Each district warden in the county is now equipped with four of the pumps and tanks, six rakes and one bush hook. It is interesting to note that this equipment is put on the market by the Council Tool Co. of Wannanish (Lake Waccamaw), long time makers of turpentine tools. Most of the equipment is of their own make and is very substantial.

## Historians Will Please Take Notice

Just why lightning or some other outburst of nature didn't strike the court house in Raeford Tuesday is a mystery that many are puzzling themselves over. This building is used to the mighty oratory of pleading counsel, even the high pitch of intensive feeling caused by a murder trial at times, but Tuesday was the first time in its history that it was called on to have the unspeakable combination of Sap McLeod and Murdock McDuffie perched upon its roof, working like wood peckers upon weak spots. Which is another way of saying that these two distinguished gentlemen have been engaged this week in repairing the roof of the court house. Mr. McLeod sat astride the top of the roof and held a rope in his hands and to the other end of this rope was attached Mr. McDuffie, who administered the needed repairs. Friends passing offered Mr. McLeod five dollars to turn loose the end of the rope and he agreed to accept the offer but the money was not forthcoming.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin announce the birth of a daughter, Dec. 31, 1929.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Leach announce the birth of a daughter, Jan. 7th, 1930.

## Laurie McEachern Heads Kiwanis Club

At the regular weekly meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club on last Thursday evening the newly elected officers who will direct the destinies of the club for this year, formerly took charge and presided over the meeting. They are as follows: Laurie McEachern, president; T. B. Upchurch, Jr., vice president; Ernest Fridell, secretary; T. B. Lester, treasurer; Dr. R. L. Murray, district trustee.

## \$102,000 Allotted N. C. O. Quarters

Washington, January 3.—The war department has authorized advertising for bids for 15 sets of non-commissioned officers' quarters at Fort Bragg, N. C., allotting \$102,000 for the purpose.

## Two Big Attractions At Southern Pines Theatre

The next two attractions at the Southern Pines Theatre are decidedly worth going a long way to see and will be remembered long after many others are forgotten. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 9th, 10th and 11th, with a matinee Saturday at 3 o'clock, that famous pair of comedians, "The Cockeyed World" fame, Victor McGlagon and El Brendel, together with that famous Parisian vamp who scored so heavily with Will Rogers in "They Had to See Paris," are united in one picture, "Hot For Paris," which will set a new standard of laughs to the minute and set the whole section to singing. It is a combination of laughs, songs and dances that will entertain from the first to the last minute. If you miss "Hot For Paris," don't blame us. Remember, we "told you so." On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 13th, 14th and 15th, that marvelous production, "The Love Parade," with Maurice Chevalier and Jeannette MacDonald will be presented. This picture needs no introduction. It served as the opening attraction at the Pinehurst Theatre with its sound equipment and was hailed by everybody as the greatest musical play of the year and is being brought back to Southern Pines by the unanimous request of patrons who were unable to get in at Pinehurst.

## Obtains Patent For Tobacco Plant Setter

Mr. DeWitt Tapp has recently obtained a patent for an attachment he devised for a tobacco plant setter that will prove interesting to tobacco farmers and of great assistance in the setting of tobacco. The planters or setters, heretofore, have had a rather small mouth into which the plant is dropped, causing the leaves of the plants to often hang and thus delay operations. Mr. Tapp has devised a funnel-like attachment with a much larger mouth that completely does away with all hanging and means much greater speed in setting out plants. Mr. Tapp is now having these manufactured for him and is placing them with the hardware merchants for sale to the retail trade.

## Lumber Bridge Items

Lumber Bridge, Jan. 7.—A traveling party of ringing out the old and ringing in the new was enjoyed by the younger set New Year's eve. The party started at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williford, where games were enjoyed for an hour. Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Williford served coffee and cakes. The party traveled over to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cobb, where the game of "the family reunion" caused much merriment. Miss Elizabeth Cobb served blackberry nectar and cake. The party then went to the movies at Red Springs and enjoyed a picture. After coming back and ringing out the old and ringing in the new they assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Currie where Miss Rebecca Currie served punch and bade each guest good-night on New Year's morning.

Mrs. J. W. Hall left Saturday morning for Salisbury to visit her children, Mrs. W. C. Heitman and family and Mr. Roger Hall. She will be gone for several days.

Mr. W. E. Graham went on a hunting trip to Sampson County last Wednesday and had a successful hunt. He also went to Beard recently on a hunting trip and said birds were plentiful there but hard to get.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Evans and children of Rockfish were visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. L. H. Bullard.

Mr. G. C. Hughes of Homerville, Ga., was a guest Sunday in the home of Mr. W. D. Smith. He brought his sister, Miss Eleanor Hughes back to Flora Macdonald for the spring semester.

Mrs. K. G. Faircloth and daughters, Odessa and Merle, of Rocky Mount spent several days recently with Mrs. Faircloth's brother, Mr. T. J. Buonella, and family.

Messrs. Gates Dearen and Frederick Cobb were Fayetteville visitors Saturday afternoon.

Messrs. W. D. Smith and W. E. Marley were in Lumberton Monday on business.

Mr. Walter Gibson and daughter, Mrs. Tina McMillan, and granddaughter, Miss Henrietta McMillan, of St. Pauls were recent visitors in Lumber Bridge.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stamps and son, Walker, spent last Saturday in the old home of Mr. Preston Stamps near Gray's Creek. He was a younger brother of Dr. Stamps and has been dead for several years. His widow recently moved to another state. The old home was vacated but among the relics left were many that brought sweet reminiscences to Dr. Stamps of his mother and childhood. The piano on which Dr. Stamps' mother, a gifted musician, used to play for the enjoyment of her children and their associates, was among the relics of long ago.

The convict camp that has been stationed here for the last five or six months removed Monday to McMillan's Siding. Mr. Robert Monroe has charge of this camp. They have certainly built a nice road to St. Pauls while here.

Mrs. Florence Graham left Monday morning for Raeford to visit her sister, Mrs. Hattie Currie.

Misses Rebecca Currie and Elizabeth Cobb left Thursday for Greensboro to return to school, Miss Currie to Greensboro College and Miss Cobb to N. C. W.

Mr. Edward Cobb left Thursday morning for State college after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. M. H. Cobb.

Mr. J. T. Bunnells was in Star recently on business.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Hall and children, Robert and Probert, of Rocky Mount came last Wednesday and spent the week end with Mrs. Halls parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Monroe. They returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Williams and little son spent the weekend with Mrs. Williams parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Monroe.

Mr. Sidney Clifton left Sunday for Charlotte to resume his studies at Kings Business college.

Miss Ada Lantz of Gold Hill, N. C., was elected to fill the vacancy in the school faculty caused by the resignation of Miss Daisy Agner. Miss Lantz comes highly recommended.

## Hoke Forest Wardens To Meet Here Today

The annual meeting of the District Forest Wardens of Hoke County will be held in the court house on Friday of this week. Mr. W. A. Peterson, District Forester, will be in charge. The object of this meeting is to discuss plans for combating forest fires in this county and to issue more equipment to the district men who will distribute it among the deputies of their districts.

In order to make a success of this undertaking by the Department of Conservation and Development and Hoke County it is very essential that we have the hearty co-operation of every man, woman, and child in the county. Most of our matured pine are gone, for various commercial reasons, but through the works did growth of young pine and, if we are to have pines in the future, it is our duty to protect them from fires. Some people claim you have to burn the forests in order to destroy insects, especially the boll weevil. Listen! When you burn the forest you injure the trees and they decay making the best kind of a home for insects. A burned forest is a monument of man's negligence and headquarters for insects. Do you think you gain anything by burning the forests?

We need your co-operation. Cooperate with us and see the results. H. L. McLean, County Warden.

## J. S. Johnson Loses Tenant House By Fire

On Tuesday a fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed a good tenant dwelling on the farm of Mr. J. S. Johnson about three miles North of Raeford. The house was occupied by a young colored man named James McCauley. McCauley and his wife were away from home and lost everything they had except the clothing they had on them. There was no insurance.

## Four Mallard Ducks Become Domesticated

Last fall thirteen Mallard ducks came to the place of Mr. D. C. Newton in Antioch township, and five of them have decided to cast their lot with a flock of tame ducks that Mr. Newton has. Eight left sometime ago, but four ducks and one drake have remained and are as tame as the domestic ones that Mr. Newton has, running and eating with them, as though they had spent their lives there.

## TIME TO TRANSPLANT TREES

(Contributed) Now is a good time to prune your grape vines and shade trees—and there is no better time to transplant shade trees. Remember that the latter enhances the value, very much of your property. "Only God can make a tree," but it is our privilege to transplant them, where needed, and as our woods and swamps have a splendid variety. Let's get busy, and do our part towards a "town beautiful."

## GENERAL NEWS

Deputy Sheriff Hoke B. Smith of Columbus county, who had his body riddled with pistol bullets at his home near Clarkton Tuesday night of last week by four men alleged to have been operators of a big liquor still raided by Smith earlier in the day, is making a brave fight for his life in the Baker Sanatorium, Lumberton. His body was paralyzed by two bullets that pierced his spinal column, and while he seems to feel more natural than at first, he is said to be growing weaker, and his condition is still considered critical. Pope Floyd, Hubert Floyd, Waddell Milligan and Seals Hill, are being held in jail at Whiteville pending the outcome of the officer's wounds.

John Anderson and Elijah Monroe, colored, were instantly killed, and Archie Bristow, also colored, is in the Baker Sanatorium in Lumberton, with serious injuries sustained shortly after noon Saturday when the Ford truck in which they were riding, driven by Bristow was struck by the fast A. C. L. passenger train 75 a short distance from the Purvis station. Sheriff B. F. McMillan and Coroner D. W. Biggs visited the place, but concluded that an inquest was unnecessary.

No arrests have been made at last accounts, in the slaying of Alford Ellyson, aged filling station proprietor, whose body was found in his place of business last Saturday, but officers claim they have clues which they believe will lead to the arrest of the slayer. Ellyson apparently had been slain with an axe sometime Friday night. He was a man about 81 years old and a native of Iowa, coming to this area about two years ago.