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## Commissioners May Not Advertise Land Until August First

The board of county commissioners met in regular session on Monday with four members present. Matters of interest coming up, other than the usual routine, included action on the advertising of lands for taxes, a number of citizens appearing and asking that the sale be put off as long as possible. The commissioners decided to defer advertising for thirty days and it is probable that they will not order lands advertised until August, this being the latest that they can defer the matter without making a settlement with the sheriff impossible on October 1st. If this schedule is adopted it will mean that lands will be advertised in August and sold the first Monday in September and will give many people an opportunity to raise money from their 1930 crops. A small appropriation was made by the commissioners for Confederate veterans to attend the annual reunion at Bixby, Miss. A petition was heard for a road in Little River township beginning at Rollin's mill box on the public road near the old McNeill place, and running thence either to the Moore-Hoke County line at the bridge over Reedy Branch, near Sweetheart Lake, or to a point near Carroll's Branch bridge on the public road. Action on this petition was deferred until the next meeting of the board.

## Pen Used In Nose Count In 1850 Is Used Again This Year

An old goose quill pen and a copper and cut-glass ink well used in taking the census in 1850, was utilized by a census enumerator in Camden county in making out her 1930 report. In a letter addressed to John A. Cason, district supervisor, Mrs. E. Lang, enumerator for the 30th and 270th militia districts, told of this unique feature in connection with her census report. The quill and ink well are the property of Mrs. G. V. Baker, of White Oak. Her grandfather, Daniel McRobison, of Robeson County, N. C., used them in making out figures for this county eighty years ago, before the Civil war, to be exact. Mrs. Baker is the possessor of many relics, this being one of them and when Mrs. Lang discovered it she borrowed it at once for her purpose.—Brunswick (Ga.) News.

## Ashmont School And Community News

The pupils of the 8th and 9th grades made a trip to Raleigh Friday, May 2. There were twenty-one in the party. They left Ashley Heights at 7 A. M. and returned at 9:30 P. M. Many places of interest were visited. Namely, the hall of history, the museum, the state capitol, the school for blind children, the penitentiary, Dix Hill, the flying field, radio station W. P. T. F., and many other places of interest. The return trip was by Durham and Chapel Hill. The 6th and 7th grades made a similar trip about a month ago. The teachers consider these trips worth much more than the same amount of time in school, because many of the pupils have never seen many of the sights before and perhaps never will again. Commencement Exercises The first of the closing exercises was given two weeks ago when the high school pupils presented a play. The lower grades will present an operetta, "Sunny of Sunnyside," Thursday evening, May 8, at 8 P. M. Friday evening at 8:15 Hon. L. M. Blue, of Gibson, N. C., will speak after which closing exercises will be held. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Rabbit Foot Lost, Strayed Or Stolen

Friends of Sapp McLeod have been very much worried over the condition of that gentleman during the dry weather that has prevailed recently, and many of them have been at a loss as to the real trouble with him. He has been going around with his head hung down as though he had lost his last friend or something. The trouble with him is that he has lost his rabbit foot when it comes to prognosticating on the weather. Last Friday he said it would rain within twenty-four hours and the elements promptly proved him to be in error. In desperation he has been predicting rain about every day and still the elements refuse to accommodate him. He stands today thoroughly discredited as a weather prophet and hence his dejection. Those familiar with the cocky self-assurance with which he forecast the weather for all these years can sympathize with him in his fall.

## CARD OF THANKS

In this way we wish to thank our many friends for their kindness during the sickness and death of our husband and father. Mrs. J. W. Harrison and family.

## Rev. B. R. Lacy Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon Here May 18

Rev. Ben R. Lacy, LL.D., president of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., will preach the baccalaureate sermon of the Raeford high school graduating class May 18. Dr. Lacy is recognized as one of the outstanding Presbyterian preachers of the South and the school considers itself very fortunate in being able to secure such a popular and able preacher. The service will be held at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday morning, May 18th, in the Presbyterian church. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

## Commencement Address By Prof. R. B. House

Prof. R. B. House, secretary to President Chase, University of North Carolina, will deliver the commencement address this year on Friday night, May 23rd. Mr. House is an able young man and is an able speaker. He has been mentioned for the Presidency of the University. A large crowd is expected to hear him.

## Seniors To Present Play Commencement Week

The senior class will present its play "Her Step Husband" during commencement week, the date to be announced later. "Her Step Husband" is a comedy in 3 acts and practices so far prove it to be one of the best plays to be put on here. The cast has been carefully selected so as to put on the best performance possible. Plenty of laughs and thrills will be furnished by the senior merrymakers. Everyone should make a special effort to see this as it will be worth the admission price.

## Fishermen Hailed Before Recorder

Tuesday was fishermen's day in Recorder's Court. The long discussed fishing law came in for a front row position and didn't fail to get it by a big majority. A number of citizens of the county faced charges of catching game fish out of season in violation of what the prosecution insisted was a law. J. S. Hargett, assistant director of the department of conservation and development, Paul Kelly, secretary and W. C. Lick, assistant State warden, were all present as well as other members of the organization in this district. Their case was handled by Q. K. Nimocks, of the Fayetteville bar. None of the defendants was represented by counsel. The contention of the department was based on a pamphlet issued by the department on Jan. 13th, 1930, which makes a closed season on all game fish in inland waters from April 20th to June 10th, and their contention carries with it the closing of all waters during this time, including private fish ponds and streams. The impression has been more or less general in Hoke County that private fish ponds were exempt from the operation of this rule and it was the desire of many to test this phase of the rule. In fact, some members of the department's staff have made the statement, so it is said, that private ponds were not included in the closing rule on game fish. There seems to be a world of confusion as to the exact meaning of the law and all parties interested appear anxious that the matter be cleared up. There was no disagreement as to facts in the cases, the defendants admitting the taking of the fish but stating that they did so in the belief that they had a right to do so. Judgment in all of these cases was withheld for one week. Frank Baycote, colored, of the Rockfish neighborhood was convicted of failing to obey a summons by the fire warden to help put out a fire and was fined five dollars and the costs. Moses Patterson, colored, was found not guilty of putting out fire. Charles Hooper, white, of Richmond, Va., pleaded guilty to a charge of abandoning his wife, who is a patient at the Sanatorium and was taxed with the costs with prayer for judgment continued under bond for his compliance with the terms of settlement agreed upon whereby he is to pay a certain sum now and a given sum each month for her support. The case against Jennie and Abram Jones came up and the state took a nol prosequi with leave, these defendants having been indicted and committed to jail under a federal warrant in default of a bond of \$750.00 each. It is understood that this bond has been reduced since to \$250.00.

## LIZZIE HARVEY PASSES

Lizzie Harvey, colored, wife of Osey Harvey, who lived on the Edinboro farm near town, died Thursday, May 1st, after a few days illness with pneumonia. Her remains were buried at Silver Grove on Friday. She was thirty-three years old.

## AGED COLORED WOMAN DIES

Aunt Hannah McPhatter, a highly respected colored woman who was well known in this section for a long number of years, died Thursday, May 1st, at the mature age of 89. Her remains were buried Friday at Silver Grove.

## 2199 People In Raeford Township Exclusive Of The Town Of Raeford

Population figures released by W. C. Downing, District Supervisor, during the past week show a population in Raeford Township, exclusive of the Town of Raeford, of 2199, as compared with 1775 in 1920. Allendale Township has a population of 963 as compared to 909 in 1920. Blue Springs Township has a population of 1953 as compared with 2086 in 1920. The number of farms listed in these townships is as follows: Raeford 283; Allendale 145; and Blue Springs 294.

## Dixon Children Bitten By Mad Dog Last Week

One of the most distressing accidents of its kind ever to occur in the county happened one day last week when a small dog belonging to Mr. R. L. Dixon, near town, went mad and bit three of his children. It also bit a male and killed a number of chickens, finally jumping into the bed with the baby who is five months old. The dog was killed and its head sent to Raleigh for examination which revealed the fact that it had hydrophobia. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, their six children and a child of Mr. Henry Tapp, who lives close by and who is at the Dixon home every day to meet the school bus, are now taking treatment for the prevention of this dread malady. Each of the nine has to take a "shot" every day for twenty-one days and it is no pleasant treatment. Mr. Dixon is also having the mules treated.

## Hamlet Pastor To Build Near Raeford

Friends in Hoke county will learn with a great deal of pleasure that Rev. B. P. Robinson, pastor of the Hamlet Methodist church, has bought a tract of land about two miles east of Raeford on the Fayetteville road and will immediately begin building operations there. He plans to build a concrete block garage and a modern outhouse right away and make blocks for a dwelling during the summer. Mr. Robinson has said for years that he wanted to live here when he got old and had to retire and his many friends will extend to him the "glad hand" and welcome him and his family to Raeford.

## Rev. W. C. Brown Recovers From Illness

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Brown of Barium Springs, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Robert A. Collier, of Statesville, spent several days with relatives here this week. Mr. Brown was pastor of the local Presbyterian church for a long number of years and his friends here are numbered by his acquaintances. He has a hold on the love, confidence and esteem of the people of this community that is accorded to but few and it is a genuine pleasure to his friends to see him again and see him in good health again after a protracted illness last year.

## South Makes Progress In School Consolidation

Raleigh, May 5.—North Carolina ranks first among the sixteen southern states in increase in number of consolidated rural schools since 1921-22, it is learned from the current issue of State School Facts, publication of the Department of Public Instruction. In 1921-22, that paper points out, there were 365 schools of this kind in the State, whereas in 1927-28 there were 951. In other words, during a period of six years there has been an increase of 596 schools of this type in the State. During the same period Georgia made an increase of 564 consolidated schools. Mississippi had an increase of 518, and Texas 438. According to School Facts, there were around 5,155 consolidated schools in the South as a whole in 1927-28, whereas in 1921-22 there were 9,020 schools of this type in this section of the United States. This present number in the South is more than one-half the total of 17,000 schools of this type reported for the nation. Of the strictly southern states, Texas has the largest number, 1,195; Mississippi reports 988 schools of this kind, Georgia 984, and North Carolina 951, for the year 1927-28. The adjoining states of Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina have, respectively, 812, 822 and 406 rural schools classified as consolidated.

From a report issued by the Federal Office of Education nearly 1,000 schools of this type were established throughout the country during the school year 1927-28. Georgia leads the nation in this respect by forming 193 consolidated schools in that year. Texas established 188 of these schools and thus ranked second among the states in this respect. "It appears," according to conclusion of School Facts, "that the South as a whole is making more progress than any other section of the country in consolidation of schools."

## Charlie Woodell Seriously Injured

Charlie Woodell, a farmer of the Antioch section of Hoke county, was painfully if not seriously injured Wednesday night when he was struck by an automobile driven by Onslow McCormick, colored, of the same neighborhood.

The accident occurred on the old Wire road to Fayetteville just a few hundred yards from where the road intersects highway No. 70. From information gathered from those present at the scene of the accident it appears that Mr. Woodell had stopped his car along the side of the road and was making some slight adjustments to it when a wagon drove up and the occupants stopped to render what assistance they could in getting the car going again. While the wagon and automobile were thus there a Ford coupe driven by McCormick rounded the curve, at what is claimed an excessive rate of speed. The driver of the Ford stated that seeing he could not pass the wagon and other car swerved to the ditch to avoid an accident. Mr. Woodell, in attempting to jump from the supposed path of the oncoming car jumped to the ditch along the side of the road and landed there just as McCormick's car did. A Mr. Quick who was with Mr. Woodell, jumped the other way and thus avoided injury.

Mr. Woodell's ankle was badly crushed in the joint, the bone protruding several inches through the skin. He was carried to Red Springs where he received treatment from Dr. R. S. McMillan, and was later taken to the hospital in Lumberton.

McCormick, the driver of the car which struck Woodell, rendered what assistance he could at the scene of the accident and then came on to Red Springs to be on hand in case he should be needed again. His car was only slightly damaged although it was stated he had missed serious damage and injury to himself in his effort to avoid a collision.

## May Day Observed At Flora Macdonald College Tuesday

Red Springs, N. C., May 8th.—The ancient custom of welcoming the return of spring with dancing and merry-making was perpetuated by the young women of Flora Macdonald college Tuesday when they greeted the return of life and beauty to nature after the drabness of winter with elaborate ceremonies which have become known as "May Day" ceremonies. This holiday among the young ladies of the college is one of the few quaint customs which have survived the onrush of modernism and has attained a place of singular importance in the scholastic year of the young women.

The May Day festivities are usually presided over by a queen, chosen for her beauty, or sometimes for popularity, and the ceremony includes the age-old May Pole dance and folk dances from many countries signifying the world-wide popularity of the occasion. In larger institutions where a great deal of money is expended on lavish pageantry, a theme is introduced into the festivities and a quaint and beautiful story dealing with the poetry of nature is presented.

The students of Flora Macdonald college held their celebration Tuesday afternoon on the sloping green lawn before the main building. The festivities were presided over by an attractive South Carolina debutante, Miss Carrie Elizabeth Shepard, of Lanes, S. C., as Queen of the May. Ladies of the court were Miss E. Hutchins, Miss Margaret Burgess, Miss Mary Engle, Miss Mary Eunice Wells, Miss Georgia Adams, and Miss Gertrude Crandall.

The program this year was taken from the songs and dances of the Civil War period, including clog dances representing the old plantation negroes. Practically every girl in the student body participated in the elaborate ceremonies.

## F. M. C. Students In Graduating Recital

Red Springs, N. C., May 8th.—On Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, one of the most outstanding graduating recitals ever given at Flora Macdonald college was presented when Miss Nancy Conduff, voice, and Miss Virginia Cunningham, piano, gave their graduating recitals. The auditorium was filled with music lovers from Red Springs and other places who thoroughly appreciated this unusual treat.

Miss Conduff with her sweet soprano voice delighted the audience with selections especially well suited to the rich tone of her voice. Her grace and poise were outstanding. Miss Cunningham's program consisted of unusually difficult selections, but were gracefully rendered displaying wonderful technique and talent. Etude—Op. 25, No. 5, Chopin, and Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 2, Franz Liszt, were perhaps her most brilliant numbers. Among those from out of town were Miss Cunningham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cunningham, of Atlan-

## Action Deferred On School Proposition For Little River Township

The board of education of Hoke county met in monthly session on Monday and considered a number of matters relative to schools of the county. A large number of citizens of Little River township met with the board to present their views with reference to schools in that township, it being necessary to make some new arrangement for another year. Three propositions were considered. One was to consolidate all the schools of the township into one school; another was to send all to Vass and a third was to send all except Rosindale to Vass. The board took no action on this matter but will meet on the 13th, next Tuesday, to make a proposition in this respect. The board agreed to give the Raeford colored school an eighth grade and an eight months term for this grade, provided that the extended term is cared for out of local funds, there being some special tax levy for this purpose, and the rest to be raised among the colored people. They also decided that any colored pupils from other districts of the county wishing to attend this eighth grade should furnish their own transportation and bear their pro rata share of the expense.

The board decided to proceed of their original plan and locate the Rockfish colored school on the site first selected, which is at St. Peter's colored church near Rockfish station.

## Over Million Dollars Sent To Counties

Raleigh, May 5.—The sum of \$1,184,358.02 has just been sent to the counties participating in the School Equalizing Fund by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, A. T. Allen, it was learned today from his office.

The larger portion of this amount, \$1,074,658.82, represented the allotment to 93 counties from the \$1,250,000 Tax Reduction Fund appropriated by the last General Assembly. The sum of \$43,631.44 was for rural supervision, and \$66,068.70 for additional teachers allowed by the State Board of Equalization.

This \$1,250,000 Tax Reduction Fund was appropriated according to law for the purpose of reducing the ad valorem taxes in the county-wide, special charter and special tax school districts in those counties participating in the distribution of the Equalizing Fund which operate their schools beyond the six months term. This is the first time the State has financially recognized the extended term as a part of the State School system. By this act, say educational officials, the State has committed itself to an eight months school term.

It is believed by Supt. Allen that this tax reduction fund money will do more to reduce taxes in the several counties than any other one thing. It will enable the local tax districts to operate the extended term at approximately the same tax rate and will equalize in a measure both the tax burden and the educational opportunities among the several local tax districts.

The fund is distributed to the counties for those districts with extended terms according to the same general principles which govern the apportioning of the Equalizing Fund for the six months term, that is, on the basis of the district's ability to support its extended term on the same cost level as its six months term.

## J. F. Lowrance To Head Raeford School

After considering applications from some twenty or more school men seeking the position as superintendent of the Raeford schools, the board of trustees last week unanimously selected Mr. J. F. Lowrance who has been at the head of the Morven schools for the past fifteen years. Before making the selection, Supt. W. P. Hawfield, Chairman Dr. G. W. Brown and Mr. Ryan McBryde made a trip to Morven and investigated the record of Mr. Lowrance very carefully. They found that he was universally well liked and respected and bore the reputation of being exceptionally fine on discipline. The people of that community are strongly attached to him and are anxious to keep him longer.

Mr. Lowrance is a graduate of Davidson college and has had summer school work at the university of this state. He is forty-three years of age and has a wife and no children.

Alec Duthie, Vancouver, B. C., golf pro, made two holes-in-one in succession, 1912.

Sea anemones have no food value for man but are sometimes eaten by fish.

ta, Ga., Dr. and Mrs. N. H. Andrews and son, Nathan, Mrs. G. L. Patterson, Mrs. Heath Godfrey and Miss Miriam Watson of Rowland, Mr. Harry Zachary Holmes of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Conduff and Gertrude Conduff of Draper, Va.

## PARKER REFUSED SUPREME COURT SEAT BY SENATE

President's Nomination of North Carolina Rejected. First Rejection in Thirty-six Years; Over 200 And Simmons Voted For Confirmation; Severe Blow to Administration And Backers.

For the first time in thirty-six years the senate Wednesday refused to confirm a Supreme Court appointment of the President when that body rejected Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina by a one vote margin.

The action came as a severe blow and disappointment to administration leaders and to both the North Carolina senators who had worked hard for Judge Parker's confirmation. The rejection by the senate, ended a bitter fight over the appointment which has raged in Washington for more than three weeks and leaves vacant the seat formerly occupied by Justice Stanford.

Judge Parker's defeat may be ascribed to the cumulative effect of circumstances. First, organized labor protested his confirmation as soon as President Hoover announced that he had sent Judge Parker's name to the senate. Negro organizations throughout the country were especially active in trying to bring about his defeat. However, the senate seemed on the verge of confirming him when a letter written by First Assistant Secretary of the Interior to the President describing the appointment as "a master political stroke" was disclosed. Apparently this turned the tide definitely against confirmation.

## Posse Hunts Negroes Who Attacked Nash County White Girl

Rocky Mount, May 4.—An armed posse followed a trail of murder and terror today in attempting to apprehend two unidentified negroes who attacked a prominent Nash county girl after seriously wounding her companion.

The attack occurred last night on a highway near here. Frank Crickmore, with whom the young woman was riding, was shot in the neck with a shotgun and dragged from his automobile.

The negroes, the girl told officers, then climbed into the machine with her. One of them drove it a short distance down the highway where she said both of them attacked her. Although the negroes told her, she said, they would kill her if she gave an alarm, she ran three miles to her home and told the story of the shooting and attack. A posse soon formed and began the search for the two negroes.

The first clue the posse found was the body of Joe Lee, aged negro, who had been beaten to death with an axe at his home a few miles from the scene of the attack. With Lee's body was Buck Hilliard, another negro, who had been beaten and left unconscious.

When he recovered consciousness, Hilliard told officers Lee had been killed and he himself beaten by two negroes last night. A shotgun and shells belonging to Hilliard were taken from the house, along with a watch, \$10 in money and a bunch of keys.

The officers said they believed the same negroes who killed Lee and beat Hilliard, attacked the girl and her companion.

## Local Man Takes The Wrong Hat

Quite a few of his friends were "ticked to death" last Saturday when Mr. J. W. McLaughlin rose from tonsorial ministrations in a local barber shop and couldn't find his hat. The barbers showed him the one that he had worn into the shop but the "Cap'n" refused to believe that he had worn that particular hat there and appeared to think that he was the object of a joke. The hat that they finally persuaded him was the one he had worn into the shop was a brown felt with a "devil-may-care" look to it and made Mr. McLaughlin look like a "hard billed buddy." Amid the laughter of a number of his friends he finally remembered that he had taken the wrong hat when leaving McLaughlin Company's store and that accounted for the mistake.

## Card Tournament At Kiwanis Hall Tonight

The local U. D. C. Chapter will sponsor a bridge, rook and setback tournament tonight at eight o'clock in the Kiwanis hall. The public is invited to enter this tournament. A small admission will be charged and the proceeds will go for the benefit of the U. D. C.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness and help shown us during the illness and death of our husband and father. Mrs. D. M. Black and children.