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## Democratic Convention Held Here Saturday

Meeting at two o'clock in the court house last Saturday, the Hoke county Democratic Convention passed off without anything of particular interest being done, though it was an enthusiastic meeting and one calculated to promote the best interests of the party. It proved to be more of a love feast than anything else and all of those who attended seemed well pleased with the spirit of harmony that prevailed.

Mr. E. B. McNeill, retiring county chairman, called the meeting to order and asked Mr. McNair Smith to state that object of the meeting. Mr. J. W. McLaughlin was made chairman and McNair Smith secretary of the convention. Upon a roll of precincts, all were found to be represented except Rockfish, Glen Echo and Allendale. On motion, it was decided to elect ten delegates and ten alternates to the state convention and allow any Democrats who desired to attend the state convention as delegates from the county. Delegates were named by representatives of each precinct as follows: Blue Springs, W. B. McNeill, J. B. Covington alternate; Querryville, Dr. L. B. McBrayer, L. B. McBrayer, Jr., alternate; Little River, Daniel McGill, A. D. McLaughlin alternate; Antioch, M. A. McQuaid, G. C. Biggs, alternate; Dundarrach, Jesse Gibson, L. A. McNeill alternate; Raeford, McNair Smith, E. B. McNeill alternate.

Mr. J. W. McLaughlin in a speech of a few minutes, stated that his purpose in coming to the meeting was to urge party harmony. His talk was most timely and showed a splendid spirit. Dr. McBrayer also made a short talk on the subject of pulling together for a great victory this fall and in 1932.

During the session of the convention, the members of the new executive committee retired and organized. This committee is composed of the following: J. A. McQueen, L. B. McBrayer, Jr., Daniel McGill, I. A. Hodgins, A. W. Wood, D. K. Parker, Edgar Hall, J. Leonard McFayden, Jesse Gibson and H. E. Currie. They elected Edgar Hall chairman, W. B. McNeill vice-chairman and McNair Smith secretary.

## ARABIA NEWS

On Friday afternoon from four to six o'clock Miss Leona McGoogan delightfully entertained the Junior Class of Epesus Sunday School. About thirty-five were present, including the invited guests. Many games were enjoyed after which a delicious supper was served in picnic style.

Mrs. A. K. McFayden, Mrs. Lillie McDougald, and Mrs. W. H. Maxwell spent Saturday with Mrs. W. I. Colbreath near Shannon.

Mr. Alph McFayden visited friends in Sanford recently.

Mr. Paul Trawick has been right sick for the past few days. We are glad to report that he is improving.

Misses Gladys and Elms McFayden and Mr. Phil Brooks visited Miss Lenan Mae McEachern of Parkto Sunday afternoon.

Little Thelma Koonce is getting along nicely, after having her tonsils removed at Highsmith's hospital Tuesday.

Miss Ruby and Cornelia McKenzie are spending awhile in the home of their grandmother, Mrs. A. K. McFoyden.

Miss Bertha Koonce delightfully entertained a number of her friends at a party Friday evening. Dancing and Progressive conversation were enjoyed by the following: Misses McQueen and Harrill of Rennett; Gladys and Elmo McFayden, Lita Mae McGoogan, Lula Overton, Iola McBryde, Eloise McKeithan, Kate McBryde, Christine Ohason, and Messrs. "Spec" McKenzie Bob McBryde, Wesley McKeithan, Phil Brooks, Alph McFayden, Stanley and Clarence Koonce, Hughie Overton and J. McQueen.

Misses Leana and Leta Mae McGoogan and Mr. John D. Robinson attended the quarterly B. Y. P. U. District meeting which was held in the Baptist church in Parkton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McFayden visited Mr. Fred Chason Monday night. Mr. Chason has been very sick for the past two weeks.

Miss Bertha Koonce returned to Pittman's hospital Saturday, where she will continue her work, after spending two weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Koonce.

Mrs. A. K. McFayden, Miss Elma and Mr. Alph McFayden were Fayetteville visitors Monday.

Mrs. D. Z. McGoogan of Lumber Bridge spent Sunday with Mrs. B. Tolar and Mrs. D. L. McGoogan.

Mr. and Mrs. David Trawick and daughter, Louise, visited Rev. and Mrs. F. Trawick Saturday night.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. S. Jackson continues sick at her home.

Mr. J. E. Jordan has been right sick for the past week but he is improving we are glad to report.

Little Lois McGoogan spent the weekend with Carolyn and Kathryn McGoogan.

## HAIL STORM VISITS HOKE COUNTY WED.

A severe hail storm visited Hoke county Wednesday afternoon with its heaviest damage being in the Ashley Heights section. It is reported that the crops of D. H. Johnson, N. F. Sinclair and others around Ashley Heights were completely destroyed, with the only other damage reported thus far being to the crops of M. S. McDiarmid H. Baxley and Dr. G. W. Brown.

It is reported that in some places the hail reached a depth of 5 inches on the ground. From Ashley Heights the storm seems to have followed the Ft. Bragg line about 3 to 4 miles north of Raeford.

## Sale of Cotton Mill Is Postponed

Sale of the Raeford Cotton Mills, which was to have taken place Tuesday to satisfy unpaid taxes, was postponed on account of a restraining order. This mill was recently placed in the hands of a receiver and the receiver desires a little time in which to get the affairs together and make arrangements to take care of this indebtedness.

## Cucumber Shipments Expected to Fall-Off

Cucumber shipments have been going on daily at the sheds of the Laurinburg and Southern Railway for the past two weeks, some twelve or more cars having been shipped. Growers do not seem at all satisfied with the results so far and it is said that shipments are falling off and will probably cease this week. It appears that all if the shipments have been on consignment and that no money has been forthcoming for them.

## First Half Fire Loss Shows Big Increase

More Than Half Million in Excess Losses For Same Period Last Year

Fire losses in North Carolina for the first six months of 1930 ran more than half a million dollars in excess of losses for the same period last year, reports to the State Insurance Department revealed.

Last year and the year before represented the best in last history so far as fire losses were concerned, both running under five million dollars. The improvement resulted in reducing fire insurance premiums to a point where the average is lower than any other Southeastern State, and Commissioner Dan Boney held high hopes for another reduction this year.

The first half showing, however, does not lend basis to his optimism. For the first six months of 1929, the total loss was \$3,036,303, whereas estimating June, 1930, losses at \$25,000, the first six months of this year show loss of \$3,600,592. The first five months' loss totaled \$3,375,592.

**DANIEL SMITH DESCENDANTS HOLD FAMILY REUNION**

On Tuesday evening of last week Mr. S. J. Cameron held at his home in Raeford a kind of re-union of the descendants of Col. Daniel Smith in honor of Mr. Lauchlin Smith, of Nicksburg, Alabama, who is on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. John Blue. Mr. Smith is a grandson of Colonel Daniel Smith. About ninety-five descendants of this worthy sire were in attendance at this reunion, coming from Hamlet, Aberdeen and other places. It is interesting to note that Col. Smith lived on the place that Mr. S. J. Cameron lived on in the Fort Bragg area and was a member if a family prominent in the Revolutionary War. Many descendants of this house are scattered over a number of states, with a large number in Hoke and Moore counties.

At this meeting an interesting talk on the origin of the family in America was given by Dr. A. C. Bethune who traced it on through to the present generation. The News-Journal has asked Dr. Bethune for an account of this family history and hopes to be able to publish it at an early date. Mr. F. S. Blue, another descendant to this family and now a ministerial student at Union Theological Seminary, conducted devotional exercises and made a short talk. A picnic supper was served and the occasion was a most pleasant one.

**AUCTION FAILS**

An auction sale of the furniture, fixtures, tools, stock and other equipment of the Hoke Motor Co., fell flat when no buyers were in evidence to purchase the articles offered for sale.

**DEATH OF MRS. COLE**

Mrs. Melinda Cole, aged eighty-five, who lived up at the cotton mill village, died last Friday. Her remains were carried to Whitehall, Moore County, for interment which was on Saturday.

## RECORDER'S COURT HELD TUESDAY, MANY CASES DISPOSED OF

In Recorder's court Tuesday, Foster McLean, faced a charge of parking a car on the highway without proper lights. The case was the outcome of a wreck on the night of May 19th when a car driven by Mr. E. B. McNeill ran into the car parked by McLean and Mr. McNeill's car was damaged to the extent of \$160.00 and Mr. J. A. McNeill, who was also in the car, received a cut on the neck though no very serious injury. McLean claimed that he had a tail light when he left Maultsby's filling station; that he had stopped to turn in at the house of Robert Campbell and while he was waiting for two oncoming cars to pass before making the turn; that while he was waiting the car of Mr. McNeill ran into him and that as soon as the wreck occurred he jumped out of the right door of the car and being afraid to face the occupants alone, Mr. McNeill and Mr. J. A. McNeill both testified that they had a clear view of the road for several hundred yards before reaching this car and that they saw no tail light and that in pulling to the right to let another car pass they were on this car before they had time to stop, though going at a moderate rate of speed. McLean was found guilty and sentenced to two months on the roads, judgment to be suspended upon payment of the costs and the payment of fifty dollars damages to Mr. McNeill, or some arrangement satisfactory to both parties. Notice of appeal was given and bond fixed at \$150.00.

T. E. Woodell, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was ready or trial, but none of the state's witnesses appeared and they were all called by the sheriff and will be arraigned for failure to attend court when summoned. They are Jim and Jane Sawyer, Sallie, and Ruby Speight.

Mr. Will Adkins, of Blue Springs, entered a plea of guilty to possessing a certain quantity of wine and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs. It appears that Sheriff Hodgins and Deputy Barrington searched his premises and found about three gallons of wine in a keg and cited him to court.

Tom McBryde, colored, who lives in the Dr. Gardner farm a out 3 miles East of Raeford, faced two charges: one for an assault with a deadly weapon and the other for violating the prohibition laws. One John Seaford, Jr., was the star witness against McBryde, stating that he saw some wine in his barn and saw him dispensing it to a customer. Seaford was also the main witness in the assault case, being the one assaulted. It appeared that Seaford used some bad language in McBryde's house and the trouble resulted from it, McBryde finally sticking Seaford in the arm with a pitch-fork. None of the other witnesses knew much about any wine and most of them saw none at all and this charge was dismissed. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs in the assault charge.

Lewis Hunter, colored, who pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly in court a week previously, and was taxed with the costs, failed to raise the costs and was sent to raise the costs for one month, the state asking that judgment be given.

A long drawn out case and one that was fought vigorously by both sides was that in which George McCormick, colored, was indicted for an assault with a deadly weapon, namely, an automobile, upon Chas. Woodall, white, on the night of May 7th. In the affair, Woodall was badly hurt, having a foot run over and has been in Baker's Sanatorium since the accident. It was the state's contention that Woodall and a party were going in the direction of Antioch from towards Dundarrach and that when they got near the state highway at Raft Swamp, their car

went dead on them and that they finally decided to turn it around and leave it in the yard of a colored man who lived near by. That they turned the car around and that it was parked well to the right side of the road when a wagon came along and the occupants engaged in conversation with them until they saw the reflected light of a car coming from the direction of Dundarrach and that immediately the wagon pulled down the road a distance of 28 steps, leaving ample room for a car to pass. That a high rate of speed and when it they had lights of their car on and that the car of McCormick came at got within about ten steps of the parked car it turned to the left and went around the parked car and ran over Woodall, who, in his fright, was attempting to get entirely out of the road for fear his car would be struck, his testimony being that he was behind his car. He stated that he fell as he attempted to get out of the road. All of the State's witnesses testified that the lights were on the parked car. This was denied by the witnesses for the defendant. The defendant claimed that he came over a hill some distance from the parked car that he was running at a speed of 25 to 30 miles per hour; that the road was dusty and the night was dark; that when he got got within about ten steps of the parked car he saw a wagon on the left and rather than run into the wagon where he saw an occupant or run into the car which he thought might be occupied, too, he took all the risk on himself and ran around to the left, clear of the parked car at the risk of crashing into the bank and wrecking his car. He testified that there were no lights in the parked car, that the wagon appeared to be almost opposite the car and that he applied his brakes but had not time in which to bring his car to a stop. All of the evidence showed that McCormick went on to Red Springs as soon as he got his car out of the ditch to see about the injured man and that he went to the hospital in Lumberton the next day to see about him. Judgment in the case was reserved for one week, the court desiring more time in which to consider it.

Annie Little, colored, who lives on the W. J. McDiarmid farm West of Raeford, was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, it being charged that she shot a pistol three times at one James Gillespie, an old colored man, at some two hundred yards distance. Annie claimed that there had been a row among the children and the Gillespie crowd had been imposing on her daughter and that, she, being a lone widder woman, had to protect herself as best she could and that in order to run Gillespie off, she shot three times into some woods where she had seen Gillespie go. She was taxed with the costs and all parties were warned that any further trouble would prove serious.

Walter Sinclair, colored was indicted for an assault upon Mary Rogers, colored, it being charged that he advanced upon her with an open knife and also a brick-bat, the trouble occurring at the home of Rogers woman. Walter plead not guilty but offered no resistance to a verdict and was found guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs and his good behavior.

At five o'clock a civil case was taken up for trial, being a litigation wherein J. L. Warner and W. W. Leach were seeking to recover from J. B. Covington and J. A. Walters on a logging and skidder contract. A jury had been called for in this case and six men sat in the box and heard it. The plaintiffs were awarded the sums of \$71.19 and \$85.00 respectively, which was a compromise verdict, being less than was asked for by plaintiffs and more than defendants admitted owing. Court adjourned at 9:15.

## Raeford Boy Scouts In Camp This Week

The following Boy Scouts of the Raeford Troop are camping this week at Camp Bethune, near Durr.

Thomas and Hubert Cameron, Clyde Upchurch, Jr., Robert Ward Whaley, Sam Snead, Malloy Lamont, Robert Barrington and Nathan Epstein, Nathan having been there all of last week. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. H. W. B. Whitley carried a car load of boys each to the camp. On Monday Mr. W. R. Barrington carried others. They state that Camp Bethune is an attractive place with a nice lake and a good building for the boys to stay in. Mr. Rivers, Scout Executive for this district is in active charge of the camp.

**INFANT DIES**

Bettie Brown, the one day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McDuffie, died Sunday. Interment was made in Raeford Cemetery.

## MRS. KATIE McQUEEN PASSES THURSDAY

Just before going to press the News-Journal learned that Mrs. Katie McQueen McNair, lifelong resident of Hoke County, who for the past year has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Clifton in Greenville, S. C., died suddenly Thursday morning at 5 o'clock.

Her remains will be brought to Raeford Friday morning and funeral services and interment will be in Raeford cemetery at 11 o'clock a. m.

A more complete account will appear next week.

## Local Military To Encamp at Moultrie

Battery F, Hoke county's crack artillery of the National Guard, will have their annual encampment at Fort Moultrie near Charleston again this year. The boys will leave on Sunday, July 13th and be away for two weeks. This will be their first camp as an artillery outfit and they will handle big guns for their first time.

## Mrs. Ann McGeachy Dies In Fayetteville

Would Have Been 91 In September; Funeral Today At 4:30 O'Clock

Fayetteville, July 1.—Mrs. Ann McNeill McGeachy, one of Fayetteville's most beloved women and among its oldest residents died here this morning at the home of her son, Sheriff N. H. McGeachy, on Gillespie Street. Mrs. McGeachy, who would have been 91 years old on September 23, had been in failing health for some time but had improved this spring. A change for the worse came several days ago. Both her sons, Sheriff McGeachy and Dr. Robert S. McGeachy of Kinston, were at her bedside.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 from the First Presbyterian church of which she had been a member for many years.

Mrs. McGeachy was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of which one of her daughters-in-law is the state president. She was probably the oldest member of that organization. One of her three sons was a World War veteran, two were Spanish War soldiers and her husband was a Civil War veteran. Her third son, Alexander, died 20 years ago.

Mrs. McGeachy was the daughter of the late Hector McNeill and Mary McNeill. Her father, like her oldest son, was sheriff of Cumberland county for many years. She graduated with scholarship honors from the Edgeworth Seminary in Greensboro in 1860 and taught school for several years before her marriage to Alexander McGeachy in 1869. He died a few years later while on a business trip to Wilmington.

Three sisters survive her, Mrs. D. P. McEachern and Mrs. W. H. McKinnon of Red Springs and Mrs. Archibald Johnson of Thomasville. Among her nephews and nieces are Gerald W. Johnson of Baltimore and Mrs. Mary Vaughn of Fayetteville, both well known as journalists.

Mrs. McGeachy was a really remarkable woman. Until her last illness she was unusually active and self-reliant. She made herself especially loved by the young people with whom she came in contact.

## AUTO WRECK CAME NEAR BEING FATAL

While riding with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bullard, of Sylvester, Ga., and some other parties last Friday afternoon, Miss Mattie Peele was in an automobile wreck that came near proving fatal for her and that has confined her to bed since with very painful injuries, though her recovery is expected. It seems that while crossing highway No. 20 near Laurel Hill a car coming down the highway ran into the rear of the Bullard car and caused a bad wreck, though Miss Peele was the only one hurt. Since the accident she has been at the home of Miss Mollie Bullard in Scotland county.

## Hound Dog Mother Of Fourteen Puppies

If it had happened at Kinston every daily paper in the state would have carried a big headline last week over the birth of some puppies in Raeford a few days ago. It seems that a lady hound dog belonging to Mr. Make McKeithan is the proud mother of fourteen puppies, all of which are fine ones and getting along fine. If Make can raise all fourteen of these he will have a pack that would be a curiosity in the sporting world.

## Run-Off Primary to Be Held Saturday

Saturday July 5th, being four weeks from Saturday June 7th, the Democrats of Hoke County will hold a second, or run-off primary, for the positions of Register of Deeds and Cotton Weigher. Messrs D. K. Blue and W. W. Roberts will contest for the nomination for the former office and Messrs Martin McKeithan and E. L. Peele for the latter. Predictions by the wise ones hereabouts are that a'out half the vote cast in the first primary will be cast in this second primary. This would mean a vote of a little over seven hundred. However, each candidate is anxious to get all the strength it possible and it may prove that a larger vote will be cast than now appears likely. Voting hours are from sun-up to sun-down.

## Mr. Blue Recovers Stolen Automobile

Mr. Julian Blue had the good fortune to recover his Ford roadster which was stolen about a month ago in Fayetteville. A cotton mill employe at McColl, S. C., had it and an officer of that town got suspicious of his operating a car with a North Carolina license. He was arrested and told the officer that the car belonged to his mother, but investigation revealed the fact that he knew nothing of it. He was brought to Fayetteville and lodged in jail awaiting trial.

## RAEFORD LOSES BALL GAME TO HIGH FALLS

In a real ball game last Friday High Falls, Moore County, defeated the local base ball artists to the tune of five and three. It was a good clean, hard fought game. Batteries for the local outfit were Willie Hodgins, J. D. McNeill and Calbreth.

Some of the ancient players are reviving their spirits and threatening to go at it again. Should they decide to do so they will find plenty of fans who watched them in by-gone years eager to see them in action again.

## New Teachers For Davidson Announced

Davidson, June 28.—The Davidson College graduating class of 1930, which celebrated its commencement early this month, is going to furnish four of its members to Davidson next year, according to an announcement made by Dr. Walter L. Lingle, president of the college. E. L. Lafferty, of Rome, Ga., will be an instructor in the chemistry department; Frank R. Brown, of Greensboro, will be an instructor in the biology department; Carl R. Pritchett of Redville, will be the W. M. C. A. secretary, and Heath Whittle, of Atlanta, Ga., will return in a semi-official capacity as student and assistant in the physical education department.

Mr. Lafferty succeeds Joe T. Kerr, of Wilmington, who will continue his studies in the medical school at the University of North Carolina. Prof. J. H. Davis, Jr., associate professor of biology has accepted a position with Presbyterian College, and Mr. Brown will be added to that department. Mr. Pritchett will succeed Camper O'Neal as "Y" secretary. Mr. Brown will be added to that department. Mr. Pritchett will succeed Camper O'Neal as "Y" secretary. Mr. O'Neal having resigned to continue his studies at Columbia University in personal work. Mr. Whittle is an addition to the athletic department.

## Nine Persons Lynched First Six Months 1930

According to the records compiled at Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research in the first six months of 1930 there were 9 lynchings. This number is 5 more than the number 4 for the first six months of 1929; 4 more than the number 5 for the first six months of 1928 and is the same as the number 9 for the first six months of each of the years 1925, 1926, and 1927; it is 4 more than the number 5 for the first six months of 1923; 21 less than the number 30 for the first six months of 1922 and 27 less than the number 36 for the first six months of 1921.

Of the persons lynched, 1 were white and 8 were Negroes. The offenses charged were rape, 5; murder, 1; bombing house, 1; electric landlind in altercation over debt, 1; attempted rape, 1.

The States in which lynchings occurred and the number in each state are as follows: Florida, 1; Georgia, 1; Mississippi, 1; Oklahoma, 1; South Carolina, 2; Texas, 3.

## AND THE TSAY—

I'm very sorry to have been so long in sending in my account to you. I had a very busy week and the weather.