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Andrew J. Currie Confederate Veteran Died Last Thursday

Joined Confederate Army At Early Age—Captured With Fort Fisher and Imprisoned at Fort Lookout

On Thursday morning, July 3rd, Mr. A. J. Currie quietly and peacefully passed away at the home of his son, Mr. H. F. Currie where he had made his home for the last few years. Mr. Andrew Jackson Currie was born January 26th, 1844 in Robeson County, (later Hoke) near Bethel church and was therefore 86 years of age. He was the son of Neal and Katherine McPhail Currie and is the last of five children, the others being, Robert, Calvin, Susan and Phoebe Currie.

When a mere lad Mr. Currie joined the Bethel Presbyterian church where he remained a member until moving near Antioch when he transferred his membership to this church. Shortly after coming to this community he was made a deacon in Antioch church which office he held until his death.

On February 23rd, 1871 he was very happily married to Miss Flora Currie who survives him. To this union were born thirteen children, five of whom are living, these being Mrs. Everleigh, Mrs. A. J. Jordan, Mrs. J. W. McPhaul, Mrs. Fairley Throver and Mr. H. F. Currie all of Red Springs and vicinity. He is also survived by 42 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Currie was an active soldier in the Confederate war and endured all the hardships experienced by them. He thoroughly enjoyed relating these thrilling experiences in after years to his friends. Mr. Currie stood four-square as a soldier and was always alert to the need of his country. It is very unusual that one so patriotic in spirit should be named.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HOLD REGULAR SESSION

The board of county commissioners met in regular monthly session on Monday with Messrs. McDiarmid, Cameron, McGill and Balfour present. The school budget which was submitted by the board of education was adopted. On recommendation of the board of education, all of the indebtedness of the various school districts of the county was taken over by the county, which includes bonds and other forms of standing indebtedness including loans from the state. This will have the tendency to make the tax rate more uniform throughout the county and to make property, not in any special tax district, to share with other property in the tax load.

An arrangement was made with Mrs. Katie T. Butler to care for Miss Mary Eliza McFayden who has been in a Fayetteville hospital heretofore.

A loan of \$30,000 was authorized in order to take up short term loans outstanding. This loan of \$30,000 is made against taxes levied and due, the law requiring that such be the case. There are some sixty thousand dollars in past due taxes from the years of 1928 and 1929.

The resignation of L. B. Brandon as county demonstration agent, effective September 1st, was accepted, though the board expressed regret at his leaving the county. However, they did not wish to hinder him in accepting another position which amounts to a much bigger thing for him. The matter of a successor to him was not taken up and the probability is that no action will be taken in the matter until the close of the year. Some members of the board expressed a desire to hear from the people on this subject and will appreciate an expression by the citizens as to whether they feel that a successor to Mr. Brandon should be hired. With the talk and clamor for a reduction in taxes the board would like to know just how far sentiment is in favor of going in reducing taxes.

Favorable action was taken on the proposition to continue the work of the Forestry Division in the county for another year.

The board adjourned to meet in special session on the third Mon-

BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION

The county board of education met in regular session on the first Monday. All members were present.

The first item of business was the consideration of the budget for the 1930-1931 term. Before the budget figures could be passed on, it had to be decided whether or not the board would recommend that all State loans and bonds for the districts be taken over in the six months term. This matter has been under consideration for several years and after giving careful consideration to this it was decided that it would be for the best interest of the tax payers that these loans and bonds be taken over. The indebtedness was lawfully incurred in erecting and equipping the school buildings. The county as a whole is due to furnish adequate school buildings for the six months term and it was thought nothing but fair that all contribute on an equal basis for these buildings. The county was already paying a part on some of the buildings and it is logical reasoning that if a part of the debt fund is paid from county funds then all of the debt service fund should be assumed by county funds. This would make the six months term budget some larger, but since the districts will be relieved of this item in their budgets the total school levy will not be as much as last year for most of the districts. There is a good deal of territory that has not been paying anything for school buildings and still were getting the advantages of them. By the county taking over the loans and bonds all parts of the county will share equally on taxes for school buildings. The board, therefore, agreed to recommend that these loans and bonds be taken over. They then went before the board of county commissioners and they concurred and approved the petition.

The board then took up the matter of the budget and the following figures were approved: General Control, \$5,000.00; Current Expense, \$58,522.97; Capital Outlay, \$650.00; Debt Service, \$11,041.41, making a total of \$75,214.38. There was a surplus on the previous year's appropriation of \$1,462.77. This with \$21,023.18 from the State Equalizing Fund leaves \$52,728.43 to be raised by taxes. This is practically the same as it was last year since taking over the loans and bonds was about equal to the purchase of new trucks in the last year's budget.

The contract for the repairs and upkeep of the school trucks was awarded to J. L. Teal.

RAEFORD DEFEATS HIGH FALLS BY LARGE SCORE

Last Friday, July 4th, the Raeford Base Ball team journeyed up to High Falls and engaged in a game with the team of that place, coming home with a 14 and 6 victory, thus evening up the count, High Falls having one from the locals the previous week on the home grounds here.

John Dunk McNeill, star athlete of the University freshmen last season, was on the mound for Raeford and pitched a nice game as well as wielding a wicked stick. John Cal McLean, a star of by-gone days, received behind the bat and also performed nicely. The Raeford team seems to have had a hitting spree and he who has ears to hear can hear of hits galore by just standing around the drug stores.

TIME CHANGED FOR AWARDED PRIZES TO BEST-DRILLED SOLDIERS

In order to give the new members of the two local military companies an opportunity to have some experience in camp and to enable the judges to more accurately pass on their qualifications, the prizes offered by Baucum's Cash Store for the first and second best drilled soldiers in each local company, will not be awarded until the boys return from camp, after which the prizes will be promptly awarded the winners. The prizes are 2 pairs of "Baucum's Special" Oxfords, and 2 "Collar-ite" Shirts.

day in this month at which time the budget for the coming year will be adopted.

Results of Saturday's Primary

	Allendale	Arabia	Antioch	Bloss Springs	Dundarach	Glenecho	Little River	Quewhittle	Raeford	Rockfish	TOTAL
Blue	23	27	36	28	31	40	69	29	276	19	578
Roberts	28	6	48	86	25	16	7	28	237	20	496
McKeithan	16	18	23	65	27	26	68	29	194	6	472
Peele	29	14	61	47	29	29	5	28	321	33	596

LARGER VOTE CAST IN SECOND PRIMARY THAN WAS EXPECTED

In the second, or run-off primary Saturday to fill the two offices of Register of Deeds and Cotton Weigher for the county, Messrs D. K. Blue and E. L. Peele, the two highest in the first primary, won the nominations over their opponents, though the vote was rather close in both races. A much larger vote turned out than was anticipated with Raeford Township casting nearly half of the total. The vote stood, for Register of Deeds, Blue 578, Roberts, 496; for Cotton Weigher, Peele, 596, McKeithan 472; there being 1074 votes cast for Register of Deeds and 1078 for Cotton Weigher. Of this number Raeford Township cast 513 for Register of Deeds and 515 for Cotton Weigher.

The vote by precincts will be found elsewhere in this issue.

IN RECORDER'S COURT

In Recorder's Court Tuesday, Curtis Cornell, Font Jones and John Logan, all white, faced a charge of larceny but a nol proes was taken by the state as to the two latter and Cornell entered a plea of guilty. It seems that he stole an automobile from the firm and pack from Mr. A. D. Saunders. Part of the property had been returned to Mr. Saunders and Cornell was ready to return the other part. Prayer for judgment was continued upon making restitution and the payment of the costs.

W. H. Hobson submitted to a charge of trespass and was taxed with the costs.

George McCormick, who was tried on Tuesday of last week on a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon (automobile) and judgment reserved, was found guilty and required to pay the costs and the sum of \$150.00 to be paid to Baker's Sanatorium in Lumberton to be applied on the hospital bill of the prosecuting witness.

MILITARY COMPANY TO LEAVE FOR CAMP EARLY SUNDAY MORN

Bright and early next Sunday morning Battery F and First Bn. Hdqts. and Combat train, under command of Captains W. L. Poole and J. W. Walker, respectively, will leave Raeford by rail for Fort Moultrie, S. C., for their regular summer encampment of two weeks. In addition to the 65 and 27 enlisted men and seven officers who go with these outfits, Lieut. Col. R. B. Lewis of the 252nd, Dr. R. A. Matheson, who is a medical officer in the regiment with the rank of Captain, and Captain J. H. Blue who is Plans and Training Officer in the same regiment, will also make the trip. During Mr. Matheson's absence his brother, Dr. J. G. Matheson, will look after his practice.

Battery F will have their first experience in camp as an artillery outfit using for the first time the actual practice a six inch gun. They have one at their armory here for instruction and another at Moultrie for actual firing. This outfit made a great record as an anti-aircraft battery and those familiar with them have no doubt that they will soon be pulling down honors in their new field.

First Battalion Hdqts. and Combat Train, under command of Capt. Walker is a new outfit in the regiment, having been organized during the present year, but their personnel and the experience of their officers makes certain their taking their place with the best companies.

Hoke County has every reason to be proud of the standing gained in military affairs by these men. In the county are, a Colonel, four Captains, and five Lieutenants, making a total of ten commissioned officers

DEATH OF MRS. KATIE MCQUEEN MCNAIR

Mrs. Katie McQueen McNair, life long resident of Robeson and Hoke Counties, passed away at an early hour on Thursday morning, July 3rd, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Clifton, Jr., in Greenville, S. C., following 42 years of invalidism and four months of serious illness. While her relatives and friends here knew that she was in ill health, her death came as a distinct shock no one realizing that the end was so near.

Mrs. McNair was the second daughter of Rev. Archibald and Mrs. Flora Nicholson McQueen and was born on September 19th, 1864. On December 26th, 1886 she was united in marriage to John M. McNair, son of Rev. Malcolm McNair who was at one time pastor of Bethel church. To this union three children were born Malcolm N. McNair, who married Mary Currie and who died in 1915, Arch M. McNair and Mrs. J. A. Clifton, Jr., both of Greenville, S. C. Mrs. McNair was educated at Statesville Female College and lived her entire life in Hoke and Robeson counties until August of last year when she moved to Greenville, S. C. to make her home with her daughter surviving her. Besides her son and daughter, are one granddaughter, Mary Neal McNair, of Raeford and one grand-son, J. A. Clifton, 3rd of Greenville, S. C.; three brothers Messrs J. A. and W. B. McQueen, of Raeford and D. B. McQueen of Albermarle; two sisters, Mrs. E. S. Smith and Miss Flora McQueen, of Raeford. Mrs. McNair was a life long member of the Presbyterian church and lived a consistent Christian life that endeared her to all who knew her. Her father was for a long time pastor of Bethel church, in sight of which was the McQueen home, a home famous for years for its hospitality and the corial, bright, and intelligent character of all who made up the household. The McQueen family has been prominently identified with the history of this section for many generations and throughout the two Carolinas can be found prominent men in the various walks of life who bear the name.

Funeral services were conducted at the grave-side in Raeford Cemetery on Friday at 11 o'clock with Rev. A. D. Carswell, pastor of Bethel church, conducting the last sad rites. A quartet composed of Messrs Make and Martin McKeithan, Dr. H. R. Cromartie, and M. A. Davis sang two selections.

Pall bearers were F. B. Sexton, Dr. R. A. Matheson, J. S. Johnson, R. B. Lewis, J. B. Thomas and D. Currie.

Among relatives and friends from a distance attending the funeral were, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, A. J. McKinnon, Mrs. S. H. McKinnon, M. A. McQueen, Mrs. John Stancil and Mrs. W. H. Hasty all of Maxton, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Martin, Bennettsville, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McQueen, Clio, S. C.; Col. Donald McQueen, Dunbar, S. C.; Dr. A. R. and Misses Margaret and Flora McQueen, Dunn, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Palmer, Mrs. Ivey Palmer, Mr. D. B. McQueen and family of Albermarle, N. C.; Mr. F. Smith and Miss Emily Smith, Smithfield, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Morton, Carthage, N. C.

The higher-ups in National Guard circles in the state have been lavish in their praise of the atmosphere existing in the county with reference to these companies and in their praise of the type of men and the class of work here to be found.

Miss McMillan called to a colored boy on the place to kill the snake, as she was leaving, which the boy did with a gun finding it to be a Pilot which is considered a very dangerous snake.

PROMINENT FARMER AND BUSINESS MAN CLAIMED BY DEATH

Wednesday, July 9th, about noon, Pleas Hall Wright, prominent farmer and business man who lived near Raeford died following an illness of six months, death being due to Bright's Disease and a complication of troubles. He was 59 years old on February 19th, 1930.

He was born in what is now Scotland county and came to Hoke County in January 1900. He was one of a number of men who came to Hoke County in about that time and who introduced new ideas and methods of farming into this section. Mr. Wright was an unusually successful farmer and business man and was the owner of a number of farms at the time of his death. He was a member of the Methodist church, a good neighbor, and a man who was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

In 1894 he was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Wright, who survives him together with the following children: Hall, Currie, Pierce, P. H., Jr., Viola all of Raeford and Mrs. C. H. Peele of Rich Square, all of the above were at home when the end came.

Funeral services were conducted in the Raeford Methodist Church on Thursday at four P. M. by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Trawick, and interment was made in Raeford Cemetery. Honorary pall bearers were: E. B. McNeill, W. T. Covington, L. D. Warner, T. B. Upchurch, W. A. McLean, and Edgar Hall. Active pall bearers were: M. W. Thomas, N. B. Blue, John Blue, J. W. Russell, F. G. Leach, and L. W. Andrews.

DEMONSTRATION AGENT BRANDON HAS RESIGNED

A large circle of friends in Hoke County will learn with genuine regret that after September 1st Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Brandon will move to Laurinburg, where Mr. Brandon has accepted a position with the McNair interests. It has been rumored for a month or more that he had accepted this position but he asked that the fact not be published heretofore. He will have charge of the farming interests of this powerful organization, embracing about ten thousand acres of land in cultivation and having under him nine superintendents in Scotland, Hoke and Robeson Counties.

Mr. Brandon has been county demonstration agent in Hoke county for about eight years and during that time has rendered invaluable service to the various farming interests of the county, introducing new methods of farming, improving strains of seeds, finding markets for the produce of the county and advising the public on the many problems that have come up in that line. His splendid character and lovable disposition have made him very popular in his work and his friends here will regret most keenly his leaving. He and his family have identified themselves with every movement tending to better the community and their leaving will be a great loss.

MAN BITTEN BY SNAKE RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

Last Thursday morning (July 3rd) as he went to pick up an ear of corn in his barn, Mr. Daniel G. McMillan, prominent citizen of Blue Springs Township, had the misfortune of being bitten by a Pilot snake, the snake striking him on the middle finger of his right hand. He immediately called to his niece, Miss Annie McMillan who lives with him and she displayed rare presence of mind. She immediately corded his arm to prevent the circulation of blood and rushed him to Raeford to see Dr. Murray. Dr. Murray carried him immediately to a hospital in Fayetteville and he was given a serum to counteract the poison and brought him back home. Mr. McMillan suffered intensely for a number of hours after he was bitten and his arm swelled to large proportions but he has improved steadily and is now about well.

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PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN DIED TUESDAY

Tuesday morning at five o'clock, A. R. Morris, prominent business man of Raeford, died after an illness of only a few days, though he had been in declining health for some months. Had he lived, he would have been seventy-eight years old the 25th of this month. Last March he suffered a light stroke of paralysis which forced him to give up business, though he was able to be out at times until Wednesday of last week when he fell in his home and was forced to his bed. Last Saturday morning he became very much worse and it was then evident that the end was near.

Mr. Morris was a native of Montgomery county and spent most of his life in Troy, the county seat, until he moved to Raeford in 1908. He was a prominent merchant and real estate dealer in Troy and after coming to Raeford. He served as register of deeds of Montgomery county for two terms and made a most efficient officer. He was first married to Miss Pattie Monroe, of Montgomery county and to this union three children were born, one being while an infant and the other two, Carl and Bruce, surviving him and making their home in Raeford. His first wife died in 1897. He was later married to Miss Edna Lenoa Henderson, also of Montgomery county, who survives him. To this union the following children were born: Fay, Price, Robert, Jack, and Mary, all of whom survive.

Mr. Morris was a life long member of the Methodist church and led a life that spoke eloquently of the man. Never did a man live in Raeford who was more careful about keeping his promise or who respected the rights of others more than he did. Peaceable, law-abiding, he lived a life that would cause him to be noticed in any community. His share in the up-building of Raeford and Hoke County was no small one and he will be sorely missed. While his life was a successful one in a financial way, he was never known to place an exaggerated value on the dollar or to stoop to acquire one.

Funeral services were conducted in the Raeford Methodist church on Wednesday at ten o'clock by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Trawick and a former pastor, Rev. B. P. Robinson. Interment was made in the Raeford Cemetery. All of the business houses of Raeford were closed during the funeral.

Pall bearers were, A. J. Fuller, E. B. McNeill, F. B. Sexton, L. M. Andrews, A. K. Stevens.

Among those from a distance attending the funeral were: Mr. Claude Morris and Miss Nora Bruce, of Salisbury; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Morris and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Herrick, of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ross and son Joseph, of Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Morris, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Russell, Mrs. A. R. Boatwright, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Beaman, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Beaman, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Smitherman, Mrs. Frank Hurley, Mrs. T. N. Harris, Mrs. Bertha Harris, Mrs. Bertha Harris, Miss Etta Monroe, Mr. P. H. Cook, and Mr. W. C. Nance all of Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hedrick, Mrs. Reed Hedrick, and Mrs. Fannie Hulm, of High Point; Mr. J. J. Russell, of Blaine; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tucker, and sons Paul and Wallace, Mr. L. C. Russell and Mr. Cloud, all of Albermarle; Messrs R. B. and G. V. Tucker, Cheraw, S. C.; Mrs. B. R. Barksdell, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Tucker West End; Mr. and Mrs. B. Z. Henderson, son Robert and two daughters of Jackson Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Worth Henderson, Ellerbe; Misses Mamie and Carrie Monroe, Mrs. Don Coppage, and two daughters, Mrs. Claude Page and daughter, and Mr. Alex. Monroe, of Rockingham; Mrs. N. F. Monroe, son and daughter of Biscoe.

CARD OF THANKS
I am grateful to the people for gracious treatment extended to me and my mother's other immediate relatives during our sorrow at the death of Mrs. Melinda Cole, mother of the undersigned.
Mrs. Kate Cole, Raeford.