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## RAEFORD SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY

The Raeford school opened for the 1930-1931 term on last Monday morning with appropriate exercises. A number of parents were present to back their boys and girls in their somewhat mysterious efforts to secure an education. The auditorium was filled to capacity with happy boys and girls who seemed elated to be permitted to further engage in an effort to train their minds for useful citizens. Happy indeed were those of theirs is the same teacher who guided others in the same school last year. They no doubt welcomed her with smiles that only an innocent child can give and rejoice that the association which was terminated with the closing of school last spring has been renewed again. On the other hand if a new teacher, one whom they have never seen, they have looked with wonder and amazement at the one who is to be their companion in the school for the term.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Miller of the Baptist church and Rev. W. F. Trawick of the Methodist church. Mr. Miller read the scripture and gave very helpful thoughts suggested by the Beatitudes which he read. Mr. Trawick lead the audience in prayer.

After the devotional exercises Dr. J. W. Brown, chairman of the board of trustees, was called on for a few remarks. In his characteristic way he gave some sound advice and urged every one to take advantage of the opportunities that were being offered. He not only directed his remarks to the pupils but to the teachers as well. He urged them to acquit themselves as ladies and gentlemen and informed them that they were employed not only for the hours spent in the classroom, but for the time spent outside as well. He urged them to be leaders in the community and lend a helping hand in all efforts for the betterment of the town and county. The teaching profession if it is any thing at all, calls for unstinted devotion to one's tasks. One may in any other calling of life measure his service in terms of hours. The carpenter may quit with the whistle and feel that he has acquitted himself to the fullest. But the teacher who limits his service by the hands of the clock has failed to conceive what the profession has to offer.

County Superintendent, W. P. Hawfield, was then called on for some remarks. He opened his talk by referring to a recent cartoon in one of the state papers which showed that one phase of unemployment is relieved by opening the doors of the schools for the boys and girls who had been enjoying a season of vacation. He pointed out three or four outstanding needs, mentioning that the school grounds should be beautified. He mentioned that a school is judged largely by its outside appearances as a great many of the parents do not venture into the inner recesses of learning but form their opinions by what they see and hear on the outside. He urged that the library facilities be improved for North Carolina stands at the bottom of the list of southern states in this respect. He ventured to suggest that a new high school building is badly needed and predicted that the time is not far distant when further expansion will be a matter of necessity.

Both Dr. Brown and Supt. Hawfield were high in their praise of Prof. Lowrance who comes as the new head of the school. It is a pleasing practice of the people of the Southern States, when they receive a guest into their homes, of saying, "Now you're one of our folks." In the name of the educational workers of Raeford and Hoke County, we wish to say to Mr. Lowrance, "Now you are one of our folks."

Judging from the favorable comments from those who attended the opening exercises we feel that we voice a universal sentiment when we say that we believe that Mr. Lowrance's coming among us means a distinct gain to our educational system. He has made for himself an enviable record as an educator; in fact, an official of the county from which he came has not hesitated to say that he considers him as good in his field as any in the state.

Mr. Lowrance has surrounded himself with an excellent corps of teachers and with the situation materializing as the prospects would indicate there is every reason to believe that the local school will have one of the best years if not the best in the history of the school.

## CO. COMMISSIONERS FIX NEW TAX RATE

The County Commissioners met Monday and fixed the rate for the current year. The rate for county wide purposes is \$1.04, the same as last year. The commissioners were anxious to reduce the rate, but were unable to do so after taking over the school indebtedness of all the districts. However, most of the special school districts have been able to reduce their rates from 5c to 20c on the \$100.00 valuation, so that the chances are that your taxes will be lower this year than they were last.

A delegation of farmers from Cumberland County appeared before the Board asking that the release Mr. Stevens, who had been employed as successor to L. B. Brandon, so that he could continue the work in Cumberland county. The Board granted their request, so it is not known at this time who will take Mr. Brandon's place. The delegation expressed their thanks to the Board for allowing them to keep Mr. Stevens as county demonstrator.

## FARMERS TO GET ADDITIONAL ADVANCES FROM ASSOCIATION

Statements and settlement checks are now being made up in the Raleigh office of the Association and they will be released about the 15th or 20th of September when the money for settlement from the Federal Farm Board becomes available. Nine Cents Advance Stimulates Enthusiasm.

Since the 9 cents per pound advance on middling 7-8 inch cotton of this season's crop was announced a few days ago by the American Cotton Cooperative Association, interest in the Cotton Growers Association has been very greatly stimulated. New membership contracts are coming into the Raleigh office of the Association without solicitation as if the delivery season were already underway. Several contracts have been received during the past few days from producers who will deliver a thousand bales or more each. This is indicative, said Vice-President and General Manager, U. Benton Blalock, that farmers are not going to sacrifice their cotton at the present market levels.

Approximately \$200,000 will be distributed by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association within the next few days to members who delivered cotton of the 1929' crop to the seasonal pool of better grade than 7-8 inch middling, said Vice-President and General Manager U. B. Blalock, today.

A basis of settlement has been agreed upon by the Association with the Federal Farm Board whereby members with cotton in the seasonal pool will get their premiums for grade and staple as was announced when the sixteen cents per pound loan was put into effect last fall. The sixteen cents per pound loan was later reduced to 15 cents, basis middling 7-8 inch, will get an additional 1 cent per pound.

## BOY SCOUTS ENJOY HIKE

On Tuesday afternoon, August 26, the Boy Scouts hiked out to the Country Club and back. Leaving about four o'clock, fourteen Scouts in charge of R. B. Lewis and Alfred Cole left town. They kept into a body until they reached Viewpoint filling station. At this point they divided, one-half going with Mr. Cole and the other half going with Mr. Lewis. The agreement being that the last bunch to arrive at the clubhouse would have to cook supper for the other half. Mr. Lewis' crowd went out the Fayetteville Highway and Mr. Cole led his crowd out the Rockfish road. The latter bunch arrived at the clubhouse first, so thereby had the pleasure of being fed by the losing crowd. Before supper, Paul Dixon, Jr., Clyde Upchurch, Jr., J. H. Austin, Jr., Nig Epstein, and Malloy Lamont passed some swimming tests for merit badges. After this a supper consisting of hot dogs, potato salad, pickles, coffee, bread, etc., was served and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Then a session of story telling was had. Leaving the clubhouse about eight-thirty the gang started back to town by way of the Rockfish road. All went well until arriving at the bridge over Peddler's branch, the leaders decided that the line of march went through the cemetery. After much coaxing all the scouts were sent through and the bunch reformed on the ball diamond. They marched to the Court House where they were disbanded and went home to bed, tired but happy.

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## BLUE ELECTED TO HIGH LEGION POST

Frank S. Blue, Carthage Minister, Elected to Post of State Chaplain.

(Moore County News)  
Rev. Frank S. Blue, of Carthage, was Tuesday of last week elected chaplain of the North Carolina department of the American Legion. He had no opposition and his election was unanimous. He was nominated by R. G. Cherry, of Gastonia, a past state department commander, and his nomination was seconded by S. R. Hoyle, of the Moore county bar.

Mr. Blue's election to this important post in the Legion is quite a compliment to him, as the honor has heretofore gone to minister members of the Legion who have been in the ministry many years longer and who in most cases were chaplains overseas. Mr. Blue was an enlisted man and saw much active service.

Con C. Johnson, of Mooresville, was elected commander of the department for the ensuing year winning out over Fred Myrick, of Greensboro, after one of the closest fights in the history of the ex-servicemen's organization. The next convention goes to Morehead City.

Moore county was well represented at the convention. Paul Dana and Tom Black, of Pinehurst, and Max Backer, of Southern Pines, represented the strong Sandhills post, and the Joseph G. Henson Post was represented by the following: R. G. Wallace, H. Lee Thomas, S. R. Hoyle, Heywood Frye, O. B. Welch, Sheriff C. J. McDonald and John Beasley.

## STATE SUPREME COURT IN NEED ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

(By Charles G. Rose, President N. C. Bar Association.)

Under the authority of an act passed by the general assembly of 1928, (public laws 1929, chapter 142) there will be submitted to the voters of the State, at the general election to be held this fall, an amendment to the State constitution providing for an increase in the number of the justices of the supreme court from five to seven.

Article IV, section 6, of the present constitution now reads: "Supreme court justices: The supreme court shall consist of a chief justice and four associate justices." The proposed amendment changes the word "four" to "six," thereby providing for two additional associate justices.

No more vital or important amendment has been submitted to the qualified voters of the state at any time during the past decade or more, and the citizenship of the state should give this amendment thoughtful consideration before the fall election. The prompt and efficient administration of justice in all our courts—inferior, superior and appellate—is a vital part of the warp and wool of our economic and social fabric. "Justice, without sale, denial or delay" is essential to our social well being and is a necessary factor in their transactions of everyday business.

A similar amendment increasing the number of the justices of the supreme court from three to five was submitted to and approved by the electorate at the general election held in 1888; and since that year the membership of our appellate court has remained the same. During the last 40 years, or more, the state has grown in population, in business, in banking; and in fact in every fibre of its structure. The census of 1890 gave the population of the state of North Carolina as one million, six hundred, seventeen thousand, nine hundred and forty-seven, and in 1920 this population had increased to two million, five hundred and fifty-nine thousand, one hundred and twenty-three. The 1930 population is over three million showing practically 100 per cent increase since 1889. During that same period, as near as can be ascertained, the bank deposits in the state have risen from sixteen and three-quarter million to more than three hundred and fifty-six million; our farm crops have jumped from fifty million to nearly three hundred million; our manufactured products have increased from forty million to one billion, one hundred and fifty million; our capital investments in manufacturing from thirty-three million to nearly one billion, and our taxable property from two hundred million to over three billion dollars.

At the spring term 1889, as appears from the printed records, one hundred and thirty-three appeals were disposed of, and the same period in 1929 the number of appeals disposed of amounted to two hundred and forty-four. At the fall term 1889 our highest court passed on one hundred and sixty cases against two hundred and seventy-two in the fall of 1929.

For the spring term 1930 there were twenty-three appeals brought before the superior court for determination.

1889, spring 133, fall 160, total 293.

## GEN. HOLBROOK TO LEAVE FT. BRAGG

Transferred To Fort Hamilton; Gen. H. J. Brees To Be Bragg Commandant

Fayetteville, Aug. 30.—Brig. Gen. Lucius R. Holbrook, for the past three years commandant at Fort Bragg and commander of the 13th field artillery brigade, has been promoted to the command of the first division of the United States Army and assigned to duty at Ft. Hamilton, N. Y.

This information was received here today from the war department officials at Washington following announcement yesterday that Brig. Gen. Herbert J. Brees, of Laramie, Wyoming, had been promoted to the command of the 13th field artillery brigade from the rank of colonel. Brig. Gen. Brees was also assigned to command at Fort Bragg.

Brig. Gen. Brees is expected to take over the command here in about three months. He will attend the field artillery school and the air corps school for special training before assuming charge of Ft. Bragg.

Gen. Brees will be the third general and the fourth commandant at Fort Bragg. The job's first commandant was Brig. Gen. A. J. Bowley, who was transferred several years ago and was succeeded in the command of the post by Col. Henry Butner. Colonel Butner was succeeded by General Holbrook.

(Editor's Note:—Gen. Holbrook attended a Kiwanis meeting here some time ago and has many friends in Raeford and Hoke County.)

## CARTER ANNUAL REUNION HELD

(Contributed)

On Sunday, August 31, the annual Carter reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter.

The table was made under the large china trees which shaded the children from the hot sun. Although there were some who were unable to be there on account of illness there was a large crowd present.

Lemonade was served and a variety of good eats, including ham fried chicken, cakes, pies and other things which would have tempted the sick.

It was a day to be remembered, for this gathering will leave a pleasant memory in the minds of those who attended.

It is hoped that next year the attendance will be larger.

## JUST PLIAN DRUNK.

Last week while on a trip to New York, Messrs Clyde Upchurch, Israel Mann and Walter Baker made a purchase that has caused most of their friends to come to the conclusion that they partook too freely of the forbidden fluid which the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Law make illegal.

The evidence against these men, who pose as angels at home, is a pipe which they brought to one Buck Chisholm. It is no use trying to describe it but Sapp says that any jury in the state would convict these men of being drunk when the purchase was made.

## RECORDERS COURT

In Recorder's Court Tuesday, W. L. Humphrey, white, of Robeson county submitted to a charge of violating the State fishing laws and was taxed with the cost, the county cost being remitted. Mr. Humphrey, a prominent citizen of Robeson county, unthoughtfully came into Hoke county and fished without state license. Queer as it may seem, notwithstanding the fact that Robeson county has no license tax for fishing, neither has Hoke county, still one going from one county to another has to have state license.

Buck Roper, colored, submitted to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to 60 days on the county roads. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

John Evans, colored, was taxed with the cost for being drunk and disorderly.

Nathan Taylor, an aged colored man of Stone Wall township, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws and of being drunk and disorderly. He was taxed with the cost in each case and required to pay a fine of \$10, however, it developed later in the day that Nathan had made a most excellent citizen all of his life and this was the first trouble he had been in, Sheriff Hall and others stating that they had known him for a long number of years and that he had lived a mighty correct life, which resulted in the fine of \$10 being taken off.

Bill Smith and Charlie Smith, colored, were indicted along with Nathan Taylor for being drunk and disorderly and plead not guilty. Bill Smith was found guilty and fined \$10 and costs. The state took a nol pro as to Charlie at the conclusion of the evidence.

Lewis and Kaola Turner, Flora Harris, and Johnny Thomas, all colored, of the Montrose neighborhood, were indicted for engaging in an affray. This case was the outcome of a case the week before in which Lewis Turner had indicted Johnny Thomas for an assault with a deadly weapon and during the trial of which evidence tend to show that it might have been an acray. A mistrial was ordered and a bench warrant was issued for Turner and his wife, Kaola, and Flora Harris. After a long drawn out trial all four defendants were found not guilty of an engagement in an affray. Thomas was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to the county roads for three months. Judgment to be suspended upon payment of the costs and a fine of ten dollars. He gave notice of appeal.

S. E. Walters, who was tried on Tuesday of last week under a charge of issuing a bad check and judgment reserved for one week, was found not guilty.

Carl Walker, colored, was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon upon Richard Graham and fined ten dollars and costs. He gave notice of appeal.

## CLARK FAMILY HOLD REUNION

The Clark family of Hoke county, most of whom live in Blue Springs township and in the Bethel community, held their annual reunion on Saturday, August the 30th, at the home of Mr. J. A. Clark. The day, though a little warm and dusty, on account of the dry weather, was fair and beautiful, and the shade of the stately oaks that surround this home added no little to the enjoyment of the happy occasion. There was no special program arranged, but Messrs. Chalmers McMillan, Dan and John McVicker furnished some splendid music before the noon hour, on their violins and banjo. At 12:30 the dinner was served on a long table in the yard. This consisted of a variety of good and delicious food, such as N. C. ham, fried chicken, salads, cakes, pies, sandwiches et cetera ad infinitum, also tea and coffee. After dinner Ex-Sheriff Edgar Hall was called on for a talk. He made a few remarks and introduced Dr. A. C. Bethune, of Raeford, who made a most interesting talk on the Scotch people who came to this country in 1729 and 1730 and settled on both sides of the Cape Fear river and whose descendants, (one being the ancestor of this Clark family) spread out over the territory now composing Cumberland, Harnett, Moore, Montgomery, Scotland and Hoke counties. The doctor gave the young folks present some good advice relative to keeping alive their family history, and traditions, calling their attention to the good schools now in reach of all and urged them to take advantage and secure at least a high school education. The young people rendered some fine vocal and instrumental music during the afternoon. At a business meeting of the members of the family, Mr. J. A. Clark was elected president, Mr. Luther Clark, vice-president, and Mr. Neill Clark, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Neill Clark and Misses Mary Ann, Jane and Eva Clark were elected as a program committee. It was also decided to hold the reunion next year on the last Friday in August instead of Saturday.

The names of those present follow: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clark, Grover D. Clark, John Dunk Clark, Eva Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Clark, Archie Clark, Mary Ann Clark, Thelma Clark, Lucy Clark, Wilson Clark, John P. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. McNeill Clark, Graham Clark, Maida Clark, Ruby Lee Clark, and Douglas Bethune Clark.

Howard Clark, Hilton Clark, Pauline Clark, William Clark, Mr. M. A. Clark, Mrs. N. M. Clark, J. Currie Clark, Ruby Clark, Dan Clark, Mrs. Dan Clark, Jasper Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cox, Jr., Raymond Clark, McPhaul Clark, Carson Clippard, Calton Clippard, W. N. Clark, Lenora Clark, William Talmade Clark, Mrs. J. R. Rittenhouse, Earl Rittenhouse, and Edward Rittenhouse, William T. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilkes, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McMillan, J. D. McMillan, Miss Sarah Monroe, John T. Vicker, Mesdames Alice McRae, O. J. McRae and David Reid and Harry McRae, Mr. C. F. McBryde, Eloise McBryde, Carolyn McBryde and Mary Black McBryde, Dr. A. C. Bethune and Edgar Hall.

## MRS MOLLIE CURRIE PASSES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Mollie Currie, seventy-three years of age, died at 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Hasty in Maxton. She had been sick for several months, never having recovered from a severe attack of flu and pneumonia of the past winter.

Mrs. Currie was the widow of the late John Calvin Currie. She was the daughter of Billy and Almena McLean and was born and reared at the old home place at Pike. She joined Sandy Grove church when a girl and throughout her life was a devoted Presbyterian. After the death of her husband, the family moved to Maxton, where they lived until about thirteen years ago when they moved to Raeford. For the past two years, Mrs. Currie has lived with her daughters in Maxton and was living with Mrs. Hasty when she died. She was quiet unassuming and possessed an unusually lovable disposition. The funeral was held at the home of Mrs. Hasty Sunday afternoon and interment was in the Maxton cemetery. A large number of Raeford friends and people who had been lifetime neighbors attended the funeral.

Surviving Mrs. Currie are the following children: Chalmers Currie, Mrs. Neolm McLean, A. K. Currie, Miss Margaret Currie, Mrs. W. H. Hasty and Dee Currie. There are also thirteen grandchildren.

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