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COMPANY BUILDING NEARS COMPLETION

Basketball Court And Gymnasium Equipment To Be Features—Of Benefit To Citizens Athletically Inclined As Well As Guard.

The military organizations of Raeford are instrumental in bringing into being another commendable civic improvement in Raeford, in the building of the new combination armory and gymnasium which is nearing completion on the lot adjoining the old armory. Outside construction is virtually completed and roofing and flooring are now being put in. When completed this new unit will not only be a great addition to the physical equipment of Battery F and the Combat Unit but will be a needed addition to the physical well being of Raeford's young men.

The completed building will have an inside floor space of forty-eight by eighty feet, large enough for a regulation size basketball court with room for several hundred spectators. The floor is being constructed of first grade pine flooring and will be ideal for indoor games and for general recreation. As funds are available gymnasium equipment, such as horizontal bars, weights and so forth will be added until the gymnasium is complete.

At present the indications are that the building will be completed and ready for occupancy by the first of October. Arrangements will be made for its use both by the military company and the high school basketball teams and plans are under way for a basketball league which will include all young men of the town who are anxious for the exercise that this game will furnish through the winter months. The military company plans to have a team which will compete with the best company, Y. M. C. A. and independent teams of the section.

Captain Poole is anxious that the addition of the gymnasium will be a benefit not only to the members of the military company but to all athletically inclined citizens of the town. A plan will be worked out whereby all privileges of the gymnasium will be granted for a monthly fee and this will be planned to embrace a large membership. The building will be sufficiently large to allow many kinds of winter sports and these will increase as funds come to hand for increased equipment.

Battery F and its officers are to be congratulated on this forward step which is sure to add much to the winter athletic life of Raeford. A basketball league of eight teams, high school games, company games, and opportunity for individual bodily development are valuable features which will be added to community life this winter.

Ladies of Montpelier Church, Wagram, Entertain Kiwanis Club

Last week the ladies of Montpelier Church, at Wagram, entertained the Kiwanis Club of Raeford and their wives, a goodly number of the members with their better three-fourths turning out for a supper that will long be remembered. A good many of the Wagram people attended the supper and it was a most happy occasion to all. Introductions of members and guests was ordered by the MIGHTY MONARCH OF CHIN MUSIC, one L. McEachern, president and quite a bit of fun was had over this. Hon. John L. McKay, Jr., of Wagram, the John D. of Scotland and Hoke counties, was introduced by a Raeford man as the biggest liar in the two counties. He acknowledged his weakness but laid all the blame at the door of Dr. G. W. Brown, who was present but amazingly speechless.

Dr. W. M. Fairley supplied most of the program with a timely talk on the value of spiritual and human elements of life, rather than the material.

Many plots were made by both Raeford and Wagram folks to do the same thing over again at an early date, only get a larger crowd of the Wagram people out.

RAEFORD COTTON MILLS TO BE SOLD

Sale On October 23rd—To Include All Holdings—Hopes Are For Operation Under Ownership or Receiver By C. W. Seate.

Elsewhere in this issue will be seen a notice of Receiver's sale of the Raeford Cotton Mills, Inc., which will take place on the 23rd of October. This sale includes all of the holdings of this company here, including lands, buildings and machinery.

This mill has been having hard sledding for several years until earlier in the year it was placed in the hands of a receiver, the receiver being Mr. Warren S. Johnson, of Wilmington. While local citizens deplore the fact that this mill had to go into the hands of a receiver, it holds some promise, now, of better times later on and it may be a good thing that the process of liquidation is on and will soon be over and the property fall into hands that will reopen it and make of it a great asset to the community. For the past year or more this community of operatives have been without adequate employment and some of them have been a care on this community, it being impossible for many of them to find employment elsewhere.

Raeford people generally are hoping that some solution will be found whereby Mr. C. W. Seate will take charge of this property either under new ownership or operate it for the receiver, should the sale not be confirmed. He knows cotton and cotton mills as well as anyone you will run across and has always been well liked by his employees and the public generally. Raeford people know, also, that he would do all in his power to make this property a great community asset for he loves Raeford and its people first and foremost.

Commissioners Meet To Elect Co. Agent

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session last Friday to elect a successor to County Agent L. B. Brandon.

After the consideration of a number of available men of outstanding ability, the board decided on W. D. Burton, of Goldsboro.

Mr. Burton is a native of Onslow County. He graduated at State College, general course in agriculture, specializing poultry and livestock. A point in his favor is the fact that he took a couple of courses in agricultural economics. He has been for the past two years employed as poultry and livestock specialist in Wayne County. District Agent E. W. Gaither, meeting with the board said of Mr. Burton "I have watched his work in Wayne County closely and feel that he is a very capable and promising young man. He has plenty of energy, knows how to work, and I believe, has sound ideas as to what extension work is all about."

It is fully expected that his selection by the commissioners will be confirmed by the Extension department who pay most of the salary. It is probable that he will assume his duties here about November 1st. He is unmarried.

MRS. BENTON THOMAS HONORS RECENT BRIDES

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Thomas gave a well appointed buffet supper at their home on Main street on Monday evening honoring Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Matheson and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Upchurch. Twelve guests were present. After the delicious supper bridge was played until a late hour. Mrs. Thomas presented her honor guests with attractive gifts. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Upchurch, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Matheson, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Upchurch and Miss Tyson of the school faculty with Laurie McEachern.

Miss Lorena Andrews left last week for Greensboro where she will enter N. C. C. W.

SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION TAX RATE

Reduction From 5 Cents to 15 Cents Made—Blue Springs, Little River and McLauchlin Townships Same.

A substantial reduction has been made for the tax rates for most of the territory of the county. Below is the total tax rates per one hundred dollars worth of property for the various school districts for 1930 as compared to the 1929 tax rates:

Allendale, 1929, \$1.24, 1930 \$1.19, reduction 5 cents.
Antioch, 1929, 1.34, 1930 \$1.19, reduction, 15c.
Blue Springs, 1929 \$1.29, 1930, \$1.29, no reduction.
Little River 1929, \$1.19, 1930 \$1.19, no reduction.
McLauchlin 1929 \$1.34, 1930 \$1.34, no reduction.
Quewhille 1929 \$1.34, 1930 \$1.23, 5c reduction.
Raeford 1929, \$1.39, 1930 \$1.24, reduction 15 cents.
Stonewall 1929 \$1.39, 1930 \$1.19, reduction 20 cents.

It will be noticed that there is not a reduction for Blue Springs, Little River and McLauchlin. This comes about by the schools employing an extra teacher from their local funds. The county rate is the same as it was last year and most of the districts have a reduction with none higher than for the past year. A great majority of the people live in Antioch, Raeford and Stonewall, where the greatest reductions are shown.

Uses Shot Gun To Unstop Strainer

Last week some one told this writer that Mr. J. M. Downer had fired a shot gun down into a pump pipe to unstop a strainer therein. Thinking that the party was trying to pull one on Mr. Downer, no mention was made of the fact. Now comes along a doubtful witness in the person of Tommie Upchurch, who deposes and says that he has been doing the same thing and that it works fine. It seems that the concussion from the discharge forces the sand and other impediments from the strainer and that great good results therefrom.

Annual Home-Coming Sandy Grove Sunday

Sunday, the members of Sandy Grove Church went back to their old meeting place for their annual home coming and members from Raeford report a most pleasant day of it. This church is in the Fort Bragg Reservation and therefore not in regular use but every September those who have worshipped there in bygone years go back to renew old friendships and revive old memories.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, with preaching services being conducted by Rev. A. D. Carswell.

MRS. R. B. LEWIS HONORED

Since so many social affairs have been given honoring Raeford's recent brides, Mrs. Harry Green gave a beautiful party honoring a bride of ten years, Mrs. R. B. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis was married in 1920. The close friends of Mrs. Lewis and several members of the school faculty made up the six tables that were arranged in Mrs. Green's spacious home.

Mrs. Julian Johnson won the high score prize and Mrs. Marshall Thomas as low score. The honoree was given a beautiful party honoring a bride of ten years, Mrs. R. B. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis was married in 1920. The close friends of Mrs. Lewis and several members of the school faculty made up the six tables that were arranged in Mrs. Green's spacious home.

Enjoying this pleasant afternoon with Mrs. Green were: Mrs. R. B. Lewis, Mrs. Paul Johnson, Misses McKenzie, Heafner, McKinnon, Waller, Tyson and Tappan of the school faculty; Mrs. Arthur Matheson, Jr., Mrs. Herbert McKeithan, Mrs. Marshall Thomas, Mrs. Bertha Thomas, Mrs. Crawford Thomas, Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Mrs. Tommie Upchurch, Mrs. Lewis Upchurch, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. Paul Johnson, Mrs. Lewis McBrayer, Mrs. Clyde Ovington, of Wagram, Mrs. Greer Klouse and Mrs. John McGowan.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM OPEN SEASON TODAY

Stage Set For Opening Quarrel With Candor Today—Many Letter Men On 1930 Eleven—Doubt Hovering Over Eligibility of Several.

With the tedious work in fundamentals, a thing of the past, and the football aspirants rapidly taking shape as a team, Coach Raynor is ready to open the football season with his high school team at McLauchlin Field today. Three weeks of intensive drill have put the boys into good physical shape and injuries, even minor ones have been almost unheard of. Today (Friday) the team is set and ready to try their mettle against a team from Candor, whose strength is practically unknown. That of Raeford is too, for that matter, for although many letter men have places on the 1930 eleven, many are shifted to new positions and the team that will face Candor will have to feel its way for a while before their coordination as a unit is assured.

The first week or two has seen the boys at work on the fundamental tackling and blocking and this week has been one of intensive signal drill mingled with light scrimmages. The boys are gradually finding themselves and are running through with their drills in some like a precise manner. In size and ruggedness they will rank well with previous teams and it only remains to be seen whether their teamwork and aggressiveness will throw them to the front among high school teams of this section.

With doubt still hovering over the eligibility of several seasoned men, the starting lineup for the first game has practically resolved itself into form. Dependable reserve material it appears, will be the outstanding weakness of the team this year, but if the starting team can stand the gaff of four hard quarters, the results should be creditable. The probable lineup will be: Epstein and Riley, ends; Davis and Captain Aiken, tackles; McInnis and Currie, guards; Hampton, center; Cameron, quarterback; McFadyen, D. B., and Norton, halves and Raynor, fullback.

Ashmont School And Community News

(Received too late for last issue)
The Ashmont school has the largest initial enrollment in its history, there being 215 enrolled to date. The attendance has been handicapped, due to an epidemic of pink eye. Every precaution is being taken to get rid of the disease and it is hoped that it will soon disappear. All parents are asked to withhold children from school that have the disease.

The teachers are making an effort to get all children to take part in some form of outdoor exercises each day. Footballs have been provided for the boys and girls are learning to play volleyball. Some of the teachers are required to be on the playground at the noon hour each day and all children are required to be out of the building at this hour.

The principal urges that everyone cooperate in making our school grounds and building the most attractive in the county. The plot in front of the building has been sowed in peas during the summer. The ninth history class has picked the crop of peas which will be used again next year. Some work has been done on the road, weeds have been cut from around the building and pot flowers are being put in the classrooms by the pupils. The building is attractive within itself and with a little effort the grounds can be made attractive.

Rev. Smith, pastor of the Ashley Heights Baptist church, conducted devotional exercises in the chapel last Tuesday morning. He was assisted by Mr. Wallace, who led the singing.

Rev. Smith is conducting a series of revival meetings at the Baptist church this week. Mr. Wallace is also in charge of the music there. The hour of service at the Mont-

BRUMMIT TO SPEAK WOMANS CLUB MEET

To Stress Live-At-Home Idea a Feature of Club Meeting—Prize for Best Dress Made By Wearer—All Members Urged to Be Present.

On Friday evening at seven thirty, in the Blumont Hotel, the local Woman's Club will hold its annual banquet.

A unique feature of this banquet will be the stressing of the Live-At-Home idea and all the members have been requested to wear made at home clothes, where possible, of Made-In-Carolina products.

Prize for Best Dress Made By Baucum's Cash Store is offering to the lady Friday night wearing the best looking dress, made of cotton materials Made-In-Carolina and bought from a Raeford merchant, bought from a Raeford merchant, four yards of the famous Character Cloth as a prize. This prize will be awarded according to the decision of the judges in charge.

The ladies in charge of this banquet have requested THE NEWS-JOURNAL to state that all the members are expected to come whether or not they receive notices, it being thought that some notices might have failed to reach some members.

The high spot of the program is an address by Atty. Gen. Dennis G. Brummit, one of the outstanding men in North Carolina today, who will be the guest of honor. Those familiar with his work in the state will welcome the opportunity of hearing him.

Thieves Get Bale Cotton of Mr. Brunt Tolar

Sometime Monday night thieves drove a car to the home of Mr. Brunt Tolar, at Arabia, and quietly relieved him of a bale of cotton which was in his yard. There were two bales, but evidently the fogues couldn't carry but one, the tires on their car being of small size.

Deputy Sheriff Barrington went to the scene Tuesday morning and traced the car for some distance but could not locate its destination. So far, no clue to the identity of the parties has been found.

ELMER ANDREWS, COLORED BITTEN BY SNAKE

Wednesday, while getting corn from a crib to feed his stock at noon, Elmer Andrews, a colored man who farms for Mr. Z. V. Pate, had the misfortune to be bitten by a pit viper which was in the crib. He was brought to Dr. A. C. Bethune immediately and at last accounts was getting along nicely.

rose church for Sunday, Sept. 21, has been changed from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m., due to Home Coming Day at Sandy Grove.

Mrs. Ed Yarborough has assumed her duties as teacher in the Aberdeen schools.

Mr. Walter Thornburg left Monday for Chapel Hill, where he will be a freshman at the University of N. C. this year. He graduated at Raeford last June.

Messrs. Ernest Wall and E. R. Pickler spent last week in Reckingham, where they served as jurors for Federal court.

Dr. L. B. McBrayer is visiting at Asheville, N. C.

Mr. John Pethel, of Kannapolis, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Edgar Riley at Montrose. He and Mrs. Riley and family spent last week-end in Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Johnson and family attended the Johnson reunion near Lake View last Sunday.

Messrs. F. W. Riley, H. C. Riley and L. B. McBrayer, Jr., attended the mass meeting of North Carolina tobacco growers in Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ambler, of Dearfield, Fla., visited Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Riley Monday and Tuesday last week.

Mr. W. P. Rodgers attended the conference of high school teachers at Fayetteville Tuesday of last week.

SANATORIUM BECOMES T. B. SCHOOL

Medical Doctors From Other States Spending Sometime At Sanatorium Observing the Work to Reduce Tubercular Death Rate in N. C.

Sanatorium, Sept. 24.—The recent arrival of Dr. Paul Auston, associated with the Alabama State Board of Health, at the North Carolina Sanatorium to spend two months observing the work done here to reduce the tubercular death-rate in North Carolina has again emphasized the attention this institution is attracting throughout the country. From time to time during the past several months tuberculosis workers from other states have asked to be permitted to spend a few weeks or months here as a means of observing the institution's methods of diagnosing and treating pulmonary and childhood tuberculosis. The work among boys and girls the attracted special attention.

Early in the summer a delegation from Darlington and Marlboro counties, South Carolina, headed by Dr. McLeod, of Florence, spent a short time observing the arrangement of buildings and equipment preliminary to beginning construction of a modern joint Sanatorium for patients of these two counties having a capacity of about 50 beds. About the same time Miss Mattie Lawrence, now superintendent of nurses at the new Saurantburg, S. C., Sanatorium, arrived to spend several weeks working on the wards and in the institution's other departments preparatory to taking over her new duties with the opening in September.

Several weeks ago, Dr. J. N. Baker, State Health Officer in Alabama, made a brief visit to the Sanatorium in company with the late Dr. Charles O'M. Laughinghouse, North Carolina State Health Officer. He expressed great interest in the work being done by the Extension Department of the North Carolina institution by means of tuberculosis clinics held in various parts of the State. The decision to send Dr. Auston here for a two-month period of observation and study is said to be a result of Dr. Baker's visit. It is planned to begin similar clinics in Alabama soon after Dr. Auston's return.

Dr. J. W. Williams, Health Officer in Monroe County, Louisiana, also spent several days at the Sanatorium last month, studying the methods employed in diagnosing and treating childhood tuberculosis. While here he said he hoped to inaugurate an anti-tuberculosis campaign among the boys and girls of his county in the near future.

The interest in the work of the North Carolina Sanatorium is not confined to health officers and physicians. Just a few weeks ago Miss L. C. Ruth, R. N., a member of the staff of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, spent a week here observing and studying at first hand the methods employed in the laboratory and X-ray departments. For the past several years senior medical students in the leading medical schools of the country have spent two months at the Sanatorium every summer obtaining practical knowledge and experience in diagnosis and treatment of all forms of pulmonary and glandular tuberculosis. A member of last year's group, now a practicing physician, declared in a recent letter to a friend that he believed every medical student should receive similar training at the North Carolina Sanatorium or at a similar institution.

Blue Springs, Mildouson, Rockfish Schools To Open Monday

(Contributed)
The Blue Springs, Mildouson and Rockfish schools will open up for work on next Monday the 29th.

Mr. Johnson Matthews, of Wagram will be principal of the Blue Springs school for another term. He has the situation well in hand and will be able to take up the work where he left off last spring. He (Continued on Page Four)