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COMMISSIONERS CATCH ROBBERS OF IRREGULAR MEETING DUNDARRACH STORE

Hold All Day Session Monday—W. L. Smith Appointed Road Superintendent—W. E. Blue Retires As Superintendent in February.

The board of commissioners met in regular session with all members present and put in a day's work that lasted well into the night, this being about the first full day's session, the meeting on December 1st, when they were sworn in, being taken up largely with formalities and organization.

The usual routine and grind of a First Monday was gone through with its customary consumption of time. A resolution submitted by the board of education that the teachers of the county be paid sixty per cent of their salaries for the remainder of the term and the balance as soon as tax receipts would permit, was approved by the board.

The outstanding piece of business of the day was the selection of a county road superintendent. Many rumors have been afloat for about a year as to this matter and it was finally settled Monday. There were thirteen applicants for the job with W. L. Smith being the one chosen. Mr. Smith will receive a salary of ninety dollars per month and furnish his own car to get around in. The salary paid for this position up to the present was one hundred and forty dollars per month and the superintendent furnished his own car. Mr. Smith has been with a contracting company for some years, having done some work in building State Highways in this county. He married Miss Lucy Wilkes, of Blue Springs Township, where they make their home.

Mr. W. E. Blue, who retires as superintendent on the first of February has been superintendent in this county almost since its creation in 1911. Prior to that time he was road superintendent for the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad and did most of the construction of that road. He has been the road system of the county developed from a few unkept neighborhood roads to as good a system of county roads as can be found, perhaps, anywhere in North Carolina. Under him a prison camp has been started and put into operation and during its operation there have been no mishaps or any action calling for criticism on the part of anyone. He retires next month with the full confidence of the people of the county who will wish for him the best of luck in any new work he undertakes. Just what his plans are is not known, but friends of his state that he has been offered a very much larger salary than he was getting here by a neighboring county.

Mr. Smith will assume his new duties on the first of February and the personnel of many of these under him will be determined at a later date. Just what changes, if any, will be made, is a mere guess. The prison camp, guards, garage and a number of departments of the work of operating the road system of the county come under the direction of the superintendent.

New County Health Board Formed Monday

The new Board of Health for Hoke County was formed Monday when Drs. Murray and Matheson were selected by the three members automatically placed on this board by law. These are F. F. McPhaul, chairman of the board of commissioners; W. R. Hawfield, Supt. of Education and R. L. Bethune, Mayor of Raeford.

They plan to meet next Monday and elect a county physician.

Local Fire Dept. Activities Gratifying

A report of the activities of the Raeford Volunteer Fire Department for the year 1930 shows very gratifying results, according to figures just compiled.

The company answered fourteen calls and had fourteen drills. They received \$150.00 from the city for the year and \$150.00 from the county. There was a small amount of insurance on the building destroyed.

Cumberland County Officers Locate Quantity of Stolen Goods in Home Fayetteville Negro—Other Cases in Recorder's Court Continued.

Following up efforts to locate the robbers who entered Dundarrach Trading Company's store on the night of December 15th, Cumberland County officers apprehended one S. L. McLendon, colored, of Fayetteville, a few days ago and he was bound over to Superior Court in Recorder's Court Tuesday under a bond of one thousand dollars which he was unable to give.

McLendon lives in what is called Poe's Bottom on the Southeast side of Fayetteville and officers located on his premises over one hundred dollars worth of the goods missing from the Dundarrach Trading Company. Mr. N. A. McInnis identified most of the goods by cost marks which he had made on the cases and the type and brand of goods in the cases corresponded to those stolen. Officers also found on McLendon's premises some lard which was missing from an Atlantic Coast Line freight car, it being their opinion that there is a ring of thieves operating in different places and that McLendon was connected with them.

Warrants have been issued since Tuesday for seven white men and another colored man in connection with this robbery, a part of whom have been taken. Several other cases were continued in Recorder's Court Tuesday for various reasons. W. A. Nelson, white, who was charged the second time within about a year of abandoning his wife and children without providing for their support, was given six months on the county roads.

Walter Roper, who failed to comply with a suspended sentence, was given thirty days on the roads.

John David Coffin, on a similar charge, was given the same time.

Sister of Local Man Killed in Auto Accident

Florence, S. C., Jan. 1.—Two women, one prominent in social circles and the other a graduate nurse on her way to take up new duties at a tuberculosis sanatorium near here, were instantly killed near here when today their car was struck by an Atlantic Coast railroad train at a grade crossing.

Mrs. F. A. Kendall, of Florence, and Miss Margaret Sessions, Conway nurse, were apparently carrying on an intense conversation and did not see the train they drove their car directly in front of.

Dr. F. H. McLeod, of Florence, had stopped his car to await the train's passage, he said, and the women drove around him and started across the track when their machine was reduced to wreckage.

Witnesses said Marshall Stubbs, of Florence, the engineer, was blowing crossing signals when the train hit the car.

(Mrs. Kendall was a sister of Mr. W. F. Lentz, of this place.)

Kiwanis Club Installs It's New Officers

At a meeting of the Kiwanis Club last week, the new officers for this year were installed, Tommy Upchurch taking over the gavel from the retiring president, Laurie McEachern.

The feature of the evening was a free supper, triple A-1, given by the ladies of the Methodist church. The program was furnished by ladies representing the various religious and civic organizations who serve the meals and they told in an eloquent way of the many things they had accomplished with funds derived in this way.

Fire Destroys Barn On Kinlaw Farm

A barn on the Kinlaw farm of Mr. W. B. McLaughlin, near Rockfish, was completely destroyed by fire Monday night about eleven o'clock, together with about 200 bushels of corn, some rough feed, a dismasted horse, and other property. There was a small amount of insurance on the building destroyed.

SCHOOL NEWS

RAEFORD SCHOOL.

High School Team Wins Game.

On Wednesday night the high school basketball team defeated a team composed of college girls home for the holidays by the score of 35 to 10. The college girls played well, but the team work of the school team was the better. The following line up was used.

High School—M. E. McFadyen, Dellinger, Snead, forwards; Brown E. Rogers, C. McFadyen, guards.

College—Austin, A. Rogers, Cromartie, forwards; Gibson, Walters, McNeill, guards.

Substitutes—school, Barrington, Campbell, E. McBryde; College—D. M. McBryde.

Bradley Norton was elected captain of the football team by the lettermen for 1931. Norton was a half back on the team last fall. He won his first letter this year but he showed up good in every game. He will be a senior next year.

There were nine who won letters this year. The team did well this year to have so many new, inexperienced men.

Auditor Praises Condition County Affairs

Mr. Jas. M. Williams, auditor of Raleigh, who audited the books of Hoke County last fall, submitted his report to the county commissioners Monday and he stated that it was one of which the county should be proud.

Mr. Williams invited the old commissioners to come in and hear the report, which some of them did. He made the statement to them and to the others that of nine counties which his firms audited for last year Hoke County made the best showing and congratulated the commissioners on the fine shape in which he found all of the accounts and the condition of the county.

Tobacco Brings Better Price Since Holidays

The tobacco markets opened at Aberdeen after the holidays Tuesday and some very encouraging returns have been received by growers who offered good tobacco on that day. Mr. R. L. Dixon, an experienced grower, reports 3211 pounds sold for \$913.07 or an average of about 28 1-4 cents per pound. Other nice sales are said to have been made.

Local Man Invents New Type Air Heater

Mr. A. K. Currie is exhibiting a new type of air heater which he has applied for a patent on that bids fair to be a big success. It consists of a grate with air chambers all around it and air exit in the top of the front. None of the heat is supposed to go up the chimney or be lost behind it, since the air chambers completely surround it except in front, giving the advantages of an open fire with the added advantage of hot air heat. Mr. Currie has tried out one model under adverse conditions to see what it would do and reports that it met every expectation that he had for it and then some.

LIFETIME SAVINGS OF \$330 IS TAKEN BY THIEVES

Hickory, Jan. 5.—Dave Barger's lifetime savings, amounting to \$330, were in some other person's hands today. Thieves entered a store house back of Barger's home and stole the money, leaving no clues as to their identity. The store house was ransacked, but the thieves left two butchered hogs and other articles, carrying off only the money, which was concealed in a tin box.

BROTHER OF LOCAL MEN DIES NEAR PEEDEE DEC. 29

C. L. Akins, a brother of Messrs. S. L. and V. J. Akins, of this county, died at his home near Pee Dee on December 29th. He had been sick for several months prior to his death.

Mr. Akins lived in Raeford for some years, moving about eight miles ago to the Pee Dee where he since made his home. He is survived by his wife and children who will learn with sorrow of his passing.

FARM SPEAKERS VISIT COUNTIES

RAEFORD COUNTY.

E. W. Gaither and Miss Pauline Smith To Speak in Hoke County

On January 16—"Farm to Make a Living in 1931" is Slogan.

North Carolina's second great "Live-At-Home" campaign will be brought to Hoke County on January 16, when a team of extension workers will hold a meeting with farmers, bankers and merchants at Raeford for the purpose of urging the people of the county to be self-supporting and to outline to them the necessity in these times of stress of growing not only a year-round ration for the farm family, but also for livestock.

The speakers in Hoke County will be E. W. Gaither and Miss Pauline Smith. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a. m.

"Farm to Make a Living in 1931" is the slogan of the 1931 campaign, which is being conducted on a larger scale than ever before attempted by Dean I. O. Schaub, head of the extension service at N. C. State College. Dean Schaub is being assisted by C. A. Sheffield, assistant director and numerous specialists in all lines of farming and livestock enterprises.

As a result of last year's "Live-At-Home" campaign \$19,000,000 was actually added to the value of the food and feed crops in the State. This year Governor Gardner has called upon the farm counties of the State to increase the value of food and feed crops by \$40,000,000 as a long step toward averting economic disaster.

The speakers at the meetings are armed with facts on needed production, shortage where it exists, and a wealth of other information for presentation to the people of the counties. All this data has been carefully worked out in detail as it applies to the individual counties, says Dean Schaub, and guesswork has been eliminated in arriving at conclusions. Not only the county needs are being given attention, but the information is brought down to the family and livestock units and the amount of food and feed that they will find necessary for consumption during a period of twelve months.

Reduction of acreage in the so-called "money crops," tobacco and cotton, is being given attention in the campaign. There is nothing to indicate increase in the price which will be paid for these products during 1931, and it is believed that another big crop will prove disastrous to the growers. In this phase of the work Dean Schaub is being assisted by government experts and the Federal farm board in addition to the State tobacco specialists who are appearing in the main producing counties.

Local Farmer Ships Car Load Of Hay

It has long been said that if a dog bites a man that it is not news, but that if a man bites a dog it is news.

It certainly has not been news all these years for car load after load of hay to be shipped into Hoke County. A car was shipped from this county a few days ago, however, and that is news.

Mr. J. D. Mason, who saw the hand writing on the wall or on notes, or something, several years ago and began to diversify his farming, shipped a car load of hay to Greensboro at a good price and it is the first instance, so far as anyone seems to know, when hay has been shipped from this county. He says that he could easily have sold it here a little later but in order to raise a little filthy lucre or long green or something of the kind he shipped this car off. He still has hay, but doesn't eat it himself and if he keeps up his method of farming he never will.

Boxing Bout And Basketball Game Tonight

A big card is promised local fans who like basket ball and boxing, tonight (Friday) when the boys' and girls' team from West End play local teams of Raeford. Between games a boxing bout is scheduled between "Blindfold" McMillan, printer's devil (or angel) at The NEWS-JOURNAL plant, and "Kid" Brown, Alhas Tom, who is said to have a vicious name among his sleeve. McMillan has quite a reputation in the boxing ring and he is said to have won a year or two ago.

LOCAL OFFICERS DESTROY LIQUOR STILL

RAEFORD COUNTY.

One Hundred Gallon Copper Still Raided Near Timberland—One Colored Man Found At Still And Was Shot By Officer.

Saturday afternoon Sheriff Hodgkin and deputies W. R. Barrington, C. J. McNeill and H. R. McLean raided a whiskey still in Blue's pasture, near Timberland, that makes the average still look like a baby. It was of one hundred gallons capacity and made of copper. There were seven large, beer vats with a capacity of five hundred gallons each, four of which had been "Mashed In" and it appeared that the others were about to be filled. The still had a brick furnace and is said by local officers to be the biggest plant ever raided in this county.

One colored man, who gave his name as Clyde Dunn, and his address as Kinston, was found on the premises and while leaving the still, dropped a package he was carrying and threw his hand on his hip. The officer ordered him to take his hand from his hip and when he failed to do so, fired one shot from a shot gun, one shot entering Dunn's leg below the knee. He is now in a hospital in Fayetteville. This man told the officers that 2100 pounds of sugar had been used in making the beer.

It is the opinion of the officers that this still was placed there by the same parties that had done there several years ago, several convictions having resulted from its capture. The still captured Saturday had just been placed there and was prevented from making any whiskey. Messrs. Barrington and McNeill also poured out a quantity of beer in Quewhiffle Township Tuesday, but no still or men taken.

Mr. Morris said he considered the situation very serious adding that the men would storm the town again as soon as their present food supplies were exhausted. He also said practically all merchants here were broke as a reflection of the drought situation in the countryside.

Financial difficulties were further increased a short time ago by the closing of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company here.

The local Red Cross, Mr. Morris explained, "has been taking care of local residents."

Educo Club Holds It's Second Meeting

On Tuesday night the Educo Club held its second meeting of the year at the Bluemont hotel with the County Commissioners, Mr. J. A. McGoogan, county accountant, and Mr. J. W. Currie, county attorney, as its guests. A sumptuous supper was spread and all present demonstrated that there was no particular champion when it comes to eating. The vote would have gone to Mr. R. A. Smoak if it had been brought to a show of hands, although Mr. McGoogan was running him a close race.

Mr. Coates, chairman, Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Lowrance told about the hot lunches and the lunch rooms that are being operated. Fine reports were made on this phase of the work and it was inspiring to hear these men tell of the good that is being accomplished by these projects. Mr. Smoak spoke in behalf of the libraries that have been added to the Antioch, Ashmont and Mildouson schools. The books have recently arrived and they already have waiting lists for the books on the lists. The schools are proud of these books and they will be a great help. The county gives \$50, the district \$50 and the State \$100, making a total of \$150 for books for each school. It is hoped that libraries can be put in the other schools for all of the children. A number of other interesting topics were brought up.

Mr. F. F. McPhaul, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, spoke in behalf of the Board and mentioned that he and his organization were anxious to cooperate with other organizations for the advancement of the county.

Those present were: F. F. McPhaul, N. P. Watson, Dewitt Tapp Frank Ray, J. A. McGoogan, J. W. Currie. The school people present were J. F. Lowrance, Raeford; R. A. Smoak, Antioch; W. P. Rodgers, Ashmont; W. J. Coates, Mildouson; G. D. Danner, Rockfish; Johnson Matthews, Blue Springs; N. G. Raynor, Raeford, and W. P. Hawfield, county superintendent of schools.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our neighbors and friends our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our sister, Mrs. M. L. McNeill, who passed away on January 7, 1931.

Mrs. M. L. McNeill was born in Raeford, N. C., on January 1, 1861. She was the daughter of Mr. J. M. McNeill and Mrs. M. L. McNeill. She was married to Mr. W. R. McNeill on January 1, 1881. She was a member of the Methodist Church and was a devoted wife and mother. She is survived by her husband, Mr. W. R. McNeill, and her children, Mr. J. M. McNeill, Mr. W. R. McNeill, and Mr. W. R. McNeill.

500 FARMERS INVADE ARKANSAS TOWN

RAEFORD COUNTY.

Men Reduced to Poverty By Drought Willing to Work But Refuse To Starve—Threaten to Raid Stores—Situation is Serious.

England, Ark., Jan. 3.—Five hundred farmers, shouting "give us food for our starving families" stormed the business section here today and a short time later 265 of them were given \$2.75 each in provisions by the Red Cross.

The others waited in line tonight while a hastily formed committee worked to serve them. The farmers came from what was a rich agricultural region around here until ravaged by last summer's drought. Most of them have hitherto been prosperous.

George E. Morris, an attorney, addressed the farmers as they congregated in the business sections with threats to take food by force from the merchants. His speech, however, was interrupted by the refrain "give us food for our starving families."

"Our children are crying for food and we're going to get it," one man shouted. "We are not going to let our children starve" said another. "We want food and we want it now."

"We are not beggars" another attempted to explain. "We are willing to work for 50 cents a day, but we're not going to starve and we are not going to let our families starve. Give us work and we'll not come back."

Business men made a hurried call to the Red Cross and obtained authorization to give a \$2.75 food allowance.

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Mr. Morris criticised the authorities for turning away several in today's crowd because they were warmly clothed.

"These men may have been as hungry as the rest. I know many men who until last year were fairly prosperous farmers, but they have been reduced to poverty in these last few months. Practically all in the throng were white."

Bank of Raeford Declares Dividend

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Raeford was held in the bank Thursday morning, January 1st. The Cashier's report to the stockholders showed the bank to be in a very strong and liquid condition. The old board of directors, including J. W. McLaughlin, T. B. Upchurch, E. B. McNeill, H. L. Gatlin, F. B. Sexton, J. B. Thomas, C. W. Seate, J. L. McNeill and R. B. Lewis, were re-elected to serve for the year 1931.

At a meeting of the board of directors following the stockholders meeting, the following were elected to serve as officers for this year: J. W. McLaughlin, president; T. B. Upchurch and H. L. Gatlin, vice-presidents; R. B. Lewis, cashier and G. D. McQueen, assistant cashier.

A dividend of 10 per cent was declared. This totaling \$3,500.00 which was paid immediately. The balance of undivided profits was added to reserves.

B. & L. Association Hold Annual Meeting

The Raeford Building and Loan Association met Monday in its annual meeting with a good attendance of members. Officers for the past year were re-elected as follows: G. B. Sexton, president; H. L. Gatlin, vice-president and W. L. Poole, secretary and treasurer.

The board of directors reported that the firm of J. M. McNeill & Co., of Raleigh, has submitted and edit the books of the association. Mr. Williams is the auditor of the association.