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A. MATHESON DIES SUDDENLY

Was Popular and Respected Citizen—Was Sixty Two Years of Age—Died in Aberdeen While Working On His Mill.

The town of Raeford and the countryside at large were shocked by the sudden death on Tuesday, January 13, of Mr. R. A. Matheson, Sr., prominent and beloved citizen of Raeford. Mr. Matheson died at the mature age of sixty-two, yet his sudden and unexpected death was a severe shock to his many friends. The town and county in general grieve with the afflicted family over the death of this beloved man.

For some two months Mr. Matheson had been operating the old MacFarlane grist mill at Aberdeen, returning to the town on week-ends. Tuesday afternoon, witnesses of the death say, he closed the mill and went to Aberdeen for supplies. Coming back to the mill he raised the gates and started the rocks to work again. Some trouble with the working of the millrocks developed and Mr. Matheson endeavored to correct it. In the process of working with these rocks, he collapsed. Help was immediately summoned from Aberdeen and Dr. R. A. Matheson, Jr., of Raeford was summoned, arriving however to find his father already dead.

Mr. Matheson was a native of Montgomery County, but was also engaged in farming in the Spring Hill section in the middle period of his life. At the time when his son, Dr. R. A. Matheson, Jr., came to Raeford to practice medicine, Mr. Matheson and his family moved to Raeford, and here they have lived for several years, honored and beloved neighbors. Mr. Matheson was a man of utmost sincerity and friendliness, cheerful, warm-hearted and delighted to talk with friends and neighbors. Wholehearted and true in his dealings, he led a life of strength and warm friendliness. The people of the community feel the sadness of his sudden death and sympathize deeply with those who were nearest to him.

Mr. Matheson was the father of four sons and three daughters now living: Dr. R. A. Matheson, Jr., of Raeford; Dr. J. G. Matheson, of Ahoskie, M. R. Matheson, of Heights town, N. J., and Jimmy Matheson, of Raeford, now a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Mrs. Hector McNeill, of Red Springs; Mrs. J. L. Warner and Miss Dean Matheson, of Raeford. He is also survived by one brother, Charles Matheson, of Mount Glead and one sister, Mrs. A. M. Lentz, of Norwood.

Funeral services were conducted from the home on Thursday at eleven o'clock by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. W. F. Trawick, of the Raeford Methodist Church and interment was made in Raeford cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were: R. L. Bethune, C. W. Seate, T. B. Upchurch, W. B. McQueen, Dr. R. L. Murray, L. E. Reaves, A. Dow, Israel Mann, A. J. Fuller, A. B. McFadyen, F. G. Leach, and I. H. Shankle.

Active pallbearers were Rush Wooley, W. B. McNeill, W. P. Baker, L. S. McMillan, Paul Dezern and T. B. Upchurch, Jr.

First Poultry Car of Season To Be Made

The first shipment of live poultry this season is scheduled to take place here next Tuesday when the poultry division of the State Department of Agriculture in co-operation with County Agent W. D. Burton will have a poultry car placed here in order to furnish farmers with a market for their surplus fowls. While prices are not as high as they have been in years past, they are on a parity with the prices of other farm produce and it is expected that many will take advantage of the opportunity to get some ready cash out of a crow, cackle, gobble, quack, or what have you.

A face familiar at these poultry excursions for many years will be missing this time, that of former County Agent L. B. Brandon, but many hereabouts believe that if he heard of this occasion he will have to be present, which will necessitate the CH.

MR. HIRAM NORTON DIED LAST FRIDAY

Was Highly Respected Citizen of Blue Springs Township—Moved to This County in 1904—Was Eighty-Two Years and Eleven Month Old.

Mr. Hiram Norton, a highly respected citizen of Blue Springs Township, died at his home last Friday, his death being due to high blood pressure and kidney trouble. He was eighty-two years, eleven months and nine days old. He had been sick about three months.

Mr. Norton was a native of Scotland County (then Richmond) and moved to this county in 1904. He was an exceptionally good farmer and had accumulated a sizeable estate during his active days, owning at the time of his death some of the best farms in this county.

Surviving are one brother, Silas Norton, of Scotland County, two sons, Manley and Emmett, three daughters, Della, Mary Eliza and Carrie, all of this county. His wife, who before marriage was Miss Martha Ann Norton, preceded him to the grave about eight years ago.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Saturday at three o'clock by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Trawick and interment was made in Raeford cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: W. F. Jackson, W. M. Norton, Onslow Morgan, E. L. Norton, D. J. Love and Dan Wilkes.

Albemarle Man Has Explanation For The Depressions

Albemarle, Jan. 12.—Though it was on the thirteenth of the month when he made his statement, J. V. Barringer, local insurance counsel, proves in black and white that the depression was a thing of the past when 1921 arrived.

Says Mr. Barringer: "The year 1912 was a dull year for business, as it had the biggest slump in a long time. After 1912 and until the country was prosperous, work plentiful, and times good. However, 1921 was one of the worst business years on record. This was followed by good business until 1930. And there is a funny thing about these three years. Look at these figures:

1	1	1
9	9	9
1	2	3
2	1	0
13	13	13

"Now how in the world can you beat that number '13'?" inquired Mr. Barringer. "You can't get around the fact that hard times are over, because we are all dead with this combination works out again. The next time business will be in 2029 and we will not be concerned about business conditions then. Yes, sir, hard times are over. Figures don't lie."

Rep. From Hoke On Important Committees

Hoke County citizens will learn with interest that their representative in the Legislature, the Honorable L. McEachern, has been placed on three very important committees. These are Agriculture, Appropriations and Banks and Banking. The two latter are scheduled to come in for some hard work since they handle matters that are especially in the public mind at this time.

Season For Hunting Deer Just Closed

The hunting season on deer which has just closed, witnessed the most successful hunting that hunters in the county can remember. Deer have been more plentiful than anyone now living can remember and the local sportsmen have had good luck in bagging them.

This week Mr. Daniel McGill, of Little River, bagged two and his nephew one in a day's hunting. On Tuesday, without a dog, Mr. Make McKeithan bagged a nice buck a few miles North of Raeford.

As predicted by General Bowley several years ago, the Fort Bragg reservation would prove a boon to hunters in that it would prove a retreat in which deer would raise in large numbers and overabundant

Tax Relief Meeting

A number of prominent citizens of Hoke County have asked this paper to state that a mass meeting of tax payers who are interested in a reduction of taxes will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at two o'clock in the court house to make such recommendation to our representative as they may see fit. It is urged that a large attendance be had.

OFFICERS ABSOLVED OF KILLING BRIGMAN

Coroner's Jury Held That Deputy Sheriff of Scotland County Shot In Self Defense—Other Incidents Injected Into Case.

Dr. G. W. Brown, acting Coroner, swore in the following jury Tuesday to hold an inquest over the remains of Jim Brigman, who died in a Hamlet hospital Monday night from wounds received last Friday night: W. C. Odum, H. A. Currie, C. L. Stephens, W. W. Roberts, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., and Jack Shaw. The Coroner and the jury went to Laurinburg Tuesday morning to view the body of Brigman and came back to Raeford for the inquest which was held in the afternoon.

According to testimony brought out at the hearing, Deputies Lamar Smith, R. C. Miller and S. H. Dunlap, of Scotland County, phoned Sheriff Hodgkin that they had information that Brigman was at the home of his sister, Susan Brigman, in Antioch Township and that they had a warrant for his arrest charging him with manufacturing whiskey and desired an officer from this county to accompany them to make the arrest. Deputy Harrington was assigned to go with them and they proceeded to the home of Mr. G. C. Biggs, who walked with them to the Brigman home and pointed it out to them, arriving there about 8:30 p. m., he remaining a little distance away. Mr. Barrington went to one of the two doors of the house (both opening on a porch) and knocked. Susan Brigman asked who it was and Mr. Barrington told her his name, his mission and asked that she open the door. She replied that she would have to have time to dress but after some five minutes or more, she still failing to open the door, Mr. Barrington crashed in the door that he was stationed at and at the same time Miller opened the door he was guarding and entered the room. Brigman appeared with a pistol and covered Miller while he re-opened the door and stepped backward. At this point Miller opened fire on Brigman, firing three shots at what he termed as the "biggest part" of him. He testified that he shot because he felt that his life was in danger and to protect himself. As Brigman backed off the porch, Deputies Smith and Dunlap ran around the house and seeing the position of Brigman, shot, as they thought, to protect the life of Miller, they not

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McLaughlin Company Move Hardware Dept.

McLaughlin Company, who have been selling about everything for the family and farm since Heck was a pup, have moved their hardware department back to their Main Street location near the Post Office and will use the large building in the rear as a storage warehouse. If they just had Cap Conoly in there saying "I Goshens" it would be easy to turn back the hand of time some ten years or more and start a conversation on the successful ending of "The War."

Fire Destroys Former Home of N. P. Conoly

On Wednesday night of last week the house, formerly occupied by N. P. Conoly, about three miles South of Raeford, was completely destroyed by a fire of unknown origin. This was said to have been a house of extra good construction and the loss is considerable to the present owners, McLaughlin & Co. Mr. Conoly had recently moved from the house and it was unoccupied at the time of the fire. The building was nearly covered with insurance.

GOERCH ATTENDS ASSEMBLY OPENING

Will Furnish our Readers With Doings of the Legislature In His Own Way—Comments On Governor's Speech.

By CARL GOERCH. "We are met today," said Governor O. Max Gardner last Friday noon, starting off his message to the General Assembly, "to consider North Carolina and to take thought of her future. This solemn duty comes to us at a time when most of our problems appear aggravated by the condition of economic maladjustment in which we find ourselves."

"What does he mean by economic maladjustment?" whispered a neck-stretching individual to a friend in the crowd that swarmed about the door of the house chamber. "Indigestion!" whispered the friend in reply.

"I've been troubled with it for years," murmured the first man. "Wonder how he knew it."

Several hundred folks, in addition to the members of the General Assembly, were so keenly interested in what the Governor had to say about our economic maladjustment that they stood on their feet—and one another's feet—for about an hour and a half, listening to His Excellency tell what was wrong with North Carolina. And even then he only hit the high spots. If he had gone into details the chances are that he would have been talking yet.

He dealt with agriculture in a direct and forceful manner, and it seems as though the farmers of North Carolina either are going to have to adopt a live-at-home policy or starve at home.

The first of his recommendations was that a ten per cent cut be made in the salaries of all State, county and municipal employees. Members of the legislature cheered and whooped. Then it suddenly dawned upon them that they were included in the list of State employees, and after that they eyed the Governor in stony silence.

Four million dollars will be saved to the State annually if the proposed cut goes into effect. It may be that some of the legislators will get sore and throw up their jobs, in which event the State would be even more fortunate. However, the Governor has to take his cut along with the others, so they can't complain. His idea is that it's better for the whole crowd to lose a few dollars apiece, rather than to kick half the gang out of office.

There might be some room for in that.

He suggested that the State take over most of the county roads and that another cent be added to the gasoline tax. That's going to shift the burden of keeping up the highways onto the shoulders of the fellow who uses them, and it will help reduce taxes on farms and other real estate. Heretofore the farmer has had to pay taxes on everything—roads, schools, drinking cups for the senate, new rug for the Governor's office, bathroom fixtures for

Mr. L. E. Reaves Loses His Home By Fire

The worst fire in Raeford since the big conflagration several years ago occurred Monday morning about three o'clock when the handsome residence of Mr. L. E. Reaves, on North Main Street, was a total loss from a fire of unknown origin. Before the fire was discovered the entire roof was a mass of flames, it appearing that the fire must have originated in the attic and gained tremendous headway before being noticed. A man on his way to the oil mill ran into the house and awakened Mr. Reaves and his son Halie just before the roof of the house fell in.

The fire department answered the call to the fire but the flames had made such headway that it was impossible to check them before the building was reduced to a mere hull. Most of the furniture on the first floor was saved but it was impossible to get any in the second rooms upstairs.

The house and furniture were nearly covered with insurance.

SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES MONDAY

His Honor Judge Frank Daniels to Preside—Both Criminal and Civil Term—Criminal Docket Heavier Than Usual.

The January term of Hoke Superior Court will convene here next Monday with His Honor Judge Frank Daniels presiding. This is both a criminal and civil term and the docket is heavier than usual with thirteen defendants to face trial. Ten of these were bound over from Recorder's Court, two appealed, and one bound over from Magistrate's Court. The Defendants and crime charged are as follows: R. H. Swanson, larceny.

Chancy McLaughlin, Carl Cobb, alias Carl Pankey, alias Carl Walker and Ed Morris, housebreaking and larceny.

Wilkin Thomas, housebreaking and larceny, three charges.

S. L. McLendon, store-breaking and larceny.

Mack Daniels, larceny, three charges.

Nathaniel Morrison Charlie Doolson and A. L. Robinson, assault and highway robbery.

Floyd McRae, murder.

Jesse James McNeill and Roosevelt Harding, store-breaking and larceny.

John Will Cephas, attempt at housebreaking.

Dr. Angus McBryde Accepts Position Duke University

His Hoke County friends will learn with a great deal of interest that Dr. Angus M. McBryde has just accepted a position on the medical staff of Duke University and will take up his duties of teaching there in September. He is a specialist in children's diseases and took a great deal of work under Dr. Davidson, Dean of the Duke Medical school and head of the department in which Dr. McBryde will teach.

For several years since his graduation Dr. McBryde has had quite a bit of post-graduate work, being for some time resident physician at the University of Pennsylvania hospital and later studying at Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. McBryde has been spending a few days with his brother, Mr. Ryan McBryde, here, and visiting other relatives in the State. He went to Durham last week to look over the hospital there and he says that it is fully equipped as either Johns Hopkins or the hospital at Penn. He is very much pleased with the outlook and his friends are glad that he will be located in this State.

West End Girl's Team Defeats Raeford Girls

In a well attended double-header basketball game last Friday night at the Armory, the girls from West End outplayed and defeated the Raeford girls, while the Battery F. team made up for it by outplaying the men's team from West End.

After the two basketball games, local fans hollered themselves hoarse at a five round boxing bout between Kid Brown and Steamboat MacMillan, which was called a draw by the judges.

MAXTON JUNIOR COLLEGE AGAINST BATTERY F.

Followers of Basketball will have a good chance Friday night to witness a real good game between Maxton Junior College and the fast stepping team from Battery F. The locals have won two out of their last three games, losing one of the three to Fort Bragg by one point. The game will start promptly at seven forty-five.

There will be a boxing bout after the basket ball game, contestants to be announced later.

APPRECIATION.

We want to thank all our friends for their sympathy and offers of help in the loss of our home by fire. We fully appreciate your friendship. We want to especially thank the Raeford Fire Department and each member for their prompt and heroic action in trying to extinguish the fire. L. E. REAVES, SR. HALIE REAVES.

FORMING OF HOKE BITTERLY FOUGHT

Old Papers Yield Interesting Story Of Fight For New County—County Twenty Years Old On April First.

(By ROBERT COVINGTON)

Many folks now residing within the bounds of Hoke County have little conception of the bitter battle that was waged at this season twenty years ago, for the dismemberment of Cumberland and Robeson counties and the formation of Hoke County from these two. Hoke County now, to those who were not interested in that old fight, seems to have always been here, she rests quietly with her elbows on the sandhills and her feet in the Lumber and Rockfish, carrying on with assurance the policies of county independence, remembering only as in a dream the blows that were struck and the words that flew twenty years ago when the question of her creation was so bitterly contested in Raleigh. It was a battle of grants and pigmies, a battle in which the clear intelligence of the division was fought by commerce, pride and tradition of the old counties and there were on both sides, sincere intelligent men who held to their views with tenacity and opposed the other with the oratorical fervor which in our age has almost disappeared. It was a romantic battle, with the roll of drums and the sallies and sorties of argument making the capitol ring, and with the few newspapers of the time viewing the whole proceeding with the amused smile which is the newspaper's privilege.

It all comes back very vividly in glancing over the old papers, sheets now yellowing with age, but still crimson with oratory and high feeling.

Arguments Pro and Con.

What is now Hoke County was at that time a pioneer section rapidly developing in farming and independent businesses. Nevertheless the roads that led to Lumberton and Fayetteville, the county seats where the citizens must go for civil matters, were muddy, impractical paths and the citizens felt for a nearer seat of county government. The population of this section felt that with a smaller county, they could attain a better citizenship, quicker and better dispensation of the law and a more satisfactory development of the territory. Humorously a speaker of the time asserted that a young man could leave the upper part of Robeson county to secure marriage license and that before he could make the hazardous and tiresome trip to Lumberton and return, his sweetheart would give him out and marry another man. A serious side of the problem however was that in the upper and inaccessible reaches of the county, many crimes escaped justice.

Opponents of the county found the cry for Hoke county a laughable and impossible conceit of a handful of people. One opponent made the remark since becoming famous, that "the land is so poor that a crow flying across it would have to take his dinner." They did not hesitate to lay the impetus of the movement at the feet of the commercially ambitious citizens of Raeford and this section and contended that Fayetteville and Lumberton were more than capable of serving the people of the petitioning section. A great stir was made over the naming of the county after General Hoke, proponents of the bill getting great applause in their eulogies of the popular veteran, and opponents decrying the naming of the new county "which have not more than 3,500 people counting men, women and children, Indians, Republicans and Hotheaters," comparing it to putting a saddle on a cat. Great eloquence was stirred up in the opponents of the bill over the "sacrifice of the people of Robeson and Cumberland" though whether these people were sacrificed seems still to be a question with the regulation two sides.

First Attempt to Get County a Failure.

An early attempt to pass the Hoke County bill, a few years previous to the successful attempt, was a failure. The advocates of the bill were ill-organized, and the work for the bill failed falling in line with the bills which have failed to pass since that time. The bill was introduced by