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FATAL SHOOTING IN UPPER HOKE COUNTY ON SUNDAY

Ted Medlin Shoots and Kills Colonel Larrimore—Occurs in Little River Section—Quarrelling Between Larrimore and Medlin's Stepson Leads to Tragedy.

MEDLIN BOUND OVER TO APRIL COURT

A fatal shooting occurred near Cameron in upper Hoke County last Sunday afternoon when Ted Medlin, young farmer of that section shot and killed Colonel Larrimore, a neighbor, aged about 28. The shooting was the result of continued quarrelling on the part of Larrimore and Fred Hall, young stepson of Medlin.

According to witnesses heard in Recorder's court Tuesday morning, Ted Medlin shot and killed Larrimore with a thirty-two calibre rifle, the shooting occurring in front yard of the Medlin home. Ted Medlin, the boy and Larrimore with others, had gone to Cameron Sunday morning about ten o'clock to get a spring on the truck fixed. Somewhere on the way there was an altercation in which Larrimore, under the influence of whiskey, was imposing upon the boy and the latter struck him on the head, with a piece of iron, causing profuse bleeding but no fatal wound. Larrimore left the scene on foot and went to his home where W. J. Medlin, father of Ted and father-in-law of Larrimore, saw the latter and helped to treat his wound. At this time it is alleged that Larrimore made threats against the life of the boy. W. J. Medlin then proceeded across the fields to his own home and was sitting upon his doorstep when the truck with Ted and the youth in it, returned.

The story goes that Ted came into the house first with Fred a little behind him. The latter had just gotten inside the gate when Larrimore appeared and began to beat him with his fists. The boy fled into the back door of the house and through it with Larrimore in pursuit. Ted ran ahead and took down a rifle from over the front door and went on out into the front yard. Here he took a stand and told Larrimore not to come any further. The boy was further on behind Medlin. Larrimore continued to advance, now on Medlin and the latter shot him through the neck. He died a few minutes later.

Medical aid was summoned from Cameron but arrived too late to do any good. Ted Medlin and Hall had in the meanwhile gone on off as Medlin purported to give himself up to the law. Officers were summoned from Raeford and Medlin was lodged in the county jail Sunday night.

Medlin was bound over to the April term of Superior Court with bond fixed at \$1000.00. The bond was raised.

Bold Robbery On Saturday Night

Saturday night about ten o'clock, Mr. W. H. Hobson locked his fish market and went up town to make a few purchases. The market was brightly lighted and Mr. Hobson only gone a few minutes. However, he found upon returning that some thievery who had evidently been waiting their chance, had entered his store and stolen about twenty dollars in money in money and a pistol valued at forty-five dollars. There has been no clue found as to the identity of the culprits.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT, MARCH 6

There will be a meeting of the local American Legion in Lawrence Pool's office on Friday night, March 6. All ex-servicemen are invited to attend.

RECORDERS COURT

In Recorder's Court Tuesday Wesley Bridges and Curtis Cornell, young white men, were tried on a charge of stealing cylinder oil from the Standard Oil Co. tanks here. Both tendered pleas of guilty. Bridges was found to be only fourteen years of age and was remanded to the Juvenile Court. Cornell was sentenced to serve four months on the county roads, judgment to be suspended upon condition of good behavior for two years, payment of the costs and a fine of twenty-five dollars.

Sing Miller, who was captured last week, charged with the unlawful shooting of Alex McQuarin, recently had his case continued for a week on account of the inability of McQuarin to attend court.

Ted Medlin, charged with the murder of Colonel Larrimore, did not resist a bind over to Superior Court and bond was fixed at one thousand dollars.

Police Dept. Makes Town Improvements

The Raeford police department is active these days cleaning up and burning off town property and making needed improvements on town sidewalks. Sidewalks on Donaldson Avenue West, which seem never to yield to treatment have very firmly bolstered with red clay, the grounds back of the court house have been submitted to cleaning and general treatment has aided the looks of the whole town.

Boy Scouts Plan Public Program

The local troop of Boy Scouts, than which there are few more active or interested in this section, is planning a program to be put on at the New Armory on a night to be announced next week. A variety of interesting and helpful things is being learned and practiced by the boys who make up the Raeford troop and under the guidance of Scoutmaster Sexton and Alfred Cole, his assistant, these things will be shown to the public at the meeting next week. The program will demonstrate not only the principle of character and manhood which Scouting teaches but the practical knowledge which it fosters in the fields of woodcraft, handicraft, first-aid, civic spirit and others.

All the citizens of the town who are interested in the development of the town's boypower should inform themselves of the date of the Scout program and prepare to attend.

Local Tennis Players Plans Association

Urged on by the fast and invigorating sport that was available for local tennis players some years ago when the vacant lot next to the post office was a smooth clay court, local tennis enthusiasts are pushing a plan for the reinstatement of the court and the sport. Patronage of the sport of kings was general in Raeford several years ago when the youth and business men of Raeford found relief for their excess energy in serves and allces.

Plans are under consideration whereby the court would be rebuilt this spring. Present plans call for the construction of a model court on the old site. Permission of the owner of the lot has been secured and enthusiasm among the old and new devotees of the game is rife. It is hoped that an association of the lovers of the game may be formed to bear among them the small expense of rebuilding and to share the sport and exercise that may be derived from good tennis court activity.

ENROLLMENT FOR C. M. T. C. STARTS FIRST

Early Application Will Be Necessary for Those Who Wish to Attend Camp This June—Moore Can Send Eight.

Major General Frank R. McCoy, commanding the Fourth Corps Area, announces that 4400 applications for attending next summer C. M. T. Camps, will be accepted beginning March 1st. He states that these camps for thirty days begin June 12. One will be held at Fort Bragg, N. C. near here, where 800 will be trained.

Thousands Too Late Last Year
Less than half the young men applying for these camps in the southeast last year could be accommodated. Funds and facilities were available for only 4400, 8939 applied. Florida, the first state in the union to exceed its quota, filled up in one day after enrollment began. All eight southeastern states comprising the Fourth Corps Area filled their quotas a month and a half before camps opened, the Fourth Corps Area leading all others in the country. Seven of the eight states filled their quotas in twenty three days or less. For the thousands disappointed last year, only early application this year will secure for them an appointment.

Who May Attend
Any young man of acceptable character between the ages of 17 and 24 may apply for the Basic Course. If he can pass the required examination and is of good moral character, as certified to by a reputable citizen who knows him, he may attend one of these camps if he is in time to secure one of the vacancies.

No Future Military Obligation
Attendance at these camps means no obligation for future military service. Those who attend are no more likely to be called to the colors in time of war than any other man. However, if they volunteer or are selected for service they are more likely to secure rapid advancement and be able to defend their country more effectively and with greater safety to themselves. Military training is not the primary object. The training at these camps stresses citizenship, leadership, self-reliance, initiative, good fellowship, and how to work and play hard and effectively. The moral and religious influences are kept at high standards.

All necessary expense covering transportation, camp facilities, food, (Continued on Back Page)

Railroads Petition For Regulation of Hauling By Truck

Officials of the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad are circulating this week a petition which is addressed to officials concerned, regarding the situation which exists with regard to the rivalry between railroads and trucks for the country's hauling. For some time the increase in trucking on the highways has been a great drain on the monopoly which the railroad formerly held. Whereas the railroad in recent times has had almost all the industrial and agricultural hauling to do, the increase in hauling by trucks has made competition between the two very keen and this situation has now reached a crisis.

A meeting will be held this week in Raleigh in order to consider the problem. Representatives of the railroads and the highway hauling companies will be present to present their sides. Railway officials are asking for regulation which will allow the two organizations to compete on an equal basis and are also petitioning that the highway haulers be forced to pay a larger part in keeping up the public highways to balance the expense incurred by the railroads in keeping up their roadbeds. The petition circulated in Raeford Monday showed the signatures of a number of Hoke County citizens.

GOERCH EXPLAINS ASSEMBLY SERVICES

Legislature Takes Minds Of People Off Other Troubles—Relieves Popular Worry In Unique Way—Prison Disgrace To State.

(By CARL GOERCH)
If you haven't had time to run up to Raleigh in the last week or so, you ought to do so and give the legislature a look-in.

The boys have at last gotten warmed up and are now missing on all six cylinders. The only thing they've been able to agree on so far is that it is O. K. for them to take their pay checks.

Business conditions have improved a great deal throughout North Carolina during the last two months. Up until the time the legislature met everybody could talk and think of nothing except hard times. Since then however attention has been focused almost entirely on the general assembly. As a result business has been moving along.

Statistics show that there are fewer divorces during the legislative period than in any other. The average man and wife are so busily engaged cussing out their respective legislators that don't have time to cuss each other.

The children of Israel spent forty years in the Wilderness and then got to the promised land. The legislature spends sixty days in Raleigh and all we get is the promised land-tax relief.

Our State prison is the most dilapidated, antiquated structure you have ever seen. I believe the proposal to improve things out at the prison is one of the biggest things the legislature could undertake.

Former Governor Smith and former Governor Byrd are going to address the legislature this week. Their (Continued on Back Page)

Hoke Farmers Consider Potatoes Money Crop

As a part of his campaign of farm diversification and improvement, County Agent Burton has interested many of the local farmers in the last week, in the raising of sweet potatoes for market. It is certain that the soil and climate of the county are adapted to this crop and it seems probable that an acreage of potatoes here would help the farmers of the county. One restriction on growing potatoes here was that the expense of building curing houses would be too great, since potatoes require especially careful treatment between the time they are dug and the time when they are ready for shipment.

Last week, Mr. Burton, a representative of the State Department and several Hoke County farmers made a trip to a section of South Carolina where a new project in potato curing was demonstrated last year. The farmers of that section used tobacco barns for curing potatoes and have found it very effective. Mr. Burton shows that the same thing can be done in Hoke County and that an acreage of potatoes will visibly help the agricultural situation here.

Analysis of Soil Started By County Farmers

A number of Hoke county farmers are being interested in the service which the State Department of Agriculture is rendering in free analysis of soils for the purpose of ascertaining what elements are lacking in the soil. A sample of the soil is taken from the field in which the analysis is to be made and mailed to the State Department of Agriculture. State chemists then make an analysis of the soil, determining what elements necessary to the proper plant growth are lacking and these elements may be supplied by fertilization. This process is an important step in agriculture at this time supply exactly the plant food needed, varying their fertilizer scientifically according to the crop to be planted and the land to be used.

P. T. A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

Council of the Parent-Teacher Association Holds Its First Meeting Friday Afternoon—Business Discussions and By-Laws Passed.

The Council of the Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting on last Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Raeford school lunch room. Mrs. H. A. Cameron, president of the County Council, presided.

A number of matters of business came up for discussion and were passed on. The by-laws for the Council were read and adopted. It was decided to hold two meetings a year; one in the early fall and the other in the spring.

A number of projects were discussed and passed. The following were adopted as the main objectives:

1. Beautification of the school grounds and buildings.
2. Summer round-up of pre-school children.
3. Preparation for hot lunches in each school that does not have provisions for that in the schools.

Mrs. P. P. McCain was appointed as chairman of the work on beautifying the school grounds. Mrs. C. H. Giles was appointed as chairman of the summer round-up in the various places. Mrs. Jesse Gibson was appointed as chairman of the hot lunch work. These projects were adopted as the main objectives and each local unit will take these up and give them splendid consideration under the leadership of these chairmen.

The purpose of the County Council is to afford an opportunity for the local associations to compare methods. Reports will be made on the progress of the work and in this way each place will have the benefit of the experience of each other association. This will in no way limit the work in the local units, but these objectives have been adopted for all to work in connection with their own local problems.

The activities of parent-teacher associations grow out of its program and the work of the standing committees.

All dues should be sent on at once so that the locals can get the literature. These dues, 15c per member, should be sent to Mrs. J. W. Burke, treasurer, Gibsonville, N. C.

The executive committee plans to have a meeting at least once a month and keep in touch with the work. The executive committee is composed of:

Mrs. H. A. Cameron, president; Mrs. Jesse Gibson, first vice-president; Mrs. J. H. McNeill, second vice-president; Mrs. Neill Clark, third vice-president; Mr. Carlyle Townsend, Secretary; Mr. D. H. Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. P. P. McCain, Mrs. J. S. Johnson.

Funeral of Mrs. L. W. York Sunday

The funeral of Mrs. L. W. York, daughter of Mr. J. N. Maxwell of Raeford. She was married on January 10, 1909 and was a devoted wife and mother. To the union were born eight children, five of whom survive her: Arvil, Fulton, Karl, Pauline and Vera York. Mrs. York was a member of the Methodist church and a devoted Christian. She is also survived by her father, three brothers and one sister: Clayton, Neill and W. S. Maxwell, all of Raeford and Mrs. Tom Burkhead of Candor. The funeral in Goldsboro was conducted by the Rev. W. V. McRae and the ceremony at the cemetery in Raeford by Rev. Trawick.

Before her marriage, Mrs. York was Miss Lena Maxwell of Raeford. She was married on January 10, 1909 and was a devoted wife and mother. To the union were born eight children, five of whom survive her: Arvil, Fulton, Karl, Pauline and Vera York. Mrs. York was a member of the Methodist church and a devoted Christian. She is also survived by her father, three brothers and one sister: Clayton, Neill and W. S. Maxwell, all of Raeford and Mrs. Tom Burkhead of Candor. The funeral in Goldsboro was conducted by the Rev. W. V. McRae and the ceremony at the cemetery in Raeford by Rev. Trawick.

Neill McFadyen, of Raeford, is a member of the wrestling team at Davidson this winter. Charlie Howard, of Midway, is playing end on the winter football team.

N. C. FARMERS LOVE THEIR FARM WORK

Survey Shows Why Farmers Stick To Farming—Rural Life Is Best—Health and Freedom Available To Men Who Till the Soil.

In all unsettled conditions of the country and the discussions of welfare which are the result, the question arises among those who are interested in farming, as to whether farmers as a class are more or less satisfied with their lot. How does the condition of the farmer compare with the condition of the doctor, the lawyer, or the Indian Chief? In a word, how does it happen that farmers stick to farming through thick and thin, and how do they feel about their calling?

The Federal Department of Agriculture recently made a survey in North Carolina in which questionnaires were submitted to a number of farmers in the oldest rural sections of North Carolina. Among the farmers who answered the questionnaire, ninety-two per cent had fathers who were farmers and seventy-nine per cent had grandfathers who were farmers. This shows that the tilling of the soil is something of an inheritance and that farmer sons take pride in the following in the footsteps of their farmer ancestors.

In answer to the question of why they farmed the following interesting result is shown: "Nearly eighty per cent said that they liked farming because of the rural life. Forty seven per cent farm because they own the land, thirty-eight per cent because they inherited the land, forty per cent because they expect to gain financially."

There are many things in farming for a livelihood that appeal in addition to the mere prospect of making a living. The farmers life is the life of a strong man, work, fresh air, sunshine and intimate relationship with nature are factors of a farmer's life which make it strong and wholesome. The farmer has room for his elbows, doesn't have to wear goggles to keep steel chips out of his eyes, listens to the wind in the pines and the songs of birds instead of the rumble of heavy trucks and the sound of riveting machines. The life of the farmer, when he is paid for his labor is the freest, most healthy, happiest life in the world and when the assurance of sufficient return for labor is assured the agricultural population of Hoke County will be again proud and happy in their chosen work.

Officers Elected By Raeford P. T. A.

Reorganization is in process among the Parent-Teacher Associations throughout the state and an extensive campaign is under way throughout the state. The Association at the Raeford school has been reorganized and at a recent meeting the following officers were elected: Mrs. Julian Johnson, president; Mrs. J. W. Currie vice-president; Miss Margie Campbell, secretary and Mrs. Benton Thomas, treasurer.

The association plans active work this spring and the president solicits the interest and cooperation not only of the parents who have children in school but of all the citizens in the community who see in the school a powerful agency for raising every public standard. Plans are under way for organizing and carrying out beautification of the school grounds. Mrs. C. H. Giles is chairman of a committee on the proposed eye clinic which will endeavor to reach every school child in the county. Hot lunches for all children and round-up work in the summer are also on the Association program. The next meeting for Raeford will be on the afternoon of Monday, March 9.

Arnold Ray was at home from Davidson last week-end.