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PLAN TO REBUILD THE OLD WIRE ROAD

County Commissioners Will Push Widening and Repair on Lower County Road—Grant Public Road in McLauchlin Township.

Several decisions made by the county commissioners at their recent meeting will be of interest to the people of the county. Most of the business had to do with road work and the revision of the pauper roll.

It was decided to rebuild the old wire road, a famous, old road of the county extending from Tom Ingram's filling station, near Lumber River on the Laurinburg highway, eastward through the southern end of the county. The work to be done on this road will consist mainly of the widening of the old road bed and building up with clay, some spots which have gotten in bad shape in the last few years. Through its course the old road is often bounded on one side by telegraph poles and on the other by a ditch. This will cause the main difficulty in the widening as it may prove necessary to move some poles and ditches. The work will be done by drawing on the state gas tax money. This is not the first time that this source of revenue has been tapped by the county but it is the first time that it has been applied on any definite piece of road. J. W. Mills, district highway engineer, has been informed of the commissioners decision and it is expected in Raeford to consult with county authorities and advise them in the work they plan to do. It is intended that work shall begin next week. The construction work will be in the hands of the county road force and the entire road, from the filling station on the Laurinburg road to the place where it enters Cumberland County near Rockfish, comprises twenty and one-half miles.

The commissioners granted a public road, on petition of citizens of McLauchlin Township, the road to be run from the Wayside Filling Station on the Fayetteville highway to the camp line, near Longstreet road.

The pauper roll of the county now numbers forty-two. These receive regular financial help from the county. The number is ten in excess of what it was at the same time last year.

The commissioners also gave authority for the construction of a ditch beside the county road running by the Rockfish school grounds in order to better drain the grounds and to allow the school authorities to fill in a ditch now running across the school grounds for drainage purposes.

Miss Sallie McNeill Dies At Maxton

Miss Sallie McNeill, daughter of Mrs. Kate McNeill, life long resident of Hoke County, until recently, when her family moved near Maxton, died Sunday after a brief illness as a distinct shock to a host of friends in this county in which he had a large number of relatives. She was only twenty years of age and many mourn her untimely passing.

She is survived by her mother, four brothers and two sisters, among whom is Deputy Sheriff McNeill.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. D. Carswell and interment made at Bethel church on Monday at three-thirty, a large number of residents from this and other sections being present to pay the last sad tribute to one whom they loved.

As the alleys are becoming established the weekly tournaments for women and men are taking place regularly on Monday evenings of each week. Interest is increasing and there has been a great deal of enthusiasm. This week's winners of the prizes of two dollars and a half in trade in any store in town were Babe Poole for the men and Miss Elita Conoly for the women.

RAEFORD SCOUTS WIN NEW LAURELS

Progressive and Enthusiastic Troop Has Record to Be Proud of—High Honors Taken By Local Boys—In Charge of Scoutmaster Sexton.

Monday night was Honor Court night for the boy scouts of the Cape Fear District and the Raeford troop was in attendance at the meeting at the court house in Laurinburg. Practically the entire troop to a boy, went over with Scoutmaster Sexton in charge and not only made a fine appearance at the court but walked off with a bag full of honors.

Honor Court is the time and place for the distribution of honors for hard work by scouts. Officials of the Cape Fear District were there to take charge and everything went off smoothly. Raeford scouts winning class confirmations and badges were as follows: Second Class Scout, Billy Crawley, Tom McBryde, Clyde Upchurch, William McFadyen, Walter Barrington, E. L. Peele, Jr., Sam Snead and Hubert Cameron; First Class Scout, Malloy Lamont, Robert Whitley, William Lentz; Merit badges, Nathan Epstein, (Handicraft, First Aid, Personal Health), Jack Morris (First Aid to Animals, Personal Health, Public Health, Firemanship), Paul Dickson, (Personal Health, Public Health, Swimming), Thomas Cameron, (Personal Health, Public Health, First Aid, First Aid to Animals), Robert Whitley, (Firemanship), Jake Austin, (First Aid, Public Health, Athletics). Four Raeford Scouts received a higher degree in Scouting for which they have done some hard work and of which they can well be proud. Thomas Cameron, Nathan Epstein and Jack Morris received the title of Star Scout which signifies a First Class Scout who has earned at least five Merit Badges; Jake Austin received the title of Life Scout which signifies a First Class Scout who has earned at least ten merit badges.

Baseball At High School Begins Soon

Spring can be said to be here quite officially when the local High School baseball team begins its practice and that will be the first of next week according to Coach Noah Raynor. Interest has been at fever pitch and the younger boys around town have gone their elder brothers one better for they have been practicing some time. Practice for the high school team has been delayed by unsettled weather but it is probable that it will begin next week.

Three veterans will be back this year: Jake Austin, infielder; Albert Aiken, outfielder, and Dink Davis, pitcher. However, there will be plenty of candidates for the other positions. Coach Raynor promises a good schedule and hopes now to have his team in the running for the championship in the "B" system of schools. Over ten games have already been scheduled including the following teams: Lumberton, Hamlet, Roseboro, Vass, Linden, Red Springs, Eastover and Seventy-First. Local fans will watch the progress of the team with interest as warm weather comes on.

CALLED FOR FEDERAL COURT DUTY AT ROCKINGHAM

A number of local men were among those summoned for jury duty at the term of Federal District Court, convening in Rockingham this week. This court has jurisdiction over violations which involve national laws but do not involve local or state laws. Mr. B. L. Cox, local deputy marshal for the Federal court was among those summoned. He and Mr. J. L. McLeod were not allowed to serve. Mr. Lindo Sexton and Mr. Jesse Baucom were also called but did not serve, the former on account of illness and the latter because of his connection with the National Guard. Ralph Livingston was called and according to reports no fault was found with him.

NOTED WORKER IN POTTERY HERE

Mr. Jacques Busbee, Artist in Field of Pottery, Addresses Civic Club—Brings Art Down to Smallest Tasks of Individual.

(By Mrs. T. B. Upchurch) Members of the Civic Club and other visitors, were afforded a rare treat in a talk given by Mr. Jacques Busbee, of Jug Town at the regular meeting of this department Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Busbee is no stranger in this community, as many have visited his plant and admired the many beautiful and artistic pieces of pottery turned out there.

His subject on this occasion was "Beauty in the Simpler Things of Life," a broad subject but he arose to the occasion, and in his sincere and pleasing manner made an impression on his audience that will be lasting and doubtless enable us to see beauty that heretofore had been overlooked.

He said that you do not have to paint a picture or be a great sculptor to be an artist, but you can be an artist in performing your daily tasks. To do any one thing better than your fellow man, even to the making of a basket or split bottom chair, or to dish washing, if you can do it better than others, you are an artist.

By special request he told us how it happened that he located in the remote corner of Moore County, and the causes that led him to follow this kind of work.

He told us of his investigations of the moulding of pottery, and finding records in Forsythe County, dating back to 1742, as one of the oldest plants in the state.

Mr. Busbee saw beauty in the simpler things of life, and though it had a small beginning, today there is a beaten path to his door, and many homes are beautified with the pottery from Jug Town. It is an industry that we are justly proud of. Its products being admired and sold in many cities of North Carolina.

RECORDERS COURT

Minors were the outstanding feature of Recorder's Court Tuesday, most of the cases coming for trial involving defendants under age of sixteen.

Shaw Bennett and Charlie Harris, white boys fourteen of age and James Lee, a colored boy of fourteen, were all indicted for fishing in Hoke County without license, they being residents of Robeson County. They were all found to be under sixteen years of age and were dismissed.

Frank Covington, a white of Robeson County was indicted for the same offense but evidence was insufficient to prove that he had fished in the county.

Sing Miller was given a preliminary hearing for assaulting one Alex McQuar in some time ago with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and entered a plea of guilty. He was bound over to the April term of Superior Court.

Barstow and Zoe Douglas, young colored men or boys, were indicted for the larceny of some chickens from Mr. Bruce Lindsay, prominent citizen of Blue Springs Township and chief of police at Bowmore. Both boys entered pleas of guilty. Watson was given a term of four months on the roads and Zoe Douglas was found to be under sixteen and remanded to the Juvenile Court.

Lawrence Bouyer, young white man, was indicted on a charge of breaking and entering a store, but was found to be under sixteen and sent to the Juvenile court.

Sam Campbell and Cary Lee Andrews, colored, plead guilty to a charge of larceny of some automobile parts from Mr. L. A. McInnis of Dundarrach, and were sent to the county roads for four months each.

Those unfamiliar with the fishing law should take notice that when

NURSERYMEN TALKS TO WOMANS CLUB

Lindley Representative Introduces Local Shrubs to the Ladies—Selection and Arrangement Magic—Words of Landscape Gardening.

At the meeting of the Educational Division of the Woman's club at the Raeford School Auditorium Tuesday afternoon, the speaker was Mr. T. S. Ramsey, of Greensboro, representative of the Lindley Nurseries of Pomona, N. C. Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Jack Lindley, president of the Lindley Nurseries, were on a trip which included the Sanatorium, Rockfish school and the Raeford School. At each place they observed the grounds around the institutions, made plans for beautifying them, and gave constructive criticism and helpful suggestions.

Mr. Ramsey spoke in detail of the use which can be made of native shrubs in home and school beautification. His hearers were impressed with the fact that although he represented a firm which dealt in shrubs commercially, he gave suggestions which if followed would allow every citizen to make a garden spot of his own lawn, by taking advantage of the natural growth of the woods and fields. Mr. Ramsey named and identified twenty nine varieties of ornamental shrubs which grew wild in the section around Raeford. These he pointed out could be transplanted and cultivated and used in every function of shrubbery, for borders, background and specimen work. It was extremely interesting to note the beauty with which Mr. Ramsey invested such plants as gall berry, bamboo and bear grass which grow around us and which few consider as a valuable shrub or even as having possibilities of beauty.

The speaker also spoke in general of the especial features of planting a home. "The whole problem of landscape gardening comes back to two things, selection and arrangement," he said. "If you don't have that then everything is lacking in your scheme."

Square Dance Brings Back Memories of Good Old Days

The grace and gaiety of the old square dance lived again in Raeford last Tuesday night when the Combat Train of Battery F entertained the public at large in their spacious armory. A large crowd was on hand to see the revival of the dance of yesterday and the armory was the scene of much fun and gallantry.

The Jazz Ramblers of Lakeview, an organization well known for their old time music, played for the various figures and had a large share in the zest which the dancers displayed in the execution of the steps. The strains of "The Chicken Reel," "Old Dan Tucker," "Turkey in the Straw," and "Comin' Round the Mountain" found an enthusiastic reception with old friends and even the spectators caught the magic of the old time rhythms and added their part to the spirit of the occasion.

In all there were over thirty couples dancing and the room was packed with spectators. Floyd McCrimmon called the figures with a zest that belied his white hair. Among the old timers to whom the scene was especially familiar and whose taste the dancers were especially glad to please were Messrs. Sam Cameron, Daniel Blue and Dr. A. C. Bethune.

anyone fishes in a county other than the one in which he lives, must have a State license and is subject to indictment if he fails to procure same.

Hoke County farmers will plant about 1200 acres to watermelons this year and will market the crop thru a local produce association recently organized.

MILDOUNSON P. T. A. HAS GOOD MEETING

Fathers Take Charge of Program—Rev. Trawick Speaks—Rev. Hannah Stress Spiritual Training—Several Ministers Present.

The Parent-Teacher Association met at Mildouson Tuesday evening, March 3, at 7:30.

After a rather long but very interesting business session, the meeting was turned over to the program committee.

In being "Father's Night" the men had charge of, not only the program, but of the social hour as well. No one seemed to know what was in store for us. When we saw two or three ministers come in some one whispered, "Are we going to have a prayer meeting?"

When Mr. Cox introduced Rev. Trawick, of Raeford, and Rev. Hannah of Antioch, we knew we had a treat in store.

Mr. Trawick's subject was "Training the Child in the Home."

1. Teaching the child self-respect. To hold its head up and look the world in the face.

2. Teaching the child parental respect not by demanding it but gaining it through love and understanding.

3. Teaching Religion in the home. He stressed the idea that we can not get far away from our home training.

He said how thankful we are that God has said that we may train and guide our very own.

Mr. Hannah in his opening remarks made us feel that we are really making things go.

His subject was, "Spiritual Training in the Community."

1. The Body—Child health, the effort that is being made all over our land to give to our own strong bodies.

2. Mental, education. The cost in time, money and labor, but he says its cheap. Worth vastly more than we are putting into it.

3. Spiritual. There he places a question mark.

We must give our children spiritual food along with their body and brain food or as a nation we are failing our responsibility.

Our president, Mrs. Jesse Gibson then turned us over to the "Hosts" (men again) who fed us just like men like to be fed.

Death of Mrs. Maggie Blue of Aberdeen

Many Raeford and Hoke County people were saddened by the death on Monday of Mrs. Maggie Blue, of Aberdeen. Mrs. Blue was the widow of the late Make Blue, of Aberdeen, a man known and loved by many people of this community. Before marriage, Mrs. Blue was Miss Maggie Owens of the Seventy-First section of Cumberland county. She was the daughter of a beloved family whose children have long been the strength of their community.

Almost a half century ago she was married to Mr. Make Blue of Aberdeen. His early and untimely death left her to perform the double capacity of mother and business woman, but she bore both offices with the fine honor and nobility for which she was known. For a year previous to her death she had been the victim of paralysis, but bore her trouble in a true spirit of Christian fortitude. In her death she leaves two daughters, Misses Bert and Ila Blue, both of whom were always with her, waiting on her and caring for her in her last days. She also leaves one brother, John Owen, a farmer of the Seventy-First community.

Mrs. Blue was one of two sisters who married brothers. Her sister, Miss Fannie Owen married Mr. John Blue, of Aberdeen, and they have many friends and relatives in Raeford who mourn their passing.

The Cumberland Farmers Mutual Exchange has ordered about 5,000 pounds of grass and lespedeza seed for its members so far this season.

AL SMITH SPEAKS TO LEGISLATURE

Favors Reorganization of State Government, Consolidation of Counties and Elimination of Night Work for Women and Children.

One of the best known democrats in the country faced a tremendous audience at Raleigh Monday and spoke in frank and fearless language of the proposed changes in the government of North Carolina. Thirteen hundred seats were available in the State Theatre at Raleigh where he spoke. In the streets outside another milling throng received the speech through the medium of a broadcast and in homes and stores throughout the state countless others heard the same broadcast. The crowd in the theatre were noisy and demonstrative and no matter what their opinion may have been about what Al Smith said, there was evidence of much personal enthusiasm for the man.

Smith had been invited by the Governor of North Carolina to speak to the members of the legislature and the people of the State with particular reference to the proposed changes in the governmental system in North Carolina. Appropriately then, his greatest attention was turned to that question. Citing examples from his own State, New York, where reorganization was begun in 1915 and recently satisfactorily completed, he presented reorganization as imperative and declared for it on four counts: it will promote efficiency of government, it will save the people's money (New York saved 12 per cent the first year after reorganization), it will put the responsibility on those who are elected to have it, and it will prevent government from behind the scenes by secret powers.

The organization proposed is planned to eliminate supernumerous and widely scattered boards for carrying on government work. Mr. Smith told how the hundred and seventy odd commissions in New York State had been incorporated into seventeen governmental departments and much efficiency gained thereby. The change in government would also call for the election of the governor and the appointment by the governor of the other officers just as the president of the United States appoints his cabinet. This, Mr. Smith pointed out is putting in the hands of the governor the power to discharge the responsibility that is put upon him. These changes, he said, should be made by constitutional amendment for if they are made by statute they will not last.

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY FOR APRIL TERM COURT

The following list of jurors has been drawn for the April term of Superior Court: J. B. Cameron, Raeford; E. F. Jones, McLauchlin; E. W. Bottoms, Raeford; K. P. Elerough, Allendale; J. C. Blue, Blue Springs; D. J. Priest, Little River; Evan Wright, Blue Springs; J. B. lendale; N. A. Smith, Blue Springs; Jonah Cole, Quewhiffle; L. A. Biggs, Antioch; N. P. Livingston, Stonewall; J. T. Robertson, Quewhiffle; H. F. Currie, Allendale; A. J. Dixon, Raeford; W. A. Davis, Raeford; J. H. Guin, Blue Springs; Tom McKeithan, Raeford; Will Atkins, Blue Springs.

Thomas, Raeford; J. D. Robinson, Stonewall; Vance Norton, Raeford; J. R. McCracken, Antioch; B. L. Cox, Raeford; J. B. McKenzie, Stonewall; J. Harvey Monroe, McLauchlin; J. Herbert Priest, Little River; W. H. Galloway, Quewhiffle; J. A. McKeithan, Raeford; L. H. Koonce, Raeford; B. F. Ray, Raeford; M. J. Robinson, Stonewall; N. H. G. Balfour, Stonewall; A. H. Ray, McLauchlin; R. H. Gibson, Stonewall; F. P. Johnson, McLauchlin; R. W. Turner, McLauchlin; J. W. Smith, Little River; M. L. Maxwell, Blue Springs; J. L. Warner, Blue Springs; John Davis, Raeford; M. E. Campbell, Allendale; F. K. Eweligh, All