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## HOKE COUNTY MILITARY UNITS INSPECTED BY FEDERAL OFFICER

### Major Franklin Kemble Carries Out Rigid Inspection Of Local Soldiers; Annual Testing Includes Many North Carolina Units.

The Annual Armory Inspection of the 252d Coast Artillery (155mm Tractor Drawn), as required under War Department orders, was started at Regimental Headquarters, Wilmington, April 6. Major Franklin Kemble, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. Army, began his inspection tour with the Wilmington units, Regimental Headquarters, Band Section Service Battery, and Headquarters Battery. On the following day, April 7, he inspected the headquarters of the 1st and 3rd Battalions and Battery A. On April 8th and 9th, Major Kemble visited Whiteville and Lumberton, where he inspected Service Battery, less Band Section, and Battery B, respectively. On April 10, Major Kemble visited the local units, Battery F, commanded by Captain William L. Poole, and Hq. Btry-Combat Train, 1st Bn., the latter unit being commanded by Captain John W. Walker. The High Point units, Battery E, and Hq. Btry-Combat Train, 3rd Bn., were inspected on April 11. On April 13 and 14, the entire 2nd Battalion, composed of 2d Bn. Headquarters, Hq. Btry-Combat Train, 2nd Bn.; Battery C, and Battery D, were inspected. The Medical Department Detachment, Greensboro, will be inspected by Major Blanchard, M. C., U. S. Army, during the latter part of May, 1931.

While nothing of an official nature has been released, keen military observers, thoroughly capable of determining such a fact, have stated, that the Raeford units show a marked improvement over previous years, and that, in their opinion, the local units will not fall short of a better than the "Satisfactory" rating, required by the authorities. A rating of "S" means the attainment of that point of proficiency, which is significant of the satisfactory performance of duty, as based upon War Department requirement.

The 252d Coast Artillery (155mm T. D.) is commanded by Colonel Royce S. McClelland, who maintains his headquarters at the Marine Hospital Armory, Wilmington, N. C. Colonel McClelland's staff consists of: Lt. Col. Robert B. Lewis, Executive; Captain Andrew H. Harris, Jr., Adjutant and commanding officer of the Band; Captain Julian H. Blue, Plans and Training Officer; Captain Albert DeLacy Brayshaw, Chaplain; and 1st Lt. George Sloan, Jr., Intelligence and Liaison Officer. All staff officers, with the exception of Lt. Col. Lewis and Captain Blue, maintain their residence in Wilmington. Lt. Col. Lewis and Captain Blue reside in Raeford.

The organization of the regiment is briefly as follows: Regimental Headquarters, commanded by Colonel McClelland, who is assisted by his personal staff, is augmented by such special troops as Headquarters Battery, Service Battery, and the Medical Department Detachment. Headquarters Battery maintains a peace strength of two officers and sixty-five enlisted men. Specialists, such as sergeants-at-arms, technicians, electricians, and mechanics, are segregated and collected under one command, for the convenience of the command. Service Battery is divided into two main sections, the Band Section and Service Section. The Band Section, Service Battery, furnishes first-aid and litter bearers in the field, where music is not needed. Service Section, Service Battery, is composed of motor mechanics, signalmen, supply men, and others of like function. All matters of transportation and supply are handled by this unit. Service Battery maintains a strength of five officers and sixty-five enlisted men. The

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## CAPTAIN BRAYSHAW SPEAKS IN RAEFORD

### Chaplain of 252nd Regiment Calls For Courage To Meet Problems of Today.

One of the most impressive religious services held in recent times in Raeford, was held last Sunday night, April 12, at the Methodist church, when Captain Albert DeLacy Brayshaw, Chaplain of the 252nd Regiment of Coast Artillery, spoke to an audience that taxed the capacity of the church. The two military units which have their headquarters in Raeford, attended the meeting in uniform and made a fine appearance as they marched into the auditorium of the church and took seats at the front of the church especially reserved for them.

The entire service was one in which the highest ideals of patriotism were held up, that patriotism which is rooted in loyalty to God, and a vision of the privilege of defending home and country. The hymns sung were in keeping with the spirit of the occasion which was one in which the religious and military spirits were shown to be harmonious and not antagonistic.

Rev. Floyd Trawick introduced Captain Brayshaw to his audience. Captain Brayshaw performs the dual duties of a minister of the Episcopal church and chaplain of the regiment. In beginning he expressed his pride in being chaplain of the 252nd regiment, characterizing it as a body of soldiers of the highest type.

Captain Brayshaw took as his theme "Courage," basing his talk on the clause, "And he set his face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem." He first laid a background of world situations which showed conclusively the need for courage today, as great as at any time in history. Painting a picture of the troubled conditions of today, the chaplain characterized the courageous fight for righteousness as one of the highest functions of man.

Captain Brayshaw held up to his hearers the example of Jesus as the supreme courage of all time, urging the motto have that courage in fighting for the right, in spite of the pleas of friends, the threats of the unfriendly and the virtual certainty of death.

The church auditorium was packed to capacity with an audience that paid strict attention to this strong address.

## THURSDAY EIGHTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY OF HONORED HOKE COUNTY CITIZEN

### Mr. John W. McLaughlin, One of Hoke County's Most Eminent Leaders, Has Given Many Years of His Life To Service of Fellow Citizens; Has Served in Many Varied Capacities.

Eighty-five years ago Thursday, a boy was born who was destined to play a most important role in the founding and perpetuation of Raeford and Hoke County, two civic entities then unknown and undreamed of. Deep forest growths, pierced only by sparkling streams and narrow, thread-like roads, covered the land which now holds the familiar features of our town and county. There was nothing to hint that eighty-five years later the citizens of this section would join in paying tribute to the life and work of a man who had had a most important part in opening up and development of the territory and who would be, at the age of eighty-five, a man honored for what he had done and loved for what he was.

Born and reared in the country which today we would consider a challenge to pioneers, he knew the country in its undeveloped state; working in it as a boy he became familiar with the work that was required to change woods into fields, to dot the countryside with farmers' homes, to join the people of these homes through the medium of the church and school, to provide for the simple wants of these people with the general store, and

## FREE POLICE CHIEF IN ST. PAULS CASE

### Willie Bethea, Former Raeford Chief, Exonerated Of Shooting Of E. Jud Dean.

LATER DEVELOPMENTS. The case of Willie Bethea, who shot and killed Jud Dean, of St. Pauls, was heard before a grand jury of Robeson County on Tuesday and the jury decided to return "not a true bill." Bethea was exonerated of any blame on the evidence that he shot in self defense.

St. Pauls, April 12.—E. Jud Dean, 39, large farmer of the St. Pauls community, was shot to death here last night by Chief of Police Willie Bethea, of St. Pauls. Bethea gave up to authorities and was ordered released under \$500 bond.

Coroner D. W. Biggs, of Robeson County summoned a jury last night to view the body, but the case no doubt will be carried by Solicitor T. A. McNeill, of Lumberton before the grand jury when it convenes in Lumberton Monday.

Relatives of the dead man said he left home at 8:45 last night to go to St. Pauls. Just before 10 they were notified of his death. They say they knew of no trouble between the men and that all they have been able to find out about the shooting was that the officer called him from the side walk back of an office building, and in a couple of minutes the shooting began. There were no eyewitnesses, and Dean with four bullets in him was dead when reached. The officer is quoted as stating there had been ill feeling toward him since he searched Dean's house some time ago on a liquor charge and Dean accused him of having pointed a pistol at his wife. Since that time the officer's garage and car were burned in an alleged incendiary fire.

A few days ago a mutual friend warned him that Dean was going to kill him and burn his house, he stated. Saturday night, the officer said, he called Dean to ask him about the matter, and Dean became hysterically angry. Backing off, Dean, he said, put his hand to his pocket as if to draw a pistol. Twice the officer shot him, and still, he said, Dean advanced. Then he killed Dean.

Dean is survived by his widow, four small children, two brothers and four sisters.

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## FATE OF AGRICULTURIST HANGS IN BALANCE WITH SALES TAX

### Sales Tax Is Best Means Of Taxing Rich And Poor Proportionately; Legislative Action Of Next Few Days Of Great Importance.

## WORK AT JACKSON SPGS. SIGNIFICANT

### Renovation of Resort Property Prophetic of Large Scale Development.

Activities of much interest to many people of Raeford and Hoke county are taking place at Jackson Springs in Moore county. The town is the seat of a famous old resort which a decade ago was the center of healthful recreation for people all over the state and to some extent, throughout the south. The healthful waters of the springs were famous for their curative powers, the lake, woody walks and dancing pavilion were the means of play and recreation for hundreds of people. The old resort and its colorful history were well known to all North Carolina citizens. A number of years ago however the resort fell into a decline and has faded almost from existence. At that time the property was bought by the late Dr. Nagel, a northern physician who planned a monstrous development for the place, modeling it in his plans after the famous watering places of Europe. These plans however were frustrated in the death of Dr. Nagel and the plans have for sometime remained inactive.

Recent developments have centered around a northern trip by T. T. Cole, agent in charge of the property for the owners. At the same time that Mr. Cole is on business in the North, significant improvements are being made in the property. The hotel has been repainted and overhauled, and the grounds have been improved. The old dancing pavilion has been remodeled into a dining hall and a kitchen has been fashioned in the basement beneath and the whole has been repaired. The dam on the lake has been rebuilt and a sand beach has been built. All of these improvements are taken as indications that some big step is on hand for the immediate future for the famous old resort. It is thought that the reopening of the hotel on a very pretentious scale will be seen in the near future.

Should this plan be consummated it will be another development in the steady development of this part of the state as a resort section. The advancement of Southern Pines and Pinehurst in this field is already setting a fast pace and another step in the presentation of the charms of the sandhill section to the travellers of the country will be viewed with pleasure by the citizens of this section.

## WORK ON WIRE ROAD GOING FORWARD

Work on the widening and improvement of the old Wire road is going forward rapidly. The road force is at present working on the stretch of the road between Wadgram and Antioch and making good headway. The other portion of the road, that part from Antioch to the Cumberland county line, has been staked out this week under the supervision of Mr. W. E. Blue. An inspection party composed of F. F. McPhaul, chairman of the county board of commissioners, J. A. McDiarmid, and county auditor, John McGougan, made a trip to the scene of the work Wednesday afternoon to inspect it. The work was found to be in satisfactory condition. Estimates were made of the number of culverts required and other necessary purchases needed to complete the work.

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(By Laurie McEachern)  
To the Editor of The News-Journal: Every citizen in an agricultural community is or should be interested in the outcome of the calculated contest which will determine the fate of the McLean School Bill. In retrospect, it is very clear that the greatest responsibility rests with the Senate in that that body of the General Assembly was, as some of their number now consider it, particeps criminis in putting the law into effect. Following the enactment it was necessary to write a bill for the operation of the schools under the new plan, finance them without recourse to ad valorem taxation and finally to insert in the appropriations the necessary amount fixed for the entire scheme; all three of which the House has passed and now sits in legislative lethargy due to the assiduity of its superiors who sit across the hall in the capitol building. The Senate, after also passing the McLean Bill received the Johnson Bill which provided for the operation of the schools and immediately consigned it to the committee where it has lain while the Folger Bill for operation of schools under an equalization plan with a 30 cent ad valorem tax was drawn as a substitute. Upon receipt of the Revenue Bill from the House which carried a General Sales Tax for financing the schools and reducing ad valorem taxes the Senate Committee immediately proceeded to emasculate that bill by eliminating the General Sales Tax, disregarding the much praised by Daniels, Luxury or Selected Commodity Tax, and placing in lieu thereof the Equalization Fund of \$10,000,000, together with a statewide 30 cent ad valorem tax. The Equalization Fund above is an increase of \$3,500,000 over that of 1929 and according to the best figures available to the House Committee on Finance, which spent over sixty days gathering all possible data on tax sources of revenue it will be impossible to raise this money without resorting to some form of Sales Tax. It necessarily follows that the proponents of this method would relieve the counties of the levies for the six months term and at the same time require them to raise a large part of the necessary money with the proposed ad valorem tax. It simply means that the state will go back into the business of collecting land taxes for schools and at the same time disbursing the funds thus collected to the various counties under a state system which has not in the past afforded land tax relief nor never will.

The proponents of State support of schools under the provisions of the McLean Bill are prepared to accept either plan of Sales Tax which the Senate might have or was hoped to adopt. It is clear that there has been a partizan attitude on the part of the press as to the respective merits of both forms of Sales Taxes proposed. There is quite a difference of opinion as whether one will rest more heavily on the "backs and bellies" of the poor than the other. Since the Luxury or Selected Commodity Tax will probably reach more people of moderate means than those possessing wealth while the General Sales Tax will tax rich and poor in accordance with the scale of living in which they indulge. For example the individual who spends approximately \$1,200 annually for expenses would pay under the General Sales Tax of 1% the amount of \$12.00, while under the Luxury Tax, if he smoked one package of cigarettes and drank three Coca Colas a day, just two of the commodities, he would make an annual payment of \$21.90. It has been the desire of the supporters of

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