

MRS. W. B. McQUEEN DIES HERE TUESDAY

Was Leader in Community Affairs, Talented Artist And Beloved Friend.

Mrs. W. B. McQueen, for more than a quarter of a century a leader in the civic and community life of Raeford, beloved teacher and friend, died at her home in Raeford at eight o'clock Tuesday morning after an illness which stretched over several months and had been critical for several weeks. There had been much anxiety in the town and community since it was known that her condition was serious and while it was known that she was critically ill, it did not lessen the shock of the news of her death.

Mrs. McQueen was formerly Miss Wilhemena Hassalkus and was born in Griffin, Georgia. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hassalkus of Griffin. Her father came to America from Germany in his youth and her mother was a native of Washington, D. C. Mrs. McQueen came to Raeford soon after the founding of the Raeford Institute at the opening of the present century. She served as instructor in music at that school and even after she ceased to teach in the schools, continued to teach music in private classes up until the last few years of her life. A few years after her arrival in Raeford she married Mr. W. B. McQueen.

Mrs. McQueen was an exceptionally talented and charming woman and up until the period of her declining health took an active and leading interest in community life. Her talents, far from being limited to the field of music, were marked in the fields of dramatics, elocution and painting. She possessed an unbounded energy and enthusiasm which made her a leading factor in scores of projects for community betterment. Especially helpful were her activities in the field of education and her unselfish work was ever a factor in the progress of the Raeford school.

Mrs. McQueen's nature was always one of eminent helpfulness. Her talents in varied fields and her personal charm made and held hundreds of friends. Her efforts in behalf of her friends and neighbors, through community enterprises covering a period of twenty-five years, have woven a thread of herself into the fabric of community life. There is genuine sorrow in hundreds of hearts who knew her and loved her and mourn her death.

She was buried in the Raeford cemetery on Wednesday morning with Reverend Trawick and Reverend Carwell officiating. The ceremony was simple in keeping with her wishes. A large number of friends and relatives attended the ceremony.

PLENTY OF PLANES

The army air fleet which was weekending at Fort Bragg passed in review before the citizens of the county on three successive days this week. The trip south which was halted at Fort Bragg on Saturday began again Sunday morning and a good number of beautiful planes sailed over Raeford and southward. Monday morning a large number took to the air and the sky roared with thirty-five or more powerful motors. The largest number went south on Tuesday with sixty-nine planes in groups of varying sizes passed southward toward their home fields. A good number of citizens were among the interested who went to Pope Field Sunday to view the fleet.

WIN KIWANIS MEDALS

In the account of the graduating exercises at the high school last week, the awarding of the Kiwanis medals for excellence in scholarship was omitted. The Kiwanis Club of Raeford awards each year three medals, one in each department of the school, primary, grammar and high school divisions. The award is made for the best scholastic work in each division of the school each year. This year's awards went to Yvonne Baucom in the primary school, Alvis Dickson in grammar school and Christianna McFadyen in the high school. These awards were made at the final exercises. All the winners are to be highly congratulated on their excellent records.

FIRST WEEVIL

The first forerunner of a hard summer has appeared in Hoke County's cotton fields and farmers who have been working along contentedly have suddenly come to the realization that life is real and earnest and the boll weevil must be fought again. In spite of the fact that boll weevil control has become a much surer thing in the last few years, it is hardly yet a thing that can be considered casually. The hard bilfed borer has been discovered on the farm of Jack Ray out Puppy Creek way. The number of weevils was small but the realization that they have already started to work will set farmers minds to planning, for it is pretty sure that a similar infestation will be found throughout the county and this section.

PRIZES AWARDED IN CLEAN - UP RIVALRY

Judges Name Neatest Business Houses in Competition Here Friday.

Ten blue ribbons and eight red ribbons denoting first and second places in the Clean-up Week competition, were awarded by the judges in the inspection which was carried out by the committee from the Woman's Club here Friday. Great interest was exhibited by the business establishments and by the townspeople in general in the effort to increase the beauty and cleanliness of the business houses in Raeford. Business men entered in the competition whole heartedly and Raeford's main street looked like a newly minted dime on the day of the contest.

The inspection was carried out Friday by the Woman's Club committee consisting of Mrs. Carl Morris, Mrs. Christian Davis, and Mrs. D. P. Andrews. All business houses were inspected and the judges awarded the prizes as follows: blue ribbons, signifying first place were awarded to the Bank of Raeford, the Raeford Cafe, McGill and McNell's Market, Israel Mann's Store, Pender Grocery Store, Arch Graham's Filling Station, the Raeford Dry Cleaners, Reaves Drug Store, Inc., McLean Electric Shop, and the Electric Shoe Shop.

Red Ribbons representing second prize in the competition were awarded to Thomas-Grocery Co., Page Trust Company, The Ladies' Shop, Dan Campbell Dry Cleaning, The City Market, the Standard Filling Station, the Imperial Cafe, and the Hoke Drug Company. The houses were judged on neatness and cleanliness of appearance and attractiveness of display.

The benefits of the competition were manifest in the efforts extended by the various houses and the excellent appearance of all the concerns. The committee commended the appearance of all the business houses and made the decisions only after the most serious consideration of all concerns inspected.

NO REVALUATION YET

At the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on June 1st, a petition signed by a number of Hoke taxpayers was presented to the board requesting an immediate revaluation of real estate in the County. After full consideration of the petition, it was decided by the board that the petition could not be granted because of a statute passed during the latter days of the recent Legislature, postponing revaluation until 1934. Under the terms of this statute no reductions can be made on present values this year, except such reductions as may be incidental to the equalization of values between particular pieces of property, and the sum of such incidental reductions cannot be more than ten percent of the total value of real estate in the county for the year 1930. Of course this ten percent reduction does not apply to tracts of land where the values thereof have been diminished by the burning of buildings, removal of timber, and the like.

DR. BROWN IN HOSPITAL

Dr. G. W. Brown, who was sick a few days ago, has had a relapse and was carried to Highsmith Hospital Thursday, where his condition is considered as serious.

Friends Boost Hoke Legislator For Commissioner Agriculture

Representative Day Opens Campaign For Hoke County Man—McEachern Eminent- ly Qualified For Position.

Sweet music in the ears of Hoke County folks was a formal announcement in the state papers last Friday that a large group of legislators had centered on Representative McEachern of this county to run for the high office of Commissioner of Agriculture in the Democratic primaries next year. The announcement was made by Representative N. E. Day, one of the leaders of the House and his announcement was the expression of developments that those close to the feeling of the legislature were familiar with and was no surprise to many of the people who knew what was going on. The present incumbent, Mr. W. A. Graham, has incurred the hostility of many of the people of the state by certain legislation that he got by the General Assembly two years ago which greatly strengthened his power and made him more of a despot than was intended. Sentiment has been crystallizing against him for a long time until the view became general that some one should run against him next year. On account of the inability of most aspirants for this office to make a vigorous campaign for this office throughout the state it was thought best that some member of the present General Assembly be selected to make the race, since having been in the legislature for over four months, the acquaintances made there would give him some starting point in most of the counties. It was an announcement was no accident. It was the combination of many reflections and advising on the part of a large number of legislators and reflects the prevailing sentiment, perhaps, of those who are members of the General Assembly.

That Mr. McEachern would fill the position with credit and honor, goes without saying to those who know him well. Hoke county people will welcome the opportunity to show

him forward when, and if, he says the word.

In the announcement carried in last Friday's News & Observer the following appeared:

"Enthusiastic over the expected candidacy of Representative Laurie McEachern, of Hoke County, for Commissioner of Agriculture, Representative N. E. Day issued the following statement before he left for home yesterday:

"Having served in the General Assembly with Mr. Laurie McEachern, Representative from Hoke County, I take this means of presenting him to the State of North Carolina as candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, subject to the expression of the voters in the primary and general elections of next year. (Mr. McEachern is a farmer and business man and identified with the public and community life of his county.

"It is the fine record Mr. McEachern has made in the 1931 House sessions that particularly recommends him to us as suited to the office we seek for him. He hasn't tried to trim his sail with every change of the wind. At the same time, he has not assumed that the differences of combatants in the legislative arena should embitter their personal relations toward each other, and he has made friends of colleagues and opponents alike.

"Qualified by education and training for this high place, Mr. McEachern is still of the younger Democracy of North Carolina. He knows the needs, economic and social, of North Carolina Agriculture and that a balanced agriculture must wait on a balanced market and a well proportioned industrial set-up of the whole State—from the mountains to the plains. He could and would make the great agricultural department the exponent of balanced industrial and economical adjustment in the State.

"Sterling personal qualities and unimpeachable integrity, with youth and ability of high order, are assets we assure the State can be possessed by it in bringing Mr. McEachern to this position of great and effective service."

FIREMENS MEETING DRAWS LOCAL MEN

Sandhill Firemen Meet At Lumberton—To Meet Here Next Year.

The sixth annual meeting of the Sandhill Firemen's Association was held in Lumberton on the second of this month. The people of Lumberton did themselves proud and entertained about 150 visiting firemen and thousands of visitors. The association is composed of the following towns: Fayetteville, Raeford, Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Elerbe, Carthage, Pine Bluff, Hamlet, Sanford, Rockingham, Lumberton, Elizabeth Town, Laurinburg, St. Pauls, Red Springs and Maxton. The convention this year was a most successful one and nearly equalled the State Convention as to size of crowd. The chemical and water races were both won by Sanford.

The following officers were elected to serve for this year: Ed. Glover, Lumberton, President; R. B. Lewis, Raeford, Vice President, and L. Strickland, Fayetteville, Secretary. The local Fire Department extended an invitation to meet next year at Raeford, which was accepted and this Town will be the host for the convention in 1932. The following members of the local company attended the meeting: R. B. Lewis, L. S. McMillan, A. Cole, J. L. Teale, H. A. Green, B. Bethune, Bud McKeithan, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., W. P. Baker, C. O. Conoly and Ed. Smith.

MORRIS-MCFADYEN

News has been received in Raeford of the marriage of Miss Marie McFadyen to Mr. Steve Morris of Gastonia. The marriage took place in the Presbyterian church at Gastonia, Monday night and was witnessed by only a few friends of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Morris will make their home in Gastonia.

PASSION PLAY HERE

The Passion Play in film, with sound effects, will be given at the school auditorium, Wednesday, June 10th, at 8:15, under the auspices of the American Legion and Auxiliary.

FREE VACCINATION

During the past few months several cases of Typhoid Fever have developed in Hoke county, there being two cases in the county seat at the present time. Therefore it is very important that every one be vaccinated against this disease. During June and July vaccination against Typhoid will be given free.

After July 1st vaccination against Diphtheria will be given free to all children. During June it may be obtained at a cost of five cents per dose.

During July all sections of the county will be visited on certain dates which will be announced later.

Any one desiring to be vaccinated should come to my office.

R. L. Murray, Co. Physician

TO HOLD COOKING SCHOOL IN RAEFORD

Mrs. Vivian Bushong, Nationally Known Home Economist, Will Lead.

Mrs. Vivian Bushong, nationally known Home Economist and culinary expert will arrive here Monday of next week to make final preparations for the opening of an all-electric cooking school, which is being sponsored by the Woman's Club on Tuesday, June 9th. A class will be conducted in the Kiwanis Club rooms beginning at 3 p. m.

The ladies of Raeford will be given an opportunity of learning the secrets of better cooking and home management from an expert who has won fame throughout the country in her chosen profession. She guarantees to make better home maker of each woman who attends her classes regularly.

"Southern cooks are known the country over," Mrs. Bushong said, "for their tasty dishes. In this school I will give many recipes which are favorites in that colorful section of our country."

Mrs. Bushong is not only a food specialist, she is a forceful entertainer. Patrons are promised no dull moments, for she has the happy faculty of being able to interest her audience and at the same time instruct it. The Kiwanis Club rooms, which will comfortably seat all those attending, has been put in readiness for the opening of the school.

"My audience must be comfortable if the good points of the school are to be appreciated. Under present weather conditions it is necessary that arrangements be made for the comfortable seating of all persons attending, and ventilated so that no one will suffer from heat." In completing arrangements for the beginning of the school on June 9th, every request made by Mrs. Bushong has been fulfilled.

The patrons of this school will not only receive expert instruction without any cost but will be eligible for participation in a long list of valuable awards.

Attendance will mean much to any home maker who attends. Programs have been arranged which promise to make of this school the best of its kind ever conducted in Raeford.

WINS ESSAY CONTEST

Miss Annie Mae Gibson, of Antioch, during the past year a student at Raeford High School, by winning the N. C. Cotton Association Essay Contest at Flora MacDonald College on June second, won the right to compete at Fayetteville next Tuesday. The winner of the latter contest will go to the state competition at Raleigh. The winner of the state-wide contest will receive cash prizes and an educational trip to Washington. Hoke County friends of Miss Gibson congratulate her on her success and hope that it will continue. "Cotton Co-operative Marketing in North Carolina—Its Present and Future" is the subject upon which the contestants write.

NOTICE

The annual Woman's Club Baby Clinic will be held at the High School Lunch room on Friday, June 19th. The club feels that it is fortunate in having secured for the clinic the services of Dr. K. B. Geddie, of High Point. All white babies from three months to two years of age are eligible for the clinic. (Mrs. H. A. Cameron, Com. Chrm.)

COMMISSIONERS IN JUNE SESSION HERE

Lengthy Meeting Brings Important Decisions — Tax Sales Postponed.

The County Board of Commissioners met at ten o'clock Monday morning, all members being present. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The following business was transacted:

It was ordered that a sum not exceeding \$400.00 be appropriated from the general county fund for county forest protection against fire this money to be expended in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development during the year beginning July 1, 1931.

Ordered that the Chairman of the Board be, and he is hereby, directed and authorized to sign the required application for Mothers' Aid Fund from the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, it being understood that the county is to contribute during this fiscal year a sum equal to the contribution made by the state through said Board of Charities and Public Welfare, the appropriation to be made on a per capita basis; that is to say, according to the number of inhabitants in the County of Hoke.

Ordered that Carl McCrimmon, a prisoner, be hired out as of June 10, 1931, to McNair Smith for \$22.30 to serve out the remainder of his twelve months term, the said term having begun November 10, 1930.

Ordered that the six Hoke County notes now held by the payee, the Page Trust Company, a banking corporation, for five thousand dollars each, which matured May 10, 1931, be renewed by the execution and delivery to the said payee of the said County's six promissory notes for five thousand dollars each, dated May 10, 1931, maturing August 10, 1931, and drawing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from said maturity date, the said six notes first mentioned above having been issued and sold in anticipation of taxes to be collected; and it is further ordered that the Chairman of the Board of Hoke County Commissioners and the Clerk of said Board and the Treasurer of Hoke County be, and they are hereby authorized and directed, to do all things necessary to carry this transaction to its final conclusion.

Ordered that F. F. McPhail, Chairman of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, in behalf of the county, to negotiate with the State Highway Commission, and its proper representatives, for a sale or lease of the Hoke County prison stockade and the County road force garage or machine shop, and all of the machinery, supplies, equipment and appliances appurtenant thereto, including the premises upon which said stockade and garage and equipment, etc., are situated.

Ordered that the sheriff's sale of land for 1930 delinquent taxes be withheld until the first Monday in September, 1931.

Ordered that James M. Williams and Company, certified public accountants, be, and they are hereby employed to audit the Hoke County books for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, at \$20.00 per day for each man working on the audit plus expenses of the men working, with the understanding that the total amount charged for said auditing work will not exceed the sum of \$275.00.

IT'S COL. McMILLAN NOW

Mr. Alex McMillan, of Dundarrach, well known Civil War veteran of Hoke county, left Monday afternoon for Montgomery, Alabama, to attend the forty-fifth and last annual Confederate Veterans Reunion. The reunions will be discontinued after this year due to the decreasing number of the veterans and the increasing infirmity of those remaining. Mr. McMillan, however, is a living contradiction of the latter for he is still spry and interesting.

Mr. McMillan was recently elevated to the rank of Colonel in the North Carolina Division of Confederate veterans. He was among several appointed by Major-General Smith of Ansonville, commander of the North Carolina Division, to be a member of his staff with the rank of colonel. Plans made for the last reunion were perhaps the most elaborate of recent years.