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Recorder Holds Long Session Tuesday

There were quite a few contested cases tried in what was almost an all-day session of Hoke county recorder's court before Judge W. B. McQueen last Tuesday.

Robert Smith, Johnnie Melvin, and Zeb Wilson, colored men of Stonewall township, were sentenced to 30 days each when they pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Sentences were to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Albert Bizzell, colored man of Red Springs, was sentenced to 60 days on the roads for the same offense. Sentence was suspended on payment of the costs and on condition that he "stay out of Hoke county."

I. V. Clodfelter, white man of Thomasville, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving in connection with a wreck Miss Louise Cameron had a few days ago on the detour between Raeford and Aberdeen. Sentence was thirty days to be suspended on payment of the court costs.

George McNeill, colored man of Sanatorium, entered a plea of guilty of violating the prohibition laws and sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$10 and the court costs.

John Henry Johnson, colored man of McLauchlin township, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving and sentence was 30 days to be suspended on payment of the court costs.

Arch McQueen, local colored man, was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs. In another case he pled guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor and got same sentence to run consecutively with the first. He went to the roads.

Johnnie Gilchrist, Blue Springs colored man, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and assault with a deadly weapon and sentence was three months on the roads. On another charge of damage to personal property Gilchrist was sentenced to three months on the roads.

Rob and Elmer McColl, local colored boys, were found guilty of larceny in connection with the theft of a bicycle from Johnnie Walker. Sentence was thirty days to be suspended on payment of the costs. Both defendants appealed to Superior court and bond was set at \$100 each.

In connection with the same theft, Jasper Bullock and Chester McRae, local colored men, were sentenced to serve three months each for larceny. Bullock appealed and bond was set at \$100. McRae went to the roads.

Willie Smith, local colored man, on a plea of guilty of simple assault when charged with secret assault was sentenced to thirty days to be suspended on payment of the costs and on condition that he stay away from the home of Willie Siler for a period of six months.

Idola Torrance, colored woman of McLauchlin township, was found guilty of letting stock run at large and assault. Sentence was 3 months in jail to be suspended on condition that she pay the court costs and stay off the premises of Mrs. Will Conolly.

Odessa McEachern, Ulie McEachern and Irene Fairley, colored of Antioch township, were found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Odessa McEachern and Irene Fairley were sentenced to 30 days in jail to be suspended on payment of the costs. Ulie McEachern was sentenced to serve four months on the roads.

Offer Million For Capture of Hitler

New York, May 1.—A Pittsburgh group offered today to pay a million dollar reward for the capture of Adolf Hitler, unhurt, but specified that the German Fuehrer must be delivered into the custody of the League of Nations before the end of May.

Samuel Harden Church, president of the \$28,000,000 Carnegie institute, announced the offer on behalf of an unnamed group, which he said was acting "in good faith," in a letter to The New York Times.

Pre-School Clinic

On Friday morning, May 3rd, from 10 to 12 o'clock there will be a pre-school clinic at the Raeford grammar school for all children who are expecting to enter the Raeford school next year. In order for a child to enter the first grade next fall, he or she must be six years old on or before October 1. All parents who have children to begin school in September are requested to bring or send their children for physical examination next Friday.

Last Rites For Angus Z. Currie

Burial rites for Angus Z. Currie, 68-year-old farmer of Shannon who died Sunday morning, were conducted Monday afternoon at Antioch Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. H. R. Poole. A large throng of friends and relatives was in attendance.

George Thompson Buried Tuesday

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning for George Thompson, who died Monday of rifle bullet wounds inflicted by his brother-in-law. Great sympathy was expressed by the people of Raeford for the family.

The services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Reamy, pastor of the Baptist church of Raeford. Interment was in the Raeford cemetery.

Thompson is survived by his wife and one sister, Mrs. W. B. Deane of Rockingham.

14 Beer Licenses Issued In Hoke

Raleigh, April 30.—The State Department of Revenue issued 4,934 retail beer licenses for the 1939-40 tax year ended April 30, and it is expected that 5,000 individuals will purchase licenses during the next 12 months.

The state issued 14 retail beer licenses for Hoke county last year as compared with 12 for the 1938-39 tax year, according to the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee.

During the past year, the retail beer licenses of 86 dealers in 31 counties have been revoked by the courts and local governing bodies. Of this number 78 were revoked on petition of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee as a part of its "clean up or close up" campaign to purge the industry of undesirable beer outlets.

Still CMTC Vacancy For Hoke County

Fort Bragg, May 1.—Reserve officers of the 157th Field Artillery Brigade, which is a part of the 82nd Division, will be the instructors at the 1940 Citizens Military Training Camp, to be held here June 12-July 11, it was announced today by the Camp Area Commander.

The brigade is composed of the 319th Field Artillery, a 75 millimeter gun regiment of Georgia; and the 321st Field Artillery, a 155 millimeter howitzer regiment from Florida.

More than 200 vacancies as of April 27 in the next C. M. T. Camp at Fort Bragg are still to be filled. Hoke county has a quota of two which has not yet been completed. Prospective applicants should apply at once to the Hoke county representative, K. A. MacDonald, or write directly to the C. M. T. C. officer at Fort Bragg.

With The Sick

W. C. Odom, local barber who has been in bed for the past several days and was thought to have improved considerably this week, suffered another attack late yesterday and is still in a very serious condition.

MRS. GATLIN BETTER
Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr., who has been critically ill at a Moore county hospital for several weeks, was reported yesterday to have been steadily improving this week.

W. J. McDIARMID BETTER
W. J. McDiarmid is recovering steadily from a case of pneumonia at his home near here and was allowed to sit up some this week, it was learned yesterday.

HOKE BOY HONORED

Twelve Davidson college campus leaders were publicly tapped into Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary leadership fraternity, at a special chapel induction ceremony at Davidson Monday. Among them were James Gordon Currie, Raeford boy who is a senior at Davidson this year. Currie is the son of Mrs. Ruth Gordon Currie and the late J. W. Currie of Raeford.

Democrats Will Meet Saturday, May 4th

J. B. Thomas, chairman of the Hoke County Democratic executive committee, has urged Democrats of the county not to forget their precinct meetings which will take place at the voting places in the various precincts on Saturday, May 4th.

These meetings will take place at three o'clock and a committee of five will be elected in each precinct with a chairman and a vice-chairman. Either the chairman or the vice-chairman must be a woman.

Attention was called to the fact that in Raeford, where there are now two precincts, all Democrats living on the east side of Main Street will meet at the courthouse and those living on the west side will meet in the town hall.

Tom Cooper Hits Raeford Saturday With Sound Truck

Castigating that "slick-tongued, high-powered bunch of lawyer-politicians in Raleigh who are opposing me," Tom Cooper, energetic mayor of Wilmington, Saturday afternoon called on the voters of Hoke county to "join with me and my little \$1500 mechanical machine (his sound truck) and we'll beat the * * * * of that \$1,000,000 political machine which has been set up in the Sir Walter hotel in Raleigh."

Cooper called for reduction of license fees for automobiles and for light pick-up trucks such as are used by farmers to \$5.

"There is no sense in the state continuing to charge two prices for an automobile tag when, today, we have, not just enough, but more than twice as much in the sinking fund as is needed to retire every road term bond which the state has outstanding."

The fiery mayor branded the sales tax "a tax on poverty and a tax which ought to be eliminated and a tax, which, if I am elected governor is going to be eliminated."

Other points in his platform for governor on which he touched included: Cooperation between capital and labor, with equal recognition of human rights and property rights; a broad farm program to provide new markets for state's crops; a reduction in the cost of state government by "cleaning out all of those parasites now on the state payrolls," home rule for counties, cities and towns without interference from Raleigh; and a general program of progress for the state.

Norwegian Troops Reoccupy Storen

Peril to the security of their flanks in northern and southern Europe had the Allied war leaders plainly worried today.

The menace in the north, where fast-driving German columns, apparently have clamped a stranglehold on central Norway, was acknowledged by a British military spokesman.

He admitted that Nazi advances there had put the Allies in a "dangerous and very obscure" position.

A British official communique announced that British troops had withdrawn to "prepared positions" after resisting German attacks in the Dombas area, 100 miles south of Trondheim. It called the situation at Namsos, 100 miles north of Trondheim, "unchanged" and that at Narvik, Norway's Arctic iron ore port, "satisfactory."

In Stockholm, unconfirmed reports said Norwegian forces had reoccupied Storen, railroad junction 100 miles south of Trondheim, and Roros, advance post of the Nazis' northward drive from Oslo through the Oster Valley.

Presumably, however, the Germans had withdrawn voluntarily if these reports were true since the German tactics are to strike swiftly to snap Allied communication lines then fall back to await reinforcements before consolidating outposts.

No Diversion Of Highway Funds Now

Raleigh, May 1.—The state will not have to transfer money from the highway fund in order to balance the general fund this fiscal year, Governor Hoey reiterated today.

The April revenue report showed receipts from all sources except one running ahead of returns of the comparable period last year.

The governor made a similar statement April 1 but said that income that month made his words "more secure."

Voters Urged To Register Now

The Hoke County Board of Elections in an advertisement on page three of this issue urges all voters in Hoke county to register as a complete new registration is now going on in the county. Attention is called to the fact that the registration books will only be open until Saturday, May 11th.

Orthopedic Clinic

The regular monthly orthopedic clinic for crippled children will be held at the agriculture building in Lumberton on Friday, May 3rd, beginning at 9:30 o'clock, and is free to all indigent children under twenty-one years of age.

Dr. Lenox D. Baker of Duke hospital, will be the surgeon in charge.

P.-T. A. COUNCIL TO MEET

The Hoke County P.-T. A. Council will meet Friday afternoon at 4:00 at the grammar school building. The Rockfish P.-T. A. will have charge of the program. The public is cordially invited.

MRS. H. A. CAMERON,
President

John A. McDiarmid Dies Last Sunday Afternoon

John A. McDiarmid, prominent farmer and business man of Hoke county, died suddenly last Sunday afternoon at about three-thirty o'clock at the home of his brother, N. McL. McDiarmid, here. Mr. McDiarmid had returned about two weeks previously from Duke hospital where he had been treated for four weeks and thought the day of his death that he was in fairly good health.

For many years the deceased had been a deacon in the Raeford Presbyterian church. He had served as a commissioner of Hoke county for ten or more years and was chairman of the board for several terms. He had served as president of the Laurinburg Production Credit association for several years. At the time of his death Mr. McDiarmid was chairman of the Hoke county crop control committee. He was an extensive and successful farmer and had at various times other business interests.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the home of his brother, N. McL. McDiarmid, by Dr. Watson M. Fairley, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. W. C. Brown, former pastor of the church. Many grieving friends and relatives were present. Burial services followed in the Raeford cemetery.

He is survived by three brothers, N. McL. and Henry McDiarmid of Raeford, and Rev. Hector McDiarmid of Shelby; two sisters, Miss Margaret McDiarmid and Mrs. Kate King of Raeford. He was sixty-four years of age and had never married.

F. M. Simmons Passes Tuesday

Former Senator Furnifold McLendel Simmons, 86, passed away Tuesday afternoon at about 3 o'clock at the home of his daughter in New Bern. Death came as a result of complications that grew critical Sunday after his return Friday from a month's stay at a Durham hospital. His health had been failing for some time.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Christ Episcopal church in New Bern.

Senator Simmons, the "Little Giant" of North Carolina politics who dominated the Democratic picture in the state for 40 eventful years and who served 30 years in the Senate, was defeated in 1930 by Josiah W. Bailey, one of his erstwhile lieutenants. The campaign issue on which Bailey defeated Simmons was the opposition by Simmons in 1928 of Alfred E. Smith, the Democratic nominee for president.

Four children survive, three daughters and one son.

HARVEY BAUCOM IS HELD WITHOUT BOND FOR DEATH OF GEORGE THOMPSON MONDAY

SCHOOL BRIEFS

By K. A. MacDonald

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC AT ROCKFISH

The Rockfish pre-school clinic will be held at the school building at 9:30 on Tuesday, May 7th. All parents are urged to bring their children for this examination.

RAEFORD PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

The Raeford pre-school clinic will be held at the graded school building tomorrow at 9:00 o'clock. All parents with children who will start school next year are urged to have their children present for this examination.

CRAWFORD WILL PREACH BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Sunday, May 5 at 11 o'clock the baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the high school auditorium by Rev. E. C. Crawford, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church. There will be no other church service in town at that hour. Everyone is urged to attend and worship with the seniors.

SERMON AT MILDOUNSON

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Rev. David Fairley Blue of Fayetteville, will preach the commencement sermon at Mildouson. Everyone is invited to this service.

SERMON AT ASHEMONT

Sunday night at 8 o'clock Rev. E. C. Crawford will preach the commencement sermon at Ashemont. Everyone is cordially invited. Mr. Crawford will not preach the same sermon.

NEGRO EDUCATIONAL DAY

Friday, May 3rd, will be county educational day for the negro schools. The exercises will begin with athletic events at 9:00 A. M. Dr. N. C. Newbold of the State Department of Education, will make the address at 11 o'clock. The exhibit will be a feature of the inspection. This will be open for inspection by white friends from 4 to 6 P. M. on Thursday. The exercises will be at Upchurch school.

GRAMMAR GRADE OPERETTA

The Raeford grammar grade operetta "The White Gypsy," will be given Friday evening, May 3rd at 8:00 in the high school auditorium. This will be given by the 4th-7th grades. An admission charge will be made. The public is cordially invited.

ANTIOCH OPERETTA TONIGHT

The Antioch operetta is being given tonight at 8 o'clock at the school building. Everyone is cordially invited to be present.

SEVENTH GRADE PROMOTION DAY

Today week, Thursday, May 9th, will be seventh grade promotion day. The program will start at 10:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium. Rev. Frank L. Goodman of Laurel Hill will make the address. At this time the seventh grades will receive their promotion certificates to high school and be welcomed into high school by a number of the senior class. Members of all local school boards and of the county board of education are expected to be present and take part in the exercises. Each school will furnish a part of the program.

MILDOUNSON 7TH GRADE EXERCISES

Next Wednesday evening at 8:00 the Mildouson seventh grade exercises will be held.

TEAMS ENTER CONTEST

The stock-judging and oratorical teams of the vocational agriculture department of Hoke high school will enter the district stock judging and oratorical contests to be held at Fort Bragg on Saturday. We hope our boys will make a good showing as we feel sure they will.

STUDENT AID HEADS HERE

N. C. Larabee of the student aid division of N. Y. A. was in town Tuesday. Mr. Larabee was very much pleased with the work done by "student aid" in the various schools.

ROCKFISH FACULTY RE-ELECTED

The district committee of Rockfish district has re-elected their faculty

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Thompson Killed With .22 Rifle; Inquest Held Yesterday.

At a coroner's inquest conducted by Coroner R. A. Matheson here yesterday morning the jury found that George Thompson, white man of this town had died Monday morning of rifle bullet wounds suffered at the hands of Harvey R. Baucom, also a white man of this place, and that Baucom should be held for indictment by the grand jury at the next term of Hoke county Superior court without being allowed the privilege of bond. Baucom is being held in the Hoke county jail.

According to statements made by officers and other witnesses the killing occurred as follows: Sheriff Hodgins stated that the first he heard of it was when Dr. R. L. Murray came by his office at about 10:45 o'clock Monday morning and said that Mrs. George Thompson had just called for him to come to her husband; that Harvey Baucom had shot him.

The sheriff stated that he and Dr. Murray proceeded at once to the Baucom-Thompson residence accompanied by Officer Murphy Howell, of the Raeford police force. On arriving there they found George Thompson lying dead on the kitchen floor with a bullet wound in his left chest. They proceeded into the house and found Baucom in a room using the telephone. Baucom's back was to them and the door was locked and fearing to discuss the matter with Baucom considering the fact that a rifle was visible from where they were, the officers crashed the door in and apprehended Baucom. The sheriff said that when Baucom turned and saw him he said, "Hello, I was just calling you."

Mrs. Thompson, wife of the deceased, stated yesterday that she was not in the house when the shooting occurred but that her husband had intended passing through the room (in which Baucom was with the door locked) on his way to the bathroom, the other entrance to it (the bathroom) being locked. The room Baucom was in was the bedroom in which all three slept, it appears, and Thompson, on being unable to get Baucom to open the door, took an instrument and crashed a panel to unlock the door from the inside. He seems to have been shot from fairly close range at about this time. Mrs. Thompson stated that he appeared at the back (kitchen) door and called to her, "Get a doctor, Harvey just shot me and I'm afraid he's killed me." She said she then went straight to a neighbor's house and called the doctor. When she returned she found her husband face-down on the kitchen floor, dead.

According to the sheriff, Baucom said when being taken through the kitchen where the body lay, "That's a mess, isn't it?"

According to Officer Howell, Baucom said when in the car with him, "Why don't you just let me go? I'll pay the costs and we'll settle this thing among ourselves."

Howell replied, "We can't do that, Harvey, you've killed a man. How come you to do it?"

Retorted Harvey Baucom, "Who says I did?"

The next term of criminal court in Hoke county will be in August, a term having been held here in April. Baucom will remain in the county jail to await trial in that court.

Girl's Dream Saves Family From Blaze

Kinston, April 28.—Because Miss Peggy Bethune "had a dream" she and other persons in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Plato Collins here were spared fleeing from flames, or worse, firemen said today. The young woman dreamed smoke was choking her. It was. She awoke to find her room filled with it. Soot in a chimney had caught fire. Smoke was pouring into the room from the chimney through a flue over which wallpaper had been pasted. The Collins and lodgers in their home would have found a serious blaze threatening them in a few minutes, the firemen said.

Miss Bethune is a native of Raeford and is a daughter of Mrs. Ina P. Bethune of this town.

SOIL CONSERVATION PAYMENTS

An additional \$14,386.86 has arrived in the County Agent's office for farmers who cooperated under the 1939 Soil Conservation Program. This brings the total received to date to \$59,322.97, reports A. S. Knowles, Hoke County A. C. A.