

Socials-Personal Items . . .

BRIDE-ELECT HONORED

Miss Marie Williamson, bride-elect of this month, was honored Saturday evening when Miss Eleanor Leach and Miss Phyllis Baker entertained the close friends of the honoree at supper. The Baker home was most attractive with a profusion of spring flowers tastefully arranged.

McNEILL - ROUSE WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Rouse of Bennettsville, S. C. announce the marriage of their daughter, Rosa Lee, to Mr. Malcolm McNeill on January 13.

Mr. McNeill, son of Mrs. M. K. McNeill and the late Mr. McNeill of Raeford, N. C. is employed as a bookkeeper at Fort Bragg. The young couple will make their home in Fayetteville.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. William Martin Laton of Route 2, Raeford announce the birth of a son, William Terry, February 16.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Graige Faircloth of Route 1, Lumber Bridge, a daughter, Sylvia, February 24

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McBrady a son, Monday, February 28, at the Scotland County Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibson had as their week end guests Mr. Gibson's mother, Mrs. W. T. Gibson of Batesburg, S. C., his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Everett and children of Cherry Point. They also had as their guests Sunday Mrs. Frank Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hooks and two children and Miss Ethel Gibson, all of Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Gore attended the funeral of H. C. Hughes at Loris, S. C. Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Hughes was a relative of Mr. Gore.

Heywood Faircloth spent the week end with relatives at Roseboro.

Miss Gwen Gore of Peace college spent the week end here with her parents.

Miss Patsy Blue has accepted a position at Fort Bragg.

CAMELLIA SHOW RIBBONS WON BY RAEFORD WOMEN

Over a thousand flower lovers attended the camellia show at the American Legion home on Green Street in Fayetteville last Friday where four hundred and twenty exhibits were on display. Many went from Raeford and were pleased that two Raeford women won ribbons at the show. They were Mrs. J. B. McIntyre and Mrs. W. B. Heyward. In the arrangement classes, Mrs. Heyward won a blue ribbon in Class I using one or more camellias, showing the Oriental influence. Mrs. McIntyre won a red ribbon in this class. Mrs. McIntyre also won a blue ribbon in Class 4 "As You Like It," Camellias predominating, and in specimen display Mrs. J. B. McIntyre's, "Mrs. Charles Cobb," "Lady Van Sittart" and Dr. Shepherd" won blue ribbons.

CIRCLES TO MEET

Monday, March 7, as follows: (3:30 o'clock) No. 1 with Mrs. Clarence Lytch; No. 2 with Mrs. A. A. Graham; No. 3 with Mrs. H. S. Willis; No. 4 with Mrs. Paul Dickson, Sr.; No. 5 with Mrs. Manly Norton; No. 6 with Mrs. A. K. Currie; and No. 7 with Mrs. Roland Covington. (7:30 o'clock) No. 8 with Mrs. Paul Dezerne; No. 9 with Mrs. Herbert McLean; and No. 10 with Mrs. Archie Byrne.

Miss Mary Raye Freeman spent the week end at Greensboro college with her sister, Miss Carlene Freeman.

Miss Irma Ray of Meredith college and Thomas Ray of State college spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Webb had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hansgen of Westfield, New Jersey. The Hansgens were en route to Miami, Florida. They lived in Raeford during the war while Mr. Hansgen was stationed at Fort Bragg.

Mrs. J. A. Baucom and Mrs. Herbert McKeithan spent last Thursday in Goldsboro visiting in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Baucom.

Miss Katherine Baker left Sunday for Asheboro where she has accepted the position of secretary to the assistant-treasurer of the Lucas National Chair Manufacturing Co.

Mrs. James Emery of Carson City, Nevada, arrived last week for a visit in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Sgt. and Mrs. D. R. Wilson. Sgt. and Mrs. Wilson and three children arrived home in January from Lengries, Germany, where Sgt. Wilson was stationed for the past two years. He is now stationed at Fort Bragg. Mrs. Wilson is the former Miss Dorothy Plummer.

Miss Louise Blue, secretary of the AAA office, and county committeeman R. J. Hasty, John Parker and H. B. Walters, are attending the State Production and Marketing Administration conference in Winston-Salem several days this week. They left here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis of High Point were week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bethea and family of Dillon were guests in the home of Mrs. W. E. Blue Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Seate of Fayetteville spent several days in town last week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Morris of New Bern were week end guests of Mrs. A. R. Morris.

Mrs. Carl Riley visited relatives in Kannapolis the past week end.

Mrs. J. B. Thomas returned home Friday from a two week's visit in Elizabeth City and Raleigh.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. GATLIN

The Raeford Garden Club met Tuesday afternoon, March 1, at the home of Mrs. Robert Gatlin, with Mrs. J. W. McPhaul serving as joint hostess.

Mrs. Gatlin's home was lovely throughout with attractive arrangements of spring flowers.

Mrs. W. T. Covington, chairman, presided over the business session. Mrs. William Lamont, Jr., leader of the program, discussed shrubs to be pruned now. Mrs. K. A. MacDonald gave timely Garden Hints, after which Mrs. W. T. Covington delighted the club with several piano selections.

At the end of the meeting the hostesses served a sweet course with coffee.

ATTEND TEA HONORING MRS. KERR SCOTT

Mrs. E. B. Garrett, who formerly lived at Sanatorium, is entertaining today with a tea at the Raleigh Woman's Club honoring Mrs. Kerr Scott. A number of Raeford Women were invited. Those going were Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Mrs. H. A. Cameron, Mrs. Tommie Upchurch, Mrs. R. B. Lewis, Mrs. Lewis Upchurch, Mrs. A. K. Currie, Mrs. Luke Bethune, Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin and Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin.

Mrs. Neill A. McDonald went to Goldsboro Thursday and stayed until Sunday. She went especially to attend the funeral of her cousin, Miss Edna Brooks, which took place Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill A. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Thomas and Mrs. J. B. Thomas are the Raeford people going to Raleigh tonight to hear Spike Jones and his City Slickers at the auditorium.

Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin, Mrs. Jessie Gibson and Mrs. Archie Howard attended the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson at their home in Rex on Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6. This was the Golden Wedding anniversary of this popular couple. Their home was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion and they were the recipients of many lovely "golden" gifts.

John Scott Poole has entered ECTC at Greenville for this semester.

Mrs. Paul Dickson, Jr. spent last Friday in Greensboro with her mother, Mrs. C. L. Black.

Mrs. Hugh Lowe of Charlotte spent Sunday night and Monday here in the home of her father and sister, D. S. Poole and Mrs. Luke Bethune.

Margaret McQueen and Mary Adams Sutton of Fayetteville were week end guests of their aunt, Mrs. Lawrence McNeill.

"Spec" Morris underwent an operation at the Veterans hospital at McKenny, Texas, last week. It is reported that he is recuperating nicely.

Lockie MacDonald of Davidson college spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. MacDonald.

Mrs. J. A. Webb of Route 3, Raeford, has been a patient at Moore County hospital since Sunday night.

Mrs. T. B. Lester, Sr. of Newberry, South Carolina, arrived over the week end for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lester.

Ken and Neill Adams McNeill of State college spent the week end here with home folks. Neill Blue Sinclair, also of State, spent the week end here.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald Monday for Wake Forest to spend several days in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Harrison.

Mrs. Lynwood Fowkes, Mrs. George Bowes and Miss Elizabeth Cole of Rockingham are spending the day today with Mrs. Paul Dickson, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dezerne were week end guests of Mrs. Dezerne's mother in Sanford.

Nat White spent Saturday and Sunday at Dobbins in Surry County.

Mrs. Ned Carnes returned home Monday from Charlotte Memorial hospital where she was a patient for the past two weeks. She is recuperating nicely at the apartment she and Mr. Carnes have in the McLean home on South Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Myers, who have had an apartment in the home of Mrs. Mary McDiarmid since coming to Raeford, have moved into the upstairs apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Byrd. They had as their guests Tuesday Mr. Myers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Myers, of Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maurer and children returned to their home in Winston-Salem Sunday after spending the past week here in the home of Mrs. Maurer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McKeithan.

Miss Marie Cameron of Peace college spent the week end here with her mother.

Charlie Simmons and Rip Gibson spent Sunday in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McLean, Mrs. F. B. Sexton, Mrs. Wallace McLean attended the funeral of a cousin, Miss Sallie McLean, which was held at Midway Presbyterian church near Rowland Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Sanders and family had as their guests over the week end Mrs. J. M. Ashley and two daughters, Jenny and Nanny Wells, of Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hodgins, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coates, Mr. and Mrs. Doug McLeod, Lacy Clark and Miss Josephine Hall went to Charlotte last Friday night to see "Oklahoma."

Mrs. Charles Gordon left over the week end to return to her home in Philadelphia, Pa. after a visit here in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. P. Smith.

Mrs. Frances Davis and Miss Betty Davis of Greensboro spent the week end in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. B. P. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Privette of Darlington, S. C. and Mrs. Walter Freeman of Aberdeen were here to attend the funeral of T. A. Marshburn last week.

Miss Sarah Lytch of Winston-Salem spent several days here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lytch.

Craig Brigman of Tarboro spent the week end in the home of Mrs. W. R. Barrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson McBryde had as their week end guests Mrs. McBryde's sister, Miss Dorothy Hollowell, her brother, Gilbert Hollowell, Misses Sarah Tart and Louise Price, all of Goldsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hendrix spent the week end at Kannapolis. They visited three of Mrs. Hendrix's sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Barrington and Wayne spent the week end at Norfolk, Va. with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr. and Leon spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Privette near Darlington, S. C. Mr. Privette is H. L.'s uncle and lives at the old family home-stead.

Miss Doris Bradley of Kipling who teaches public school music in the local schools, was called home Monday of last week to be with her mother, Mrs. J. P. Bradley, who was quite ill. Mrs. Neill Senter and Mrs. Clyde Upchurch substituted for Miss Bradley during her absence.

Misses Phyllis Baker and Anne Graham of Coker college spent the week end with home folks here.

Miss Willa McLaughlin will return to her home today after a two week's visit in Winter Haven, Florida, in the home of her uncle, T. S. McLaughlin.

Miss Betty McFadyen of ASTC, Boone, spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. McNair Smith had as their guests for dinner Sunday, Sgt. and Mrs. William Worley of Fort Bragg, Jimmy Woodhouse of Wake Forest and Miss Myra Mott.

Bobby Carter spent the week end at Robbins with Mr. and Mrs. Junius Williams.

Miss Claudia Cates spent the week end with home folks at Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Eleanor Leach of WCUNC, Greensboro, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Grady Leach.

Mrs. B. L. Miller of Columbia, S. C. spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Lytle.

Miss Elsie Upchurch was at home from Shelby for the week end.

Miss Mollie Cameron and room mate, Miss Peggy Gibson of Greenville, S. C., both of whom are teaching in Gastonia spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. H. A. Cameron. They came to Raeford with Hugh McLaughlin who was the guest of his mother for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman Yarbrough of Columbia, S. C. spent the week end here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Yarbrough.

Among those who attended the funeral of Tom McNeill in Lumberton Monday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Hector McNeill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hector McNeill, Jr., D. H. Hodgins, H. W. B. Whitley, McNair Smith and John Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Dickson and Miss Helen Dickson of High Point, Rev. A. P. Dickson and Mrs. Dickson of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Elliott, Jr. of Seventy-First, Miss Clara DeVane, Miss Lil DeVane and Miss Nell DeVane of Red Springs were out-of-town relatives of Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr. who attended the funeral of T. A. Marshburn in Raeford last Thursday.

MORE ABOUT D. Scott Poole

ruddy complexion, a bright mind and his quick movements are almost birdlike. His speech is clear and direct. His one outward sign of infirmity is shown when he cups his hand to his ear to hear. He is interested in everything, especially in the Sandhills. He said, "I'm nearly blind, deaf, but not dumb." He is a staunch Democrat and follows State politics closely.

"The principles of Democracy are immortal," he said, "and anything in the line of prosperity that comes to North Carolina or to the United States comes through the Democratic Party."

His long life he attributes to his hard work and a strict adherence to the religious principles of the Presbyterian Church. He said, "It is the only form of church government that was copied by political government; it's representative, you know."

Many of the older folks may well remember Mr. Poole from the publicity he received during the 1925 term in the General Assembly. He introduced the resolution "That the teaching of evolution in the public tax-paid schools of North Carolina be prohibited." He said he was not the author of the resolution, but presented it as a favor to Captain Black, an evangelist and chairman of the Bible Society of Charlotte.

He went on to say, "The acceptance of evolution as a correct science is inconsistent in itself; for it disputes the doctrine of creation, or shows no necessity for God. The notoriety I gained was not good. They made me like I was justifying education. Education does not need the teaching of atheism to be an exact science."

Lack of formal education (he had about 20 months in all) did not keep D. Scott from teaching himself. He said he used to study about three hours a day until he was 40 years old, and added, "I

went through the books about three or four times."

He knew work from an early age, he said, "I worked \$15 a month for four or five years before I left home." In one of his columns he says, "I walked 30 miles during one week, cut timber and split one thousand 10-foot fence rails for \$4.00."

Another of his columns tells of his working as substitute mail carrier for his brother, John.

He said, "When I went to get the mail the postmaster said he had a notion not to deliver the mail to a carrier under 16 years of age (16 was the legal age limit for mail carriers at that time). But he did reluctantly. I was small for my age."

Poole left home at the age of 22, as was the custom of his generation, and began "driving a wagon" for his grandfather, W. B. Holiday. This job was hauling resin to the turpentine stills.

He would go to school and study when he could. One year he saved enough to go to school for half a year, (he intended to go to college but never made it), and studied under Uncle Dan'l Clark, who taught school at Jackson Springs. He farmed one year but all the time he was preparing himself for a certificate to teach school.

At the age of 26 he married Sally Ray, a girl of 16. They lived together for 64 years until her death last November. He said, "We had one son and four daughters; my wife was pretty and there were no prettier girls than our daughters. I now have three granddaughters and two grandsons."

After his marriage he taught school at Maxton, Rennett, Shannon, St. Pauls and Red Springs. He told of one incident during his teaching career. There was a little girl about 10 years old who had not learned her alphabet due to her intermittent attendance. Poole taught her not only the alphabet, but carried her through the first reader in 19 days. He said the little girl had trouble learning the letter "Q" and he made her punch out all the "Q's" in a newspaper column. "She learned 'Q' without any further trouble," he said.

While at Red Springs, 1894 and 1895, he began his career as a journalist by starting The Scotch Scion. He began his first newspaper without any money. He collected in advance for advertising which gave him enough money to pay for the printing. He had the paper printed in Atlanta by the Western Newspaper Union and dated for Saturday delivery.

Later he moved to Troy where he taught school and ran a newspaper, too. In 1896 re was principal of the school at Wadeville. He went back to Troy to run a newspaper for two years. In 1904 he had a newspaper at Rockingham.

He said, "I played the fool moving around." Finally on March 15, 1905, in Raeford he started his newspaper Facts and Figures which he sold to Fred Johnson in 1911 or 1912. It was changed to The Hoke County Journal under the direction of Byron Butler. In 1915 Mr. Poole came back to Raeford to run this paper until his retirement in 1928. This time he sold the paper to Paul Dickson who consolidated it with his own Hoke County News. The present name of the paper in Raeford is The Hoke County News Journal.

He could not resist the urge to continue writing. He says, "When I can't instruct, I try to amuse." That is the style he uses in writing his column today.

D. Scott Poole says, "I want my last act to be a laugh. I don't want to be like Sam Jones said, 'Go mopping around like your Heavenly Father died and left you no legacy.'"

MORE ABOUT Acreage Increase

"As a result, the 1947 crop totaled 1,317,000,000 pounds and at the end of the 1947 marketing season stocks taken under loan by the Flue-Cured Tobacco Co-operative Stabilization Corporation amounted to 292,000,000 pounds. At the same time, the 1947 crop prices averaged slightly below parity."

"Realizing the position we were in, we insisted that the 1948 crop be reduced 27.52 per cent. As a result of this reduction growers received practically the same gross return as they did for the 1947 crop, which I predicted at

the time the decision was being considered."

"The 1948 crop totaled 1,000,000,000 pounds and the July 1, 1948, carry-over was 1,500,000,000 pounds. This was the largest carry-over on record except for that of July 1, 1940 - when the flue-cured grower was not even receiving a living price for his tobacco."

"Adding the crop total and the carry-over, the total stocks on hand amounted to 2,640,000,000 pounds. The 1948-49 fiscal year disappearance, both foreign and domestic, totaled 1,100,000,000 pounds, and the carry-over for July 1, 1949, will be 1,540,000,000, practically the same as the July 1, 1948, carry-over."

"The quotas as already announced for 1949, and computed on the average yield of the past three years, anticipate this year's crop total as 1,090,000,000 pounds. However, I anticipate that the 1949 yield will be substantially above that figure."

"Stabilization Corporation stocks on hand total 162,000,000 pounds. Adding these stocks to the 1949 yield anticipated by the Department of Agriculture, the total supply available will be 1,252,000,000 pounds."

"The Tobacco Branch reports that possible market requirements for 1949 are 750,000,000 pounds in domestic trade and 400,000,000 to 450,000,000 pounds in exports. I want to emphasize that the figure for expected exports is on the optimistic side."

"I realize the necessity for maintaining European markets as far as possible. However, we have always had and do now have sufficient stocks to meet requirements for these markets. I am unwilling to have quotas and production increased in 1949 merely in hopes of maintaining or increasing exports to these markets when the result will be detrimental to the growers. We have been given no definite assurances that there will actually be any material increase in exports in 1949."

"Therefore, I can see no possibility of any shortage if quotas remain as announced. If quotas are increased beyond the 5 per cent already announced, it will result in the Stabilization Corporation being required to take a much larger percentage of the 1949 crop, thereby placing the corporation and the growers in the same unfavorable position they experienced in 1947."

COMMITTEE KILLS PENNY REFERENDUM

Hopes of dry forces for a statewide liquor referendum went glimmering yesterday.

The Senate committee on propositions and grievances by a one-sided voice vote gave an unfavorable report to a referendum measure introduced by Senator George T. Penny of Guilford.

The vote virtually killed hopes of dry forces of getting a referendum measure through this session of the general assembly.



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