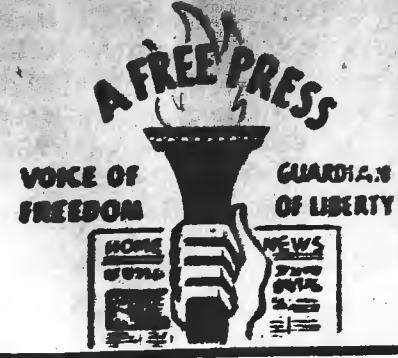




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FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Couple Arrested For Holdup Last Saturday A. M.

MAN AND WIFE HELD FOR ROBBERY OF TAXICAB DRIVER

Cotton farmers will want to remember that a Cotton Production and boll weevil control meeting will be held at the Court House in Raeford on Wednesday, February 18, at 2:00 p. m. This meeting will be for the benefit of all cotton farmers desiring to make greater yields of their cotton crop. Mr. J. A. Shanklin, Extension Cotton Specialist; Mr. Dan Holler, Extension Cotton Marketing Specialist; Mr. J. T. Conner, Jr., Extension Entomologist; and others will lead the discussion on Production problems and boll weevil control methods. Cotton farmers are especially urged to attend to help work out a practical program for Hoke County. The interest in this meeting may determine the extent of cotton production progress in this County. The future production of cotton is facing many problems and it may take the bulk of our farmers working in unison to solve them.

It is regrettable that the series of meetings scheduled for this week had to be postponed because of the bad weather. Those scheduled for next week will be held if the weather is favorable. The OUTLOOK meetings will be as follows: McLaughlin Township at Wayside Community House Monday, February 16; and Rockfish Community House on Tuesday, February 17. Stonewall Township at Midouson School on Wednesday, February 18; and Raeford Township at the Court House on Thursday, February 19. All meetings will be at 7:30 p. m. Motion pictures will be shown at each meeting.

The price losses on the cotton and grain markets are causing much confusion. There seems to be no good reason for the market to break as it has during the last few days. The estimated carry-over of cotton July, 1948 is still about the lowest of recent years and the export trade is strong. Grain is short of demands both for domestic and export. While there was some increase in the number of pigs farrowed last fall, the number will be reduced by about 10 per cent this Spring. While no one knows what the trend will be, it appears that prices will become more steady as soon as Congress acts upon the Marshall Plan for aid to Europe.

Kentucky 31 fescue grass is
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DANCE TICKETS GOING

Buck Blue, American Legion dance committee chairman, stated yesterday that tickets for the dance the post is staging for the ball park lighting fund are going good in the advance sale. The dance is to be at the armory on the night of Friday, February 20, and music will be furnished by Stephen Lambert and his orchestra of Fayetteville.

Tickets are being offered at a lower price in advance than they will be sold for at the gate and they are on sale at McLaughlin Company, Howell Drug Store, Hoke Drug Company and C. P. Kinlaw's Jewelry store.

FIRE ALARM TUESDAY

There was a fire alarm Tuesday night at shortly after eight o'clock. The blaze was a small one in the stable of McLaughlin company which was quickly extinguished with little or no damage.

McDUFFIE ON BOARD

As they were expected to do, the Board of commissioners of the Town of Raeford at their regular meeting last Friday night chose John Murdock McDuffie to the seat on the board made vacant by the death of Milton Campbell.

SCHOOL NEWS

BY K. A. MACDONALD

All schools in the county will be closed until Monday. Announcement about re-opening will be made over Raleigh WPTF, and Laurinburg WEWO.

Miss McKeithan's 8th grade put on a health program at chapel at Hoke High last Friday. This was in celebration of National Health week. Special work was done and programs presented in all schools of the county. Health has been one of the major emphasis of the work in all the schools this year.

The colored eye clinic scheduled yesterday and today has been postponed until early in March on account of the enforced closing of schools.

Some of the county teachers have tried to get home during the week. We hope they were able to make it.

Miss Louise Fletcher, who taught in Raeford for a number of years, passed through Tuesday afternoon en route to her home at McColl from Sanford where she is now teaching. The Sanford schools are also closed until Monday.

There will be a county-wide

Farm Bureau In Convention Backs Aid For Europe

E. C. Smith, Jr., one of Hoke County's delegates to the convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau held in Asheville the first of last week, returned with a few notes on the voluminous and diverse resolutions and recommendations passed by the convention.

The resolution passed consisted of 18 single-spaced typewritten pages and contained about 10,000 words. They called for co-operation in the Marshall plan "to the extent of our ability and based upon the principle of helping the stricken people help themselves."

The resolutions covered subjects as international co-operation, international trade, the National Farm program, and practically every aspect of national life. On crop insurance the bureau urged that the Federal government adopt enabling legislation to permit all-risk insurance coverage from the time tobacco is planted until it is sold on the warehouse floor.

The convention advocated continuation of the parity principle and pledged itself to resist any efforts to destroy it, saying "Unless something clearly superior has been developed we favor the retention of the present parity formula with adjustments among the various agricultural products being made by the Secretary of Agriculture as prescribed by the present law."

It urged that sufficient funds for research in several fields be made available to State College and that this include the establishment of a school of veterinary medicine there.

MRS. CULBRETH BETTER

Mrs. T. F. Culbreth, who has been a patient at Moore county hospital since January 26, underwent a serious operation there last Saturday. The operation was quite successful and she is recovering satisfactorily. She expects to be in the hospital about another week.

COUNTY OFFICE BLG. TO CLOSE SATURDAYS

J. A. McGoogan announced yesterday that all offices in the county office building would be closed on Saturdays until further notice, beginning with Saturday of this week. This is being done because of the shortage of fuel.

MEETINGS CANCELED

A great many gatherings and activities of various kinds have been canceled in this community in the past few days because of the snow and ice. Some of those not to be held follow.

TONIGHT—There will be no meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis club and the PTA will not hold the Valentine party that they had planned to have in the high school gymnasium.

The district commissioners meeting which was to have been held Tuesday in Pinehurst was canceled by district chairman F. Knox Watson. The local National Guard unit did not drill on Monday night.

There was no square dance at the armory last night. Judge McDonald couldn't get to town so there was no recorder's court Tuesday morning.

School, of course, has been closed all week and will not start again until Monday at the earliest.

Upchurch Postpones Clothing Collection

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., local chairman for the drive for clothing being staged in North Carolina for overseas relief by the Church World Service Center of New Windsor, Maryland, announced this week that the house to house collection would be made the first Sunday that the weather was nice.

This collection, which is to be made by the Boy Scouts in Raeford, was scheduled for each of the past two Sundays and has been postponed each time due to bad weather. Upchurch said that he decided not to schedule another date for the collection, but to simply announce that it would be made on the first fair Sunday afternoon.

The public is invited to attend these games and a small admission will be charged. Funds raised are to be used for club's Boy Scout program.

Kiwanis Club To Play Basketball Games Next Week

The Raeford Kiwanis club and the Aberdeen Lions club have scheduled two basketball games with each other, the first in Aberdeen on the night of Monday, February 16, and the second game in the Hoke High school gymnasium on the night of Thursday, February 19. The game here is expected to be a finale for the sports careers of many of the well known athletes involved, in other words it is considered likely that they will retire from the game after these two great appearances.

To be certain that a spectacle is in store for all attending these games, the public has but to glance at the list of stellar athletes on the two squads. The Raeford first string consists of K. A. MacDonald, Paul Dezerne, Arch Currie, J. D. Whisnant and C. L. Thomas. Reserves include Tommie Upchurch, R. L. Murray, Julius Jordan, Buck Blue, Walter Baker, Israel Mann, Bob Lewis, Dave Hodgkin, P. O. Lee and several others. These men are expected to see action in both games, but were just unable to make the starting lineup over the first team named.

Aberdeen players include Dr. J. P. Bowen, John Sloan, Curtis L. Horn, Hardin Gunter, H. Clifton Blue, R. C. Fields and Buzz Blue.

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY PEDESTRIAN DIES WHEN HIT BY CAR

(From The Fayetteville Observer)

Cumberland county's second traffic fatality of the year occurred Saturday night on the Raeford road when John S. Davis, 44, textile worker of Cumberland Mills, was struck and instantly killed by an automobile operated by J. D. Kemp, negro, of Raeford.

The accident was investigated by State Highway Patrolman John L. Carpenter.

Coroner Joe W. Pinkston reported that several witnesses to the accident said that Davis walked across the road directly into the path of Kemp's car and that the accident was unavoidable on the part of Kemp.

Kemp was not taken into custody, and Coroner Pinkston indicated that an inquest was not necessary.

NORTH CAROLINA MARKET NEWS

Released By N. C. Dept. of Agriculture

LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Livestock prices, along with many other food items, dropped sharply during the week. Hog prices dropped from 1.00 to 1.50 per hundred at Carolina's cash hog buying stations and closed with tops of from 23.50 to 24.00 as compared with the previous week's close of 25.00. On the Baltimore market, hog prices closed the week 1.25 per hundred lower with top hogs at 26.50. Richmond reported a drop of 1.50 and a closing top of 24.00. This week's run of hogs at the country's fourteen leading markets was lighter with approximately 294 thousand head as compared with the previous week's run of 340 thousand.

Receipts of cattle on Rocky Mount's auction livestock markets were limited with transportation difficulties on account of the heavy snow the primary cause.

Offerings were too light to establish quotations. On the Chicago market, most grades of slaughter steers and heifers were under considerable price pressure.

Steers closed 50 cents to 1.00 lower and heifers, from 50 cents to 2.00. Good beef cows lost 1.00 to 1.50 and other cows from 25 to 75 cents.

Vealers also closed 1.00 to 2.00 lower, while stockers and feeders averaged 25 to 50 lower. Curtailment receipts on the Baltimore market held slaughter steers mostly steady; however, the undertone was weaker near the close, particularly on high-medium and grade steers. Heifers and bulls were generally steady, while cows were 50 cents to 1.00 higher with most of the advance on lower quality grades. Calves also showed sharp advances of from 1.00 to 2.00 in Baltimore. Slaughter lambs averaged generally 50 cents lower on the Chicago market but held nominally steady in Baltimore.

Supplies of fresh meat were moderate to light but generally ample for the slow demand on Chicago's wholesale dressed meat markets. Good and choice beef closed steady, while commercial and utility steer and heifer carcasses were barely steady to 1.00 lower. Cow beef closed steady to 50 cents higher and veal steady to 1.00 higher. Lamb and mutton also closed steady, while pork loins advanced, in some instances, around 1.00. Fresh hams, on the other hand lost 2.00 to 3.00, while other cuts from 25 to 75 cents.

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CAROLINA NOW DIGGING OUT FROM SECOND BIG SNOWFALL

MANY COMMUNITIES ARE ISOLATED; DAMAGE IS NOT GREAT HERE

North Carolina was digging itself out and totaling the damages yesterday following the second heavy onslaught by winter in 10 days.

In this county most communities were fortunate in that there was insufficient ice formation on power and telephone lines to break them as happened in much of the state. Worst trouble around here seems to be the lack of fuel of various kinds, although no cases of actual hardship have been reported as resulting from that.

Roads here have, of course, been hazardous as they have been elsewhere, but no serious accidents have been reported. Highway 15-A, which had been open after the snow to Fayetteville, was closed yesterday morning by one bus, four trucks and one semi-trailer which couldn't make the grade, stalled and skidded, blocking the road. The road was closed from about five o'clock until nine-thirty.

At 5-A at the Scotland county line had the same trouble with a semi-trailer and a bus causing the trouble. This road was closed from about five to nine also.

As in the January 31 blizzard, Eastern Carolina appeared to have borne the brunt of the attack. The coastal cities of Wilmington, Morehead City and Beaufort remained all but isolated yesterday, and reports said Jacksonville also was virtually without communications. Telephone and telegraph communications had been restored into New Bern, which also had been on the isolated list.

The storm laid a white blanket, ranging from three to more than 20 inches over virtually all of North Carolina, and reports from several Eastern communities said the snowfall was continuing intermittently yesterday.

The damage appeared greatest along Coastal Carolina, where sleet and ice combined to pull utility lines and disrupt communications facilities in half a dozen cities.

Wilmington Hard Hit

Wilmington again was hardest hit. Commander T. B. Smiley of the Naval Reserve electronic warfare unit was in contact with the seaport city and reported that there had been major power failures in some sections of the city. Commander Smiley said emergency power was being brought into Wilmington from Lumberton, after feeder lines had snapped under the heavy pressure of ice. The coastal city reported freezing rains throughout Monday and up until 11 a.m. Tuesday. Telephone communication inside the city was reported as "O. K."

Southern Bell Telephone crews were working steadily in an attempt to bring Wilmington into communication with the outside world. Late Tuesday afternoon, company officials said that one circuit into Wilmington from here had been restored, although its use was being restricted to emergencies. The company said it was hoped to establish other circuits shortly. Repairs were underway on circuits from Lumberton and Selma into Wilmington.

E. A. Clement, Southern Bell's district manager, said that telephone damages in the Eastern area are expected to equal those in the blizzard of January 31.

Storm Coming?

Meanwhile, the U. S. Weather Bureau was predicting increasing cloudiness and warmer temperatures for last night and today, but was eyeing a storm headed this way from the Rocky Mountain area. The disturbance may bring either snow or rain around Thursday night, or may miss North Carolina entirely, it was said.