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ADDENDA

By The Editor

DR. F. CROSSLEY MORGAN is making a deep and lasting impression on all who hear him at the Presbyterian church. Consensus of opinion seems to be that he is about the deepest thinking and most logical exponent of the Bible to speak in these parts in many a day. He makes talks at ten a.m. and eight p.m. today, tomorrow and Sunday.

YOU ARE INTERESTED in the questionnaire on page four about schools in North Carolina. This questionnaire was prepared by the State Education Commission and completed ones returned will be used as a basis for recommendations to the General Assembly on needed action regarding North Carolina schools. Here is a chance to stick your oar in where it will move a little water, perhaps. You might consider it a duty as well as a chance if you think about it a little.

THE INSPECTION LANE will operate here through tomorrow, after which it will depart for Elizabethtown for a stay of several weeks. It will then be in Fayetteville, a while and will return here on May 18 and remain until June 11. Business has been somewhat slow the past few days, it being human nature to do nothing today that will wait until tomorrow. Of course, toward the end of the year you'll have to wait in line a lot longer to have your car inspected than you will now, because you aren't the only one putting it off.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL practice will get started here next week with the arrival of about 80 hopefuls of the Philadelphia "Phillies" farm teams. Four northern Class D clubs of the chain will arrive Monday and will probably start practice Tuesday at Armory park. Everybody's hoping they'll schedule a few exhibition or practice games during the three or four weeks they are here, although they'll probably be gone before it's warm enough to play at night even if the lights are finished by that time.

GILES YEOMANS NEWTON, Gibson farmer and lawyer who has been running for Congress from this district since 1938, is again a candidate, few will be surprised to learn. He was the last man to file with the State Board of Elections before filing time closed last Saturday at six o'clock. He filed at 5:18.

N. H. G. BALFOUR, for many years chairman of the county board of commissioners, this week accepted the county chairmanship of Charlie Johnson's campaign for governor. He was recommended by a group of Johnson supporters who met at the courthouse last week.

\$1600 or a little more has been received so far in the Red Cross drive, with several communities still unreported. Israel Mann, county chairman stated yesterday. The county's quota is \$1900.

ISRAEL MANN, COLLINS AND BELK-HENSDALE will close on Wednesday afternoons at 12:30, starting next Wednesday March 31.

John McGoogan and F. Knox Watson went to Elizabethtown Tuesday to a meeting of county commissioners from that district. They enjoyed a shad dinner. Next Tuesday they will attend a meeting of this district's commissioners at Sanford.

DOG VACCINATIONS are going rather slowly in the county health department's campaign. J. Watt McNeill, rabies inspector, stated this week. The schedule appears again in an ad on page nine of this issue.

Handle 14 Cases In Recorder's Court Tuesday

In Recorder's court Tuesday morning Acy Cummings, Indian, and John Allsbrook, colored, were charged with breaking and entering the smokehouse of Harold Chason and stealing some meat. Cummings was also charged with doing the same at John Chason's smokehouse. Probable cause was found and both were ordered held for Superior court under bond of \$150 each.

Isaac Davis and his wife, Elizabeth Davis, were found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Davis got six months to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs and his wife got 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Claude L. Burris, white truck driver of Lexington, and John W. Bridges, white truck driver of Charlotte, each forfeited a \$25 bond when he failed to appear for trial for speeding.

Edgerton Davis, colored, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

James Rouse, white, was charged with cutting Paul Grooms with a knife with intent to kill him. He was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and sentence of six months was to be suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs and \$100 to Paul Grooms.

A. Earl Jones, white, was charged with giving a bad check to the Dundarrach Trading company. He paid the check and the costs.

James L. Teague, white, got 90 days to be suspended on payment of the costs and a \$100 fine, for driving drunk. John W. Briggman, also white, got the same sentence for the same offense.

Garland Moore, white truck driver from Florida, was found guilty of parking improperly on the highway.

Roy Dial, Indian, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Robert Kisler, white, entered a plea of guilty of assaulting H. L. McMinis with a deadly weapon. Sentence of six months was to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$150 to McMinis and 2 years good behavior.

RAEFORD GARDENS WILL NOT BE IN STATE TOUR

The Raeford Garden club had accepted an invitation to be listed in the state tour of gardens if the surrounding towns in the Sandhills adjacent to Raeford opened their gardens. Since none of these gardens are included in the tour, the president of the local garden club announces that Raeford will not be included in the tour.

NOTICE TO TOBACCO FARMERS

Premeasurement of 1948 Tobacco Acreage

Hoke County tobacco farmers can now have their tobacco acreage premeasured by filing a request and making a deposit to cover the estimated cost of doing the work, reports T. D. Potter, Chairman of the County AAA Committee. The acreage stake off in the field will be accepted as correct next summer if it is found that the crop has been planted within the lines staked out. If you wish to have this work done, your request should be signed and the deposit made as soon as possible at the AAA office in Raeford. All requests and deposits must be in the County Office by April 15.

The amount to be deposited will be figured at the rate of 50c per acre on that acreage which you wish to have laid off. There will be a minimum charge of \$2.00 per farm. It is expected that you will determine just where you want to plant the crop before the Reporter comes to the farm and that you will have a supply of stakes ready.

MAD DOG ENTERS STORE; BUSINESS PICKS UP

A mad dog, or at least one that acted that way caused no little excitement in Israel Mann's store last Saturday morning, what with more customers than usual and the floor being filled with counters the way dry goods stores are. With the dog and the customers and clerks running and hollering the whole affair sounds like some crazy movie scene. The animal was finally done in with a piece of pipe, however, and a little later was put away for keeps when Police Chief Meeks shot him. In addition to a bunch of scared people Mr. Mann suffered a bullet hole in one of a new pair of shoes and in a new fixture, as well as blood spots off the floor. Funny now, maybe, but not then.

Ruckus At Bill's; Two Are Indicted

Rufus Sanders and son, Paul Sanders, white, were jailed at about two a.m. last Sunday following what must have been a rather violent disagreement at Bill's Club on the Fayetteville road. Rufus was charged with being drunk and disorderly and Paul was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and assault with a deadly weapon.

Sheriff Hodgins says the way he got the story from those present was that Rufus got into an argument with three men sitting in a car and that Paul took his part, flashing a pistol. Bill Wright, proprietor of the place, came out and got into it, and Paul pulled the trigger on him, the sheriff said, but the weapon failed to fire. Wright then got in close to Paul and grabbed him, during which scuffle the gun was fired through Wright's clothing twice. The sheriff says he understands that Wright then got the help of some soldier and brought the two to town where they were turned over to town officers and carried to the jail in the town car by the time he and Deputy Harry Dees had got down town.

Both were released under bond Sunday and trial is now set for next Tuesday.

Parents Asked To Give Opinions On Schools Of State

A poll of 90,000 parents and school patrons in every county in North Carolina is being conducted this week by the State Education Commission in its "grass roots" study of education in the state.

Parents of ninth and twelfth graders are being asked their opinions on the public schools' organization, administration and finance, curriculum and instruction, instructional personnel and pupil services.

Questionnaires are being distributed by superintendents, principals and teachers in the city and county schools. The study will include opinions of parents of sixth graders in the 16 selected cities and counties in which the Education Commission is making special surveys. Questionnaires have been sent to civic clubs and other organized groups.

Some of the results will be announced at a meeting of the Commission on April 3 in Raleigh. They will be used as a part basis for a report by the Education Commission to the Governor and the 1949 General Assembly.

Parents are being queried among other things, as to their opinion on the number of students a teacher should have; their willingness to pay higher taxes if better schools are desired; and on the reason for children dropping out of school at an early age.

Farmers in nine western North Carolina counties took advantage of recently held Workstock Clinics in their communities by having 930 animals treated.

Governor Opens Easter Seal Campaign



Here you see Governor R. Gregg Cherry opening the 13th annual state-wide Easter Seal campaign for crippled children by purchasing the first sheet of seals from pretty little Jeanne Pearman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Pearman of Goldsboro. A cripple since birth, little Jeanne can neither stand nor walk. She cannot attend school. The 1947 Legislature passed a bill providing special classes for children handicapped like Jeanne, but, unfortunately teachers trained in the specialized skills to conduct such classes were not available. But Jeanne and other handicapped children will get a chance later on, for the North Carolina League for Crippled Children, which is conducting the Easter Seal campaign, and the University of North Carolina are now training teachers for such classes in five centers throughout the state.

SCHOOL NEWS

BY K. A. MACDONALD

The pre-school clinics began on Monday of this week when Dr. Willcox held the first ones at Laurel Hill and Antioch Indian. These were very successful, more beginners for next year having examinations and immunizations than they did last year in the same schools. It is hoped that all the other clinics will have the same results. Parents are requested to cooperate with the teachers and Health Department and see that their children who will start to school next year attend the clinic for their school.

Sanatorium and Raeford doctors are assisting Dr. Willcox with some of the clinics.

The Educo club will hold a meeting at the Hoke High lunchroom next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. All school committeemen and members of the Board of Education are expected to be guests of the club.

The Raeford Graded seventh grade under the chaperonage of Mr. Turlington and Mrs. Blackman made a trip to Chapel Hill and Raleigh on Monday. The day was a highlight in the experience of the seventh grade. The trip was made by a special Trailway bus.

A study of attendance in all the schools of the county with the probable teacher allotment based on this attendance has just been completed at the end of the 6th month of school. This attendance for the white schools indicates that the teacher allotment will be the same as last year.

For the colored schools the attendance indicate that there will be a loss of 4 elementary teachers

FEDERAL INSPECTION OF GUARD UNIT HERE SOON

Battery A, local anti-aircraft unit of the National Guard which was officially organized and Federally recognized March 10, 1947, will get its first Annual Armory Inspection by an inspector general of the Regular Army at the armory here on Monday, April 5, 1948.

The inspecting officer will be Lt. Col. Archibald B. Barrett, of the Inspector General's department, Third Army headquarters, Fort McPherson, Georgia. All members of the unit are required by law to be present for inspection, and equipment and records will be inspected as well as personnel.

Release Schedule Pre-School Clinics

The following schedule of Pre-school Clinics in Hoke County is announced by Dr. J. W. Willcox, Health Officer, and K. A. Macdonald, County Superintendent of Schools.

Monday March 22 Dr. J. W. Willcox, 9:00 A. M. - Bridges Grove and Pine Bay at Laurel Hill, 1:00 P. M. - Macedonia Indian at Antioch Indian.

Thursday March 25 Dr. J. W. Willcox, 9:00 A. M. - Lilly's Chapel and Millside at Burlington, 1:00 P. M. - Peachmont, Friendship and Rockfish at White Oak.

Wednesday April 7 Sanatorium Doctor, 9:00 A. M. - McFarland at New Hope.

Monday April 12 Dr. J. W. Willcox, 9:00 A. M. - Freedom, Edinburg and Buffalo Springs at Bowmore, 1:00 P. M. - Rockfish White.

Tuesday April 13 Dr. J. W. Willcox, 1:00 P. M. - Mildouson. Wednesday April 21 Sanatorium Doctor, 9:00 A. M. - Shady Grove and Timberland at Upchurch Grammer.

Thursday April 29 Local Doctors, 9:00 A. M. - Raeford Grammer.

Monday May 3 Dr. J. W. Willcox, 9:00 A. M. - Frye's Mission.

Thursday May 6 Sanatorium Doctor, 9:00 A. M. - Ashemont.

Parents are urged to come and bring their children to these clinics. Letters are being sent from the schools to parents who are known to have children in this age group. If you have a child who will be 6 years old on or before October 1, 1948, please get in touch with your school. Also, please return the letters to your school as soon as possible, giving all the information asked for as this is necessary for School and Health records. Receiving this information prior to clinics will allow some of the necessary clerical work to be completed and less time consumed in clinics.

Dr. Willcox states that every child should have a physical examination and any defects found corrected before school begins. It is unfair to a child to allow him to enter school with some defect that may retard his physical, mental and probably emotional development.

Attention is called to the fact that under the State law every child, before entering school, must be vaccinated for diphtheria, smallpox and whooping cough, unless he has had whooping cough. Children who are vaccinated in infancy should have a booster dose before entering school. Vaccinations will be available at all clinics.

The time of Dr. Willcox, as you know, is divided between Moore and Hoke Counties. It is impossible for him to conduct all of the Pre-School Clinics in addition to regular duties. Consequently, we wish to sincerely thank the Sanatorium and Raeford Doctors for being willing to help out in this important undertaking.

Race Develops For Solicitor Of Recorder's Court

With the announcement of J. M. Andrews that he would be a candidate for the office of solicitor of the Hoke county recorder's court in the May primary the second race for a county office appeared certain, as N. McNair Smith, present solicitor indicated yesterday that he intended to run for another term. The other office with more than one entry is that of judge of the recorder's court which is being sought by T. O. Moses in addition to Henry McDiarmid, the incumbent.

Andrews is at present principal of the Mildouson school, a position he accepted in 1943 for the duration of the emergency. He is a native of Chatham county and a graduate of the University of North Carolina. He studied law at Wake Forest college and received his license to practice law in 1931. He has owned property in this county since 1933.

He has been a school teacher for about 27 years, most of which have been spent in Scotland, Robeson and Hoke counties. He is a deacon of the Antioch Presbyterian church and was for several years superintendent of the Sunday School. He is married and has one son, Horace, a student at State college where he expects to receive his MS degree in chemistry this year.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Hoke County will cooperate in conducting a Five-Acre Cotton Production and Quality Contest. Prizes will be announced in this column in a week or two. To qualify, the cotton must be planted in a five-acre field or more. It may be more, but not less than five acres. Prizes will be awarded on the State, District, and County basis. Application must be filed at the County Agent's office by July 1.

The Covington Farm is now installing tile drainage. They are getting their land in shape for better drainage and to operate more efficiently with mechanical equipment. Digging the ditch, furnishing the tile, and placing it will cost approximately 30 cents per foot.

The North Carolina State Fair is sponsoring, in this area, a 200 bushel corn production contest. The prize for the person making the highest yield, if over 200 bushels, is \$1000.00. In order to qualify it will be necessary for the acre to have four straight sides with a minimum width or length of 70 feet. One-half of the acreage row width will be included beyond the two outside rows in measuring the acre. Application must be mailed to Raleigh by July 1. Further information about the contest and production practices may be secured at the County Agent's office.

Production goals have just been released for North Carolina by the office of Secretary of Agriculture. Goals for the various commodities are about the same as last year with the exception of grain and livestock. They are asking for more grain and some less livestock due to the grain shortage.

A ditching and tile laying demonstration will be held on Mrs. J. S. Johnson's farm (Upchurch) Friday, April 2. This demonstration will feature a ditching machine which takes the proper amount of soil from the ditch and keeps the slope of the bottom of the ditch at a uniform fall, thus leaving the ditch ready to lay tile. Tile will be installed. This is an opportunity to get first hand information on proper tile drainage. Most farms could be improved by the use of tile.