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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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It is interesting, and at the same time alarming, to know that during the school year 1950-51 there were 354 absences from school every day, and that there were a total of 63,720 during the year; that if all these children had been in school every day an additional 11 teachers would have been allotted to the county.

Just as interesting and just as alarming is the fact that during the school term of 1950-51 393 pupils dropped out of school. This does not tell the whole story. In 1949-50 620 pupils enrolled in the first grade; in 1950-51 474 pupils enrolled in the second grade a difference of 146. (We do not have space for tabulations for all grades). Where did these children go? Some were repeaters and stayed in first grade two years, where are the rest of them? Nobody knows! Whose fault is all this? Is it the teachers? Is it the parents? Is it the taxpayers? Well it might be a mixture of all three. If the teachers worked a little harder and made school more attractive, it would help. If the parents worked a little harder and saw to it that their child was in school every day that child was not too sick to go, it would help. If the taxpayers would furnish a little more money for an expanded curriculum with more holding power, it would help. It is a serious problem; think carefully about it.

Mr. Craven, district forester, talked to the Seventh Grade of the Raeford Graded School last Monday. This talk was a part of the seventh grade's intensive study of Hoke County and its resources.

The additional teacher at the Raeford Graded school was assigned a section of the fifth grade. This grade is now housed in the special education room. This work was moved to the teacher's lounge on the first floor. This move eliminated the necessity of housing this class in the high school building.

The schools did an outstanding job during the Polio Drive. We hope to be able to give complete resumes of their work and announce the winner of the prize offered for the pupil filling the most school cards.

The white schools closed early yesterday on account of the Hoke High basketball trip to Raleigh. So many pupils wished to go that this concession was made.

This afternoon a county-wide teachers meeting is being held at Hoke High. The time will be divided between hearing the state physical education adviser and an NCEA business and professional meeting.

R. A. Smoak and K. A. MacDonald attended a state-wide meeting of NCEA's legislative and public relation committees held at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh last Saturday. The meeting was well attended, over 250 from all over the state being there.

The Mildouson PTA met last night. The pupils of the third, fourth and fifth grades gave a one-act play "The Days of Washington and Lincoln". T. C. Jones, principal of the Rockfish School, was guest speaker. The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday night in March and the program will be on health.

The auditor from the State Text Division, State Department of Public Instruction, is in the county this week auditing the book room accounts.

The Freedom PTA met at the school Wednesday night with a (Continued on Page 8)

One Killed In Wreck Saturday; 2nd Of 1952

A soldier's wife died instantly and he is lying in a critical condition in a Fort Bragg hospital as a result of an automobile accident on Highway 15-A about four miles toward Fayetteville last Saturday morning.

The soldier is Prince H. Chapman, stationed somewhere in Georgia, and his wife was Lottie G. Chapman. His mother resides in Pineland, Texas, and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Daniels of Neuse, N. C. Due to lack of identification on either of the two they were not notified of her death until Tuesday when Chapman regained consciousness long enough to give this information.

They were going east into the highway from the 211 cutoff which runs from 15-A north of Raeford to 211 at the Lantz farm west of town. The car, a 1941 Ford coupe, apparently entered the highway at too great a rate of speed to make the turn toward Fayetteville, as it left the pavement on the right side. The driver apparently lost control of it completely there, for it then crossed the road and went down a 10-foot embankment on the left side and crashed to a stop. It was not demolished completely, but Mrs. Chapman's body was found some 40 feet from the car in the direction of Fayetteville and Chapman was lying about halfway between her and the car.

There were no witnesses to the tragedy that the investigating highway patrolmen could locate.

This brought to two the number of traffic fatalities for 1952 in Hoke County, Odell Stanley, colored, having lost his life in a wreck in Allendale township just four weeks before on Saturday, January 5, when the car in which he was riding hit an oak tree.

Farmers Must Get Burning Permits Beginning Feb. 1st

Under the State Forest Fire Laws it is necessary to get a permit before doing any burning in or within, 500 feet of any woodland or more than 500 feet from a dwelling house during the months of February, March, April, May, October and November.

The Brush-Burning Permit Law reads "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred feet or any such protected area, between the first day of February and the first day of June, inclusive or between the first day of October and the thirtieth day of November, inclusive, in any year, without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to set out fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned protected areas; that no charge shall be made for the granting of said permits.

"This section shall not apply to any fires started or caused to be started within five hundred feet of a dwelling house.

"Any person, firm or corporation violating this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than fifty (50) dollars or imprisoned for a period of not more than 30 days. (Chapter 14-139, General Statutes of N. C. as amended by Chapter 120 of Public Laws of 1939 Sessions.)"

County Forest Ranger C. F. McBryde recommends that if you have any burning to do that you do it late in the evening when the wind has died down and to make sure it is dead out before leaving it; also to plow a fire line around the area before burning.

Ranger McBryde states that (Continued on Page 8)

Boy Scouts Observe 42nd Birthday



Official Boy Scout Week Poster

President Truman will greet 12 outstanding Boy Scouts in the White House during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6 to 12, marking the 42nd anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Boy Scout Week will be observed throughout the nation by more than 2,900,000 boys and adult leaders. Since 1910, more than 19,000,000 boys and men have been members of the organization. "Forward ... on Liberty's Team" is the birthday theme.

Presbytery's School For Lay Workers Is Highly Successful

The leadership training school for lay workers at Flora Macdonald college, sponsored by Fayetteville Presbytery, got off to a successful start Monday evening, when two fifty-minute sessions were held, following the opening meeting in the college auditorium. The Rev. L. B. McKeithan, Jr., of Fayetteville, dean of the training school, welcomed the church workers present, held a brief worship service, and introduced the professors, after which they dispersed to the various classrooms.

The Presbytery's first attempt at such a school on a large scale opened with an attendance of 391 representatives from churches of all denominations throughout the area within the bounds of the Presbytery. Plans have been made for adjustment as to class room space for the next four Monday nights of the school, which will close on March 3.

Courses offered in this school, which is open to all lay workers in churches and church schools, include classes on "The Superintendent and His Task", by Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., dean of the college. "How to Enjoy Studying the Bible" is taught by Dr. Leslie Bullock, head of the Bible department. Miss Margaret Bowen of the Christian Education faculty is teaching "Youth Work in the Local Church" and Miss Rosanna Barnes of Goldsboro, area worker for the Presbytery, assisted by several church school teachers, has "Activities for Children in the Church School" as her subject. This course demonstrates successful use of drawing, music, and creative play in the Sunday school.

REVENUERS TO BE HERE NEXT THURSDAY, FRIDAY

United States deputy collectors of internal revenue will come to Raeford next week to help people with their 1951 tax returns. They will be in the courthouse from about nine until five o'clock on Thursday and Friday and will help advise any persons who may desire it at this time.

Pork production in the United States will be about the same in 1952 as in 1951.

Drive Way Over And Still Going

Bank of Raeford reported yesterday that \$5599.62 had been deposited in the Hoke County March of Dimes for 1952. Quota for the county had been set before the drive at \$5,000.

H. D. Harrison, Jr., chairman of the march, said yesterday that it was impossible to give an accurate report at this time, but that this would probably be ready next week. He said that there were still some contributions not deposited and still some benefit gatherings to be held in the county.

G. C. Lytle, who spearheaded the drive in Antioch township, expressed his appreciation for the excellent cooperation he received during the drive in that township. He thanked the committee and all who contributed and worked to get the township over its quota. If available, complete report on the drive for the whole county by communities will be published next week.

Deadline For Rent Program February 11

Landlords have only a few days left to register accommodations which are now being brought under the Rent Stabilization program, John Perry, Jr., Area Rent Director, declared today. The deadline is February 11, 1952.

Landlords who fail to register rental units by that time will be in violation of Federal law, the rent director pointed out.

Members of the Rent Office staff, at 218 Winslow Street, Fayetteville, N. C. will assist landlords in filling out the forms, Mr. Perry said. Or, blank forms may be picked up at the office and returned to the office later. Representatives of this office will be in the Jury Room of the Court House in Raeford on Friday, Feb. 8, 1952 from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. for the purpose of assisting landlords in registering their property.

The new Rent Stabilization program applies to virtually all rental housing accommodations in Hoke and Cumberland County. In most cases, rents for accommodations now being affected by the stabilization program, were rolled back to the October 1, 1950 level.

YOU and YOUR CONGRESS

Washington—A few weeks from now Congress will receive its Joint Economic Committee's considered opinion of the state of the nation.

Presumably, that opinion, dwelling mainly on the country's economic health, will influence the thinking of Congress on such matters as taxes and federal spending — whether either or both should be increased.

Actually, the influence of the Committee's report is likely to be mild.

The reason is that this is a national election year. That fact will influence Congressional thinking more than anything else between now and November.

The Committee's membership includes such divergent thinkers as Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) and Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich.), on the one hand and Sen. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) and Rep. Patman (D-Tex.), on the other.

It is possible that the Committee members will adopt a conciliatory attitude and steer a non-political course as nearly as possible. But that is a great deal to ask in a national election year.

It would not be surprising to most Washington observers if all harmony in the Committee's report ended at the point where it recommended increased efforts toward federal economy.

For one thing, Sen. Taft, his campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination already in high gear, has made it plain that, if nominated he will campaign on points which will clash sharply with certain Administration policies as voiced by those such as O'Mahoney and Patman.

The Joint Economic Committee was established under the Full Employment Act of 1946—enacted at a time when there was fear in Congress of a bad postwar recession or depression.

The Act requires the President to send Congress periodic reports on the nation's economic outlook, together with suggestions for making or keeping it bright. He is assisted in drafting the reports by his Council of Economic Advisors, also established under the Act.

The Joint Economic Committee is required to digest the President's report, hold hearings on it and then make its own report and suggestions to Congress.

Because those fears of a bad postwar recession or depression turned out to be unfounded, the President's Economic Report in recent years has been devoted mainly to stating that economic conditions could be much worse than they are.

Usually, in January, the President's Economic Report follows his budget for the next fiscal year to Capitol Hill. This year it was the other way around—perhaps not without design—and the President appeared to be using the Economic Report to prepare Congress psychologically for his Budget Message.

A few days later he sent up a Budget Message which detailed spending \$85.4 billion next year—\$14.5 billion more than this year—with deficits of \$8.2 billion and \$14.4 billion of this year and next respectively.

While the Joint Economic Committee is digesting the President's Economic Report and, perforce, his budget recommendations, economic opinion is rapidly forming in Congress along political party lines.

And unless the Joint Economic Committee's report fits approximately into the Congressional opinion mold—which means disagreement on such things as the extent of new spending and deficits—it's likely to get lost in the shuffle.

WALKER STANTON COMES CLEAR IN RECORDER'S COURT TUESDAY

LOSE IN RALEIGH

The Hoke County High school girls basketball team lost a close one to Clayton High in Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh yesterday afternoon, 51 to 47. This was the opening game of the four-game "All-Girl Basketball Revue", held annually in the Coliseum for the last three years and participated in by eight of the strongest girls teams in the state.

Hoke Teams Beat Central High 3 Here Tuesday

After dropping a basketball game to Gray's Creek High here last Friday night in their first loss of the season in 14 starts, the Hoke High girls came back in fine style on Tuesday night to beat Central High of Cumberland County 48 to 39 while the boys team was also performing in fine style as they won a close one, 52 to 51. The boys junior varsity took theirs in stride also, as the Hoke teams got a clean sweep over Central. The boys won their game against Gray's Creek Friday.

The Hoke sextet won on Tuesday at Central with Lydia Williams sinking 26 points and Sarah Cole 12. Ina Scull, sophomore guard, played a good defensive game as the girls made their season record stand at 14 to one.

The varsity boys played what was probably their best game of the season as they edged the previously unbeaten and favored Central boys by one point. The whole team turned in a brilliant performance against a much taller home team with Charles Sessoms leading in the scoring department with eleven points. Bobby Lundy, John McLaughlin and Joe Culbreth came next with eight points each. Johnny McPhaul, Jimmy White and C. J. Benner also played a good game.

In the preliminary contest the local jayvees started the winning with a 22 to 21 victory. In a game that favored football more than basketball Roger Dixon and Gerald Sappenfield collaborated to lead the offense with seven and six points, respectively.

The Hoke teams meet the strong Massey Hill teams on the local court Friday night with the junior game beginning at six-thirty.

OPEN MAULTSBY HOME

Final papers were signed this week leasing the old Maultsby home on Central avenue next to McDonald's Ezzo Servicenter to W. V. Morgan operator of Morgan Motor Co., Buick dealer just across the street. The house has been closed for some time under a court padlocking order after some disorders there. Morgan did not definitely disclose his plans for the property, but apparently intends to improve it extensively and either use it for rental dwelling units or a rooming house.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the many kindnesses shown us by our friends and neighbors since the recent loss of our home by fire. Also for the heroic efforts of the Raeford firemen, members of the National Guard and neighbors who did everything possible to prevent the loss.

The Dalton Family.

Beef cattle production in the corn belt is increasing to the point where it seriously competes with hogs for use of land, labor, and feed.

Several Other Cases Heard On Variety Of Charges

J. Walker Stanton, former Raeford policeman who was charged with bribery, false pretense, and malfeasance in office, was cleared on all three counts in Hoke County recorder's court before Judge Henry McDiarmid Tuesday morning. Stanton was indicted on a warrant signed by John McKenzie, colored, who charged him with the three offenses on the night of December 25, 1951, alleging that Stanton, then a Raeford policeman, had taken his money under the false pretense that he was in his authority to do so. After hearing the evidence for the State Judge McDiarmid found no probable cause as to the charges of false pretense and bribery and dismissed the case charging malfeasance in office.

Earl Watts, white, was charged with escaping from the prison division of the Sanatorium. He was found guilty and sent back, to stay 30 days extra.

Thomas Dixon and F. M. Miller each had to pay costs and make good bad checks.

Walter Williams, colored, got six months for non-support, sentence to be suspended for as long as he pays \$35 a month toward the support of his child.

O. M. Morgan, white, paid \$5 and the costs for being drunk and disorderly and having an open bottle of liquor. Fred Miller, colored, paid the costs for violating the prohibition laws. Carson Locklear, Indian, got six months for having a still, sentence suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

James West, white, and Joe Strong, Indian, each paid the costs for assaulting his wife.

Herbert C. Gillis, white, had to pay the costs for driving with expired license plates. Frank Edwards, white, paid \$25 and the costs for having no driver's license.

John Duncan McMillan, white, paid \$25 and the costs for speeding 75 miles an hour, and John Look-ebough, also white, paid \$10 and the costs for exceeding 55.

Ed McRae, colored, paid \$25 and the costs for careless and reckless driving, and James A. Currie, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for driving an improperly equipped car.

Cars Are Ransacked Early Saturday And 1 Stolen, Recovered

Thieves and prowlers were apparently abroad in Raeford Friday night and before day Saturday morning as several cars in Raeford were entered and items were stolen from some of them and the locks were tampered with on some. The 1951 Chevrolet of William Lamont, Jr. was stolen from his home at 112 West Donaldson Avenue.

At about night on Saturday Lamont received a call from an automobile dealer in Fayetteville telling him that his car had been left on his lot during the preceding night. He went on Sunday and got it back, practically undamaged. Clues as to who did the prowling and took the car seem to be somewhat scarce.

The thief, if the same one, operated in the neighborhood of Dr. Matheson's office on Elwood Ave. on down to the Neil Senter home at the corner of Elwood avenue and North Highland street. Senter's car was full of gas and the key was in it, but the thief passed it up for some reason or other. Officers and bloodhounds tracked him to some half-dozen cars in the vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wood of Vanceboro were week and guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jessa Gillidge.