

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Congratulations to the Hoke High Basketball teams and their coaches upon the conclusion of a most successful season.

Your good play, team cooperation and good sportsmanship has been not only a credit to you and your coaches, but to your school and the county.

Mrs. McKeithan is back at work after being ill for several days.

Mr. Allen, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Britt of the Raeford Graded faculty are out sick. Besides regular substitutes, members of the "Future Teachers" club have been helping out during the emergency.

Percent in attendance for the white schools fell below 90 in only one case, the Raeford Graded School for the sixth month. We think this is very good, in light of conditions throughout the state. Attendance in the colored schools remains good. Ashmont has had a case of trench mouth and Raeford graded has had two probable cases of mumps. We hope that no further cases of these two diseases develop. Parents are requested to watch their children very carefully and help the teachers in their efforts to prevent epidemics of any kind.

Yesterday and today eye clinics are being held for white children in the Health Department. The Welfare Department and the State Commission for the Blind are both cooperating with the Health Department and the schools. Dr. G. D. Gaddy from Duke University Hospital is the doctor in charge. The City Optical Company of Fayetteville furnishes an optometrist.

Tomorrow night the Beta Club of Hoke High is giving a dance at the gym. This dance is by invitation only.

Reports for the third reporting period of the school year went out on Tuesday afternoon. Parents are requested to study their children's reports and if satisfactory progress is not shown to contact the child's teacher or principal and find out how they can assist in improving the child's work. Cooperation on the part of the parents always helps in getting maximum good out of school for the pupils.

Arrangements have been made for the Queens College Glee Club to give a concert at Hoke High on Friday morning. Those who cannot hear them at the Presbyterian Church tonight should plan to hear them at Hoke High tomorrow morning. The hour will be announced later.

County Home Demonstration Agent Josephine Hall presented the 4-H Plaque for best work in the county to the Ashmont Club last Thursday. She was high in her praise of the work done by the club members. The plaque is on display at the school.

The 7th grade of Raeford graded school expects to put its Hoke County Study project on display in the window of Raeford Furniture Company this week, according to their teacher, J. W. Turlington. We hope that you will take occasion to drop by and see this excellent piece of work.

On Tuesday there was a county wide teachers meeting held at the Upchurch school. This meeting was largely devoted to the election of officers for the local teachers association meetings to be held in Raleigh this spring. Officers were elected as follows: President Stephen Williams; vice-president, Theresa Byrd; secretary, Alma Clodfelter; assistant secretary, Nettie Thigpen; treasurer, A. W. Prigden. Delegates to the state convention were appointed as follows: County Supervisor A. W. (Continued on Page 10)

Judge Greene Has Full Day In Court Tuesday

James Edwards Released Under \$2500 Bond

After a brief ceremony Tuesday morning in which Harry A. Greene was shown in as temporary judge and Arthur D. Gore as temporary solicitor, the Hoke County recorder's court got into action for the first time in three weeks and ran all day, getting many of the backlog of cases disposed of and continuing some.

A great part of the day was spent on the case in which James Edwards, white youth, was charged with rape. After the preliminary hearing the warrant was changed to charge him with having carnal knowledge of a virtuous girl between 12 and 16 years of age. He was released under a bond of \$2500 to await trial in Superior Court. His brother, Rufus Edwards, was charged with being an accessory before the fact, and was also bound for trial in Superior court, \$500 bond being continued in his case.

Willie Conbit, young colored man who was caught with some non-tax-paid liquor and wouldn't tell where he got it, was sent to the roads for six months to think it over.

Johnnie Thompson, colored, was charged with selling some real estate that did not belong to him. Probable cause was found and his bond of \$300 was continued.

Bonnie Campbell, colored, got 12 months on the roads suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs and on condition of two years good behavior.

Junior McNeill, colored man charged with non-support, got six months suspended on payment of court costs and \$15 weekly for his children.

Elgie Handon, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for being drunk and disorderly. For damage to personal property he got six months suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs and two years good behavior.

Stewart Moore, colored, got 12 months suspended on payment of costs and two years good behavior. Charged with disposing of mortgaged property by C. J. Benner were Alco Green, Hugh L. Mongle, and John W. Ellis, all colored. Each had to pay Benner and the costs.

Large majority of cases involved traffic violations. Speeders were Guorney Horne, M. M. Berkow, J. P. Firth, Stanley Anderson, Adam Palofcia and Salfadore Basila, all white, each left \$25 bond; R. D. Goodman, white, \$20 bond.

Bennie Frank Health, white, paid \$125 and the cost for driving drunk without driver's license.

For improper brakes John Henry Taylor, Roy Lee McLean, Henry McNeill, George Jr. Williams, Leander Blackman, Halbert Brown and Jesse D. Winston, all colored, each paid \$10 and the costs. Green Locklear, Indian, did the same.

Arthur Cecil Reynolds, white, paid the costs for failing to stop at a stop sign. George Hany Mun- (Continued on Page 10)

Chamber Drive For Members About Done

Harvey Gobeille, membership chairman of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, said this week that the annual collection of dues from member firms and individuals had been proceeding very well, but that there were still several who had not responded to the billing which was made in January.

He urges these to send their checks to the Chamber of Commerce right away, in order that the membership list for 1952 might be published and plaques distributed. The Chamber had some 75 members last year, and expects to continue its program of community improvement with an even greater membership this year.

Queen's College Choir At Presbyterian Church Tonight



Pictured above is the choir from Queens College, which will give a program in the Raeford Presbyterian church tonight at eight o'clock. The choir is directed by John A. Holliday, professor of music at the college, and is now making its annual spring concert tour through North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Lumbee REA Announces Hiring Home Economist

The Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation has just employed Mrs. Eloise Jenkins as home economist. The corporation is planning to provide more instruction for its members in the proper use of electricity, and to promote the aims for which the Lumbee Membership Corporation was chartered. "To make electric energy available to its members at the lowest cost, consistent with economy and good management."

The Lumbee REA was chartered in July of 1940, and since that time has grown from a system of 475 miles serving some 1200 farms, to a system of 1800 miles serving approximately 7,000 farm homes in Hoke, Robeson, Scotland and Cumberland Counties.

Mrs. Jenkins was graduated in 1948 from Flora Macdonald College with a B.S. degree in Home Economics. Her duties relative to working with REA members will be to assist all members in the proper use of electricity in order to realize the fullest value for their electricity dollar. She will instruct proper methods of lighting, and the proper use of electrical appliances and advise with the housewife and farm owners as to the best possible wiring program in connection with their farm buildings.

Public Meeting About Little League Baseball Tonight

Adults interested in the formation of the "Little League" baseball teams here for boys eight to 12 years of age are again reminded of the meeting to be held in the High school cafeteria at eight o'clock tonight.

Full details of the league will be presented at the meeting and plans made for the formation of two teams here during the coming spring and summer. The league will be sponsored in Raeford and Aberdeen by Robbins Mills for all eligible boys in both communities, if enough interest in the idea is shown by parents and other adults.

ATTENDS ATLANTA MEET

The Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, attended a meeting of the Assembly's Men's Council of the Presbyterian church in Atlanta, Georgia March 7 through 9. He was among 12 delegates representing the Synod of North Carolina at the meeting.

MAKES HONOR LIST

Mary Susan Upchurch, a freshman at Hollins College, has been included on the freshman Honor List for her high scholastic record during the past semester. Miss Upchurch, who graduated from Hoke County High School last year, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Upchurch of Raeford.

7 To Hospital After Wreck Saturday P.M.

A 1946 Chevrolet driven by James Dockery, colored, and a 1940 Ford driven by W. L. Snelling, white soldier, collided near the crossroads about a mile south of Raeford on the Laurinburg road at about 8:20 last Saturday night. There were six persons in each vehicle and seven were hospitalized and one is still in serious condition.

Dockery says that he was coming toward Raeford when a car in front of him slowed up rather quickly. He says when he applied his brakes his right front wheel locked and threw his car out into the path of the oncoming Ford driven by Snelling.

Three of the passengers in the Chevrolet were sent to a Fayetteville hospital and the other three suffered minor injuries. Four of the Ford's passengers were sent to the hospital where one is still in bad shape.

State Highway patrol investigator and Dockery was charged with careless and reckless driving.

Funeral Today For Mrs. Katie Maxwell Who Died Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Katie Lee Maxwell, 87, who died at her home on Raeford, route two, at eight o'clock Tuesday night, will be held at three o'clock this afternoon at Ephesus Baptist church. The Rev. E. C. Taylor will be in charge of the service, and burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Maxwell was the widow of the late George W. Maxwell of this county, and was born January 31, 1865.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. E. G. Wickline, Mrs. Alice Alred and Mrs. B. J. Jones; two sons, W. W. and Oscar Maxwell, all of Raeford, route two; a brother, Sydney Maxwell of Fayetteville; a sister, Mrs. Cornelia Ray of Raeford, route two; 25 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Salem College Picks Raeford Girl To Head Student Body

Marian Lewis of Raeford, a religious music major at Salem College in Winston-Salem, was elected president of the Salem College Student Government Association in the first of campus elections held last week.

Miss Lewis is junior class president and has been active in the Athletic Association, the YWCA, and the choral ensemble. She was treasurer of the Methodist organization last year. Running against her was Peggy Cheers of Durham, secretary of the Student Government this year.

She is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lewis of Raeford and graduated from Hoke County High School in the class of 1949.

The new officers will assume duties the last of April and will serve until the spring of 1953.

Commissioners Name Harry A. Greene Temporary Recorder

The Hoke County board of commissioners held a meeting last Saturday and appointed Harry A. Greene to serve as judge of the county recorder's court during March and April and approved a leave of absence for Judge Henry McDiarmid for this period. Judge McDiarmid had asked for the leave due to a fall he suffered leaving the courthouse several weeks ago.

The board also approved a leave of absence of two weeks for Solicitor J. M. Andrews, who is taking a trip, and appointed Arthur D. Gore, the county attorney, to prosecute the recorder's court duties for him during this time.

Judge Greene and Solicitor Gore held their first court on Tuesday of this week.

Funeral Today For J. E. Shewbridge Who Died Tuesday

Funeral service will be held at Parker's Methodist church at three o'clock this afternoon for James Elmer Shewbridge, 72, who died at his home on route 2 on Tuesday. The Rev. P. O. Lee and the Rev. D. E. Miller will conduct the service and burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Shewbridge had lived in this county for the past several years and had not been in good health for some time.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Parker Mott, Shewbridge; one son, George E. Shewbridge of Knoxville, Md.; two step-children, Robert Mott and Mrs. John C. Lentz of the home; three sisters, two brothers and nine grandchildren.

Jaycees Hold First Regular Meeting

The first regular meeting of the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce was held at the Benton Thomas pond Tuesday. Supper was prepared and served under the direction of James Lentz.

The group selected its board of directors at the meeting. These are Ralph Barnhart, Charles Hostetter, William Poole, Jr., Herbert McKeithan, Jr., and George Willcox.

First project to be undertaken is the beautification of the center lanes in North Main street. The Jaycees will start work on this Saturday with the help of some of the women's clubs.

Local men between the ages of 21 and 35 are welcome to join the Junior Chamber and are invited to contact members of the group.

FIRE LAW NOTICE

A full explanation of the Raeford laws governing behavior of the public after a fire alarm was to have been printed this week, but was misplaced until too late. It will appear next week, and in the meantime it will be wise to stay off the streets when the fire trucks are on them.

HOKE CAGE TEAMS VICTORIOUS IN TOURNAMENT HERE MONDAY

Carolina Power Starts Contest: "Finer Carolina"

A contest offering \$8,750 in prizes for "Carolina's finest" towns, judged by community improvement made during this year, was announced here Tuesday night.

Details of the competition were given at a dinner at the high school cafeteria sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Company, which will offer the prize money and will help to promote the contest. Theme of the project is "Helping to Build a Finer Carolina."

The contest is open to the 300-odd communities whose electricity is served at retail by Carolina Power and Light Company. The contest was announced simultaneously at 69 dinner meetings attended by community leaders throughout the area.

The meeting was presided over by Ben A. Hurley, Local Representative, and the rules for the contest were explained by John L. Ponzer, Division Industrial Engineer. Towns wishing to compete must enter the contest by April 1, 1952, he said, and the winners will be judged for 12 months ending next November 1.

There will be three population groups competing for three sets of prizes of \$1,000 each for the winners and \$750 for the runner-ups. The first group will include towns of 1,000 or less, the second towns of 1,001 to 2,500 population, and the third towns over 2,500 population. In addition, two state prizes of \$1,000 each will be awarded to North Carolina's "finest" and to South Carolina's "finest", regardless of population. Thus it is possible for one town to take \$2,000 in prize money. In addition, there will be 15 prizes of \$100 each for honorable mention.

"Nobody loses," said Mr. Ponzer, who explained the details of the contest; "for even if your town is not one of the 23 prize winners, the competition will bring its reward in terms of civic pride and improvements for the community."

"Carolina Power and Light Co. is spearheading this contest because that company's future depends upon the future of the people it serves," he explained. "There is no gimmick to it. The company expects to prosper in direct proportion to the progress and development of the area."

He explained that checks for the prize money will be made payable to the steering committee and may be applied to the future development of long-range projects undertaken during the year.

Mr. Ponzer suggested the best way to start a constructive program would be to conduct a survey to decide what the community already has and what it needs. Towns will be judged on the basis of just five projects, he explained, and he suggested holding community efforts to five carefully selected projects "in order not to scatter your shots."

He stressed the April 1 deadline for entering the contest. After the survey and projects are determined, he commented, "the rest is largely up to you."

Those assembled at the dinner responded by deciding that the Raeford Chamber of Commerce and the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce take immediate steps to enter the competition for Raeford.

Neill B. Sinclair suffered a heart attack Sunday night and was taken to a Fayetteville hospital. Reports a week were that he was improv-

Defeat 71st, West End; Pick All-Tourney Teams

By BRUCE PHILLIPS

Commendations are in order to both the boys and girls basketball teams for their splendid records accumulated on the hardwood this season. Both aggregations have established won-lost records that stand as the best in Hoke High School's history. A successful finish was added to the local 51-52 dribble derby Monday night when the Hoke teams knocked off Seventy-First and West End, in the finals, to bring home the bacon (in the form of trophies, that is) from the locally sponsored American Legion tournament held last week in the Hoke gymnasium.

The Hoke girls wound up a spectacular season of 24 wins and 3 losses by whipping a strong sextet from Seventy-First High School, 57-51. The contest was of the crowd-thriller type with the score being close all the way and the lead changing hands almost after every basket. In the fourth period Lydia Williams and Claudine Hodgins, dead-eye forwards, began hitting with uncanny accuracy and the "Does" built an eight point lead. With guards Ellen Kate Koonce, Mary Guin and Ina Scull doing masterful work as defenders the outcome was assured and the locals froze the ball the last minute for their first local tournament championship. The trophies presented signified the greatness of the team and their phenomenal success on the hardwood can only be credited to the girls themselves for their never-dying determination and will-to-win.

Boys Take Crown Too

The "Bucks" became the winningest team during the previous season that the home folks have had the opportunity to support for many-a-year. Their 16-6 record stands as one of the finest ever compiled by a team wearing the red and white.

The boys finished in fourth place in the Cumberland County Conference but during the season they were the only team to acquire the honor of beating the potent Central High School five. The Hoke High boys reached their peak in the Legion tournament and after whipping Wagram by some 20 points in the opening round, they bowled over Parkton High by about the same margin in an unfinished game Saturday. Then they met the very strong West End quintet in the finals.

The two clubs started fast and West End began inching away to an early lead, but West End's superior height was matched successfully by the locals' speed and at half time Hoke High led, 25-22. The third quarter was played on even terms and the score saw-sawed back and forth between the (Continued on Page 10)

H. D. Clubs Plan To Organize Chorus

"On Friday evening, March 14, at 7:30, Home Demonstration Club members, and members of their families and friends will meet at the Antioch Presbyterian church to organize a County-wide Chorus," says Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent.

Mrs. Gower Crosswell, the wife of the new minister at the Antioch church, will direct the Chorus. Mrs. Crosswell is very anxious for both men and women to join the Chorus. Church music, music appreciation, music for the State Home Demonstration Club Chorus, and singing purely for fun will be among the things the group will study and participate in. Boys and girls of high school age are invited. Women who are non-club members and men interested in singing are cordially invited to join the Chorus.