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RAEFORD MERCHANTS OFFER SALES EVENT

Addenda - - By The Editor

Progress is a great thing, and some is being made around town on the installation of the curb and gutters preparatory to paving several streets. Just getting them graded and the concrete curbs there makes a tremendous difference in the appearance of the streets. One sad thing about it to me, though, is the necessity that has come up in a case or two to remove some large and beautiful trees. An oak tree three or four feet in diameter is a thing that I understand may be as old as these United States, and when you cut one down there is no replacing it for this generation. There is a majesty about something that can stand unmolested in one place for so long a time, and a note of tragedy in its falling.

A man can dream a little under a big oak tree, thinking that in this life, short and uncertain at best, there is something that the hand of God Almighty put there to stay a long time. Maybe old Daniel Boone stopped under this same tree for a rest when he came through a white back, or perhaps some Blue or Cameron, or one of the many Maces stopped under it to rest his horse, if he had one, when going west from the Cape Fear to settle the Sandhills.

Progress is good and, I hope, certain, but we must be positive it does not erase our memories of the past. We have much to be proud of and live up to right here, and in our State and Nation. Our way of life changes, but the standards by which our forefathers lived are good enough. Let's don't forget them.

Jerome Clark, son of former Congressman J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville, in talking to the Presbyterian men Tuesday night, mentioned that he had heard there was a sign at the Cape Fear landing at Cross Creek many years ago which said "The best land is to the west." He said all those who could read moved on to these parts and those who could not stayed. Nice way to pay us a little compliment.

One thing our forefathers stood up for from the beginning was the right of every man to his opinion, and his right to express it. That comes to my mind more than the average, perhaps, because to be honest with myself and the readers of this newspaper I must print mine.

Word comes to me that it has been remarked (perhaps in jest, perhaps not) that I am the only person who thinks there should be a full-time principal at the J. W. McLauchlin Elementary school. That person could not know how many mothers and fathers and interested citizens of this county have encouraged me in my urging the board of education to put one there. However, if I were completely alone in the opinion, I believe I am right, and as long as I run this newspaper I shall continue to say so and to advocate the employment of a full-time principal there. There are more teachers and pupils in this elementary school now than there were in the whole school system here when I was a pupil, I believe.

Another angle on this is the fact that the people of this county have only one high school and it, I believe, should certainly have a full-time principal. Under the arrangement they are working this year, the high school principal, in charge of both schools, is supposed to spend part of each day at the elementary school.

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Farm, Business Leaders Endorse Farm Profit Day

Program Set 1:30, Mar. 5

Farm and business leaders in Raeford and Hoke County have been practically unanimous in their approval of the idea of the first annual "Farm Profit Day" to be held at the High school on Friday, March 5, 1944, since first announcement of the program was made by W. C. Williford, county farm agent, two weeks ago.

The list of outstanding speakers on the subject of making more money farming under present-day conditions will be headed by North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. "Stag" Barentine, who is also a former lieutenant governor of the State. Expectations are that practically every farm in the county will be represented at the meeting, and the county agent says some benefactor has come up with a \$100 bill to be given to some person in the crowd that day as a door prize.

This \$100 bill will undoubtedly be the quickest farm profit produced by the meeting for the person receiving it, but others are to be had from attendance, as has been proved in many counties of the State which have had the programs for several years and have kept records on the activities of the farmers attending and the results they have attained.

As Mr. Williford said in his announcement of the meeting, "This will be a program of practical farming information which will be of equal benefit to all groups of our farm people. Landowners should make a special effort to have present all the people connected with farming on their land, to the end that all may make more money and live better from the complex and competitive business that farming is today."

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The Hoke-Raeford PTA held its regular monthly meeting at the J. W. McLauchlin School. After the business of the evening was attended to, Roger Dekker, Guidance Director at Flora MacDonald College addressed the gathering on Guidance problems and advantages.

Ashmont's PTA held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday night. After the business session a community sing was held.

Last Friday the Rockfish School had valentine parties in all the rooms.

J. W. Turlington, principal of the J. W. McLauchlin School, made a talk Tuesday afternoon to the Upchurch faculty on Visual Aids. His talk was well received. Mr. Turlington is our authority in Hoke County on visual aids.

Miss Sarah Tatum attended a Supervisors' meeting in Clinton this week.

The colored schools are using the month of February to celebrate the twenty-seventh anniversary of the Parent-Teacher Organization. Monday of this week the teachers, students and parents of Frye's Mission, New Hope and Buffalo Schools met at 1:30 p. m. at the Buffalo Spring Church and rendered a most inspiring program. The stage scenery included a birthday cake with

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Mrs. J. A. Cameron Dies On Thursday; Funeral On Saturday

Mrs. John Alexander Cameron, descendant of Scottish pioneers and member of one of the old and prominent families of the Sandhill section, died at her home in Raeford on Thursday afternoon, February 11. Her death followed a period of declining health and she had been critically ill since suffering a severe stroke on January 30th. She was 79 years of age.

Before her marriage she was Miss Annie Eliza Blue, the daughter of Lauchlin Alexander Blue and Mary McDougald Blue. Her husband, the late John Alexander Cameron, died in 1948. She was a granddaughter of Neill McK. Blue and Eliza Smith Blue, and Dougald McDougald and Betsy McNeill McDougald.

Mrs. Cameron was for many years one of the largest land holders in this section of North Carolina, and furnished many thousands of acres of land for the Fort Bragg reservation. Her father was a man of more than average wealth, as were also her grandparents, and was rated one of the pioneer builders of the period which followed the War Between the States. He served as a soldier in the Confederate Army.

Mrs. Cameron was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, holding her membership at old Sandy Grove church near her old home in the Fort Bragg reservation, where she was born. When the Army took the reservation her family was among the last to move out, moving to Southern Pines. The family moved to their new home here in 1924.

She is survived by five sons and three daughters, Alex B. Gainesville, Ga., John B. Raeford, Marcellus S., Barnwell, S. C., William Lauchlin, Vass, Charles B., Raeford and Washington, D. C., Marguerite, of the home, Mrs. James W. Hewitt, Martinsville, Va., and Mrs. T. L. Davis, Wilson.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Saturday afternoon at three o'clock by the Rev. W. B. Heyward of the Raeford Presbyterian Church. Interment was in Raeford cemetery.

Pall-bearers were N. B. Sinclair, N. B. Blue, Marvin Blue, Harold C. Keith, D. D. Shields, Cameron, Make McKeithan, Henry Borst and J. B. McLeod.

Merchants Act On Parking Situation

The Main Street storekeepers and business people got together this week and agreed on a policy to relieve the congested parking situation on Main Street during business hours. The action came as a result of complaints on the part of many people that they could not find parking places to stop and do their trading.

The business houses agreed that all those who work on Main Street would park their cars off the street during business hours in the future, and every business and its employees has agreed to follow this policy, effective at once.

LEGION TO CHURCH

Members of the Ellis Williamson post of the American Legion will attend church services Sunday morning at the Raeford Methodist Church. This is part of the Legion's "Back to God" program and the commander of the local post urges all ex-service men to meet in front of the church in time to attend in a body.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Overby of Benson, Mrs. Goldie Broughton and Mrs. M. H. Langdon of Raeford spent Sunday with Mrs. H. O. Langdon.

J. B. McIntyre Dies Suddenly; Funeral Today



JOHN B. MCINTYRE

John Black McIntyre, owner and operator of the Raeford Theater since 1935, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon of a heart attack. He had not been previously ill and was in Aberdeen with his brother-in-law, J. B. Edwards, when he became ill at around six o'clock. He was taken to the hospital and died a few minutes after arrival.

A native of Rowland, he was the son of the late D. C. McIntyre and Lily Paul McIntyre, and was 53 years of age. He was a member of the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Funeral service was conducted at the church at eleven o'clock this morning by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor, and burial was in the Raeford cemetery. Pall-bearers were Sidney Epstein, Paul Dickson, Harry Greene, Tommie Upchurch, Robert Williams and John D. McNeill.

Mr. McIntyre is survived by his wife, the former Pansie Edwards, of Raeford; a son, Martin L. McIntyre of Raleigh; a daughter, Mrs. Milo Postel of Raeford; two grandchildren, and one sister, Miss Nell McIntyre of Rowland.

Stone Finance Co. To Operate Here

It is announced this week that the E. B. Stone Finance Co., of Laurinburg, has purchased the receivable accounts of the Citizens Finance Co., which has operated in the Sunset Hills shopping center for several years, and will operate a branch of the company in the same location under the management of Harlee Johnston. The operation of the local branch will be under the supervision of B. T. Phillips, Jr., of Rockingham, district supervisor for the E. B. Stone Finance Co., in charge of the offices in Rockingham and Laurinburg.

The E. B. Stone Company was organized by E. B. Stone in Charlotte in 1943 and has grown rapidly since that time, being now the largest independent finance company operating exclusively in North Carolina. It has branches in Charlotte, Concord, Albemarle, Rockingham and Laurinburg. The company has been in Laurinburg since March of 1951 and has already done business with many Hoke County people through that office.

Harlee Johnston, who will manage the Raeford branch, is a native of Wagram who married a Hoke County girl and who has been associated with the M & J Auto Co. here for the past three years. Mrs. Beatrice Wilkes of Laurinburg is serving as bookkeeper at the company until a local bookkeeper can be employed.

Bill Saunders and Miss Dot Saunders of Aberdeen spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barnhart.

Board Of Elections Members Renamed

Reappointment of two Democratic members of the Hoke County Board of Elections for another two-year term is virtually assured as the Hoke County Democratic Executive Committee in session here Monday voted to recommend Election Board Chairman W. L. Poole and Secretary F. F. McPhaul for the board positions. Poole has been chairman of the board since G. B. Rowland resigned to become solicitor of the Hoke County recorder's court last year, and he had previously served in the position.

Walter P. Baker, chairman of the executive committee, said that the name of O. B. Israel had also been submitted, as the State Democratic Executive Committee requests that three names be submitted.

G. W. Cox is the Republican member of the county board of elections.

Poole has already received blanks and instructions from the State Board of Elections, and is ready to accept filing fees from any candidates who wish to become candidates for county offices in the Democratic Primary, May 29.

71st Beats Girls; Boys Team Wins; Clinton Divides

To Play Here Friday

(Contributed)

71st High led by Helen Grooms snapped Hoke High's winning streak last Friday night by a score of 69-58. Perhaps the largest crowd ever assembled in the local gym were thrilled right up to the last minute as the local girls fought gamely to protect their undefeated record. In the end it was just a case of too much Grooms and too many Raeford fouls. Grooms scored more points against Raeford than had ever been scored before. She made 21 field goals and 12 free throws for a total of 54 points. Raeford's own Claudine Hodgins again turned in a sparkling performance, scoring 31 points. The half-time score was 30-29 in favor of 71st. The lead changed hands six times in the third quarter, but 71st made two quick baskets that put them ahead 47-43 going into the final quarter. Raeford pulled ahead by 4 points midway in the last quarter, but two unfortunate fouls and 2 field goals by Grooms put 71st in the lead. With a minute and a half left in the game and 71st leading by 3 points the visitors began freezing the ball. It proved to be successful strategy as Raeford continued to foul with the result that 71st won by a comfortable margin. Raeford fans were mighty proud of the way that the girls scrapped right down to the final whistle.

Girls Beat Clinton

Tuesday night the girls disposed of Clinton rather easily, 66-53. Raeford had a 24 point lead going into the last quarter. Coach Rockholz used his substitutes freely in the last quarter. Hodgins with 32 points was high for Raeford. Williamson was high for Clinton with 30 points. Jean Linthicum, Joan Gobeille and Virginia McNeill looked good and it looks as though these girls will give Raeford another strong team next year.

The Raeford boys edged out 71st, 42-39, somewhat avenging the girls' defeat. Raeford led all the way. Jim White tore up the 71st zone defense with his one hand push shot. He hit 15 points the first half and wound up the evening with 17. Beasley was high for 71st with 8 points. Raeford's defense looked good in this game.

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THREE BIG DOLLAR DAYS HERE FRIDAY, SATURDAY & MONDAY

Recorder's Court: Usual Variety Of Cases Heard

With 18 speeding cases and a dozen or more on liquor, fighting, stealing and non-support charges the Tuesday session of Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses was an average session.

Lucy Barber, colored woman charged with assault and using profane and indecent language, was freed when the State dropped the case.

Donald L. Shaw, Jr., colored, was found not guilty on a charge of non-support.

Mae Helen Ross, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of larceny of clothing.

Willie Davis and Wiley Perkins, and Leroy Cox, all colored, each had to pay \$10 and costs for public drunkenness.

Pearlie McDowell, white, pled guilty of driving drunk and was sentenced to 60 days, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. Curtis McLauchlin, colored woman, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior.

William C. Balleu, white, paid \$25 and costs for having no driver's license. For using his after it had run out, Willie James McRae, colored, had to pay \$10 and costs.

Clonnie Rogers, colored, paid \$10 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Paul H. Starns, white, left a \$25 bond for illegally parking on the highway and violating the prohibition laws.

Speeders appearing in court were Ashton T. Griffin, Lonnie J. Kelly, John J. Gasser, William M. Perkins, Raymond Nichols, all white, and Junior Wilson, colored, and each had to pay \$20 and costs. R. Lee Dunbar, white, had to pay \$25 and costs. Leaving bonds for speeding were Luther H. Hardy and Allen J. Rooke, \$50 each; Joe Davis, Marjorie Godson, Arthur H. Harbin, Murray E. Moss, Myrtle M. Burtcher, Carl H. Eiferf, Jr., Clifford T. Bonce, Clifton Hix, all white, \$35 each; Marshall S. Calvert, white, \$25.

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., Ginners Vice-Pres.

At the annual convention of the Carolinas Ginners Association in Charlotte from Sunday through Tuesday cotton ginners from North and South Carolina elected Frank M. Wannamaker of St. Matthews, S. C. as their president for the next year and Clyde Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford, vice-president. Upchurch, cotton gin manager for Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Company here, has been a member of the board of directors of the association for several years and active in its program.

At the convention the ginners heard a member of the foreign trade division of the National Cotton Council predict that the United States would probably export half a million more bales of cotton this year than last year. The speaker, Frank Barlow, based his optimistic views on the facts that foreign stocks are "pretty well worked down," and due to increased demand for cotton textile products in foreign countries the activity of foreign mills is showing signs of strength. He also told of sales promotion plans in which the Council is assisting several other countries.

The public of Hoke County and surrounding areas is cordially invited by the merchants and businessmen of Raeford to come to Raeford Friday, Saturday and Monday, February 19, 20 and 22 and attend the Town-Wide Dollar Days sales being conducted.

All businesses in town are co-operating in the event, which is under the sponsorship of the merchants division of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, and bargains are being offered in stores and filling stations the like of which haven't been seen around here in many a day. The Bank, however, is not giving away dollars, although many are expected to be checked out and spent during the three days of big bargains.

Readers of The News-Journal are also invited to pay careful attention to the sample bargains offered in its advertising columns this issue by many of the firms, but are asked to remember that all the businesses of Raeford are co-operating in the big event, and not just those advertising in the paper. And when you see the bargains in the paper, remember that the stores have many more which could not be listed.

The old buck has tightened up a bit lately but through the fine cooperation with each other and with their Chamber of Commerce, Raeford businessmen have come up with a wonderful opportunity for people in this section to make it stretch with their Dollar Days.

March Of Dimes Report Is Made

The Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce, who have led the annual March of Dimes drive for funds for use by the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation in fighting the disease, this week released a preliminary and incomplete report on results of the drive. The report shows almost four thousand dollars reported from seven townships, and Jaycees think there are several sources of funds yet to be reported.

The communities which have reported with amounts are as follows, for a total of \$3972.20: Raeford, \$1,849.98; Stonewall \$607.92; Blue Springs, \$181.33; McLauchlin, \$346.69; Antioch, \$299.97; Quewhiffe, \$535; Little River \$151.32. Allendale has not reported.

BENNER'S AUTO SUPPLY HANDLES DUNLOP TIRES

C. J. Benner said this week that his store, which has operated for about eight years here as Western Auto Associate Store, would be known in the future as Benner's Auto Supply, and that it had no further connection with Western Auto Stores.

In making the statement Benner also said that the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company of Buffalo, New York, had named his store Hoke distributor for their line of auto, truck and tractor tires. He called attention to the service department in the rear of the store where seat covers, tires, etc., are installed and said that personnel there in addition to himself are Wilson McBryde, Dixie L. Linthicum and James A. Purcell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLauchlin of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McLauchlin of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crenshaw of Ft. Deposit, Alabama and John McLauchlin of Davidson College spent the week end with their mother, Mrs. H. C. McLauchlin.