

Several Offenders Sentenced Tuesday

John Jones, colored man of Raeford, was the first defendant on Tuesday's docket in Hoke County court. Jones was found guilty of receiving stolen property, knowing it to have been stolen, and was sentenced to three months on the roads to be suspended on payment of the court costs and a fine of \$15.

John Henry Anderson, colored man of Scotland county, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving and sentenced to serve sixty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and a fine of \$10.

Henry T. Fowler, white man of Fort Bragg, entered a plea of guilty of driving under the influence of liquor and was sentenced to serve thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$5 and the court costs.

Will Toom, colored man of McLauchlin township, entered a plea of guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Sentence was thirty days to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Monk McLean, colored woman of Little River township, was found guilty of assault and sentenced to thirty days in jail, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Lucius Long, colored man of Sanatorium, was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to serve four months on the roads.

James Mills and Cliff Jones, colored men of Sanatorium, were found guilty of receiving stolen goods, knowing it to have been stolen. Mills was sentenced to serve three months on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and a \$15 fine. Jones got the same sentence to be suspended on payment of the court costs.

J. C. McLean, white man of Raeford, was charged with driving a car while under the influence of liquor. The defendant submitted a \$1500 bond to be suspended on payment of the court costs.

Course In Highway Safety To Be Held At State College

Raleigh, Jan. 10.—Methods for increasing safety on the highways will be emphasized at N. C. State College January 17-18 when truck operators from every section of the State gather for a short course in safety.

Details of the program were announced today by Director Edward W. Ruggles of the College Extension Division. The course is open to operators, drivers, safety supervisors, dispatchers and anyone else interested in highway transportation.

Registration will occur between 8:30 and 11 a. m. Wednesday, January 17, and the safety school will begin immediately after a short welcoming address by Col. J. W. Harrison, State College dean of administration.

Experts in various phases of highway transportation will lead discussions designed to acquaint truck operators with the latest developments and accepted practices in safety. Harry Tucker of State College, professor of highway engineering and nationally known authority on highway safety, will preside over the discussions.

Kiwanis Club Entertains Ladies At Banquet

Last Thursday night, January 4th, the members of the Raeford Kiwanis club entertained their wives at the club's annual ladies' night.

The program committee consisted of Laurie McEachern, R. B. Lewis and Neill A. McDonald, Jr., the second serving as toastmaster.

The guests, other than active Kiwanians and their wives, were introduced by Neill A. McDonald, Jr., following which a flowery toast to the ladies was delivered by Laurie McEachern. The response to this was charmingly presented by Mrs. Crawford Thomas, who started the ball to buzzing by dropping a few gentle hints in re the private lives of some of the staid and solemn gentlemen present.

Mrs. Ina P. Bethune, who plays the piano regularly for the club at its meetings, was presented a gift by H. L. Gatlin, Jr., in behalf of the organization. There was then a drawing for a prize for the lucky lady who also happened to be Mrs. Bethune.

After recognition and roll call of the past presidents of the club by R. B. Lewis, Hugh Pinkston of the Fayetteville club was introduced by Tommie Upchurch. Mr. Pinkston then proceeded to install the newly elected officers of the Raeford club to serve during the year 1940, following which the president's pin was presented to J. B. Thomas, the new president. By Walter Baker, the retiring president. Ryan McBryde then presented the past president's pin to Walter Baker.

Dr. Gray, of the Sanatorium, entertained the gathering with several songs following which Lewis Upchurch staged a humorous stunt.

Sherwood Brockwell, fire marshal of the State of North Carolina, chief of the North Carolina Volunteer fire department, and holder of numerous other high positions in the field of fire protection, was introduced by R. B. Lewis. Mr. Brockwell's talk was primarily intended to be entertaining and it was highly so, but he also got in a few valuable points on fire prevention and the distress suffered from fires. His address ended the program.

Officers Take Alleged Killer Tuesday Night

Sheriff D. H. Hodgin, accompanied by Deputy C. J. McNeill and Highway Patrolman J. E. Merrill, went out to Blue Springs township last Tuesday night and caught a colored man wanted by officers in Cumberland county for the killing of a colored woman in Seventy-First township last week with an axe. Although he gave another name at the time he was taken on the farm of A. A. McEachern, it was later established that he was Romey McPhatter, the man thought by Cumberland officers to have done the killing.

George McNeill Passes at His Home In Fayetteville

Col. George McNeill, operator of Fayetteville's oldest business enterprise and prominent figure in state and local politics, died Tuesday night at 6 o'clock at his home on St. James Square of heart trouble from which he had suffered for several years. He was 58 years of age.

Colonel McNeill was secretary of the State Board of Elections, having been appointed a member of the board by Governor Hoey in 1938, after having served previously on that board by appointment of Governor Gardner. He was a member of the House of the North Carolina General Assembly in 1919 and a member of the State Senate in 1933. He was a candidate for Democratic nomination as lieutenant-governor of N. C. in 1936.

As a member of the State Senate he was chairman of the inaugural committee and in that capacity presided at the ceremony by which his close personal friend J. C. B. Ehringhaus was inducted into office as governor.

He served the Democratic party in many capacities, being chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee for the Seventh Congressional District for many years, was secretary of the Cumberland County Executive Committee even longer, and had been chairman of the Democratic organization in Cross Creek precinct number 4 ever since he was 21 years old. He had a record of attending virtually every county and State Democratic convention held during his majority. Before being elevated to the State Board of Elections he served as a member of the Cumberland county board.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at St. John's Episcopal church. The rector, Rev. W. Tate Young, will officiate.

Burial will be in the McPherson Presbyterian church cemetery in Seventy-First township.

Wintery Weather In State This Week

Sleet and rain and below-freezing weather greeted inhabitants of Hoke county last Monday morning. The sleet covered everything with a quite beautiful but rather uncomfortable cloak of ice and rendered roads in the county almost impassible in spots and dangerous in others.

Raeford did not, however, suffer any suspension of electric service by reason of the weather as did many other towns in the state. It was necessary to close the schools here on Monday but they were reopened on Tuesday morning.

The temperature has remained low in the twenties most of the week and showed no sign of warming up late yesterday, although the sleet had practically all melted away.

On last Monday the cold froze the ice-deicers on two army transport planes carrying members of the House Military Affairs Committee back to Washington, and forced them down, one at Raleigh and the other at Fort Bragg.

The cold extended from the mountains to the seashore. Beaufort, on the coast, had sleet Sunday while there was rain and sleet here, snow in Charlotte, Durham and Raleigh, and as much as five or six inches in several places west of Charlotte.

The heaviest fall of snow was reported to be in the northwestern part of the state. The depth ranged from three inches in Ashe county to six in Avery. Schools in many parts of the state were closed, schools in Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and other cities closed.

The roads in this county were slick with the ice that it was suicidal to make the routes with school buses Monday morning, although they were still in bad shape Tuesday, no accidents in the county have been reported.

Syphilis Shows High Per Cent In Hoke

The clinic for negroes in this county in the report for December shows 154 persons examined for syphilis. The state laboratory has reported on 133 of the blood specimens and shows 39 per cent positive. This 39 per cent was slightly higher than the per centage found in any other month of the year, but the average for the twelve months shows more than three times the government average for the country.

Many cases have reached late stages in the disease. Too few expectant mothers consider blood examinations necessary. A large number of children born with syphilis enter into the picture.

The medical clinic is to find syphilis, to treat syphilis, and to promote the dissemination of knowledge concerning syphilis, as measures for the prevention of the disease.

In addition to lectures on syphilis, moving pictures are presented as aid to the work. The film for this work was made available by the United States Department of Public Health for a limited time.

The program for this year provides for the collecting of blood specimens by appointment as places in sections of the county, where groups of negroes may be reached. This work started by collecting blood from 40 men working at a large mill. The laboratory report on this group showed that 19 were infected with syphilis.

Clinics are conducted during the afternoon hours on Friday and Saturday of each week. The clinic on Friday will be for children, expectant mothers and cases requiring attention other than routine treatment.

Stacy Not to Make Race For Governor

Lumberton, Jan. 9.—Horace E. Stacy, for the last 18 months president of the North Carolina State School Boards association, said today he would not run for governor this time but would like to be a member of the next general assembly to "have an opportunity to help in the advancement and improvement in our public schools."

He made the statement to the Robesonian. It was not construed here, however, as an announcement of his candidacy for the legislature, in which he served as senator in 1919 and the special session of 1920. Stacy was a member of Governor Hoey's commission on education.

Short Course For Tobacco Growers

Tobacco farmers will have an opportunity to acquaint themselves with methods of controlling the major insects and diseases at a plant course which will be held at N. C. State College January 16-19, says A. S. Knowles, county agent. More than that, farmers will hear several speakers, who will lead discussions in tobacco soils, fertilizers, tobacco production, and varieties.

Further information may be obtained at the county agent's office.

Bridge Tournament At Pinehurst January 26th

Pinehurst, Jan. 8.—The annual Pinehurst Mid Southern Bridge Tournament will be held at the Carolina Hotel January 26 and 27. Mrs. Anna Baker Fenner of Tarboro again will direct the affair, her assistants including Mrs. Claude Ramsay of Pinehurst, Mrs. Phil Horton of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Curtis Sprague of Flushing, N. Y. and Mrs. Lillian Rutzler of Lexington, Va. A. B. Vogel of Spartanburg, S. C., and W. A. Swain of Raleigh, will be official scorers.

The first qualifying match, in which everyone is eligible will be held Friday, January 26th at 8:00 p. m. Trophies will be awarded for North-South and East-West winners in all sections. The Mitchell Movement will be used. The second qualifying match with everyone eligible, will be held Saturday, January 27 at 1:30 p. m. also under the Mitchell Movement. The championship play-off, composed of the 16 highest pairs will compete under the Howell Movement Saturday, January 27 in the evening. Grand trophies will go to series winners.

An innovation will be the inauguration of a single session for Carolina trophies, beginning Saturday, January 27, evening at 8:30. There will be grand trophies for highest North-South and highest East-West winners in all sections.

Republicans Will Meet January 16th

Washington, Jan. 10.—Continuing to jockey with Democratic officials over 1940 campaign arrangements, the Republican national committee was called today to meet February 16, when it will set a date and place for the party's national convention.

The Democratic committee will make similar decisions February 5th under a recent notification by national Chairman James A. Farley.

Thus the Republicans, if they wish can hold their convention after the Democrats have assembled. Although this would depart from custom, a number of party leaders have advocated the change on the theory that it would give the Republicans the strategic advantage of knowing the Democratic candidates and platform.

Official Vote On Marketing Quotas

Washington, Jan. 10.—Official results disclosed today that marketing quotas on the 1940 cotton crop, approved at a farmers referendum, had a 91 per cent majority of the vote. The affirmative vote was 38 per cent of all producers of the crop.

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced the official returns from the referendum held December 8th, as follows: 977,223 in and 84,976 against quotas.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders of The Bank of Raeford

On Thursday morning, January 4, the stockholders of the Bank of Raeford had their annual meeting. The Cashier's report to them showed that the bank had enjoyed a good year during 1939. A dividend of 12 per cent was paid to holders of stock as of January 1st. The surplus fund was increased to \$50,000.00, bonuses were paid the employees, and other reserves set up. The following directors were elected to serve for this year: E. B. McNeill, T. B. Upchurch, F. B. Sexton, H. L. Gatlin, J. B. Thomas, J. L. McNeill, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., J. S. Johnson and R. B. Lewis.

At the meeting of directors following the stockholders meeting, the following officers were elected to serve for this year: President, E. B. McNeill; Vice-President, T. B. Upchurch and H. L. Gatlin; Cashier, R. B. Lewis.

The bank is now in its 36th year of service to Hoke County.

Small Child Dies

Little Lois Mintz, two and a half year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mintz, of the Raeford cotton mill village, died last Thursday afternoon at six-thirty o'clock. Her death was caused by a throat infection.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Church of God here and burial was in McColl, S. C.

Basketball Tomorrow Doubleheader

The boys' and girls' basketball teams of Hoke county high school will play games against the teams from Ellerbe high school in the new high school gymnasium here tomorrow (Friday) night, Coach Earl Smith announced yesterday.

The Hoke teams have played two games each with two schools, so far, the local boys winning two and the girls losing two. It is expected that two games each week will be scheduled for the boys and girls. This has already been partly done.

Basketball Teams Split Twin Bill Tuesday

In their second start of the season the Hoke county high school basketball teams repeated their first performance, the boys winning their game here Tuesday night and the girls losing.

The boys won their game against the five from Wagram high school by a score of 25 to 12, adding a victory to the one they gained over Seventy-First high before Christmas. Outstanding for the Hoke team were Davis and Upchurch who scored eight and nine points, respectively.

The girls' sextet took their second straight beating by a score of 22 to 13. High scorer for the victorious Wagram girls was Martha Maners with 13 points to her credit while Joyce Williamson was outstanding on the Raeford team, scoring 7 points.

Increase In Cheaper Residences Expected

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Robert T. Williams, chief of the industries section of the federal housing administration, predicted today that most of the dwellings to be erected in this country in 1940 would cost less than \$4,000.

The heaviest concentration will be in the \$2,500 to \$3,000 range, the Washington official told the American Designers institute, meeting here in connection with the annual two-weeks' winter wholesale furniture and home furnishings markets.

The lower cost of buildings will result in lower monthly payments by the buildings, Williams said, citing that the 1939 average was less than \$30 a month.

Outburst Of Air And Sea Warfare

London, Jan. 10.—The British air force carried the war to Germany's shores today in an outburst of renewed air and sea warfare coming only one day after Prime Minister Chamberlain's warning that the war are ahead.

The British sent warplanes over Germany's northern coast in what they called reconnaissance flights and "security patrols" over German mine-laying bases in the Frisian Islands.

Dispatches from German sources indicated that the British fleet was in the Baltic. Vivid flashes of light dawn and the rumble of shells along with the sighting of aircraft indicated an attack on the island of Suhl. German sources said that a German machine-gun attack by British planes on 12 ships in the Baltic waters yesterday, and the British communiqué asserted that the ships were sunk; the British also said that the sinking of the ship was a result of the attack.

The admiralty announced that the 1,935-ton British steamer Grov was sunk with a number of casualties from the air, and the British steamer Gowdown.

Dennis H. Sutton Gets FSA Appointment

Raleigh, January 6.—The Farm Security Administration announced today the appointment of Dennis H. Sutton of Salisbury, as Assistant State Director.

Vance E. Swift, State Director, said the creation of the position of Assistant State Director was recently authorized by the Regional and Washington offices of the FSA.

During the past year the Tenant Relocation program, which helps tenant farmers to buy and improve farms of their own was extended to every county in the state. In addition there are some 15,000 farm families, both tenants and small owners farming under the FSA rural rehabilitation program—a program which combines convenient credit with agricultural supervision, stressing soil improvement and live-at-home practices.

Benefit Party

There will be a benefit party, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Friday night, January 12, 7:30 o'clock in the Kiwanis hall. Tickets will be on sale at 25c each.

Bridge, rock, checkers, etc. will be played. All persons are invited to bring their own chairs.

Hoke Auto Co., Inc. Becomes Partnership

The firm in Raeford which has been known as Hoke Auto company, incorporated, is now merely Hoke Auto company.

The stockholders in the corporation decided that it would be to their best interests to operate the business as a partnership rather than as a corporation. Therefore the corporation has been dissolved and the business is running with the same owners, under the same management, and with the same personnel as previously, the only practical difference to the public being that its name is Hoke Auto company and not Hoke Auto company, incorporated.

Hoke Furniture Co. Will Open Saturday

A new business will open in Raeford Saturday, January 13th, when the Hoke Furniture company opens for business in the old Epstein stand in the Johnson-Thomas building here. The business is being started by General Electric.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr., spent yesterday in Raleigh. Mr. Gatlin, manager of the Raeford Furniture company, went for the purpose of attending a dealer's convention.

Sentenced For Starting Fires

Raleigh, Jan. 10.—Lloyd Anderson of Wilkes county has been sentenced to two years in the federal prison on conviction of a charge of "deliberately starting" two forest fires, the State Department of Conservation and Development said today in a news release.

Assistant State Forester W. C. McCormick commented:

"A few more sentences like this of two years in prison for starting forest fires and we would not have much trouble with incendiary fires."

Nowadays, the fire is white, son up to the top of the tree, and the smoke is black.

ROAD CLOSED

That part of the Raeford road contained on the Fort Bragg station will be closed to traffic from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. today.

K. A. MacDonald, County School Superintendent, said that his home since he was in the hospital yesterday he is unable to return to his home today.