

State Blanketed By Sleet and Snow Tuesday Night

A heavy snow, on top of a good layer of sleet blanketed North Carolina Tuesday night, hampering traffic, grounding airplanes, and closing many schools over the state. Hoke county schools were closed.

Sunshine Here
While there was no sign of relief in most places yesterday, there was plenty of sunshine and quite a bit of thawing in Hoke county and late yesterday it was expected that the schools of the county would reopen today. The sunshine was, however, contrary to the prediction of the weather man on Tuesday night when more snow was predicted for yesterday.

A snap of even colder weather was predicted for last night by the government weather bureau in North Carolina.

Schools in a dozen or more of the interior counties of the state were closed yesterday, some of them announcing that they would remain closed all this week as it was seen that conditions would not improve enough to warrant safe travel in school buses.

It was reported yesterday that "zero-zero" weather conditions had brought aviation through the Carolinas to a standstill Tuesday night and yesterday. Although no planes were snowbound in North Carolina, flights of planes scheduled to stop in North Carolina were prevented.

Eleven students and a teacher were sent to a Reidsville hospital when a truck and two school buses were involved in a collision attributed to the snowy roads. None was believed to be seriously injured and no arrests are made.

Patrolman J. E. Merrill, who investigated the crash of the orange-loaded truck from a bridge on highway 15-A, attributed that accident to weather conditions. The highway patrol over the state advised motorists to stay off of the roads except in cases of absolute necessity.

Fayetteville Road Blocked
The Raeford-Fayetteville road was blocked for several hours early yesterday by loaded trucks traveling north being unable to climb hills on the road. Some of them got started up the hills but, for lack of traction on the slick road, would slip backward when their forward momentum gave out. The trailers then turned and "jackknifed" causing the road to be blocked. There were from twenty-five to fifty trucks held up at the same time because of this situation which was cleared by noon yesterday.

Storm Southwide
Snowfall appeared to be southwide and in many areas it was the worst of a generation. Atlanta's nine and a half inches set a new record for the city and 10 inches was an all-time mark at Jackson, Miss.

From southern Georgia west through mid-Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana to Texas piled up. In some places it measured an official foot.

Air, motor car and bus, train and water transportation was hampered. Subfreezing cold reached far south into the citrus belts of the Florida peninsula and Texas' Rio Grande valley, endangering several millions of dollars worth of fruit. Earlier, it had dealt a heavy blow to tender truck crops in south Florida mucklands. The federal-state frost warning service said truck losses might reach several hundred acclimated residents.

Unfamiliar with icy-road driving, Dixie motorists had tough going. They skidded into drifts and stuck. Most had no tire chains. City streets and county highways were dotted with marooned cars.

Coal Shortage
A coal shortage threatened domestic users in Birmingham, Ala., in the heart of the Alabama coal mining and steel manufacturing area.

Mining operations in recent weeks had been hampered by cold. Dealers reported they were unable to get sufficient rail deliveries to keep up with the demand. One iron manufacturing plant announced it would sell coke to its industrial stock to retailers. Travel ceased during the day at the Atlanta airport. Trains ran two to three hours behind schedule, buses were far behind and discontinued many northbound trips. Southbound bus schedules were far behind.

Snow and sleet caused maneuvers of 8,500 troops in the army's first division gathered at Fort Benning, Ga., to be held in abeyance. The men, housed in a tent city, huddled as best they could against the cold.

Snow-shrouded ice floes churned in the Mississippi river south of Greenville, Miss., making progress hazardous for sternwheel steamers.

Storm warnings were ordered for small craft in the Atlantic and gulf from Atlantic City, N. J., to Port Eads, La.

Careful drivers seldom slid.

Attend Chamber Of Commerce Meeting

J. A. McGoogan and J. B. Thomas attended the midwinter business session of the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce in Fayetteville Monday night.

The speaker for the occasion was Clyde A. Erwin, North Carolina Superintendent of public instruction. In his address the educator told the gathering that North Carolinians should promote a "balanced program for a balanced state to make North Carolina the Empire State of the South."

"Industry is de-centralizing," he said, "and North Carolina should attract hundreds of industries from this break-up movement."

From the standpoint of agriculture Superintendent Erwin said the state needed to stop being a slave to the one-crop system if agriculture would become prosperous. "North Carolina needs balance and a 'Live-at-Home' program," he added.

A balanced program of agriculture, industry, education, and culture would make this state the greatest in the south if the people and the cities would cease their endless competition and present a unified front of action to develop the possibilities of growth, he concluded.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

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EDUCO CLUB HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

On Monday night the Hoke Educo club held its regular monthly meeting in the high school cafeteria. A splendid steak supper was served by the N. Y. A. workers under the efficient direction of Mrs. L. M. Lester. The club had as its guests the district committeemen, E. D. Johnson made a report on the regional guidance conferences which he had attended in Raleigh the previous Friday and Saturday. After this report a general discussion was had on the need for and the possibility of securing an instructor for a special class in manual arts and handicrafts. Sickness and previous engagements prevented several committeemen from being present.

COUNTY'S SCHOOLS CLOSED YESTERDAY

The schools of the county were closed Wednesday on account of the dangerous conditions of the roads. Announcement of the closing was made through the courtesy of WPTF, Raleigh. It seemed that very few in the county did not get the word.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOURTH MONTH

We give herewith the percentage in attendance of the white schools for the fourth month: Antioch, 95.18; Hoke high, 94.1; Mildouson, 89.56; Ashmont, 88.41; Rockfish, 87.9; Raeford graded, 87.5. The average elementary attendance for the county was 88.7. For the county as a whole 90.3. We think that this is rather good, taking into consideration the weather and the amount of sickness we have had. Parents, however, are urged to make every effort to keep the children in school where, they are well enough to be there.

FIGURES FOR THIRD MONTH IN NEGRO SCHOOLS

The following is the percentage in attendance among the negro schools for the third month: Evergreen, 98.9; Edinburg, 93; Peachmont, 93; Freedom, 92.7; Millside, 92.7; Upchurch high, 92.3; New Hope, 92.12; Calvin Martin, 91.6; Upchurch elementary, 91.3; Cedar Grove, 91; Rockfish, 90.41; Laurel Hill, 86.8; Buffalo, 86; Burlington, 86.8; Timberland, 86.4; White Oak, 86.2; Frye's Mission, 86.0; Bridge's Grove, 85.6; Friendship, 84.97; St. John's, 84.9; Shady Grove, 83.6; Piney Bay, 82.9; Bowmore, 74.9; Lilly's Chapel, 74.3; McFarland's, 72.5. With careful cooperation between the teachers and parents, during the coming months the attendance in these schools should improve.

Soil Conservation Radio Broadcast

Arrangements have been made for a series of 15 broadcasts to be given each Tuesday over the National Farm and Home Hour by AAA committeemen from various parts of the United States, beginning January 16th and continuing through April 23rd, 1940, says A. S. Knowles, county agent. Committeemen from Tennessee will discuss "lime and phosphate" on January 30, and the North Carolina committeemen will discuss "Cover and Green Manure Crops" on March 12th. All farmers are urged to listen to these broadcasts each Tuesday.

ENTERS RACE



C. B. DEANE

Third Man Announces In Eighth District

Rockingham, Jan. 21.—C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, a principal in one of the most prolonged election disputes in the state's history, announced today he again would run for the United States house of representatives from the eighth congressional district.

Congressman W. O. Burgin, of Lexington, the other principal, has said he will seek re-election. Another Democratic candidate is Giles Y. Newton of Gibson.

The eighth district election dispute hinged on alleged irregularities in the Democratic primaries of 1938. Partly because of the controversy and its disclosures, the 1939 legislature banned absentee voting in primaries and adopted certain other election "reforms."

Returns originally certified by county elections boards after the second primary of 1938 showed that Burgin had a majority over Deane. Deane protested the returns to the state board of elections, which eventually declared him the winner.

The dispute then went to the courts, and when it appeared that no final decision would be reached before the general election, both men submitted their cases to a board of arbitration. The board decided in favor of Burgin, who subsequently was elected.

Deane said his "sole desire" was to be of service to the people of his district. He expressed appreciation for the support given him two years ago and said he solicited the support of all Democrats in the district.

"The voters of the district, I feel," Deane said, "know my position on public matters. I have the confidence that they appreciate the fight made by my friends and myself two years ago, resulting in election reforms which now assure to every Democrat that he has an equal chance to appeal for and obtain the votes of his fellow Democrats."

AAA Committeemen Short Course

Hoke county and community soil conservation committeemen will attend a two day short course at the court house in Raeford Thursday and Friday, January 25th and 26th, announced A. S. Knowles, county agent. All agricultural workers in the county are urged to be present for the short course. Those expected to attend are AAA committeemen, county and home agents, vocational and home economics teachers, farm security workers, and officials of the production credit association.

The program on Thursday will deal with the relationship of the extension service with the soil conservation program as regards good farming practices. Mr. W. J. Barker, assistant extension forester, will discuss good forestry practices as it relates to AAA program. Mr. A. C. Kimrey, extension dairymen, will discuss pastures and feed crops for the livestock on the farm. Mr. L. T. Weeks, extension tobacco specialist, will discuss tobacco and other cash crops. Mr. L. P. Watson, extension horticulturist, will discuss the importance of growing abundant supply of food on the farm.

The program for Friday will outline, in detail, the rules and regulations under the 1940 soil conservation program, Mr. Knowles said.

Recorder Sentences Three for Drunkenness

Only three cases were tried in last Tuesday's session of Hoke county recorder's court and the defendant in each case was a colored man charged with being drunk and disorderly.

The three were John Evans, of Blue Springs township, Dave Bethea and Reed McKennie, of Raeford. Each entered a plea of guilty as charged and was sentenced to thirty days on the road to be suspended on payment of the court costs in his case.

January Term Of Superior Court Is Cancelled

The January term of Hoke county Superior court, which was to have begun last Monday, January 22nd, and continued through this week until the docket was cleared, was cancelled last Saturday when Judge Henry L. Stevens, of Warsaw, who was to have presided, called Clerk of the Superior Court Edgar Hall and advised him that he would be unable to conduct the term of court.

The judge said that he had had to adjourn his session of court in Cumberland county early last week owing to the fact that he was suffering from a bad cold and that his doctor still advised him not to leave his home. For this reason he could not come to Raeford for what was to have been his first session on the bench in this county.

Mr. Hall said yesterday that the January term would just be omitted and that the next session of superior court here would be in April. He stated that there were very few cases docketed for trial this week anyway.

Battery "F" Noncoms Eating At Armory

The noncommissioned officers of Battery "F" started last Monday night with a series of noncommissioned officers' schools to be held each Monday night at the armory. The boys will have these schools conducted by a different officer of the 252d Coast Artillery each Monday.

The schools are being staged in the fashion of a supper club with a meal being served at each meeting before the program is turned over to the officer who is to discuss some phase of military science and tactics as applicable to the Coast Artillery and the use of the 155mm gun, with which Battery "F" is armed.

At the first meeting last Monday, Captain Julian H. Blue, of the First Battalion staff, talked to the men. He explained clearly and in detail some of the surveying necessary to obtain data for the accurate firing of the gun.

The school next week will be conducted by Lieut.-Col. R. B. Lewis, executive officer of the 252d Coast Artillery. The subject for the lesson will be "Organization of the Army."

House Burns At Cotton Mill Village

A dwelling house belonging to the Morgan Cotton Mills and located in their mill village here burned to the ground last Monday night between nine and ten o'clock.

The house was occupied by a man named Blackman, a mill employee, and his family. Their furniture and belongings were removed from the burning dwelling in time to be saved.

The Raeford fire department had both trucks on the scene but was unable to extinguish the blaze as the building was out of the city limits and there was no hydrant near enough to be of any practical benefit in fighting the fire. The firemen stood by, however, to prevent other houses nearby from being ignited by sparks from the conflagration. This was the first house to burn down in the mill village in about twenty-five years it has been there.

Truck Crashes From Highway Bridge Wednesday Morning

A Florida truck loaded with oranges and with Raleigh as a destination crashed into the old McNeill's mill bridge on the Raeford-Fayetteville highway at about three o'clock yesterday morning.

The truck, occupied only by the driver and his assistant, was heading north and crashed into the left side of the temporary structure across the creek there and was thrown over against the right side which gave way, letting the truck go through and down the fill.

One of the occupants of the truck suffered slight internal injuries and was admitted to a Fayetteville hospital where he was examined and given first aid treatment. He was released yesterday. The other was uninjured.

INCREASE

Receipts from the sale of principal farm products in November, 1939, were larger than the same month in 1938. In four of the six major geographical divisions of the United States.

You won't live to be 80 if you try to reach it on the speedometer.

Doughton May Not Retire After All

Washington, Jan. 23.—Indications were today that Representative Robert L. Doughton might yield to the demands that are being made by constituents for him to reconsider his position and again become a candidate for Congress.

Mr. Doughton was today in receipt of more than 100 telegrams from Democrats of the Ninth North Carolina district urging him to reconsider the decision. He announced last week that he would retire from Congress at the end of his present term.

Among these was a letter from Walter Woodson of Salisbury, who had announced that he would be a candidate to Congress. His announcement was based on that of Mr. Doughton. In his letter, Mr. Woodson said that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for Congress and advised Mr. Doughton to reconsider his decision and run in the next election to succeed himself.

A large delegation was due to arrive in Washington tomorrow from various places of the Ninth district to ask Mr. Doughton to reconsider and become a candidate, but the veteran congressman has asked them to defer their visit to Washington until he can give the situation careful consideration.

Mr. Doughton said a week ago that he would retire because he was anxious to look after his personal business properties in Laurel Springs.

Leaf Hearings To Begin Soon

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—G. T. Scott of Johnston county, chairman of the State AAA committee, said today that hearings on appeals from 1940 flue-cured tobacco acreage allotments would start late next week in some border counties.

Requests for reviews have been "numerous in some counties, but relatively few in other counties," Scott said.

"Where growers fully understand the serious tobacco situation," Scott explained, "the appeals are being filed only on the basis of indisputable errors in establishing allotments."

A grower has 15 days after his allotment is mailed out to him in which to file an appeal. Appeal boards for each county are taken from adjoining counties, so that no appeals are heard by residents of the county in which they are filed.

Hoke County Red Cross Roll Call, 1939

During the 1939 Red Cross Roll Call campaign in November in Hoke county a total of \$332.38 was contributed. 268 members were enrolled. Five of these, the Bank of Raeford, the City Hall, Upchurch Milling company, McLaughlin Company and Collins Store contributed \$5.00 each and were enrolled as contributing members. 70 colored members enrolled at 1.00 each and the Junior Red Cross in the colored schools contributed \$25.00. Donations less than \$1.00 amounted to \$19.38.

Birthday Ball Takes Place Next Wednesday

In the article in last week's paper announcing that a birthday ball would be held in the National Guard Armory here nothing was said about when the ball would come off. To clarify the situation thus inadvertently created by said typographical error this is to state that the affair will take place on the night of next Wednesday, January 31st, 1940.

Ted Ross, young bandleader from the University of North Carolina whose star is rapidly rising in the world of music, brings his fast-becoming-famous "Music Sweet—With a Dash of Heat" orchestra to the Raeford armory for the occasion.

The dance will be sponsored by Hoke and Scotland counties as has been done in the past and profits will go entirely to charity, part to the Warm Springs Foundation for the cure of infantile paralysis and part to charitable organizations in Hoke and Scotland counties.

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., is chairman of the Birthday Ball committee in Hoke county and James Dalrymple, of Laurel Hill, is chairman for Scotland county.

DONATION

The Troy Kiwanis club sent L. R. Harrill, 4-H club leader at State college, a check for \$25 to be used toward the building of a 4-H county cabin at the Swannocree 4-H club.

Use caution as a practice and you won't have to use bad weather as an excuse.

Bennette L. Cox Dies Suddenly Last Friday

Bennette L. Cox, well known and respected Raeford man, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home here a few minutes before seven o'clock last Friday morning. He was seventy-three years of age.

A native of what is now Lee county, he came to Raeford from Cameron in 1919 and has lived here since that time. He was the Republican member of the Hoke county board of elections and was United States Commissioner for Hoke county in the middle district of North Carolina. Previously he was a United States deputy marshal and was connected with the federal revenue department.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at eleven o'clock at the home of the deceased in Raeford by Rev. E. C. Crawford, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church. Burial rites followed in the Raeford cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, formerly Miss Margaret Patterson of Richmond county; one son, D. C. Cox of Raeford; six daughters, Mrs. Ben Caulk of Gibson, Mrs. Ruth Bridges of Raeford, Mrs. J. D. Gruzdis of Draper, Mrs. L. S. Pesson of Monroe, Mrs. A. L. Barnes of Carthage, Miss Vera Cox of Camden, N. J.; two brothers, G. W. Cox of Raeford and Sion Cox of Jonesboro; two sisters, Miss Sarah Cox and Mrs. Easter Womack of Sanford; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Farmers Urged To Plant Allotment

Hoke cotton farmers are urged by A. S. Knowles, county agent, to plant their cotton allotment in 1940. Under the soil conservation program, farmers lose their allotment if it is not planted for three successive years. Mr. Knowles pointed out that with the reduction of tobacco acreage and the present outlook for marketing tobacco, it would pay farmers to plant their cotton allotment, and grow as much food and feed crops as will be needed on the farm in 1940. A number of tobacco barns could be used to cure and store sweet potatoes during the winter. Farmers would do well to grow an acreage of sweet potatoes in 1940.

Collision Sunday

There was a collision last Sunday afternoon when autos driven by Miss Lola Grace Bristow, daughter of Superintendent Bristow of the Morgan Cotton Mill, and Jess Dunlap, colored man of north Raeford, ran together at the intersection of the Aberdeen road and Main street.

The car driven by Dunlap was coming South on Main street and it hit the other car which was turning from Main Street to the Aberdeen highway. At first investigation by Deputy W. R. Barrington of the Hoke county sheriff's office no arrests were made but later investigation by city policemen and Patrolman Merrill Dunlap was taken into custody and charged with careless and reckless driving.

The case was to have been tried last Tuesday but was postponed. Dunlap was released after posting bond.

IN VETERANS HOSPITAL

N. H. G. Balfour, chairman of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, has been a patient at the Veterans' hospital at Columbia, South Carolina, since Sunday, January 14. He is being treated for a complication of ailments.

J. Dewitt Tapp entered the same hospital for treatment on Wednesday, January 17th.

Neither of these men is thought to be in very serious condition, but it is not known just when they will be discharged from the hospital.

E. B. McNEILL AT HOME

His friends in the county are glad to learn that Mr. E. B. McNeill, who has been a patient at a Fayetteville hospital for quite some time, returned to his home here this week and is doing nicely.

VITAMIN A

The average minimum requirement of Vitamin A for adults has been found to be from 2,500 to 4,000 international units daily, but more is recommended.

Particulars should be obtained from the manufacturer.