

Baseball Greats Will Play Here This Spring

By ELMER L. SCHUYLER
Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 14.—J. Roy Clunk, secretary and business manager of the Williamsport Grays, expects, before another week passes, to have the Grays' exhibition schedule completed, and it will no doubt be available for publication in next week's News-Journal.

In the meantime the baseball fans of Raeford and neighboring towns and communities may congratulate themselves on the prospects of seeing some of the baseball greats of past and present.

Among them will be Chief Bender, who was one of the mainstays of the Philadelphia Athletics back in the days when they were consistent winners of American League pennants and world's series championships. One of the greatest pitchers of his day, Bender is now a manager, having been chosen by Connie Mack to pilot the Athletics newest farm team, Wilmington, Delaware, of the Interstate League. During the spring training season Wilmington will be located in Sanford, N. C., and the Grays' exhibition schedule will include probably a half dozen games with Bender's teams. The big chief served as a scout for Mack last season and picked, among others, Lester ("Farmer") McCrabb, pitcher, and Al Brancato, third baseman, from the Grays.

Another celebrity who may be seen at Raeford, is Rogers Hornsby, who helped to make major league history. The Rajah is prominently mentioned as successor to Clyde Sukeforth as the Eastern League. Sukeforth was signed last week to manage the Montreal club of the International League. Elmira is a farm for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Nemo Lebo, a one-time big league great, who will manage the Scranton champions, will be in charge of the champs when they appear in Raeford.

The exhibition schedule, it is expected, will feature a game at Raeford with Toronto of the International League. Toronto is managed by Tony Lazzeri, who has helped to make baseball history, and on his team will be another great athlete in the person of Eric Tipton. It is likely, too, that Al Brancato will be seen with this outfit, although he is scheduled to go to California for training with Connie Mack's Athletics.

In less than six weeks all of the clubs in the Eastern League will be in the South—Scranton at Bennettsville; Wilkes-Barre at Suffolk, Va.; Albany at Barnwell, S. C.; Springfield at Greenville; Binghamton at Ware Shoals; Hartford at Owensburg, Ky.; Elmira at Macon, Ga.; and Williamsport at Raeford.

Williamsport fans were cheered this week by the announcement that Kyle, big right hander from Monroe, La., had affixed his signature to a Williamsport contract. One of Mack's pitchers, he was one of the many ball players thrown on the market by the dictum issued by Judge Landis, high commissioner of baseball. The big moundsman had opportunities to sign up in the International League, American Association and Southern League, but preferred to return to the Grays, with whom he played last season.

Kennedy Passes Up Presidential Race

Washington, Feb. 13.—Joseph P. Kennedy flatly refused tonight to enter the presidential race, declaring that his job of ambassador to England in these times of strife "involves matters so precious to the American people" that his energies should not be diverted.

Only a short time before, friends of the Bostonian had announced that a slate of delegates pledged to him would be entered in the Massachusetts Democratic presidential primary April 30.

Nomination papers for such pledged delegates were taken out by John F. McCarthy, Boston attorney, who said Kennedy would file the authorization necessary under Massachusetts law.

But Kennedy, financier and businessman who long has been prominently identified with the Roosevelt administration, made plain that he would not file the authorization. He said "the paramount consideration of public duty compels me to decline to permit my name to be presented."

The Carolina Power and Light company serves 230 communities in North and South Carolina.

Large Docket In Recorder's Court

Among the several cases on docket in Hoke county recorder's court which were disposed of last Tuesday morning was the case in which Tom Baxley, white man of McLauchlin township, was charged with being drunk and disorderly. Baxley entered a plea of guilty and sentence was thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the court costs.

D. T. Skipper, white man of Antioch township, was charged with issuing a worthless check to W. L. Poole in the amount of \$47.00. Skipper entered a plea of not guilty but was found guilty as charged by the court and sentenced to serve thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the check and the costs of the court. The defendant appealed the case to superior court.

Jacob Williams, white man of Greenville and driver of the truck which killed Caswell Reinhardt on the Fayetteville road last week, was charged with careless and reckless driving and manslaughter. Williams waived preliminary hearing and bond for his appearance at superior court was set at \$1,000.

Lacy Newkirk, colored man of Fayetteville who crashed through a bridge on the Fayetteville road last week, entered a plea of guilty of careless and reckless driving and was sentenced to serve thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs.

In the next case five colored men of Robeson county were charged with storebreaking and larceny in connection with the robbery of a store at Duffie's Station some time ago. They were Walter Thompson, Lewis Ellis, Andrew Clark, Buck Campbell and Lacy Smith, all of whom entered plea of not guilty. Probable cause was found as to each by the court and all were bound over to superior court with bond for each being set at \$250.

Huey Shaw, local colored man, was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to serve thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs.

J. F. Jackson, white man of Cumberland county, entered a plea of guilty of being drunk and disorderly and was given a thirty day road sentence to be suspended on payment of the court costs. The defendant went to the roads.

D. W. Jackson, also a Cumberland county white man, entered a plea of guilty of driving under the influence of liquor and sentence was sixty days to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$50 and the court costs.

Solon Martin, colored, got thirty days to be suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Alice Holder, white woman of Raeford, got the same sentence for

Former Raeford Police Chief Dies

William Murphy-Lindsay, who had served as chief of police of Wagram until July of 1939, died at his home in Raeford last Friday morning at 4:20. He suffered a stroke last Thursday night about 6 o'clock and failed to rally. Mr. Lindsay was 60 years of age.

The deceased was a native of Hoke county and had been in police work all of his mature life, serving for six years as chief of police at Raeford. He was for a time connected with the police department at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Lilly Saunders of Hoke county; by one son, J. M. Lindsay of Raeford; and by one daughter, Mrs. D. R. Jones of Haw River.

Funeral services were conducted from his home at Raeford Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Dr. Watson Fairley. Burial followed in the Raeford cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Lee McFarland, W. N. Peeden, Fulford McMillan, Henry Russell, E. L. Peele and Neill Clark.

Chalmers Currie Ill

Word was received here yesterday that Chalmers Currie, former resident of Raeford, was in a Laurinburg hospital in a serious condition. Mr. Currie is suffering from some abdominal disorder and was admitted to the hospital Tuesday.

Julian Johnson Better

The condition of Julian Johnson was reported late yesterday as having improved considerably in the past week. Mr. Johnson has been convalescing from a serious illness for some months but suffered a relapse several weeks ago.

Another Wreck At McNeill Bridge; Flagmen There

Owing to the large number of wrecks at the temporary bridge at McNeill's mill pond and to the one last week causing the death of Caswell Reinhardt the state highway commission stationed flagmen on each side of the bridge and far enough from it to allow traffic to stop and drive slowly across the structure after having been warned by the flagmen.

These flagmen were stationed on the scene last Wednesday night and there has been one on duty on each side every hour since that time, the men using red flags by day to stop and warn approaching motorists and red lanterns at night. These flagmen stand out in the road and stop every vehicle and warn the driver that there is a temporary bridge below which must be crossed slowly if safely.

Since they have been there the flagmen have seen one wreck. On Saturday morning Lacy Newkirk, Cumberland county colored man ran through the bridge, damaging it and his car as well but escaping unhurt himself. It is reported that Newkirk, on being flagged, slowed up and said that he knew the bridge was there and what the danger was. He then proceeded to drive through one side of it.

On another occasion this week one of the boys stopped a truck and gave the customary warning. At this J. A. Niven, white man of Raeford, is reported to have stepped from the truck and assaulted the flagman with his fist. He then got back in the truck and it was driven away. It is also reported that a warrant was issued for Niven but that he has not yet been apprehended.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

By K. A. MacDONALD

MONTHLY MEETING OF EDUCO CLUB

On Monday night the Educoc club held its regular monthly meeting with several of the local school board members, who were unable to attend the meeting in January, as guests. The dinner and discussion of school problems that ensued was enjoyed by all present.

UNDERGOES APPENDECTOMY

Edward, the small son of Prin. G. H. Rowell of the Antioch school, was operated on last week for appendicitis. He is doing well and will soon be out again.

MRS. BROWN IMPROVES

Mrs. W. D. Brown of the high school faculty has been quite ill with flu. She is much better at present. Mrs. Collin Scarborough substituted for her.

TEACHERS' PAPERS TO BE PUBLISHED

Miss Julia Weatherington of the Division of Instructional Service, State Department of Education has written Mrs. Nora McDavid of the Mildouson school, Miss Mary Alma Monroe of the Rockfish school and W. J. Coates and Miss Margaret McKenzie of the Raeford graded school for copies of papers given at the January teachers' meeting. Miss Weatherington wishes these papers for publication. The papers in question were on "Education of different phases of school work. We feel that this is quite an honor that has come to these teachers.

ROCKFISH P.-T. A. MEETS

The P.-T. A. of the Rockfish school held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening of this week.

RAEFORD GRADED P.-T. A. MEETS

Last week the P.-T. A. of the Raeford graded school held a business meeting. At this meeting \$10.00 was given the County Council of the P.-T. A. to pay on the piano in the gymnasium. \$5.00 was collected for the purchase of first aid supplies and \$20.00 to beautification of the grounds. This work will be done by N. Y. A. workers.

Attendance in all the schools has been exceptionally good in all the schools during the past week.

BUSSES BACK ON REGULAR ROUTES

The State Highway Department has gotten all the roads in fair shape and all impassable places have been fixed. All school buses are now on their regular routes.

Raleigh, capital of North Carolina, is planning to observe its 150th anniversary in 1942.

Business Men Meet With Town Board

At the request of Mayor G. W. Brown, several business men attended a meeting of the Town Board at the town hall last Wednesday night. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss ways of bringing new industries to this community, and to get all of the citizens working together for the good of the town.

It was decided that the first step would be the printing of a pamphlet presenting all the available data on Raeford in an attractive manner. This pamphlet is to be used as an advertisement of what Raeford has and can offer to prospective industries that desire to come to new locations.

The following committee was selected to get up the material for this pamphlet and submit it to another meeting to be held on Wednesday night, February 21st, this meeting to be public: J. B. Thomas, L. M. Upchurch, W. L. Poole, J. A. McGoogan and R. B. Lewis. Anyone having any ideas on this subject is urged by this committee to contact one of them in the next few days. The mayor hopes that every business man, at least, will attend this next meeting.

Wind Blows; Poole Recalls Other Storms

This section awakened yesterday to find a little real March weather on its hands. The wind was blowing about half a gale from various directions and continued to do so all day.

It was reported that several forest fires in Cumberland and the Fort Bragg reservation were being blown out of control by the wind, while in the northeast the wind is said to have renewed the icy grip of winter from which a few days respite had been enjoyed.

The high velocity of the wind yesterday reminded Mr. D. Scott Poole of the following from the numberless facts he remembers:

"On February 19th, 1884, three storms crossed Pee Dee river between Bluffton Falls and the mouth of Uwharrie river, thirty miles up the Pee Dee and Yadkin rivers. It is Pee Dee river south of the mouth of Rocky river, west of Mount Gilad, and Yadkin river from that point north. The storm on the right was a twister; the central storm was a hurricane (a straight blow), and the one farthest north was a cyclone—a twister—a big whirlwind. There was a high wind all that Tuesday, February 19th, and all that night, blowing down trees in all directions all across this section. The storms proper came at about 8 or 9 o'clock Tuesday night. That was the only time I ever saw that a calm did not follow a storm. The twisters covered tracks one to two hundred yards wide; the central hurricane was half mile wide. These storms all lifted over Moore and Randolph counties, striking the earth in spots afterward, and struck the Atlantic near Portsmouth, Va.

Carl Goerch Talks On Road Taxes

Southern Pines, Feb. 8.—"Motorists should be taxed for the construction and maintenance of roads, but if amounts being collected exceed highway needs, there should be a corresponding reduction in automobile taxes," Carl Goerch, of Raleigh, editor of The State Magazine, and widely known radio commentator, told the district meeting of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee here today.

"The principle of taxing autoists for the construction of new roads and for the maintenance of old ones is fair and just, but in my opinion, every motorist in North Carolina is bitterly opposed to diverting any of our highway funds into other departments of the state government," Goerch said.

"If the amount of money being collected is necessary for a continuation of our highway program, well and good. But if the amount now being collected is in excess of what is actually needed, there should be a corresponding reduction in the tax which is being charged against our motorists," he declared.

Goerch spoke before an audience of members of the Petroleum Industries Committee from Moore, Hoke and other nearby counties. Also attending the meeting were members of various organizations interested in highways and highway transportation.

Attending the meeting from Raeford were the following: N. A. McDonald, Jr., and A. A. Graham representing the petroleum dealers and Fred P. Johnson, representing the Hoke County Grange.

2471 FOR FIRE AT NIGHT

The Raeford fire department announces that the number 2471 should be called by residents of Raeford wishing to turn in fire alarms at night. This number is the telephone at Graham's Service station and is not listed in the telephone directory.

The department urges all residents of Raeford to make a record of this number on their telephone directories in order that it may be immediately available in case of fire.

Mrs. J. W. Hasty Passes Tuesday

Mrs. John W. Hasty of lower Allendale township, died at her home Tuesday morning. She had been a sufferer from a heart ailment for several years, her condition becoming critical during recent weeks.

She was before her marriage, Miss Mary McNeill Currie, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dougald Currie, descendants of pioneer Scotch settlers in upper Robeson, now a part of Hoke county. She spent her life on the farm upon which she first saw the light of day, and was much attached to the scenes of her childhood. Her husband survives, but most of her close relatives have "crossed that bourne from whence no traveler returns."

The funeral was conducted at the graveside Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in Raeford cemetery by Rev. Henry R. Poole, pastor of Antioch Presbyterian church, and interment followed.

The deceased will be missed in her community, as she took deep interest in religious and civic work, when her health permitted. A devoted wife and kind neighbor and faithful church woman has gone to her reward.

Forestry Thinning Demonstration

Mr. W. J. Barker, Assistant Extension Forester, will be in Hoke county February 21st and 22nd, to assist in forestry thinning work announces A. S. Knowles, County Agent.

Thinning demonstrations will be held on Wednesday, February 21, from 9 to 12 A. M. at Israel-Satterwhite's farm, 1-2 mile South of Ashmont school house; and from 2 to 4 P. M. at J. M. McGoogan's farm, in southeastern part of Stonewall township. On Thursday, February 22, a thinning demonstration will be held on Mrs. Ethel J. Highsmith's farm in McLauchlin township near Wayside filling station.

All farmers interested in thinning forest trees should make plans to attend one or more of these demonstrations.

Under the Soil Conservation program, 2 units per acre are allowed as a soil building practice, which is equivalent to \$3.00.

Government To Begin Farm Payments Soon

Washington, Feb. 13.—The agriculture department will begin distributing \$225,000,000 in parity payments within a few weeks among producers of wheat, cotton, corn and rice who cooperate with its efforts to reduce surpluses and boost prices.

This money, appropriated last year will be divided among the crops as follows: Cotton \$96,000,000; corn \$48,600,000; wheat \$57,100,000, and rice \$300,000. Some \$23,000,000 will be used for 1939 payments and administrative expenses.

First checks will go to winter wheat producers.

Cotton Adjustment Payment Announced

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration has just announced the cotton price adjustment program for 1940, says A. S. Knowles, County Agent. The payment for cotton under the cotton price adjustment program will be 1.55 cents per pound. There will be no price adjustment payment for tobacco for 1940. In order to be eligible for the cotton price adjustment payment, a farm must plant within its cotton acreage allotment.

Attending Convention In New Orleans

T. B. Upchurch, Jr., president of the Carolinas-Virginia unit of the Cotton Council of America, and Fred P. Johnson, cotton gin inspector for the North Carolina state department of agriculture, are in New Orleans, La., this week attending the 15th session of the National Cotton Council.

Bill Passes To Extend Finland Credit

Washington, Feb. 13.—Voting 49 to 27, the Senate today approved legislation to make possible additional loans of \$20,000,000 each to Finland and China.

The bill, passed over the protest of a group which heatedly contended that the action was an "entering wedge" from later loans to Great Britain and France, now goes to the House.

Without naming either Finland or China, the legislation would increase the lending authority of the Export-Import bank by \$100,000,000 and permit it to extend future credit grants to maximum of \$20,000,000 for any one country. The money would be used for the purchase of nonmilitary supplies in this country.

In the course of the debate, the Senate rejected two amendments—one by Senator Taft, Republican of Ohio, to cut the proposed increase in lending authority to \$50,000,000 and a second by Senator Danaher, Republican of Connecticut, to forbid the bank to make loans to governments.

Meanwhile, the Senate foreign relations committee received from Secretary Hull a letter opposing the application of the neutrality act to the undeclared war between China and Japan. Although the letter's contents were not made public, the administration is known to feel that invoking the act would help Japan and hurt China.

At the same time, the Senate banking committee postponed action on a proposal that the Treasury abandon its program and policy of purchasing foreign silver. A subcommittee had approved the proposal, but many committeemen felt that the views of the State and Treasury departments should be studied before action was taken.

Stephen F. Thomas Passes Beyond

(Omitted by Error Last Week)

Funeral services were conducted on Monday morning, February 5th, 1939, for Stephen F. Thomas, prominent farmer of the Antioch section, at the Wagram Presbyterian church with Rev. H. R. Poole, pastor of the church officiating. The deceased was 48 years of age at the time of his death.

Burial followed in the Spring Hill cemetery. Pall bearers were Sherwood Currie, Worth Currie, Thomas McLauchlin, Archie McGoogan, W. M. Jackson, and D. P. Sinclair.

Mr. Thomas is survived by a wife and several children. He was a first cousin of Mrs. Ina T. Lentz and Messrs W. M. J. B., and C. L. Thomas of Raeford.

Local Teams Loose Four More Games

The Hoke county high basketball teams have lost four more games since the last edition of the News-Journal. The Elerbe boys team won in the double header at Elerbe last Friday night, 49 to 11. The Hoke high lasses were defeated 20 to 7.

On Tuesday night of this week the locals were defeated on the home court. In the opening game the girls lost 35 to 9 and the boys in the closing game likewise were defeated 27 to 8.

The Hoke high boys' team plays the Fayetteville high quintet from Fayetteville, here next Tuesday night.

President Heads South For Short Vacation Cruise

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Roosevelt forsook the snow squalls and political storms of Washington today for a southern vacation cruise.

He headed southward with plans to be away for about 10 days, but otherwise there was no disclosure of details. Off Pensacola, Fla., captain H. A. Baid of the cruiser Tascaloosa declined to comment on reports that his ship or the nearby destroyers Land and Jouvett were on hand to take Mr. Roosevelt on a fishing trip.

The departure, on a holiday St. Valentine's Day, came one day after Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, one of the strongest supporters of the third-term movement, announced any ambition to be the Democratic presidential nominee himself.

One of General Robert E. Lee's daughters is buried near Wagram.

Respected Dr. Watson Fairley will be in Raeford this week attending the funeral of Mrs. J. W. Hasty.