

Clark Found Guilty In Local Recorder's Court

L. T. Clark, funeral director of Southern Pines, entered a plea of not guilty on the state's charge in Hoke county recorder's court Tuesday that he had driven a motor vehicle on the public highways while under the influence of intoxicating liquors. However, after hearing the evidence Judge W. B. McQueen returned a verdict of guilty as charged and sentenced Clark to serve sixty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$50 and the costs of the court. Revocation of automobile driver's license is automatic in such cases.

Ms. K. T. Butler, white woman of Newell township, was found not guilty of allowing stock to run at large.

Harry Daniels, local colored man, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Probable cause was found by the court and it was ordered that Daniels be held for the next term of Superior court under a bond of \$100.

Another case charging Daniels with disturbing religious worship was sent to the Superior court along with the first.

Alex McNeill, local colored man, was charged with using profane and indecent language and assault with a deadly weapon. He entered a plea of guilty of the first offense only and the state accepted. Sentence was thirty days to be suspended on payment of the court costs.

Corra Marshall, colored woman of Blue Spring township, was found guilty of receiving stolen goods, knowing it to have been stolen. Sentence was 60 days in jail to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$10 and the court costs.

Fred and Ed Marshall, colored men of Blue Springs township, entered pleas of guilty of breaking and entering and larceny and were bound over to the next term of Hoke county superior court under bonds of \$250 each.

James Leach, colored man of Que-whittle township, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to serve four months on the roads.

E. B. Denny Named Manager for Broughton

Raleigh, February 28. — J. M. Broughton, Democratic candidate for Governor, today announced the appointment of Mr. Emery B. Denny of Gastonia as state manager for his campaign. Mr. Denny has accepted this appointment and will enter actively into the campaign within the next few days.

Denny has been for more than twenty years county attorney for Gastonia, and served as Mayor of Gastonia for a period of eight years. He has been actively engaged in the practice of law in Gaston county since 1919 and was formerly president of the Gaston County Bar Association.

For many years Mr. Denny has been prominently identified with civic, church and other public activities in Gastonia and in that section of the state. He has served as president of the Gastonia Civic Club, the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, and is Past Master of the Holland Memorial Masonic Lodge of Gastonia. Also, he is president of the Gaston County Public Library and served for two years as president of the Board of Trustees of Garrison General Hospital. For seventeen years he has taught the Men's Bible class of the First Baptist church of Gastonia.

A native of Surry county, Mr. Denny received his education at Gilliam Academy and the University of North Carolina. In 1922 he was married to Miss Beesie Brandt Brown of Salisbury, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Woman's Division, at Greensboro. Mr. and Mrs. Denny have four children.

Demonstrations On Forestry Held In County

Forestry thinning demonstrations were held on the farms of Israel and Saterwhite near the Sanatorium; J. M. McGowan, lower Stenewall township, and Dr. Seavey Highsmith, near Wayside filling station, reports A. S. Knowles, county agent. Assisting with these demonstrations was W. J. Barker, assistant extension forester from N. C. State College extension service. Mr. Barker was pleased with the interest being shown in thinning forest trees in the county.

Under the soil conservation program each acre of forest trees properly thinned will receive two units of soil building practice or equivalent to \$3.00, says Mr. Knowles.

Fresco Thompson Diamond Veteran

By ELMER L. SCHUYLER
Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 28.—Baseball fans of Raeford, meet Fresco Thompson, manager of the Williamsport Grays for the season of 1940.

Believing Raeford folks would like to know something about Marty McManus' successor, the News-Journal correspondent contacted Fresco, who confessed to thirty-seven years, having been born in Centerville, Alabama, June 6, 1903, and explained the Fresco cognomen as follows:

"Contrary to popular belief, Fresco is not a nickname but my given name. It is one of those old southern family names that are sometimes attached to unsuspecting children from below the Mason Dixon line. My nickname has always been 'Tommy' in baseball, although umpires occasionally call me other names."

With his parents, Fresco left Centerville at the age of four years and lived at various times in St. Louis, Chicago and New York City, where he now makes his home with his wife and six-year-old daughter, Ann. He is five feet eight inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. He attended Columbia University for two years, where his sole claim to fame lies in the fact that he played freshman football with Lou Gehrig. He left school when his folks moved from New York to St. Louis. He began his professional baseball career with Grand Island of the Nebraska State League.

His first major league job was with Pittsburgh in 1925. Optioned to Kansas City in the spring, he was recalled in August and played in about fifteen games that fall, when Pittsburgh won the National League pennant. All of his major league career was spent in the National League—one year with Pittsburgh, four years with Philadelphia, two years with Brooklyn and two short spells—1926 and 1934—with the New York Giants.

Mr. Thompson is proud of the fact that he had the good fortune to play under two of the grandest characters that baseball has ever had—John J. ("Muggsy") McGraw and "Uncle Robby" Robinson.

He was made captain of the Phillies during his second year in the majors—in 1928, when Jimmy Wilson, who had been the captain, was traded to the Cardinals. He was then just 24 years old. He made more than 200 base hits in his second season at Philadelphia and repeated the feat twice in the minors. He played with Montreal of the International League during the seasons of 1934, '35 and part of '36; finished the season with Minneapolis of the American Association and was with the same team in 1937. In 1938 he managed Birmingham of the Southern League, and in 1939 piloted the Hartford (Conn.) team of the Eastern League, where his managerial ability and skill in handling players enabled him to make a sensational winner out of a club that had trailed as a tail-ender until he was placed in charge.

While a member of the Phillies he tied the record for second basemen for number of putouts in one game, at St. Louis, where he chalked up eleven. In a game in Brooklyn, in 1928, he made nine putouts and eight assists—a record for second basemen. Unfortunately it was an exhibition contest.

He played in a Little World Series in 1933 as a member of the Buffalo club of the International league against Columbus of the American Association. Among Columbus' pitchers were Paul Dean and Bill Lee. In all, he played thirteen years of major league or double-A ball, from 1925 to 1938.

Mr. Thompson was one of the most popular managers in the Eastern League last season, and was worshipped by the members of the Hartford club. Williamsport's baseball fans are expecting great things of him. A "meet the manager" dinner for April 23, the day before the Eastern League season begins, has been planned. Hundreds will attend.

Marty McManus, whom Mr. Thompson succeeds, has been appointed manager of the San Antonio club of the Texas League, a farm of the St. Louis Browns.

For next week's article, Secretary J. Roy Clunk has promised the Gray's roster, which will inform Raeford fans concerning the material they will see during the Grays' stay in the South.

Orthopedic Clinic

The regular monthly orthopedic clinic for crippled children will be held at the Agriculture Building in Lumberton on Friday, March 1, beginning at 9:30 o'clock, and is free to all indigent children under twenty-one years of age.

Dr. Lenox D. Baker of Duke hospital will be the surgeon in charge.

Committee Visits Highway Commission

A committee from this county made up of J. A. McGoogan, N. H. G. Balfour, A. K. Stevens, and 12 citizens of Rockfish made a trip to Asheboro Monday where they appeared before the highway commission for this district.

The men made the trip to urge the commission to surface treat the road from Raeford to Rockfish in the near future.

They were well received and were somewhat successful in that it was promised that the commission would investigate the proposal at once and make a survey.

It was found that the highway workers of this district were at present busy repairing the damage done to the roads in the upper part of the district by the severe weather this winter and that the commission's attention will be largely confined to this work until it is completed.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

By K. A. MacDONALD

COUNTY BOARD TO MEET
The Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting in its office at the courthouse on Monday, March 4, at 10 o'clock.

COLORED TEACHERS OF COUNTY MEET
On Monday at 4 o'clock P. M., a county-wide negro teachers meeting was held at Upchurch school. At this meeting Dr. Skeen from the Sanatorium administered the tuberculin skin test to all the teachers.

Mr. Keeler of West End, representing the N. C. Blind Commission gave instructions preparatory to holding a county-wide eye clinic. Dr. Perry then showed a two-reel picture showing the method of syphilis control at Brunswick, Ga.

TEACHERS TAKE TUBERCULIN TEST
Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock the white teachers met at the gymnasium and took the tuberculin test. After this Mr. Keeler gave the instructions for the eye clinic. The election of state officers of the N. C. E. A. took place. The president, Prin. Morgan of the Mildouson school, was empowered by vote to appoint 4 delegates to the N. C. E. A. assembly in Raleigh on March 14th-15th-16th.

On Wednesday at the same places and hours Dr. Skeen read the tuberculin tests. Results of these tests will be made available by the Sanatorium at an early date. The Board of Education and teachers of the county appreciate what Dr. McCain and Dr. Skeen are doing for them. All patrons of the schools should appreciate this service.

NEW COURSE AT HIGH SCHOOL
A course in "Stories of the Bible," has been added to the curriculum of the high school. This course carries one half unit credit.

MISS GEDDIE HERE
Miss Leanna Geddie, formerly of Raeford, now with the John C. Winston Publishing Co., was a visitor in the schools this week.

N. Y. A. SHOP MAKES TABLES
The N. Y. A. shop is completing enough tables to furnish one of the primary rooms in the Raeford graded school. This will release the desks in that room for use elsewhere.

SCHOOLS IN GOOD SHAPE
The W. P. A. is completing a school repair project. This pay period that has put the school buildings in the county in the best fix they have been in in 5 years.

BASEBALL PRACTICE STARTS
Spring baseball practice has started and Coach Clark expects to have a good team this year.

PLAY TO BE AT ASHEMONT
The Ashemont P.-T. A. is practicing for a play that will be presented at an early date.

AAA Administrator Visits County Agent
Mr. J. B. Hudson, assistant administrator of east central region of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of Washington, was in Raeford last Saturday afternoon, paying the county agent's office a visit, says A. S. Knowles, county agent.

Mr. Hudson had been in a regional conference in Raleigh and was visiting several county offices through this section.

Hoke Young Democrats To Rally March 20

J. L. McNeill, president of the Hoke County Young Democratic club, announced this week that the club would hold a spring rally and feed at Clyde's Pond on the night of Wednesday, March 20. This meeting is to take the place of the one originally scheduled for last fall which was postponed. All tickets to the feed last fall will be honored at the rally, he said.

In announcing the meeting McNeill said that all candidates for governor and other state offices would be invited to attend along with the candidates for congress in the eighth congressional district.

The Hoke County Young Democratic club is a member of the Young Democratic clubs of North Carolina which in turn is affiliated with the National club. It was organized in the fall of 1937 and has been fairly active since that time having staged several big rallies and birthday balls and having been represented at three state conventions of the Young Democrats.

The annual rally winding up the membership drive of the organization last fall was postponed and the officers hope that, as this is an election year, all of the more than 150 members and some extra will be present at the March meeting.

Hamlet Man Enters Race For Governor

Hamlet, Feb. 28.—Bryant Thompson, Hamlet businessman, today became the seventh candidate to enter the race for Governor of North Carolina in the Democratic primary.

In announcing for Governor, Mr. Thompson issued a 11-point statement in which he declared that he favored repeal of the sales tax; a desire to see North Carolina abolish whiskey, beer, and wine and a diversion of the highway fund to the general fund to meet the needs of the State.

Mr. Thompson was born October 23, 1902, in Cumberland county. For several years he has been connected with J. W. Thompson and Son of Hamlet, four-wheel baggage truck builders. He is married and has a six-year-old son.

Other candidates for Governor in the Democratic primary are J. M. Broughton of Raleigh, Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro, Paul Grady of Kenly, A. J. Maxwell of Raleigh, Lee Gravely of Rocky Mount, and Mayor Tom Cooper of Wilmington.

Hidden Ramsey Will Deliver The Keynote

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—D. Hidden Ramsey, Asheville publisher, will deliver the keynote speech at the State Democratic convention here May 17, Governor Hoey announced today.

The Governor said he had been informed of Ramsey's designation by R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia, state Democratic chairman. Ramsey also will serve as temporary chairman of the convention until a permanent chairman is elected.

Hoey pointed out that J. M. Broughton of Raleigh, who keynoted the 1936 convention, represented the central part of the state; Congressman Lindsay Warren of Washington, N. C., 1938 keynoter, represented the east; and Ramsey will represent the west.

The 1934 keynoter was former Governor and U. S. Senator Cameron Morrison of Charlotte. Governor Hoey was the keynoter in 1920.

Cotton Improvement Meeting At Court House Tomorrow

Hoke farmers interested in joining in a program for improving the quality of cotton for this section should make an effort to attend a meeting at the court house Friday, at 2:30 P. M., March 1, says A. S. Knowles, county agent.

Mr. Ralph Raper, extension cotton specialist, will discuss ways of improving the quality of cotton and how the government free classification of cotton fits into the one-variety cotton community. All cotton farmers are urged to attend this meeting.

Congressman Burgin's Secretary Back On Job

Washington, Feb. 28.—Miss Jane Pratt of Thomasville, N. C., secretary to Representative William O. Burgin of the Eighth District, returned to Washington this morning from Roanoke, Va., where she was called by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Lena Little Pratt. Her sister, Mrs. Mary Pratt, also is critically ill at the home of her brother, L. L. Pratt, in Radford, Va.

More Action Taken At Town Hall

Last Wednesday night the SMALL group of business men who are interested in the future of Raeford met with the Mayor and the board of commissioners at the town hall where the subject of improving this town was still the topic of conversation.

The meeting heard a report from a committee appointed previously by the mayor to investigate the possibilities of issuing a pamphlet giving interesting and attractive facts about Raeford and Hoke county with a view to bringing more persons and enterprises here. This report was presented by R. B. Lewis and it showed that the committee had thoroughly investigated the subject and had studied similar pamphlets published by other towns. Mr. Lewis also read a tentative list of subject matter to be contained in the pamphlet and submitted several pictures for consideration.

It was decided that the pamphlet would be published and the same committee was designated to prepare the subject matter and attend to the details of editing and printing it. The financing of the project will be discussed when the committee definitely ascertains what the cost of the publication will be.

The committee was instructed to attempt to have another report ready by next Tuesday night when the board holds its next regular meeting. If this proves to be impossible a meeting will be called to receive the report.

Locals Finish Basketball Schedule With Three Defeats

The Hoke High School basketball teams closed their schedule with three defeats. The girls played their last game Friday night at the high school gymnasium and were defeated by the Candor girls' team 28 to 3. The Candor boys defeated the local lads 32 to 8 in the second game of the doubleheader.

The Hoke high boys were defeated in their final game by the Fayetteville team 44 to 14 Tuesday night in Fayetteville.

Coach Smith's teams have not broken any records but they have introduced basketball to the athletic curriculum of Hoke High School. The boys' team won 2 and lost 8 games. The girls won 1 and lost 6.

Committee To Hear Complaints Of Tobacco Farmers

Farmers, who were dissatisfied with their tobacco allotments are having their cases heard this week before a review committee composed of three Cumberland county farmers, says A. S. Knowles, county agent. Those making up the committee are J. R. Thagard of Fayetteville route 5, S. B. Jones, Fayetteville, and N. B. Pate, Fayetteville.

Forty-nine farmers filed applications for review of their tobacco quota.

Boy Scout House Being Repaired

The meeting house of the Raeford Boy Scout troop in Upchurch's pasture back of the Hoke County High School is being repaired this week and the boys will probably have their first meeting there some time tomorrow night.

The repairs, consisting mostly of new windows, are being paid for by the Raeford Kiwanis club, which sponsors the troop.

ODDITY

The News-Journal appeared five times this month, the shortest month in the year. We would like for some well informed reader to tell us when it will happen again, or in other words when there will be five Thursdays in February. We guess it'll be in 1968. Right or wrong?

Brunswick Stew

There will be a Brunswick Stew, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary, at the Montrose community house Friday night, March 1st, beginning at 6 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Revival Services

Rev. W. L. Foley, of Lillington, will conduct a revival meeting at Shiloh Presbyterian church, Montrose, beginning Sunday, March 3rd. Services will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning and 7:30 at night. Expenses & offerings invited to attend these services.

National Guard Goes To Fort Moultrie Next July

Adjutant-General J. Van B. Metts said this week that tentative plans call for North Carolina national guard troops to train this summer at Fort Bragg, Camp Jackson, near Columbia, S. C., and Fort Moultrie at Charleston, S. C.

Dates tentatively fixed for various units are: 252d coast artillery, under Col. R. S. McClelland of Wilmington, at Fort Moultrie, July 7th to 21st.

It is to this regiment that the Raeford units of the North Carolina National Guard belong. Lieut.-Col. R. B. Lewis is executive officer, Major R. A. Matheson is senior medical officer, and Captain J. H. Blue is first battalion adjutant. The 252d went to Fort Story, Va., last year due to the epidemic of infantile paralysis in South Carolina.

113th Field artillery, under Col. J. B. Cheshire of Raleigh, at Fort Bragg July 14 to 28.

30th Signal company; staff officers and detachment of the 30th division; 105th engineers, under Col. G. K. Hobbs of Raleigh; 105th medical regiment, under Col. J. A. Newell of Henderson; state staff and state detachment, under General Metts, all at Camp Jackson, July 7 to 21.

Headquarters 60th brigade, under General Don E. Scott of Graham; headquarters company of the 60th brigade; 120th infantry under Col. J. H. Manning of Raleigh; headquarters first battalion 105th quartermaster regiment; and Company A of the quartermaster regiment, all at Camp Jackson, July 21 to August 4.

U. N. C. Alumni To Meet March 8th

Chapel Hill, Feb. 27.—A report on the progress of the Tillett plan to carry examples of distinctive work at the University of North Carolina to its alumni, to be followed by a demonstration program using the "question-and-answer" or "witness stand" method, will be among the features of the Alumni assembly here March 8th.

A dinner meeting and reception will also mark the first formal appearance in Chapel Hill of the new controller-elect, William D. Carmichael, Jr., who will assume office in June, according to Secretary Maryon Saunders' announcement of the completed program today.

The general assembly of the Alumni association will be held at 6:45 o'clock. Preceding this will be three meetings during the day of groups within the association. All sessions will be at the Carolina Inn, whose new additions will be open for public inspection at open house Thursday evening, March 7th.

Welles Leaves To See Hitler After Talk In Rome With Duce

Rome, Feb. 28.—Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles left early today for Zurich, Switzerland, on the way to Germany to meet with Adolf Hitler and German Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop on his fact-finding tour of Europe as President Roosevelt's personal emissary.

The American envoy also will confer with Field Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering during his two-day stay in Berlin before going on to Paris and London.

Visibly tired from his round of conferences here, Welles entrained at 12:15 a. m. (6:15 p. m. E. S. T.) after he and Myron C. Taylor, Mr. Roosevelt's envoy to the Vatican, launched through the opening stages of the President's double-barrelled peace initiative.

Three Beer Licenses Revoked By Boards

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—The North Carolina Brewers and Beer Distributors committee reported today that the town aldermen of Canton, in Haywood county, revoked the licenses of two retail beer dealers last night and that Brunswick county commissioners had also revoked one retailer's license. Col. Edgar E. Egan, director of the committee, closed up or close up campaign, personally presented the revocation petitions at Canton.

ON NORTHERN MARKET

Israel Magn left yesterday for Richmond, Va., where he will buy spring merchandise for his store.

Mr. John William Smith and a detachment from Hoke county were in Raeford yesterday afternoon, engaged in the new grammar.