

Williamsport Player Roster Released

By ELMER L. SCHUYLER
Williamsport, Pa., March 6.—Right off the press comes a neat folder giving Williamsport Grays' player-roster for 1940, the spring training schedule of exhibition games and the Grays' at home schedule of the Eastern League. On the outside is an excellent picture of Manager Fresco Thompson.

There will be twenty-five players in the squad reporting to Manager Thompson at Raeford on Monday, March 25, as follows:

Pitchers — Nick Butcher, William Gerald Schelle, Pete Blumette, Charge Gilvary, Robert Harris, Ray Ross, L. George, George Klivak, Fremont Connor, Roger Wolff, Leon Kyle and Mike Kash.

Catchers—Henry Camelli and Walter Worthington.

Infielders—Irv Kolberg, Fred Stanton, Jerry Lynn, Russell Maxey, Lucien Berlangier, Ralph Rhein, and Don Richmond.

Outfielders—Ken Richardson, William Fuchs, Ron Northey and Tony Sabol.

Of the twenty-five, only Butcher, Kolberg and Stanton were with the Grays at Raeford in 1938. Butcher, a "find" from the Elmport CCC camp, near Williamsport, was later optioned to Federalsburg, Md., but during the 1939 season played with the Oswego, N. Y., club. His home is at Duquesne, Pa. Kolberg, whose home is in Lansing, Mich., played with Federalsburg in 1938 and 1939. Raeford fans will remember that he is a left handed first baseman. He led the Eastern Shore League last season in hits, runs scored, two-base hits and runs batted in, for a percentage of .334. Nineteen of his hits were home run clouts. His fielding average was .973. Stanton at second base compiled a fielding average of .944 and batted .296 for Lexington, N. C. His home is in Schenectady, N. Y.

Four of the Grays' pitchers are left handers — Blumette, Gilvary, Kash and George. Blumette, who hails from West Orange, N. J., came to the Grays during the season of 1938, and in the 1939 campaign was fifth in the list of Eastern League flingers with fourteen victories against ten losses. Gilvary, a Jessup, Pa., product, is a seasoned veteran, and much is expected of him. George, whose home town is St. Louis, Mo., was secured from Shreveport, La., with a fine record. Kash, a Webster, Mass., boy, was secured on option recently from Minneapolis of the American Association. Last season he posted an earned run average of 3.82 and fanned 127 opposing batsmen.

There was rejoicing in Williamsport last week when Secretary Clunk announced the acquisition of Leon Kyle, giant right hander, of Monroe, La. Kyle was picked up by Connie Macdonald for the Athletics in 1938 and sent off to the Grays in 1939, when he had a fine flourish. He was one of the many players thrown on the market by the dictum issued by Judge Landis. As soon as he was declared a free agent by Connie Macdonald, Clunk began negotiations and in due time, Kyle, preferring to return to Bowman Field rather than to accept attractive American Association, International or Southern League bids, signed a Williamsport contract.

Returning to the Grays also is Ken Richardson, a seasoned player, who batted .307 last season and was second in the league in home run batting with 27 circuit clouts. But for an injury late in the season he probably would have topped the league. So it was he was only two behind the leader. Richardson's home is in San Bernardino, Calif.

Ron Northey, of Frackville, Pa., who played during the early part of the '38 season with the Grays, is expected to gain a regular berth this season. Ron, who is only 20, also specializes in home runs.

In a brief review, such as this, it is not possible to go into details and tell of the fine points of all of the players, but the foregoing will be sufficient to show Raeford fans that Manager Thompson has a wealth of good material from which to pick the seventeen players (the league limit) who will go into the Eastern League campaign with the Grays on Wednesday, April 25th.

Next week we hope to give you some highlights about the Eastern League and its colorful president, Tommy Richardson, who, it is expected, will make the circuit of the training camps by airplane, probably accompanied by Leo C. Williamson, mayor of Williamsport.

BOY SCOUTS WILL HAVE FISH FEY TOMORROW

There will be a fish fry tomorrow night at Clyde's pond with the public invited to come and pay twenty-five cents a head which will be used for the Boy Scout troop here.

CANDIDATE



LAURIE MCEACHERN

Laurie McEachern To Seek Seat In Lower House

Laurie McEachern stated definitely this week that he would seek the seat as Hoke county's member of the Lower House of the North Carolina General Assembly in the Democratic primary to be held May 25. He was first elected to the legislature in 1930 serving three terms until he was defeated for the office by E. B. McNeill, present representative from Hoke County, in 1936. Mr. McNeill, who has been in poor health for sometime, has stated that he would not run for the place again this year.

During his first stay in the Legislature Mr. McEachern was a member of the following House committees: Finance, Appropriations, Education, Game, Proposition and Grievance, and Counties, cities and towns. He was ranking member of the Education committee and chairman of the committee on Proposition and Grievance.

He was considered one of the ablest members of the legislature while there and made a strong bid for the speakership in 1935 but was beaten for the place by Robert Grady Johnson of Pender county. McEachern was House reading clerk at the last session.

BULLETIN!

George Weaver, popular young refrigerator salesman for Baucom's Cash Store, advised the News-Journal late yesterday that he would also seek the Democratic nomination for member of the House of Representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly from Hoke County in the primary May 25th.

Mr. Weaver is a graduate of Wake Forest College. After graduating he taught in the Sampson and Robeson County schools until 1937 when he became associated with Baucom's Cash Store. This is his first political venture.

L. H. Koonce Made District Agent

L. H. Koonce, barber of Raeford, and for the past five years local agent for the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, Vt., was promoted last week by the Company to the position of district agent.

In 1935 and 1936 Mr. Koonce set a record in North Carolina for examined lives and was awarded a loving cup for his excellent work. For the past year or two, however, he has given most of his time to his work in the Raeford Barber shop but stated this week that in the future most of his time would be devoted to the insurance business.

Mr. Koonce will open and maintain the district office of the company in the Johnson-Thomas building here directly over the barber shop.

Local Hunting Dogs Win Honors

In the Cumberland Field trials, an annual affair held this year last Saturday at Fort Bragg, two locally owned, trained, and handled bird dogs won prizes.

In the shooting dog stakes Sport, a pointer owned and handled by John Walker of Raeford, won top honors. Also placing in the trials was Egyptian Scott, pointer of Dr. R. A. Matheson. Scott placed third in the members all-age stakes. Dr. Matheson is vice-president of the Field Trials Association.

Campaign Here Finnish Relief

Mrs. H. A. Cameron has been selected chairman of the organization which will conduct a drive in Hoke county for the Finnish Relief Fund. The campaign to raise money for the relief of this oppressed people will begin in Hoke county on Friday, March 8 (tomorrow) and will wind up two weeks later on March 22. The Hoke county committee will serve in cooperation with the state organization of the Finnish Relief Fund, Inc., of which W. T. Bost of Raleigh is the director.

The following have been selected by Mrs. Cameron to serve with her in various capacities in raising money for this cause: Mrs. P. P. McCain will cover the Sanatorium; J. W. Turlington the county schools; J. B. Thomas the Kiwanis club; J. L. McNeill the business houses of the county; J. A. McGoogan the county employees; Mrs. Rena Woodhouse, the NYA; Mrs. C. W. Seate the Woman's club; and Miss Josephine Hall the Home Demonstration clubs of the county. R. B. Lewis is treasurer of the organization in the county.

Quoting Herbert Hoover, National Chairman of the Finnish Relief Fund, Inc.: "The forces of primitive savagery have been unloosed upon the world. The Finns are the victims of today. Every decent person in the world is praying to God tonight that these brave people shall yet be saved from this tide. For the world today witnesses one of those heroic stands for freedom of men that comes but few times in the centuries. It is a star illuminating the No Man's Land of civilization. Its glow will light the minds of men and give hope to liberty for centuries to come."

"Today we ask the American people for help. We ask it that we may show the sympathy that lies within every American heart. We ask it that we man save human life and prevent suffering."

South Eastern Educo Clubs Meet

The spring district meeting of the Educo (schoolmasters') clubs of the south central part of North Carolina will convene in a dinner meeting at the Y. M. C. A. building in Fayetteville on Friday evening, March 8, at 7:00 o'clock.

The officers of the affiliated clubs are planning what is expected to be a very interesting program. Hon. J. M. Broughton, attorney and former legislator of Raleigh will be the principal speaker of the evening. His subject will be "Public Education in North Carolina." Music will be presented by the Fayetteville high school band. A program of "stunts" will be conducted under the supervision of A. B. Wilkins, Superintendent of Cumberland county schools and Horace Siske, superintendent of Fayetteville schools, joint hosts of the meeting.

More than two hundred and fifty school men representing superintendents, principals, teachers and board members are expected to be in attendance. Counties having local clubs are as follows: Cumberland, Hoke, Moore, Montgomery, Bladen, Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Harnett and Lee. Other counties in the southern and eastern area with organized schoolmasters' clubs invited and expected to attend are: Robeson, Columbus, Duplin, Sampson, Johnston and Union. A committee from the New Hanover county classroom teachers association and others will be in attendance.

H. Lee Thomas, superintendent of Moore county schools will preside at the meeting. K. A. McDonald, superintendent of Hoke county schools is the secretary. There will be an election of officers for the district for 1940. C. Reid Ross, assistant superintendent of Harnett county schools, the present vice president, is slated to be elevated to the presidency.

SCHOOL BRIEFS OF THE WEEK

By K. A. MacDONALD

BETHUNE ADDRESSES WOMAN'S CLUB

On Tuesday afternoon Dr. A. C. Bethune, a member of the County Board of Education, addressed the local Woman's Club on "The Progress of Education in Hoke County." The following figures from Dr. Bethune's address should be interesting to all those interested in schools. In 1911-12, the first school year of the county, there were in the county 44 school districts, 41 school houses, 52 teachers, with a total enrollment of 2126 pupils. The total school cost for this year was \$11,415, of which the state paid \$460. The total value of all school property was \$12,200.

In 1938-39 there were 11 school districts with 31 school houses, 103 teachers, with a total enrollment of 4175 pupils. The total school cost for the year was \$129,600 of which the state paid \$95,434 and the county \$34,166. The total value of all school property was \$230,956. This is a gain of almost \$10,000 per year in school property. In our opinion this is certainly a splendid record for the county. It might also be of interest to know that the school term has increased from 85 days to 160 days per year, practically doubled.

NYA SPENDS MONEY IN HOKE

Since its inception in Hoke county, N. Y. A. has spent in wages alone \$34,860.15. This is no mere item in the financial life of the county.

GOVERNMENT SPENT SIZEABLE SUM HERE

Since the beginning of the Federal aid program the Federal government has spent \$53,428 in the school buildings of Hoke county, either in new buildings or in repairs. We feel that this has been a tremendous help in bringing the schools to their present level of efficiency.

DELEGATION INSPECTS GYM

A delegation of Moore county citizens accompanied by Commissioner J. W. Smith of Little River township visited the high school gymnasium to inspect it. They are planning a similar building for the Vass-Lakeview school located at Vass. This school serves the majority of the school children of Little River township of Hoke county.

WILL ACCEPT C. M. T. C. AFFILIATIONS

Last week K. A. MacDonald was designated C. M. T. C. representative for Hoke county and Major R. A. Matheson examining physician. Application blanks may be secured in the office of the county superintendent. All young men of age 17-29 are urged to make application for this training. Those making application first will stand best chance of being

admitted. The date of the camp is June 12-July 11, 1940.

ROCKFISH P.-T. A. TO MEET

Next Tuesday night at 7:30. The Rockfish P.-T. A. will hold its regular monthly meeting. The faculty of the Hoke high school has been invited as guests of the P.-T. A.

GRANGE MEETING WEDNESDAY

The Rockfish Grange held its regular meeting Wednesday night at the community house at the Rockfish school.

HOLD SAFETY EXHIBITION AND LECTURE

On Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Hoke high school a safety class and laboratory period was put on by J. W. Pontius with the cooperation of school, highway patrol, city and county officials.

The first one-half hour was devoted to a lecture to the entire student body. From the auditorium the student body went to a roped-off area on the highway in front of the school where Mr. Pontius first demonstrated safe driving practices. Then a demonstration of reaction and braking time was made. Drivers were selected to act as subjects for the experiments. The distances were measured and marked on the pavement so that all could see that a car cannot be stopped in the short distance most people believe. The tests were made at speeds of 20, 30 and 40 miles per hour. All drivers showed reaction time of less than the average.

J. W. Turlington of the high school faculty was in charge of the program. A general driving test was given the students of the business arithmetic class by Mr. Turlington a few days ago. Two bus drivers who were among the members of the class made the second highest score to be made by the class.

MILDOUN P.-T. A. TO BEAUTIFY SCHOOL

The Mildoun P.-T. A. held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night at the school building. It was voted at this meeting to spend some of the association's funds for beautifying the school grounds.

TO ATTEND DISTRICT EDUCO MEET

Most of the school men of the county will attend the spring district meeting of affiliated Educo clubs in Fayetteville on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McMillan and Miss Mary Belle McMillan and Miss Meta McMillan of Parkton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hall Sunday.

Charles Cameron has mumps.

Mann Emphasizes Diversified Farming

North Carolina mills are consuming more than three times as much cotton as is produced in the State, M. G. Mann, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, told Hoke county members of the Cotton Association at their annual membership meeting here Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Mann urged the growers to plant up to their full allotments of cotton this year, emphasized the importance of good planting seed, and declared that the best investment any cotton grower can make will be poisoning for the boll weevil.

He pointed out that North Carolina farmers in 1939 failed by some 200,000 acres to plant their full quota acreage of cotton and that, based on an average yield for the State of 291 pounds to the acre, these unplanted acres would have produced 115,400 bales of cotton which would have added \$6,000,000 or more to the gross income of State farmers.

Although he urged cotton production up to acreage allotments, at the same time Mr. Mann emphasized the importance of diversified farming and more livestock.

He quoted government figures showing that of North Carolina's 300,000 farmers, more than one-third have no milk cows, another one-third have no hogs, more than one-fourth have no chickens, and more than one-sixth have no gardens, and three-fourths have no orchards.

Reporting on the past year's activities of the Association, Mr. Mann said that the cooperative has enjoyed splendid deliveries. He congratulated the farmers of Hoke county upon the support they have given to their own organization and pointed out that the "Re-Purchase Pool" absolutely guarantees the farmer the high dollar for his crop.

One of the features of the meeting was the election of delegates to represent Hoke County at the district convention which will be held at a later date for the purpose of nominating candidates for director of the district. These candidates will then be voted upon by the entire membership in the district by postcard ballot and the one receiving the highest number of votes will represent the district for the ensuing year.

Hoke Boys Win In F.F.A. Contest

William Harris of the Hoke county high school vocational agriculture class, won first place in the Future Farmers of America speaking contest held in Fayetteville Tuesday night. His subject was "Forest Conservation in the United States." William was complimented very highly by Mr. J. M. Osteen on delivering such a good speech on this subject. William will meet the other winners in this district on May 4th.

Clarence Willis also of Hoke high, won first place in the project contest. This contest was based on the best all around project in vocational agriculture. There were five high schools entered in this contest.

The winner of the public speaking contest will be awarded a cash prize. The state winner will be awarded a free trip to the national convention in Kansas City, Mo., next October.

Only One Case Tried Recorder's Court

Only one case was disposed of in Hoke County recorder's court last Tuesday morning. Arthur Bethune, colored man of Randolph county, was the defendant. He entered a plea of guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor and sentence was three months on the roads to be suspended on payment of a fine of fifty dollars and the court costs.

One other case was brought up for trial but was continued.

Entomologist Here

Mr. J. O. Rowell, extension entomologist, will be in Hoke county next Wednesday to advise farmers about the control of tobacco and garden insects, says A. S. Knowles, county agent. Mr. Rowell will also discuss insect control at the Little River community house Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. This is the regular meeting of the farm men and women of that township and everyone is invited to attend.

Specialist Here

Mr. L. B. Watson, extension horticulturist, will be in Hoke county next Tuesday to assist farmers with planning home gardens and sweet potato crops, says A. S. Knowles, county agent.

Hoke Cotton Farmers Adopt One Variety

Leading cotton farmers of Hoke county met at the court house last Friday where they discussed plans for growing better grade and staple cotton in 1940.

Ralph Raper, extension cotton specialist, discussed the work that was being done throughout the state and what had been done in Hoke county during the past year. He brought out facts showing the advantages of cooperating in a one-variety cotton community. Cotton farmers cooperating in the one-variety cotton program can get their cotton classed by government classifiers without cost. It was shown that government classing of cotton made thousands of dollars for farmers of Hoke county during 1939.

Cotton producers present adopted Cokers 100 cotton as the variety to plant in the one-variety cotton program. They also re-elected officers for 1940 to serve the Raeford Cotton Improvement Association. The officers are: J. B. Womble of Ashley Heights, president; T. D. Potter of Raeford, vice-president; and Louis Parker of Wayside, secretary.

The Association plans another meeting in the near future to improve the quality of cotton.

Miss Mary Pratt To Be Buried Here Today

Word was received here yesterday of the death yesterday morning of Miss Mary Pratt, former resident of Raeford. It was known here that Miss Pratt was critically ill as she had been so for the past three weeks. The end came at her home in Raeford, Va., where the deceased lived with her mother and her brother Lacey.

Surviving are her mother, four sisters, Jane of Washington, D. C., Elizabeth of Whiteville, N. C., Mrs. Smith of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Winnie Wall of Beaufort, S. C.; two brothers, Lacey of Raeford, Va., and Robert of Beaufort, S. C.

The remains will be brought to Raeford for burial and funeral services will be conducted at the Raeford cemetery this afternoon at three o'clock.

Playmakers Begin Radio Broadcast

Chapel Hill, March 6.—The Carolina Playmakers, famous drama group at the University of North Carolina, began broadcasting a weekly series of original radio plays over the national network of the Mutual Broadcasting System on Saturday, March 2, from 3:30 to 4 o'clock, it was announced here by Dr. Ralph McDonald, head of the Radio Department of the University of North Carolina Extension Division.

The Playmakers series, Dr. McDonald said, is the first university dramatic production ever carried by a national wide system of radio stations.

The plays are heard in North Carolina over WRAL in Raleigh, through whose facilities the programs are carried to the national chain, including the following stations in this State: WSTP in Salisbury, WSOC in Charlotte, and WAIR in Winston-Salem.

The University Radio Department has secured the nation-wide broadcasting connections through the aid and cooperation of the management of the Raleigh member of the Mutual System.

The plays are written and produced at Chapel Hill in the authentic folkplay tradition of the Playmaker organization as developed under the guiding genius of Frederick H. Koch since its founding 21 years ago. The plays to be used are written under the supervision of Paul Green, and produced under the direction of Earl Wynn.

The first nation wide radio play was "Quare Medicine," by Paul Green. Other plays to follow will include some adaptations of well known Carolina folk plays from the pens of such playwrights as Tom Wolfe and Bernice Kalley Harris, as well as plays written especially for radio production.

Going on a nation wide hooking with the Playmakers group constitutes the high water mark of achievement thus far for the university Radio Department which had its beginning in September with the coming to the University of Dr. Ralph McDonald.