

Williamsport To Arrive Here Sunday Afternoon

BY ELMER L. SCHUYLER
Williamsport, Pa., March 20.—Already the Williamsport Grays are converging on Raeford and, by Sunday night, all are expected to be in camp, ready to begin the training grind Monday, the 25th. Men Richardson, who batted .307 last season and was second in home run hitting last season with twenty-seven circuit clouts, is driving from his home in San Bernardino, California. He will go direct to Raeford. So, too, will Leon Kyle, six-foot three, 210-pound right-handed flinger from Monroe, Louisiana; Russell Maxey, husky infielder, from Buford, Georgia, who was acquired by the Grays during the winter from the Memphis (Tenn.) club; Walter Worthington, catcher, Birmingham, Alabama; Robert Harris, pitcher, Newport, Ohio, and Fremont Connor, pitcher, Glasgow, Virginia.

Most of the other players will come to Williamsport and start from here with Manager Fresno Thompson, who has come on from his home in New York to participate in the preparations for the Grays' jaunt to Raeford. The rest of the players will foregather at Harrisburg, Pa., where the big bus will pick them up Saturday.

It is planned that the Grays shall shove off from Williamsport at 8 a. m. Saturday, spend the night in Richmond and reach Raeford Sunday afternoon. Louis Kress, after wintering in Florida, arrived here this week and will, as in former years, be in charge of the bus.

J. Roy Clunk, secretary, and Elmer L. Schuyler, publicity man, will drive down in Mr. Clunk's car.

After six days of training at Raeford Park the Grays will play their first exhibition game of the spring season at Sanford, N. C., Sunday, March 31st, with the Wilmington club of the Inter-State League of which Chief Bender is manager. The first game at Raeford will be played Tuesday, April 2, with Wilmington.

Four of the teams in the Eastern League, Scranton, Springfield, Albany, and Binghamton, will base in South Carolina; the other clubs will base in North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Kentucky.

Williamsport and Albany get the jump on the rest of the clubs by pitching camp March 25. Albany goes back to Barnwell, S. C., to be managed by George Torporcer, who piloted Little Rock last season.

Elmira will pitch camp March 27 at Macon, Georgia, and work out until April 16. Springfield will take twenty-six candidates to Greenville, S. C., March 30 and base there until April 17th.

Scranton and Hartford will begin training April 1—Scranton at Bensenville, S. C., and Hartford at Danville, Ky.

Binghamton Triplets retain camp at Ware Shoals, S. C., where they have scheduled sixteen exhibition games, April 4 to 21. (The Triplets, representing the "Triple Cities," Binghamton, Endicott and Johnson City, N. Y.) The Triplets are a farm for the world's champions New York Yankees.

The Wilkes-Barre Barons, (so-called because they represent a thriving city in the heart of the Anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania, hence the "baron" business,) will train at Suffolk, Va., where they based last season.

So there you are. Your correspondent's next effort will be typed out in the seclusion of the Grays' business office at the Raeford Hotel. We're looking forward to seeing you all Sunday.

Miss Sarah Cox Passes Thursday

Miss Sarah Cox, eighty year old resident of Lee county, passed away suddenly last Thursday morning at her home there.

The deceased was a sister of G. W. Cox and the late B. L. Cox of Raeford. Of the thirteen original members of this family the passing of Miss Cox leaves only three alive.

Funeral service was conducted Friday afternoon from the home at Broadway in Lee county by the pastor of the Methodist church of which she was a member. Burial rites followed in the family cemetery near here.

Attending the services from Raeford were G. W. Cox, Mrs. B. L. Cox, and Mrs. Robert Cox.

Political Visitor

L. Lee Gravelly, of Rocky Mount a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina in the May primary, was a Raeford visitor for some time yesterday.

Few Cases Tried In Recorder's Court

In a rather brief session of Hoke county recorder's court last Tuesday morning Eugene Johnson, white man of McLauchlin township, was charged with careless and reckless driving. The defendant 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 court costs.

T. O. Potts, Laurinburg white man, entered a plea of guilty of careless and reckless driving and sentence of thirty days was suspended on payment of the costs.

Walter Brock, colored man of Laurinburg also charged with careless and reckless driving, was called and failed to appear for trial.

Henry Smith, Jr., white, was sentenced to serve sixty days on the roads for speeding but sentence was suspended when the defendant paid the court costs.

Mel Baker, colored man of McLauchlin township, plead guilty of violating the road law and sentence was thirty days to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Dwight Evans, colored man of Blue Springs township, got a thirty-day sentence suspended on payment of the court costs.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

By K. A. MacDONALD

PLAY AT ASHEMONT

On last Friday night at the Ashemont school the Woman's Home Demonstration club gave a play that was very much enjoyed by all who were privileged to see it.

ATTEND NCEA MEET

Last Friday and Saturday, E. D. Johnson, J. P. Temple, G. H. Rowell and K. A. MacDonald attended the state meeting of the North Carolina Education association held in Raleigh. Around 3,000 teachers from every county in the state were in attendance. A very worthwhile program was put on.

UPCHURCH TEAMS SUCCESSFUL

The basketball teams of Upchurch high school climaxed a very successful year by participating in a Tri-County (Hoke, Richmond, Moore), tournament at Pinehurst. The girls emerged from this tournament as champions, having defeated Rockingham, Hamlet, and Ellerbe. The boys lost to Hamlet in the finals.

In total, this season, the girls played twenty games, won seventeen, lost two and tied one. The boys played twenty-one games, won fourteen, and lost seven.

ATTENDANCE IMPROVES IN SCHOOLS

Since the weather has improved the attendance in all schools has improved. The following is the percentage in attendance for the white schools for the sixth month:

Hoke high, 96.4; Antioch, 95.2; Rockfish, 94.5; Mildouson, 93.8; Raeford elementary, 92.9; Ashemont, 89.5.

The composite percentage for the first six months is as follows:

First month, high school 95.5, elementary, 93.9.

Second month, high school 94.6; elementary, 92.9.

Third month, high school, 96.0; elementary, 93.

Fourth month, high school, 94.1; elementary, 88.7.

Fifth month, high school, 94.3; elementary, 90.6.

Sixth month, high school, 96.2; elementary, 92.9.

The percentages for the Indian schools for the fifth month are as follows:

Macedonia, 97.2; Antioch Indian, 94.3.

The percentage in attendance for the negro schools for the fifth month is as follows:

Evergreen, 99; Freedom, 95.7; Upchurch high, 95.5; Bowinore, 94.7; New Hope, 93.3; Upchurch elementary, 93.2; Edinburg, 92.5; Frye's Mission, 92.0; Burlington, 91.9; Shady Grove, 91.4; White Oak, 91.3; Cedar Grove, 90.7; Peachmont, 90.6; Piney Bay, 90.6; Millside, 89.4; Rockfish, 89.1; Calvin Martin, 89; Laurel Hill, 88.3; Lilly's Chapel, 88.0; Bridges Grove, 87.9; Timberland, 87.0; Friendship, 86.9; Buffalo, 85.9; McFarland, 81.7; St. John, 80.3.

MOVIES THIS WEEK

The school movies are running this week and being enjoyed very much by all who have attended.

BASEBALL VICTORY

Hoke high won its first game of the season yesterday. Score—Hoke

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McGoogan Has Idea To Improve Roads

John McGoogan, Hoke county auditor, has written the letter which appears below to the commissioners of several counties near Hoke in an effort to determine just what their stand would be in case a movement was started to carry out the plan which he outlines in the letter. His letter follows:

March 20th, 1940.

Dear Sir:

"In my opinion it would be a good idea for the County Commissioners of the State to take some action for the improvement of county roads. It seems that the State Highway Commission has as many roads on the map as they are able to care for, and that they are very reluctant to add any new roads to the system.

"I believe that it will be a good idea for the County Commissioners to unite in an effort to secure legislation that would give them authority to take over and work roads that are not on the highway map. If each county had one truck and a small road machine that they could use on this type roads it would be a big help in keeping them in passable condition. I would suggest this as a minimum amount of equipment for a small county.

"This program could be financed by a small addition to the tax rate, or a better plan, would be to secure a small contribution from the State from the gas tax fund. It might be that we could secure this fund from the state in lieu of the repayment of advances that were made by counties to the State for highway work.

"My idea would be to work first the school bus and mail routes that are not on the system, and then branch out and give some relief to the country people that are now without roads. If we had such a program it would enable the counties to use W. P. A. and N. Y. A. labor for the improvement of this type road, and it would give everybody a passable road at a very small additional cost. I would not advocate the building of any expensive road, but just making enough provision to secure authority to work W. P. A. and N. Y. A. labor, and give all of our citizens a passable road to the main highways.

"I would be glad for you to think over the suggestions that I have made and let me have your candid opinion of the matter.

"Yours very truly
J. A. McGoogan
County Auditor."

To Organize Service Club

The rural boys and girls of Hoke county are planning to organize into a service club at a meeting which is being called by Josephine Hall, home demonstration agent and A. S. Knowles, county agent, at the high school gymnasium Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 P. M. This club will consist of boys and girls out of school and who do not plan to go to college. The purpose of such a club is to meet together once a month to discuss timely information and how to build a better community along with recreational activities.

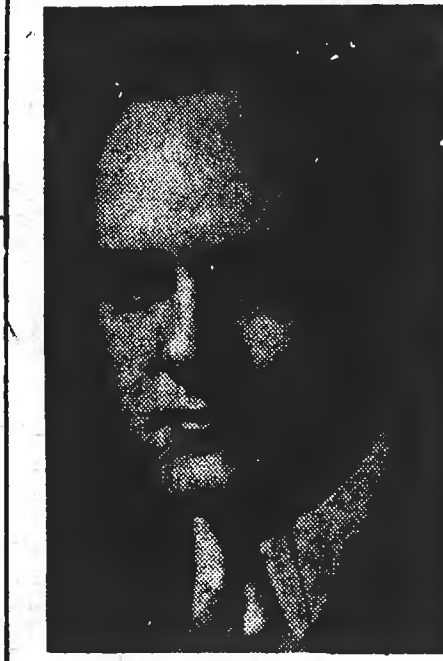
Mr. Dan Holler of the state 4-H club office in Raleigh will assist in organizing this group. All rural boys and girls between the ages of 18 and 30 years are invited to attend this meeting.

Happy Faces Tell the Story



To convalescent homes such as this go the fortunate crippled children whose bodies have been straightened by today's medical science. When the surgeon has done his work much remains for other hands. The tots in the picture above are convalescing in a home where their every need is anticipated and supplied. They will doubtless become responsible, normal members of society rather

Gets Promotion



BOB COVINGTON

Bob Covington Gets Promotion

Greensboro, March 20.—J. R. Covington, a native of Raeford, N. C., and brother of W. T. Covington, Charlotte attorney, has been made a Divisional Advertising Manager of the Vick Chemical company, it was announced today by W. Y. Freyer, president of Vicks. Mr. Covington will work directly under Vicks Advertising Manager and will have special duties in Vicks newly created Eastern and Southern divisions.

After graduating from Davidson in 1929, Mr. Covington taught and coached at Gastonia high school. He joined Vicks in 1933 as an assistant in sales correspondence. In 1936 he became manager of Vicks Canadian Division, a post which he held until his recent promotion.

"The appointment of Bob Covington as one of our divisional advertising managers," said Vicks President Freyer, "is a basic part of our new divisional plan, the result of the steady, nation-wide growth of Vicks sales. Under this new plan, we expect to improve our service to wholesale and retail customers by adjusting advertising and merchandising to specialized local needs."

Hoke High Wins Opening Game

The Hoke county high school got off on the right foot at the local park Tuesday afternoon and decisively defeated their arch rivals of the diamond, Hamlet high school, by a score of 8 to 1.

Leslie McNeill, veteran catcher for Hoke high, led the attack of the victors with three safeties in as many trips. He scored two of his team's runs and drove in five.

Batteries were: for Raeford Cole, Seals and McNeill; for Hamlet, Feltner and Arnold. Winning pitcher, Cole. Hits, Raeford eight, Hamlet three. Umpires, Smith, McFadyen. Playing time, 3:10.

The next home game the boys will play will be against the Sanford high school team tomorrow afternoon at one-thirty o'clock. This will also be a conference game. Speaking of the conference, local experts are giving Coach Cap Clark's boys a mighty good chance of winning the conference title this year.

"Boondoggling" Talk Is Waning

Washington, March 16.—Colonel F. C. Harrington, WPA commissioner said in a "report to the nation" last week that the word "boondoggle" was disappearing because of public respect for accomplishments of the Work Projects administration.

Harrington said the WPA had received about \$7,360,000,000 from Congress and had employed approximately 7,500,000 persons on 250,000 projects during its four and one-half years.

"I note with pleasure," he added, "that the word 'boondoggle' is being dropped from the American vocabulary as applied to WPA work.

"I think the American people are just beginning to realize how much valuable work (schools, highways, hospitals) is being accomplished for their benefit through the WPA. And, this realization, I believe, is changing the public attitude toward WPA."

Since its beginning in Hoke county with the building of the Antioch Indian school WPA has accomplished the completion of twenty-five or more projects in the county. Among them are the building of the Armory, the high school gymnasium, eight community houses, the baseball park, Upchurch high school, the dairy barn at Sanatorium, the new negro school at Ashley Heights, much work to various roads in the county, the paving of sidewalks in Raeford, and others. It is interesting to note in this connection that Hoke is the only county in North Carolina in which every community has a community house.

Work is scheduled to begin April 11 on a storage garage at the armory to house the guns and vehicles of the two national guard outfits. This is to be built of concrete adjoining the armory. Projects pending are the erection of concrete bleachers at the baseball park and a county-wide beautification project.

Daladier And French Cabinet Resign

Paris, March 20.—Premier Edouard Daladier resigned today amid criticism of France's prosecution of the war against Germany and President Albert Lebrun asked Finance Minister Paul Reynaud to form a "war cabinet."

Reynaud said he would give Lebrun his answer tomorrow morning.

The president called in Reynaud, who has been notably successful at his finance post, after Daladier's Radical-Socialist party announced the retiring premier's refusal to attempt a new combination.

Daladier declined in conformity with "parliamentary tradition," it was announced. That meant he interpreted as an expression of disapproval of his conduct of the war a minority vote of confidence which the chamber of deputies had given him earlier in the day.

Although the vote was 239 to 1 in his favor, there were more than 300 abstentions in the total chamber.

Judging Contest

The Pinehurst dairy farm is sponsoring a series of dairy cattle judging contests, announces Leonard Tufts. The dairy cattle judging contests are open to boys taking vocational agriculture and is being sponsored for the purpose of giving rural boys a better knowledge of dairy cattle breeding.

The first judging contest was held Friday, March 15 at 2:00 P. M. Vocational boys from Moore county took part in the judging at that time and Hoke county vocational boys will do the judging Friday, March 22nd, at 2:00 P. M. Parents of vocational boys are invited to attend also.

Vocational boys from the counties in this section will take part in a contest Friday, March 29th to determine the winning county team.

Julian Johnson Low

Julian Johnson, at last reports yesterday was in mighty bad shape and attending physicians gave him little chance to rally.

He was worse Sunday and drew on some unknown strength to revive himself and appeared to be progressing fairly well until he began slipping backward about the middle of yesterday afternoon. When this paper went to press he was showing no improvement over his failure of the afternoon.

Poultry Specialist To Be Here

Mr. C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman from State College, will spend Thursday, March 22nd, in Hoke county working with poultry growers, says A. S. Knowles, county agent.

Young Democratic Rally Will Be A Large One

The spring rally of the Hoke County Young Democratic club which is to be held at Clyde's pond here next Wednesday night promises to be the largest political gathering ever promoted in this county. The rally was originally scheduled for last night but in order that the Hoke County club might cooperate with the Young Democratic clubs of North Carolina in the promotion of "Jeffersonian Rally Month" the rally was postponed until next week.

All candidates for the Democratic nominations for Governor of North Carolina, Lieutenant-Governor, and Eighth District Congressman have been invited to attend the affair at Clyde's pond. The fact that there are fifteen men seeking the three offices coupled with the fact that this is presidential year also makes it a certainty that there will be a throng at the pond to eat fish and talk politics.

Of the fifteen candidates invited nine have already signified their intention to be present with one having expressed his regrets to the club officers and said that he had previous engagement and five yet to be heard from. Judging from this it can be assumed that there will be at least a dozen of the candidates for these three major offices present.

The meeting next week is to take the place of the feed which the club considered having last fall. All tickets to the affair last fall will be honored at this meeting.

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 meeting this month.

Final Cotton Ginning Report

Washington, Mar. 20.—The census bureau announced today in its final ginning report of the 1939-40 season that the 1939 cotton crop totaled 11,812,281 equivalent 500-pound bales of lint cotton. The agriculture department estimated 11,792,000 bales for the crop last December.

Today's final figures compare with 11,943,340 bales in the 1938 crop and 18,945,028 bales in 1937 crop, which was a record.

The census reported 11,477,133 running bales, counting 175,140 round bales as half bales, were ginned during the season, compared with 11,623,221 and 157,979 in the 1939 crop, and 18,252,075 and 326,742 in the 1937 crop.

Military Outfits: County Officials to Lumberton

The entire personnel of Battery "F" and 1st Batt. Headquarters Battery and Combat Train are attending the dedication of the new armory in Lumberton today. The outfits along with many others from all over the state will take part in the big parade which will be attendant to the dedication of the building.

Several of the Hoke county officials have been invited and will also attend the ceremony and the festivities which will last through most of the day and wind up with a dance in the armory tonight.

G. W. Cox Appointed Federal Commissioner

Announcement was made this week of the appointment of G. W. Cox as United States Commissioner for the Middle North Carolina District to succeed his brother, the late R. L. Cox.

The new commissioner is a resident of Raeford and was for several years postmaster here.

Mrs. L. B. Brooks and children of Marion, S. C., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McIntyre.

Mrs. Tom Culbreth is slowly improving.