

## Sent To Roads For Not Having Driver's License

Willie Arnold, local colored man, went to the roads for thirty days this week when he did not have the money to pay the court costs after having entered a plea of guilty of violating the road laws by operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Arnold's case came up in the rather brief session of Hoke County Recorder's court last Tuesday and he was given a sentence of thirty days to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Alexander Coulter, white transient, was called for speeding and failed to appear. Judge McQueen ordered his cash bond of \$15 be forfeited and he was sent to the roads for court costs.

Johnnie McKinnon, local colored man, plead guilty of being drunk and disorderly and was sentenced to serve thirty days on the roads. Sentence was suspended on payment of the court costs. In another case McKinnon was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and sentence was three months. It was suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

Willie Ashley, local colored man, plead guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was sentenced to serve 90 days on the roads. The same defendant was sentenced to 30 days for being drunk and disorderly. Sentences were suspended on payment of a fine of fifty dollars in the former and the costs in both cases.

Plummer Bandy, colored man of McLauchlin township, asked for a jury trial in two cases in which he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Judge McQueen remanded both cases to Superior Court for trial.

Chester McRae, local colored man, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to 30 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the court costs.

Adoo Boseman, white man of Rockfish, entered a plea of guilty of being drunk and disorderly and using profane and indecent language. Sentence of 30 days was suspended on condition that the defendant pay the costs and behave himself for six months.

## Kiwanis Club Will Stage Minstrel Show Next Week

A cast of 26 local stage stars have been rehearsing for the past two weeks under the tutelage of Director Tommie Upchurch for the big minstrel show which the Kiwanis club is presenting at Hoke County high school on the night of Friday, April 5th.

Along with the many Kiwanians the all-star cast will consist of voices and antics of such well-known artists as Starr McMillan, Harry Greene, Martin McKeithan, Devo Austin, Robert Gatlin, and Dave Clark. A chorus of ten ladies will also be featured.

What is doubtless to be a highlight of the program is the appearance of O. A. Shafer, magician who travels for Larus Bros., distributors of Edgeworth and Hi-Plane tobaccos. Mr. Shafer, who has entertained many in this territory with his trickery, and magic, will do a fifteen minute dummy act in the minstrel.

Marcus Smith, Currie McLauchlin, Lewis Upchurch, and E. C. Crawford will present several humorous skits on the program.

This minstrel, the proceeds of which will be used for underprivileged children, will be the first appeal the Kiwanis club has ever directly made to the general public for help in its many benevolent and civic-minded acts. This time they will give a program of good entertainment and use all receipts for a good purpose. The minstrel has already been invited to appear in Wagram under auspices of the civic club there.

## \$4277 Received For Soil Conservation

The Hoke County Agricultural Conservation Association received \$4,277.36 this week to be paid to fifty-one applicants who complied with the 1939 Soil Conservation program, it was learned at the county agent's office yesterday.

Notices are being mailed from the county agent's office as soon as the checks arrive and Mr. Knowles urges all farmers to wait until they receive notices before calling for their checks.

Mrs. F. A. Keith and son spent Easter at her home in Cameron.

## BEARER OF THE KEY



Elmer L. Schuyler, editor of the Williamsport, Pa., Gazette and Bulletin, (far right) receives city key from Mayor Leo C. Williams for presentation to officials here where the Grays are holding their Spring Training Camp. J. Roy Clunk, secretary of the club and Fresco Thompson, manager, stand behind Mr. Schuyler. Behind Mayor Williams are Councilmen Ray R. Hall, Frank W. Henninger, Samuel S. Wendle, and Eugene A. Shaffer. The key was presented by Mr. Schuyler in a ceremony last night at the Young Democratic Rally.

## Conservation Meets Farmers Urged To Hold 1940 Soil Sign Farm Plans

Each Hoke county farmer should attend a meeting in his township for the purpose of studying the provisions of the 1940 Soil Conservation program, urges A. S. Knowles, county agent. The provisions of the 1940 Soil Conservation program and the cotton price adjustment program will be discussed. "It is important that farmers familiarize themselves with the 1940 program so that they can get the maximum benefits out of the program," says Mr. Knowles.

The meetings are as follows: McLauchlin township, at Rockfish school, March 28th at 7:30 P. M. Allendale township in community house, March 29th, at 7:30 P. M. Blue Springs township, in community house April 1st, at 7:30 P. M. Little River township in community house, April 2nd, at 7:30 P. M. Antioch township, in community house April 3rd, at 7:30 P. M. Raeford township in court house, April 4th, at 7:30 P. M. Stonewall township, in Dunderach community house, April 5th, at 7:30 P. M. Quewhiffle township, at Ashemont school, April 8th, at 7:30 P. M. Unsigned 1940 Farm Plans will be carried to above meetings for farmers to sign. All farm plans must be signed before April 15, 1940.

## New Publicity Man For Boy Scouts

At a meeting of the Boy Scout Executive Committee of this district last Thursday night, March 21st, at Maxton, J. H. Mason, a new member of the Laurel Hill school faculty, was appointed publicity man of the Western District, Cape Fear Area Council. The meeting was held in the hotel at Maxton and was a supper meeting. Mr. W. H. Hasty of Maxton presided and Scout Executive David Liles conducted the business session. Several items of business were brought up and discussed. The question of an assistant scout executive was brought up and a favorable report was made.

Mr. Mason, who is a new member of the Laurel Hill school faculty, will give publicity to the scout movement in this area. He will write up troop meetings, board of review meetings, and Court of Honor meetings. All Scoutmasters have been asked to see that all important news items from their troops are sent to Mr. Mason at Laurel Hill. He will see to it that that news gets to all newspapers of this area. It is believed that this will give scouting a boost in the district.

## WINS AWARD

Mrs. Kinlaw, of Raeford, was awarded the \$5.00 in free merchandise at the Raeford Variety store Saturday afternoon, the 23rd.

Quite a crowd had gathered at the store at the time of the award and Dr. Brown, mayor of the town, made the award.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomas spent Sunday in Durham.

## Farmers Urged To Sign Farm Plans

All farmers who have not signed their 1940 farm plans should do so at once, according to A. S. Knowles, county agent. The farm plan contains all allotments and normal yields established for farms in 1940, and the soil building goals. Each farmer is requested to list the acres of the various soil depleting crops and the soil building practices to be carried out on the farm before signing.

Unsigned farm plans will be in the hands of local committeemen from 9 to 5 o'clock at the following places: McLauchlin township, at Rockfish school, March 29th. Allendale township, at community house, March 30th. Blue Springs township, at community house, April 1st. Little River township, at community house, April 2nd. Antioch township, at community house, April 3rd. Raeford township, at court house, April 4th. Stonewall township, at Dunderach community house, April 6th. Quewhiffle township, at Ashemont school, April 9th.

All landlords are urged to sign their farm plans before April 15th, as that is the last date on which they may be signed.

## Census Training School For Hoke County

Hoke county applicants for jobs as census enumerators, who have been recommended by their Democratic executive committees to Congressman W. O. Burgin of the 8th District, for appointment attended a training school jointly with Scotland applicants in Laurinburg Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The school was conducted by Mrs. Paul Dickson. A list of enumerators successful in passing the tests will be published in next week's News-Journal.

The population, agricultural and housing census begins April 1st. Everybody in Hoke county is asked to cooperate and be courteous to the enumerator when he calls. He is sworn to secrecy. Accurate answers and a big enrollment is what Hoke wants when the statistics are tabulated.

## Julian Johnson Rallies, Then Gets Worse

Julian Johnson got better after being mighty low about a week ago, and his condition looked almost favorable for several days. However, at last reports yesterday he had again taken a bad turn and the worst was feared.

## Conducting Schools

Mrs. Paul Dickson, assistant district supervisor of the census of the 8th District, is conducting training schools for enumerators of population, agriculture and housing, in Scotland, Moore, Lee, and Richmond counties this week.

## Snow Falls Easter; Cold Wave General

The weather took a change for the worse last Sunday and all sections of the country were hit by blizzards or colder weather. In North Carolina snow fell in most sections of the state to a depth of seven or eight inches in some localities. About two inches fell during the day Sunday.

Regarding exceptional weather around Easter Mr. D. Scott Poole has written as follows:

We have had unusual weather this week. We have had as large and as late snows, and once I recall as cold or colder weather. Following a mild winter, in 1893-'94, March that year was very warm—hot, in fact, and the leaves on the trees in the forest were fully grown by the 28th of March, when a freeze came. For three days the ground was frozen hard, and the leaves, trees and all were killed. It was July that summer before the leaves got grown again.

The first day of April, 1923, there was a sleet on the trees. A peach tree in our garden near the kitchen was full of peaches as large as bird eggs, with tags of ice hanging to them, and I told my wife that morning if any peaches escaped that cold, it had not been cold that had been killing them.

The latter days of March, 1915, there was a snow some four inches deep and just a week later there was another about the same size the first days of April. That April snow came with a storm—a blizzard. The wind from the north laid the whole line of poles and wires between Raeford and the Raeford Power & Manufacturing company power plant. Every pole was laid straight north and south. Not a pole was left standing that I saw. E. C. Heins, who then owned the Raeford Telephone Exchange, told me it cost him one thousand dollars to repair damage to his 'phone lines.

There has not been an early spring here since 1929. We have slept under cover until June the 1st for ten years. I never knew that before except the spring of 1904.

There will be fruit this year, unless it is killed after this. I did not used to believe in air drainage, but I do now, and since the timber has been cut, we have had fruit, more or less, every year.

Cold will blast part of the fruit, but some will escape. It is frost that kills—hoar frost—this frozen dew on plants and trees. I saw a killing frost as late as April 26th. That was in 1872. We have frost frequently in May and June, but not enough to kill things.

In June, 1912 or '13 there were three cold days when fires were necessary, and in 1908 it was published in the papers that there was frost every month in the year in Watauga county. Nearly every year there are cool days during the summer, but there was not a cool day last summer.

## Welles Due To Arrive Today

Washington, Mar. 27.—The White House said today it was advised that Sumner Welles, under-secretary of state, would arrive in New York between 12 noon and 1 p. m. Thursday from his "fact-finding" European trip.

President Roosevelt, it was added, will receive Welles here at Welles' convenience.

While the undersecretary is expected to report promptly to the President, the White House said there was no reason to expect him to rush to the capital from New York.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said Mr. Roosevelt's departure for Warm Springs, Ga., would not occur until after the Welles' conference. The President hopes to leave for Warm Springs late this week.

Mr. Roosevelt was almost completely recovered today from the effects of a cold which has troubled him more than two weeks. He was up and dressed today but remained in his study.

## WILLIAMSPORT BASEBALL CLUB ARRIVES FOR SPRING TRAINING

### FUNDS STILL WANTED FOR FINNISH RELIEF

Mrs. H. A. Cameron, director of the Finnish Relief Fund in Hoke county, stated this week that the drive for funds to help the oppressed people had not ended and that she wished to urge all chairmen and others with money for the fund to deliver it to R. B. Lewis, treasurer of the fund in Hoke county, this week at the Bank of Raeford.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

By K. A. MacDONALD

### WELL-TRAINED TEACHERS IN COUNTY

The standing of teacher training has changed considerably in the years since Hoke county was organized. While we will all agree that there have been a few very outstanding teachers who had very little formal education we will as readily agree that the ordinary run-of-the-mill teacher is a better teacher in proportion to the training that she has. The following figures will show how this training has improved through the years. In 1911-12, the first year of the county, there were 6 teachers who had college diplomas, 5 white and 1 colored. There were 30 first grade certificates, 26 white and 4 colored. There were 22 second grade certificates, 6 white and 16 colored. Today we have 78 A certificates, 36 white and 42 colored; 27 B certificates, 4 white and 20 colored; and 3 Indian. 2 T (temporary) certificates both colored. An A certificate represents 4 years of college work; a B 3 years of college work and the T represents the equivalent of high school graduation.

In this connection it is interesting to note that in 1911-12 there were 194 illiterants from 12 to 21 years of age listed, while last year there were nearly 600 (of all ages) found in the county. This leads us to believe that somewhere our system of education is breaking down.

### WIN IN STOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Last Thursday J. W. Dowd took 16 of his vocational agriculture class to Pinehurst Dairies, Pinehurst, for a stock judging contest. Dairy cattle were the stock judged. Clarence Willis won first place and a \$3.00 prize. June Wright took second and a \$2.00 prize. William Adcox was third and received \$1.00. Mr. Dowd was well pleased with the showing the boys made.

### ANTIOCH SEVENTH GRADE VISITS RALEIGH

G. H. Rowell, principal of the Antioch school took the seventh grade of that school to Raleigh last week on a sight-seeing tour. They took in all the points of interest in the capital city. The museum seemed to interest the pupils most of all.

### TESTING EYES IN SCHOOLS

The teachers of the county cooperating with the North Carolina Blind Commission are testing all of the pupils' eyes this week. It is hoped that we will be able to give you the results of this test next week.

### ATTENDANCE POOR

The attendance in all the schools was poor on Monday on account of the unprecedented cold weather and snowfall. Miss Howery and Mr. Smith of the high school faculty were late in returning from the Easter holiday, being snow-bound at Malison and Greensboro respectively. At-

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## 27 In Party; Play Wilmington (Del.) Here Next Tuesday Afternoon

## Will Play Nine Games In Raeford

The Williamsport Grays of the Eastern Baseball League blew into Raeford last Sunday on the white wings of a belated snow storm, but by Monday afternoon the weather had relented sufficiently to permit the Grays to indulge in a brief workout. Regular two-session workouts began Wednesday, and the Grays are now well established in their Raeford training camp, and Manager Fresco Thompson is bending every effort toward getting them in condition for the first Raeford game, next Tuesday, April 2, when the Wilmington (Del.) club of the Interstate League will be the visiting attraction.

This clash will serve to introduce to Raeford fans one of the greatest figures in baseball, Charles Albert Bender ("Chief") Bender to the baseball world, who is manager of the Wilmington club, a farm of Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics.

The "Chief," a member of the Chippewaw tribe of Indians, came to the Athletics from the Carlisle (Pa.) Indian school, in 1903 and remained with them until 1914, pitching in five world's series games and cutting a big figure in the Athletics' World's series stride. At the age 57 years Bender is still very active. In addition to his 25 years of player-activity he has since 1914, scouted, coached, and managed baseball clubs.

While scouting in the Eastern League last season he spent some time at Williamsport and picked from the Grays' squad Lester McCrabb, pitcher, and Al Brancato, third baseman, who were here in 1938. They are now with the A's in California.

Bender is not one of the talkative kind, but he knows his baseball, is a keen observer and has the knack of accurately appraising player-worth. He seldom makes a mistake.

The Grays will play Wilmington in Sanford on Sunday and again on Wednesday.

The Raeford game next Tuesday will begin at 3 o'clock, as will all Raeford games.

## British Navy Is Buoy Tightening German Blockade

London, March 27.—While British warships busied themselves with tightening the blockade against German ore imports in hope of luring the German fleet into open battle, Great Britain counted on the Royal Air Force today for Yeoman service against any spread of German submarine raids.

Concentration of British destroyers and submarines in the Skagerrak, off the Danish and Norwegian coasts, was aimed primarily at cutting Germany's ore supplies from Eweden, but neutral observers saw a deeper motive.

They said that if Germany could be goaded to send out a cruiser squadron against these comparatively light forces, the British probably would have some heavy units nearby to fall upon the Germans with superior power.

Meanwhile Britain continued to count her mounting mercantile losses. The reported sinking on Sunday from an undisclosed cause of the British tanker Daghastan, 5,742 tons, spoiled a British admiralty announcement made only yesterday that the week ending last Sunday midnight was the first since the war began in which no British or allied merchantman had been sunk.

The 6,574-ton British steamer Castlewood today was reported overdue and was feared lost with her crew of 40.

Thirty-six survivors from the 6,922-ton British steamer Rossington Court, rammed and sunk by an unidentified tanker in Mid-Atlantic March 13, were landed in Britain today by a motorship which had rescued them for a single lifeboat.

Neutral merchant shipping casualties reported today included the Italian steamer Italo Balbo, 5,114 tons, damaged in a collision with an unidentified Danish ship off the south-east coast of England; and the Netherlands coasting vessel Saba, 490 tons, reported a week overdue at Amsterdam and feared lost with her crew of seven.

Mrs. Lonnie Teal is spending several days in Greensboro with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Teal.

## Williamsport's Baseball Schedule for April In Raeford

- Tuesday, April 2nd—Wilmington, Delaware
- Saturday, April 6th—Goldsboro
- Monday, April 8th—Wilmington, Delaware
- Wednesday, April 10th—Scranton, Pa.
- Thursday, April 11th—Toronto, Can.
- Saturday, April 13th—Harrisburg, Pa.
- Monday, April 15th—Winston-Salem
- Tuesday, April 16th—Scranton, Pa.
- Thursday, April 18th—Santury, Pa.