

Toronto Plays Williamsport Here Today

The Toronto "Maple Leafs," of the International Baseball league, came to town today to clash at 3 o'clock with the Williamsport Grays of the Eastern League. Secretary-Manager J. Roy Clunk, of the Grays, and Louis Kress met the Toronto club at Aberdeen with the Grays' bus and brought them to Raeford.

Leading the visitors is Tony Lazzeri, one of baseball's outstanding figures, and of exceptional interest to North Carolinians is the presence on the club of Eric Tipton, Duke university alumnus and athlete par excellence.

Williamsport players greeted a former teammate, Milton Gray, catcher, who advanced to AA baseball this year after a most successful season in A as a member of the Williamsport team.

The game with Sunbury, tentatively scheduled for Friday at Clinton, has been canceled, and the Grays will enjoy a holiday, with a light workout in preparation for Saturday's tilt with Harrisburg of the Inter-State League, on the Raeford grounds.

The Grays will play at Wilson Sunday and return to meet Winston-Salem here on Monday and Scranton on Tuesday. Wednesday they will go to Bennettsville, S. C., for a return game with Scranton. Sunbury, of the Inter-State League, is scheduled to meet the Grays here Thursday, April 18.

The Grays won, 11 to 3, at Goldsboro, last Friday, and defeated the Goldbugs 11 to 4 here Saturday; they won, 3 to 0 at Erwin Sunday; Monday's game was rained out, but on Tuesday they won from Wilmington, 10 to 4, at Sanford.

Older Youth's Club Meets

The Older Youth's Club, which has recently been organized for the older boys and girls in the county met in the high school gymnasium on Tuesday evening, April 9. The following officers were elected: President, Clarence Koonce, Raeford, route 2; vice-president, Lane Almond, Aberdeen, N. C., route 1; secretary and reporter, Estelle Almond, Aberdeen, route 1; treasurer, Ethlyn Dove, Rockfish.

The club voted to sponsor a square dance at the Rockfish community building sometime in the near future. The proceeds from the dance will be used to purchase a combination radio and victrola to be used in the recreational part of the club programs.

Louise Long, Margaret Wood, and Wade Almond were appointed a program committee to work with Miss Hall and Mr. Knowles, to plan programs for meetings for the remainder of the year.

Invitation is extended to all boys and girls in Hoke to attend the club meetings. Plans is to have about an hour program and use the remainder of the time for recreation. The next meeting will be at the Rockfish community house on the evening of May 3rd.

ESTELLE ALMOND
Secretary and Reporter

Future Farmers Hold Banquet

The boys taking vocational agriculture at the Hoke high school held their annual Father-Son banquet with 92 present. "Welcome to fathers," was given by Zane G. Norton; "Accomplishments of Future Farmers," by Earl Yarborough; and "My Project," by James Hendrix.

William Harris gave a talk on "Forest Conservation in U. S." This won first prize in a speaking contest.

After the banquet several motion pictures were shown, entitled "Future Farmers in Action," and "Death Goes North."

The guests present were: the superintendent of hoke county schools, seven teachers, representatives of the local board, county board and county board of commissioners.

The home economics girls of the high school did a good job of serving under the direction of Miss Howery.

Funeral Services For Stephen W. Lane

Final rites were conducted at the home in Stonewall township last Saturday morning for Stephen W. Lane, who passed away there on Thursday night.

Services were conducted by Rev. Troy Jones of Red Springs and interment followed in the cemetery at Union Baptist Church near Latta, S. C.

Local REA Project Assured of Success

At a meeting of the recently organized Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation held last Thursday morning, April 4, at the courthouse at Raeford, it was decided to proceed with the cooperative and apply for a charter.

More than 400 farmers have signed applications for electric service to be surveyed by the new Rural Electrification Administration line and survey workers are now signing up the remaining territories to be included on the service project.

It was unanimously decided that April 18 will be set up for a deadline for the completion of the survey and all those desiring to receive electric service should see one of the directors or their county agents on or before that date.

The directors are as follows: Hoke—Marshall Newton, R. F. D., Raeford, N. C.; J. A. Roper, route 2, Maxton, N. C.; Mrs. Lucy Smith, route 1, Raeford, N. C.

Robeson—J. E. Morrison, route 2, Maxton, N. C.; C. A. Alford, Rowland, N. C.; J. R. Cadell, R. F. D., Maxton, N. C.

Scotland—Dan McGirt, Wagram, N. C.; Mrs. T. P. McGirt, Wagram, N. C.

Cumberland—J. McN. Gillis, route 3, Fayetteville, N. C.

Representatives of J. B. McCrary, Inc., are now mapping the entire territory which includes all of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties, and a portion of Cumberland, Lee, Moore, and Harnett.

The directors plan to submit an application to the Rural Electrification Administration for a loan to construct approximately 250 miles as soon as a survey is completed.

The office of the Cooperative will be located in Raeford, and being a Cooperative enterprise will be owned and operated by the members.

G. G. Dickson of Raeford has been elected as Project Attorney to prepare and secure the necessary incorporation certificates. The directors also selected Mr. D. J. Dalton of Raeford, route 1, a coordinator to complete the customers survey.

One Battle Off Swedish Waters; One Off Norway

London, April 10.—The British navy was reported tonight to have penetrated into the strategic Skagerrak, the entrance to the Baltic Sea, and to have sunk two German troop transports and a German destroyer in a battle just outside Swedish territorial waters.

Marstrand is on an island about 20 miles north of Goteborg, jutting out strategically at the point where the Skagerrak meets the Kattegat, entrance to the Baltic Sea.

British units to reach this area would have to have broken through Germany's hold on the Skagerrak, which meets the North sea.

The Germans yesterday were reported to have mined the entrance to the Skagerrak.

A portentous naval battle—perhaps determining the entire course of the European war—was fought the jagged length of Norway's coastline today by the French-British allies and Germany.

Germany admitted losing two cruisers. Britain said two of her own destroyers were lost.

Johnson, Coates Re-elected

At a meeting of the local school board last Wednesday night E. D. Johnson was re-elected district principal for the 1940-41 term. W. J. Coates was elected principal of the graded school and D. P. Scurlow principal of the Upchurch school. A meeting for the election of teachers will be held at an early date.

Card Tournament At Antioch

The Antioch Home Demonstration club will sponsor a card tournament at the community building on Wednesday evening, April 17, at 8:00 o'clock. A small admission will be charged and the proceeds will be used toward equipping the community building. The public is cordially invited.

Almost \$15,000 Here In Conservation Checks

The County Soil Conservation Association has received to date \$14,775.76 as a 1939 Soil Conservation payment, A. S. Knowles, County Agent, said yesterday.

Notices are being mailed out as fast as the checks arrive and farmers are being requested to refrain from calling for their checks until they have received a notice.

Rowland Will Run For Recorder

G. B. Rowland, former mayor of Raeford and attorney of this town, this week announced his candidacy for the office of judge of Hoke County recorder's court subject to the action of the county voters in the Democratic primary May 25th.

Mr. Rowland was for eight years mayor of the Town of Raeford and he has also been solicitor of the recorder's court here. He is a director of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C.

He is the first to announce his candidacy for the position of county recorder although it is thought that the incumbent, Judge W. B. McQueen, will seek to succeed himself and Archie Watson of Allendale township is said to be considering making a run for the job.

Others seeking offices are Ryan McBryde, unopposed so far for the senate, and Laurie McEachern and George Weaver, both seeking the seat in the House of Representatives from Hoke County.

Pickler For Commissioner

Another announcement appearing for the first time in this issue is that of E. R. Pickler, well known farmer of Quewhiffle township, who announces that he will seek a seat on the Hoke County Board of Commissioners. John William Smith, member of the board from Little River township, has said that he would not seek reelection in favor of Mr. Pickler, as Quewhiffle had not been represented on the board for some time.

Although they have not done so yet, the other members of the board of commissioners are expected to run to succeed themselves. They are N. H. G. Balfour, A. K. Stevens, D. C. Newton, and T. B. Lester.

Norwegians And Germans Fighting

Stockholm, April 10.—Norwegian troops defending their government and its new capital fought a fierce battle with invading German forces today at the town of Elverum, 75 miles north of Oslo on the Swedish frontier, according to advices reaching here.

About 200 Norwegians were reported killed and wounded, while German losses were not immediately known.

The Germans were reported sending reinforcements to Elverum speedily, but the town still had not been occupied by 4:30 p. m. (10:30 a. m., EST).

Volunteers joined the regular Norwegian troops to defend the new capital from the invaders. The royal family and the government of Premier Johan Nygaardsvold had fled to Elverum from Hamar, whither it had gone yesterday just ahead of the German occupation of Oslo.

German troops were supported in their action against Elverum by warplanes, travelers reaching here related.

Stores Will Close For Game Today

The merchants of Raeford have agreed to close their places of business for the baseball game this afternoon between the Williamsport Grays and the Toronto Maple Leafs, as Toronto is the best class baseball team to appear here this season.

The stores here will also close for the game with Scranton next Tuesday afternoon. The Scranton team won the pennant in the Eastern League last season and should afford a little competition for the Grays.

Julian Johnson Better

An attending physician stated yesterday concerning Julian S. Johnson, who has been critically ill here, that his condition had "improved in the last few days and he is resting a little better."

Hubert Cameron of Raleigh was at home last weekend.

State Gubernatorial Campaign Active

In his first "political" address of the campaign, J. M. Broughton, a Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tuesday declared that the next legislature "definitely and immediately" should put into operation a teacher retirement plan.

Gubernatorial Candidate Tom Cooper, meanwhile, drove his sound-truck into Greenville and told a large throng, "it is time lawyers put their minds to interpreting laws and let farmers, merchants and mule dealers make law." He pointed out that most of his opponents for the nomination are attorneys and that he, in addition to being mayor of Wilmington, is a mule dealer.

Another candidate, L. Lee Graveley, said at a civic club luncheon in Lexington that "the whole structure of happiness and prosperity rests upon the foundation of the health of our people, and our government owes the obligation to afford all our people, irrespective of economic status, the fullest opportunity for health protection."

Speaking in Columbia before a meeting of Tyrrell county Young Democrats, Gubernatorial Candidate A. J. Maxwell said the state's "great natural assets," its more than 20,000,000 acres of woodland, "can be made to increase in value every year while furnishing a cash income to thousands of people."

A fifth candidate, Lieut. Gov. W. P. Horton, announced the formation of a central advisory committee to manage his Warren county campaign. The group is composed of Howard F. Jones, G. W. Poindexter, F. T. Read, W. T. Burton, James K. Polk, Mrs. Claude T. Bowers and Mrs. W. R. Woodall.

Hoke High Wins Two Then Takes Beating

The Hoke high baseball team went mighty strong until yesterday afternoon, defeating Rockingham here last Friday and Laurinburg here Tuesday. However, they were building up to a great let-down for in Rockingham yesterday afternoon the Rockingham high team beat the Hoke club unmercifully, 21 to 2.

Over Rockingham last Friday the local boys won easily 11 to 6 and went on this week to beat Laurinburg here 9 to 1.

According to a spectator at yesterday's game the Hoke high team just "went to pieces." The score is evidence.

The next home game the high school boys play is against Siler City here tomorrow afternoon.

Kiwanis Minstrel Very Successful

The minstrel show staged by the Raeford Kiwanis club with the help of several others who gave their time and talents at the Hoke county high school last Friday night was attended by a large and appreciative audience. The size of the audience was gratifying to all concerned, as the proceeds, something over a hundred dollars, will all be used for expenses of the Raeford troop of the Boy Scouts of America, of which the Raeford Kiwanis club is the sponsor.

Commencement Starts In County

The commencement schedule of the Hoke county schools will get under way on April 12th with a double-barrelled program. The Rockfish and Ashemont operettas being given on that date at 8:00 P. M.

James B. Gleason Here This Week

James B. Gleason, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, president of the Grays, arrived in Raeford last Sunday and is spending this week with the club in spring training camp.

Mr. Gleason, who came here from Anniston, Alabama, expects to continue his trip to Williamsport tomorrow or the next day.

Williamsport Suffers First Loss Here Yesterday

The Williamsport Grays lost their first game of the current spring training season Wednesday to the Scranton Miners, champions of the Eastern League. Score, 8 to 3. It was a ball game up to the eighth inning. Scranton took the lead in the first inning, collecting two runs. The Grays tied one in the same inning and went into the lead in the third by scoring two more.

No more runs tallied until the eighth. After Roger Wolff had set the Miners down in order in the sixth and seventh and two men were out in the eighth, Lazor singled, Flair doubled and Pellagrini lifted the ball over the left center field fence. Three more tallied in the ninth off of Ross on singles by Popowski, Petruskin, Lazor and Flair, a base on balls to Miller and Kolberg's wild heave over Berlinger's head. Score:

Scranton	Ab	R	H	PO	A
Popowski, 2b	5	2	2	5	3
Petrushkin, cf	5	2	2	3	0
Miller, rf	3	1	1	0	0
Lazor, rf	5	1	3	5	0
Flair, lb	5	1	2	10	0
Pellagrini, ss	5	1	2	1	3
Fiario, 3b	2	0	0	1	1
Reed, 3b	2	0	0	0	1
Finley, c	3	0	2	1	1
Sosh, c	1	0	0	0	0
Dunkle, p	1	0	1	0	0
*Jarlette	0	0	0	0	0
Kadis, p	2	0	0	0	1
Mirabito, p	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	39	8	13	27	12

*Batted for Dunkle in the fourth.

Williamsport	Ab	R	H	PO	A
Sabol, cf	4	0	1	2	1
Maxcy, ss	3	1	0	1	2
Richmond, ss	1	0	0	0	0
Richardson, lf	4	1	2	1	0
Fuchs, lf	1	0	1	1	0
Northey, rf	4	1	2	0	0
Kolberg, lb	2	0	0	11	0
Berlinger, 3b	3	0	1	1	2
Rhein, 2b	3	0	0	1	3
Stanton, 2b	1	0	0	0	1
Lynn, c	4	0	2	7	1
Blumette, p	2	0	0	0	0
Wolff, p	1	0	0	0	1
*Camelli	0	0	0	0	0
Ross, p	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	8	27	10

*batted for Wolff in eighth.

SUMMARY—Error, Kolberg; runs batted in, Pellagrini 2, Flair 2, Lazor 2, Petruskin, Berlinger, Rhein, Lynn. Three-base hit, Petruskin. Home run, Pellagrini. Double play, Reed, Popowski to Flair. Left on base, Scranton 7, Williamsport 10.

Base on balls—off: Blumette 2, Ross 1, Dunkle 4, Kadis 1. Struck out by Blumette 2, Wolff 3, Ross 1. Hits off: Blumette in 5 innings 6; off Wolff in 3 innings 3; off Ross in 1 inning 4; off Dunkle in 3 innings 4; off Kadis in 4 innings 3; off Mirabito in 2 innings 1. Hit by pitcher, by Dunkle (Kolberg). Winning pitcher Kadis. Losing pitcher Wolff. Umpires Branden and McKeithan. Time of game 2:10.

Roosevelt And Dewey Gain In Primaries

Thomas E. Dewey and Franklin D. Roosevelt riveted by fresh triumphs in the midwest farm belt today a leadership in the 1940 presidential races that challenged other contenders.

In Nebraska's Republican preferential primary, Dewey was running well ahead of Senator Arthur Vandenberg, just a week after an easy Wisconsin victory over the Michigan Senator. Dewey's lead was more than 10,000 when the counting passed the half way mark.

In Illinois Mr. Roosevelt rolled up a 6 to 1 margin over the anti-third term candidacy of Vice President Garner, causing State Democratic leaders to describe the vote as a "demand" for the President's re-nomination.

Dewey was unopposed in Illinois but his supporters had hoped for a big turnout as a harbinger of Republican strength in November. Mr. Roosevelt's total was running well ahead of the combined votes for Garner and Dewey, although the New York prosecutor was about even with the President in the non-metropolitan areas.

Few Cases Tried In Recorder's Court

Presenting quite a contrast to the rather lengthy session of last week the business of the Hoke county recorder's court was finished in just a little more than three hours Tuesday morning.

W. J. Smith, white man of Red Springs, entered a plea of guilty of issuing a bad check and sentence was thirty days to be suspended on payment of the costs and the making good of the check.

John Washington, colored man of Southern Pines, was found guilty of driving drunk, failing to stop, and violating the prohibition law. Sentence was sixty days to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$50 and the court costs.

Thomas David, colored, had his thirty day sentence for violating the road law suspended on payment of the costs.

George Leach, colored man of Quewhiffle township, Charlie Caulk, local white man, Reed McKinny, local colored man of Quewhiffle township, were sentenced to thirty days on the roads, sentences to be suspended on payment of the court costs. Caulk went to the roads and the rest paid the costs.

Kid McDougald, colored man of Raeford, got a thirty day sentence suspended on payment of the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Prentiss McGregor, local colored man, was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the court costs.

Lonnie Ray, local colored man, was found not guilty on the charge of larceny.

Poole Believes New Registration Cheaper for County

William L. Poole, chairman of the Hoke County Board of Elections, stated yesterday that the new registration of the voters of this county which has been decreed by the board and which will take place between April 27 and May 11 will cost the county less money than a revision of the registration books and a re-listing of the voters would cost. The election laws of the state require that if there is no new registration the last mentioned action must be taken.

Mr. Poole, who along with J. H. Blue and J. T. Robertson makes up the Hoke County Board of Elections, made this statement in answer to criticisms voiced here this week on the action of the board in ordering a new registration at its meeting on March 23. The criticisms were to the effect that the new registration would be a large and unnecessary expense to the county and Poole's answer shows that of the two courses possible concerning the registration books, the new registration is cheaper and less trouble for all concerned. The registrars will not do as much work in the new registration and they will be paid for no more time than they would if the alternate action, revising the books and re-listing the voters (Tantamount to a new registration itself), had been decided upon.

The registration will go on in all the voting precincts of this county between the days of April 27 and May 11. The registrars are as follows:

Allendale, L. A. McGowan; Antioch, W. C. Hodgin; Ashemont, W. L. Thornburg; Blue Springs, Fulford McMillan; Mildouson, N. A. McInnis; Pappy Creek, Floyd Monroe; Little River, E. B. Blue; Rockfish, Marshall Ray; Raeford No. 1, W. B. Barrington; Raeford No. 2, Alfred Cole.

John A. Carpenter Buried Saturday

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday afternoon at Bethel Presbyterian church for John A. Carpenter, former resident of Raeford, who passed away Friday at his home in Rockingham.

Rites were conducted by Rev. W. F. Trawick and interment followed in the cemetery at Bethel where the deceased had relatives buried.

Closing Date Set For Signing 1940 Farm Plan

All Hoke county farmers who have not signed their 1940 Farm Plan should do so not later than April 5 in order to be eligible for their 1940 Soil Conservation Payments, says the county agent.

Failure to sign the 1940 Farm Plan before the closing date will forfeit any rights to the 1940 Soil Conservation Payment.

W. B. McLaughlin Seriously Ill Here

W. B. McLaughlin, coroner of Hoke county and retired business man of Raeford, was not conscious and doctors described his condition as almost hopeless late yesterday.

Mr. McLaughlin has been confined to his bed since Sunday of last week with a number of ailments and has been in critical condition for the last few days.

Williamsport's Baseball Schedule for April In Raeford

- Thursday, April 11th—Toronto, Can.
- Saturday, April 13th—Harrisburg, Pa.
- Monday, April 15th—Winston-Salem
- Tuesday, April 16th—Scranton, Pa.
- Thursday, April 18th—Sunbury, Pa.