

Grays Defeat Scranton Here Tuesday

The Williamsport Grays, after getting off to an unimpressive start in Tuesday's baseball game on Raeford Field, settled down, playing stellar ball, defeated the Scranton Miners, champions of the Eastern League, 5 to 3.

The Miners bunched three hits with three bases on balls and two errors to tally four runs in the first inning.

Williamsport got two or them back in the same inning on bases to Sabol and Maxcy, a wild pitch and Berlangier's first hit, and in the third inning went into the lead, to stay there to the finish. Maxcy singled stole second and scored on Berlangier's two-base hit. Berlangier tallied on Kolberg's triple and Northey came in with the winning tally on a base on balls, a passed ball and Stanton's second hit.

Harris pitched his ball in his four-inning tenure and was in trouble only in the seventh inning when, with one out, he filled the bases on passes. Then he settled down, fanned Laxor and caused Flair to fly out to Sabol.

Berlangier starred at the bat with four-for-four, one of them a double. Jerry Lynn was runner up with three hits and Stanton had two.

Sabol's fielding in center field was sensational, and so was Stanton's playing at second base.

Five double plays featured the contest—three by Scranton and two by Williamsport. Score:

Scranton	Ab	R	H	PO	A
Popowski, 2b	2	1	0	3	5
Petrushkin, cf	4	0	0	0	0
Miller, rf	3	1	1	1	0
Lazor, lf	4	1	1	1	0
Flair, 1b	3	1	1	9	1
Pellagrini, ss	3	0	0	5	4
Reed, 3b	4	0	1	2	2
Finley, c	3	0	3	0	0
Waite, p	1	0	0	0	0
a-Sosh	1	0	1	0	0
Mirabito, p	0	0	0	0	0
Fiarito	1	0	0	0	0
Kadis, p	1	0	0	0	0

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a-Batted for Waite in fourth inning.

b-Batted for Mirabito in seventh inning.

Williamsport	Ab	R	H	PO	A
Sabol, cf	4	1	0	5	0
Maxcy, ss	2	2	1	0	4
Berlangier, 3b	4	1	4	2	2
Richardson, lf	4	0	1	2	0
Kolberg, 1b	4	0	1	7	0
Northey, rf	3	1	1	0	0
Stanton, 2b	4	0	2	5	4
Lynn, c	4	0	3	6	0
Blumette, p	2	0	0	0	1
Harris, p	2	0	1	0	0

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Errors—Maxcy, Lynn. Runs batted in—Berlangier 3, Kolberg, Stanton, Flair, Reed. Two-base hits—Berlangier, Flair. Three-base hit—Kolberg. Stolen base—Maxcy. Double plays—Berlangier, Stanton to Kolberg; Popowski, Pellagrini to Flair; Maxcy to Stanton to Kolberg; Pellagrini, Flair; Popowski, Pellagrini. Left on bases—Scranton 8, Williamsport 8. Base on balls—Blumette 5, Harris 5, Waite 3, Kadis 1. Struck out, by Blumette 3, Harris 3, Waite 3, Kadis 1. Hits off: Blumette in 5 innings 5; off Harris in 4 innings 0; off Waite in 3 innings 8; off Mirabito in 3 innings 3; off Kadis in 2 innings 3. Wild pitch—Waite. Passed ball—Finley. Winning pitcher—Blumette. Losing pitcher—Waite. Umpires—Branden and McKeithan. Time of game—2 hours.

Kiwanians Plan Divisional Meet In Raeford May 2nd

The annual spring meeting of the Kiwanis clubs of this division will be held in the hall of the Raeford Kiwanis club here on the night of Thursday, May 2, at seven o'clock. The principal address of the meeting will be delivered by Dr. Charles W. Armstrong of Salisbury, district Kiwanis governor, and a record turnout of Kiwanians is anticipated. Clubs in the fourth district are Alma, Smithfield, Fayetteville, Sanford, Lumberton, Sandhills, and Raeford.

Two Barns Burn In County Monday

Two large and well filled barns on the farm of Mrs. W. A. Wilkes of Maxton, located in lower Allendale, Hoke county, were burned Monday morning early. One mule, 500 bushels of corn, several tons of hay, several tons of fertilizer and a number of hogs were consumed. The place is farmed by Sinclair and Jackson, whose loss the fire caused, except the buildings. The fire was of undetermined origin, and there was no insurance, it is stated.

Lieut.-Gov. Horton To Speak Here Next Monday

Raleigh, N. C., April 17.—Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton, of Pittsboro, Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will deliver an address in the Hoke county courthouse at 1:00 P. M., Monday, April 22.

In announcing this engagement, John McKay Blue, of Raeford, Hoke county manager of the Horton-for-Governor campaign, said that the distinguished visitor will discuss various public questions which are receiving attention in the state. "The public is cordially invited to hear him," said Mr. Blue.

During the past twenty-six years Mr. Horton has been practicing law in Pittsboro. He was a State Senator at the regular sessions of the General Assembly in 1919, 1927, 1931, and 1935, also at the special session in 1920. He was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1936 and has served in this office since January, 1937. He is widely known as a public speaker as well as a lawyer and State official.

J. B. Thomas Announces Precinct Meetings May 4th

J. B. Thomas, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Hoke county, announced this week that the Democratic meetings in each precinct in the county will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 4, at three o'clock in the various precincts. Mr. Thomas also announced that the county Democratic convention would be held in the county courthouse on Saturday afternoon, May 11, at three o'clock.

The state convention will be held in Raleigh beginning at twelve o'clock noon on Friday, May 17, he said.

"The precinct meetings are very important and every Democrat interested in better government should attend and take part in them," said the chairman.

He also pointed out that as the precincts of Arabia and Dundarrach have been combined into one precinct, the meeting there will be held at Mildouson school. Raeford having been divided into two precincts, all those living on the east side of the Red Springs-Vass road will meet in the courthouse and those living on the west side of that road will meet in the Raeford town hall.

Britain Suffers Sea Losses

Germany and Great Britain traded blows Wednesday in efforts to keep each other from strengthening their footholds in embattled Norway.

Official German accounts reported the heavier damage: A British destroyer of the "tribal" class sunk by a submarine northeast of the Shetland Islands;

A British cruiser sunk by air attack off the Norwegian west coast; A large transport "hit squarely by the heaviest caliber air bombs;"

A battleship hit by a bomb of the heaviest caliber;

Two cruisers hit by air raiders and damaged so badly they presumably will not be able to reach home;

The British said Royal Air Force planes raided the airport at Trondheim, a seaplane base near the strategic German-held port on Norway's west coast.

Census Takers Have Listed 100,000,000

Washington, April 17.—The census bureau passed its count of the 100,000,000th American today, with about 30,000,000 yet to go.

Officials figured that the door-to-door phase of the decennial population check which started April 1st ought to be finished in another week. The census-takers can't be paid their 4 cents a name until they complete their districts.

In most places, at least one call has been made at every home, but a footsore enumerator near Zanesville, Ohio, complained that he had made 11 unsuccessful trips to the same house.

In the first four small towns to report, the 1940 figures averaged 18 per cent more than 10 years ago.

HAMLET HI REFEATS HOKE

Coach Cap Clark's Hoke high school team is, virtually, out of the running for the conference title as the result of a 6 to 4 defeat handed them here yesterday by the team from Hamlet high school. Until yesterday's game the Hoke boys were in a tie for first place.

Williamsport To Play Last Game Here Today

Raeford baseball fans will have their last opportunity to see the Williamsport Grays in action on the local grounds today, at 3 o'clock, when they will meet the Sunbury, Pa., club of the Inter-state League in an exhibition game.

After today the Grays will play Tarboro at Tarboro tomorrow, Scranton at Bennettsville Saturday and Wilmington at Sanford Sunday, after which they will head for Williamsport and continuing on to Williamsport Monday.

J. Roy Clunk, business manager and secretary, left this morning for Williamsport in order to supervise preparations for the opening of the Eastern League season at Bowman field Wednesday, when the Grays will have the Elmira Pioneers as their opponents.

In spite of the fact that the Grays arrived in Raeford on Sunday, March 24, in a snowstorm, they have been able either to have a workout or play an exhibition game every day since. On Friday, March 29, they were unable to practice in the morning, but the weather cleared and they had a fine workout after dinner.

On the following day thunder showers kept them inactive in the morning, but by 2:40 they were on the field and practiced for two hours.

On account of unfavorable weather the game with Wilmington on Monday, April 8th, was called off, but the Grays were able to get a workout here after dinner.

While the attendance has not been up to expectations the training season has been quite successful.

"Thus far I have not been wholly satisfied with the hitting," said Manager Fresco Thompson today, "but it is improving, and I am confident the Grays will be gaining their stride by the time the league season opens, if not before. The pitching and fielding are good."

"We have felt very much at home in Raeford. Everyone has been more than kind and in all my experience in baseball I have never been better treated or experienced greater hospitality. We certainly appreciate everything that has been done for us during our stay."

Foreign Trade With America Is Hard Hit

Washington, April 17.—Great Britain's blockades in the Atlantic and Pacific, coupled with President Roosevelt's extension of the combat area forbidden to American ships, have interrupted or hampered American foreign trade involving nearly \$1,300,000,000.

Other wartime hazards and restrictions—the threat of German raiders, a Japanese blockade in the far east, the "cash and carry" provisions of the neutrality act—boost the figure even higher.

Experts here estimate that more than half of the country's foreign trade has been either eliminated or affected. The 1939 foreign trade total was \$3,177,344,138.

The combat area keeps American shipping from carrying goods to the country's principal market, northern and central Europe, where American exports totaled \$1,172,948,023 last year.

Soviet Russia is the object of Britain's latest blockade measure. Ronald H. Cross, British blockade minister, told the house of commons yesterday that Britain was taking all practicable steps to detain American cargoes en route to Vladivostok, the Soviet far eastern port, whether it was suspected they were really destined for Germany via the trans-Siberian railroad.

American commerce to Russia normally used three routes—north to the Arctic ports of Murmansk and Archangel, south through the Mediterranean and the Black Sets to Odessa, or across the Pacific to Vladivostok.

At last reports yesterday Julian Johnson's condition, while some improved over the day before, was said to be little if any better than it was a week ago.

The condition of Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr., who has been critically ill at a Moore county hospital for the past week, was described yesterday as slightly improved but gravely critical.

Mrs. Arah Gatlin Stuart, who underwent a serious operation in a Fayetteville hospital last Friday, was said yesterday to be "getting along fine."

Mr. and Mrs. John D. McLeod, son Douglas McLeod, and daughter Lucille McLeod, who are in a Camden, S. C., hospital recuperating from injuries sustained in an automobile accident last Sunday afternoon were in varying stages of recovery yesterday. Douglas and Lucille were thought to be about well enough to leave the hospital but Mr. and Mrs. McLeod were still in very serious condition, both having suffered broken bones, lacerations, and internal injuries.

An additional \$21,378.05 has arrived in the County Agent's office for farmers who cooperated under the 1939 Soil Conservation Program. This brings the total received to date to \$86,135.81, reports A. S. Knowles, Hoke county A. C. A.

Farmers who wish to get their small grain certified by the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association should make application immediately at the County Agent's office, reports A. S. Knowles, County Agent.

Pure bred seed direct from the breeder or seed from certified seed stock is eligible for certification provided it meets the other requirements such as distance from other variety and purity in germination, reports A. S. Knowles, County Agent.

Funeral Services W. B. McLaughlin Held Yesterday

William B. McLaughlin died at his home on Central avenue Tuesday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, after a short and severe illness of two weeks. His health had not been good for months, but this fact was not known even to his most intimate friends, and his critical illness and death were a great shock to his many friends and relatives. He was a man universally esteemed by all his acquaintances.

For years he had been a ruling elder and clerk of the session of the Raeford Presbyterian church. All his days were usefully spent in acts of benevolence and charity. To the construction of the present Presbyterian church, he and Mrs. McLaughlin, his wife were large contributors. He was always a man, and when you have found a true man, you have not far to go to find a gentleman. He was truly both.

He is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Flora Lamont; one brother, H. C. McLaughlin; two sisters, Misses Ida and Mattie McLaughlin, all of Raeford. He is related to a goodly number of the best people of the county, this section of the state and other southern states. His forbears were numbered among the early Scottish settlers of the upper Cape Fear section. He was born at what is now Oakdale farm near Raeford on January 4th, 1874, and was reared at Longstreet church, (Argyle postoffice), Cumberland county, now Fort Bragg reservation, coming to Raeford in 1900 when the town was merely Raeford Institute. He was a son of Neill D. and Josephine Currie McLaughlin.

He lived in Sumter and Mayesville, S. C., from 1906 to 1910, when he returned here to spend the rest of his life.

He had served as mayor of his town, and was coroner of Hoke county at the time of his death, filling as occasion demanded other important positions, always with credit to himself, and his constituency.

His funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 by his pastor, Dr. Watson M. Fairley, and interment followed in Raeford cemetery. The Ruling Elders and Deacons acted as both honorary and active pallbearers. Doctors O. L. O'Brian and R. A. Matheson were also honorary pallbearers. Rev. L. A. McLaurin, of Hemp, assisted in the services.

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26 CANDIDATES PAY FILING FEE TO ELECTION BOARD LAST WEEK

SCHOOL BRIEFS

By K. A. MacDONALD

Commencement Schedule For Hoke Schools

Raeford graded, primary operetta, April 18, 1:00 (outdoors). Mildouson, operetta, April 18th, 8:00.

Senior play, April 19th, 8:00. Antioch, operetta, May 2nd, 8:00 (tentative).

Raeford graded, grammar grade operetta, May 3rd, 8:00 (high school building).

Ashmont, sermon, May 5th, 8:00. Mildouson, sermon, May 5th, 3:30. Commencement sermon, May 5th, 11:00.

Mildouson, 7th grade exercises, May 8th, 8:00. 7th grade promotion day, May 9th, 10:30 (high school building).

Senior class day exercises, May 9, 8:00. Rockfish, 7th grade exercises, May 10, 7:30 p. m.

Commencement, May 10th, 8:00. (There will be no school on Friday, May 10th, except at Rockfish. There will be school on Monday, May 13th. Students will get their reports, certificates, etc., on this day).

Ashmont had its operetta Friday night. Despite the very inclement weather the house was well filled. "The Three Bears" was the operetta presented. The children showed splendid training and did their parts especially well. Teachers and pupils are to be congratulated. The audience was highly pleased with the production.

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Six Candidates Having No Opposition Declared Nominated; Pri- mary May 25th.

When the time for filing as a candidate in the Democratic primary in Hoke county expired last Saturday at six P. M. twenty-six persons had paid their filing fees to William L. Poole, chairman of the Hoke County Board of Elections, Mr. Poole announces.

The following six of the above-mentioned were unopposed for the offices they sought and so were declared the Democratic nominees by the County Board of Elections: Ryan McBryde, for state Senator from the 12th district, W. W. Roberts for Register of Deeds, Dr. R. A. Matheson for coroner, G. G. Dickson for solicitor of recorder's court, J. C. McLean for cotton weigher, and J. E. Crowson for township constable in Raeford township.

Laurie McEachern, who has had the seat before, and George Weaver, seeking office for the first time, remained the only ones seeking to be the nominee for the House of Representatives of North Carolina.

Judge W. B. McQueen of the Hoke county recorder's court paid his filing fee and G. B. Rowland, local attorney, remains his only opposition.

With four members of the present board of county commissioners seeking to succeed themselves and four new candidates there are eight seeking the five seats on the board. The present board with the exception of John William Smith is running. They are N. H. G. Balfour, T. B. Lester, D. C. Newton, and A. K. Stevens.

New candidates for the board are E. R. Pickler, Hector McNeill, W. S. Maxwell, and Walter L. Gibson.

The entire county school board, consisting of N. H. Blue, A. C. Bethune, A. W. D. McPhaul, Carl Riley, and A. W. Wood, seeks to succeed itself. Other candidates for seats on the board of education are R. J. Hasty, D. B. McFadyen, and W. M. Monroe.

The primary is to be held May 25, 1940.

McQueen Sentences Two 18 Months Each Tuesday

In Hoke county recorder's court last Tuesday Willie McKinnon and Gaddie Robeson, local colored men, were each found guilty of larceny in three cases and of injury to property in three cases. Sentences were three months each for each case, sentences to run consecutively, making a total of 18 months on the roads for each defendant.

Claud Hood, local colored man, pleaded guilty of violating the road law and sentence was thirty days to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Jim Artis, colored man of Stonewall township, was sentenced to six months on the roads for violating the prohibition laws, sentence to be suspended on payment of the court costs and a \$10 fine, and on condition of good behavior for 12 months.

Dock Peterson, local colored man, got a thirty day sentence suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Ejester Wade, got a thirty day sentence for stealing a dollar, sentence to be suspended on payment of the court costs and the return of the dollar.

Luther Henderson, Indian of Antioch, got thirty days for being drunk and disorderly. Sentence was suspended on payment of the costs.

Hervey McPhatter and Sullivan McNeill, colored men of Allendale township, got thirty day sentences suspended on payment of the costs for violating the prohibition laws and being drunk and disorderly.

Joe McGill and Charlie Shipman, colored men of McLaughlin township, for driving drunk and being drunk and disorderly were sentenced to serve three months each on the roads, sentence to be suspended in the case of each on payment of a fine of \$50 and the court costs.

James Floyd, colored man of McLaughlin got a thirty day sentence suspended on payment of the costs.

The senior class of Hoke county high school will present its annual class play tomorrow night in the high school auditorium with the curtain set to rise at eight o'clock. The play is a Samuel French comedy in three acts.