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Stevens Clears Criminal Docket Wednesday

Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw opened the April term of Hoke county Superior Court here Monday morning with a powerful charge to the grand jury and then really got down to the business of clearing the criminal docket of cases which have been piling up since last November, as the judge was ill last January causing that term to be cancelled.

In the case in which H. L. Rulnick, white, and Lonnie Holmes, colored, both of Fayetteville, were charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of J. E. Covington on the highway at Montrose last December, the grand jury did not return a true bill of indictment.

Walter Miller, Senator colored man charged with hit and run driving and manslaughter in connection with the death of an Indian on the R. A. Springs highway, entered a plea of guilty on both charges and sentence was not less than one nor more than five years in the state prison on the charge and not less than three nor more than five years in the state prison on the second, sentence to run concurrently.

John H. Ferguson, white man of Little River, plead guilty of assault and sentence was 18 months suspended on payment of the costs by the next term of court and on condition of good behavior for two years.

Cliff McNeill, local colored man, was sentenced to the roads for six months for larceny, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and on condition of good behavior for two years.

D. T. Skipper, white man of Antioch, was sentenced to serve six months on the roads for issuing a worthless check. Sentence was suspended on payment of the check and court costs, \$15 cash and the remainder by the August term of court.

Jacob Williams, white man of Greenville, charged with careless and reckless driving and manslaughter in connection with the death of a highway worker at McNeill's bridge on the Fayetteville road some time ago, entered a plea of not guilty. The court, after hearing the evidence, directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

Fred Marshall got two years and Ed Marshall got 8 months, they being colored men of Blue Springs township charged with storebreaking and larceny.

For the same offense the following Robeson county colored men were treated as follows: Buck Campbell was found not guilty; Lacy Smith was found guilty of receiving stolen and sentenced to eighteen months, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and five years good behavior; Walter Thompson and Andrew Clark got two years each; Louis Ellis got 20 months.

Plummer Bandy, colored man of McLachlin township, got 4 months on one charge of assault with a deadly weapon and had judgement annulled for two years on another. Robert T. Kennedy, white man of Hoke county, plead guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor. Sentence was two years. It was to be suspended on payment of the costs and a \$50 fine, one-half cash and the remainder by the August term. The defendant was placed on probation for five years and was ordered not to drive a motor vehicle other than a farm tractor for two years.

R. D. Cunningham, local colored man, plead guilty of forcible trespass on a charge of breaking and entering and the state accepted the plea. Sentence was 12 months to be suspended on condition of good behavior for two years and on payment of one-half the costs, in two weeks and the remainder by the August term.

The final criminal case, that in which Harry Dahle, local colored man, was charged with disturbing worship, was tried shortly after noon yesterday and the criminal term was over. Daniel was found not guilty by the court, the state not presenting enough evidence to send the case to the jury.

Operetta at Antioch

The Antioch school operetta, "The Jolly Circus," will be presented Thursday evening, May 2nd.

The Antioch school baccalaureate sermon will be preached at the Antioch Presbyterian church Sunday evening, May 5th, at 7:45 p. m., by Rev. Henry R. Poole.

ADVANCE

The general level of farm wage rates advanced about twice as much as usual from January 1 to April 1, according to the U. S. Agricultural Marketing Service.

REA MAPS ARE NEARING COMPLETION

The Board of Directors of the Lumbee Electric Membership Cooperative has asked the engineers for the project to complete the maps as soon as possible so that the application for a loan to build the electric power lines may be submitted to the REA office in Washington. Those farmers along the proposed line which have not signed an application for membership should do so before the engineers complete the maps, as it will be too late to make application for lights after the maps are completed.

A. S. KNOWLES
County Agent

Two Vacancies For Hoke Youths In C. M. T. C.

Fort Bragg, April 24.—No young men of Hoke county have yet been accepted for enrollment in the annual Citizens Military Training camp, to be held here June 12th-July 17th, the Camp Area Commander announced today.

The quota allowed Hoke county is two, the Commander said. He advised that prospective candidates contact immediately Superintendent K. A. MacDonald, County Chairman for C. M. T. C. procurement, and obtain detailed information and an application blank. Or the prospective applicant may write directly to the C. M. T. C. procure officer at Fort Bragg.

A candidate for admission to the camp must be an American citizen, physically fit for military service, and of good moral character. He must be 17 years old and if attending camp for the first time, not over 24.

The Government furnishes free to the young men accepted transportation to and from camp, and money to buy food while traveling. Shelter, excellent meals, bed and bedding, uniforms, athletic equipment, medical attention if necessary, and laundry are also furnished free during the month at camp.

"The purpose of these C. M. T. C. Camps," says Col. J. W. Harrelson, of Raleigh, State Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, "is not to develop soldiers. No future military obligation is assumed by those who enroll. However, through military training, sports and games, the moral and physical betterment of the young men and responsibilities of American citizenship is inculcated. No young man can attend the 1940 camp without coming out of it a better man."

Achievement Day To Be Held in Hoke County May 3rd

In an effort to acquaint the public with the work which is being done on all projects in the Professional and Service Division of W. P. A., Achievement Day is being planned for Friday, May 3, at which time "open house" will be held on all projects.

The lunch rooms and matron's service operating with W. P. A. supervision in various schools throughout the county; the library units located in the public library and the Raeford elementary school, constitute the work of the Professional and Service Division in Hoke County.

All three projects, the lunch, library, and matron's service are in operation at Antioch white, and Upchurch and Bowmore colored schools. If you would like to know just what these projects are doing for your county, your schools, and your children, you are cordially invited to visit these units on May 3rd.

Candidate Horton Speaks In Raeford

Lieut.-Gov. Wilkins P. Horton emphasized his interest in agricultural conditions in a Democratic gubernatorial campaign speech here Monday.

Horton said that as a legislator he had supported "all legislation intended to help the farmers of the state." If elected governor, Horton said it was his intention to "arrange for systematic study of farm conditions, including particular attention to plans designed to discover additional uses for our farm products and new commodities in some cases."

The candidate said he favored "economy of government," "a just and fair tax policy for all our people," "humanization of our laws," and asserted he would give his full support to the Democratic state platform and the party's presidential nominee.

There were more than 150 persons at the courthouse Monday afternoon to hear Mr. Horton.

Baseball Team Departs Sunday

The Williamsport Grays, Eastern League baseball team which trained here for four weeks, took their leave of this town last Sunday, when they departed for Sanford where they were to play the Wilmington, Delaware, team before continuing on their way to Williamsport.

The Grays expected to arrive in Williamsport Monday afternoon and begin getting ready for the opening game of the 1940 season there Wednesday afternoon.

J. Roy Oank, secretary and business manager of the club, left last Thursday morning for Williamsport in order to supervise preparations for the opening game with Elmira at Bowman field yesterday.

Elmer L. Schuyler, editor of the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin, who covered the club's spring training activities for his paper, made the trip up with the team.

Fresco Thompson, manager, expressed himself Sunday as being well satisfied with the pitching and fielding of his club and said he felt confident that the boys had hitting ability and that their hitting would improve as they began to hit their stride.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

By K. A. MacDonald

SENIOR PLAY BIG SUCCESS

Last Friday night the senior class presented its class play, "Pride and Prejudice" to a large and appreciative audience. Despite the rain the high school auditorium was well filled. Consensus of opinion pronounced it as the best amateur performance ever given in Raeford. The cast, their helpers, the class and their director, Miss Lillian Marion, deserve the highest praise for the splendid work done. The class will clear approximately \$150 from the play.

PRINCIPALS MEET WEDNESDAY

A principals' meeting was held yesterday afternoon. Preparations were made for seventh grade promotion day.

CAP CLARK DEPARTS AGAIN

Coach "Cap" Clark has gone to Dover, Delaware, to assume his duties as manager of the baseball team. Incidentally after school closes two of his Hoke high team will report to him at Dover for trial with this team. Mrs. Colon Scarborough is finishing the term on the Hoke high faculty in Mr. Clark's place.

NEGRO P-T. A. HOLDS COUNTY-WIDE MEETING

Last Saturday there was a county-wide meeting of the negro P-T. A. held at the Upchurch school. This meeting was well attended, practically every negro school in the county was represented. A good program was put on. The P-T. A. of the Upchurch school served a plate lunch to all the visitors.

PRIMARY OPERETTA PRESENTED

Last Thursday at 1:30 P. M. the primary grades of the Raeford graded school presented its operetta "The Golden Whistle." This was a well prepared and splendidly presented operetta. Pupils and teachers were highly complimented by the many who attended.

JUNE ROSE VISITS

June Rose, superintendent of schools in Greenville and State Commander of the American Legion, was a visitor in town this week.

MR. TEMPLE IMPROVES

Friends of J. P. Temple, Jr., principal of the Rockfish school, will be glad to learn that Mr. J. P. Temple, Sr., is recovering nicely after having been a patient at Duke hospital.

JOHN OATES HERE

Hon. John A. Oates, a member of the State School Commission, was a visitor in town this week.

SEVENTH GRADERS IN RALEIGH

The seventh grade of the Raeford graded school were visitors in Raleigh this week. They visited many points of interest and thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Miss Margaret McKenzie was the teacher in charge.

BANQUET TOMORROW

The Junior-Senior banquet will be held tomorrow night in the gymnasium.

TEACHER RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Beatrice Cox, Jeans teacher and supervisor of negro elementary schools has been awarded a scholarship to Hampden Institute for this

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Local REA Project Survey Completed

The following letter was distributed to the 930 landowners and tenants who have applied for membership in the recently organized Lumbee River Electric Membership Cooperative by A. S. Knowles and Josephine Hall, Hoke County Farm and Home Demonstration agents, respectively. The letter is regarding action taken at a meeting of the directors of the organization at a meeting last Thursday and urges applicants to get all the subscribers to the project that they can in order that there may be enough applications to enable the building of lines in every section where the power is desired.

The board of directors of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation held a meeting at the project headquarters in Raeford Thursday and after receiving a report from the engineer, passed the following resolutions:

"Resolved that the project engineer be instructed to prepare maps covering the 600 miles surveyed, and submit to the board such sections that may be feasible for application to REA."

It was brought out at the meeting that only 300 miles was ready and it would mean that more than 300 members of the 930 that had subscribed would be left off, because they had not secured the required number of applications.

Your County and Home Agents are interested in seeing that every one not now receiving electric service be informed of the requirements necessary to join this recently organized Electric Cooperative, and take advantage of this opportunity.

As plans are being made to submit to REA for applications to construct rural cooperative electric lines in Hoke, Scotland, Robeson, Cumberland, Moore and Lee counties, and as these maps will be presented to the Board of Directors in the next few days, we urge you to contact one of the following survey workers, and get his information, or you can call by the County Agent's Office.

Wayside—Marshall Newton, RFD, Raeford, N. C.; John Parker, route 2, Raeford, N. C.; Mrs. James Gillis, route 3, Fayetteville, N. C.

Blue Springs—Mrs. Lucy Smith, route 1, Raeford, N. C.; Alex Farmer, route 1, Raeford, N. C.; M. D. Gentry, route 1, Red Springs, N. C.; Manly Norton, route 1, Raeford, N. C.

Allendale—J. A. Roper, route 2, Maxton, N. C.; Will Hasty, route 2, Maxton, N. C.; L. A. McGougan, route 3, Red Springs, N. C.

Ashmont—E. R. Pickler, route 1, Aberdeen, N. C.; J. A. Almond, route 1, Aberdeen, N. C.

Rockfish—Mrs. M. S. Gibson, Rockfish, N. C.

Arabia—Billy Crawley, route 2, Raeford, N. C.; Earl Tolar, route 2, Raeford, N. C.

Little River—Martin Cameron, route 1, Cameron, N. C.

Aberdeen Chapter—Marcus Culbreth, Shannon, N. C.

Turn Pike—J. M. Pendergrass, route 1, Timberland, N. C.; J. A. Webb, route 1, Aberdeen, N. C.

The County and Home Agents requested the Board to allow them sufficient time to notify all their people and give them an opportunity to sign up for service on the first project.

We should all see our neighbors and see if they have signed, because these weak sections may be left off the line, when a few more signers would make the line feasible. Tenants should be included in this survey.

The directors will meet again in a few days to decide on the sections that have met the REA requirements and send the maps to REA for approval. Those communities with few signers will be left for a future project.

We are pleased to know that since the Lumbee River Electric Membership Cooperative was organized (four weeks ago) that 930 landowners and tenants have signed for electric service, and that we are assured of a successful project in our county. This service is also available to tenants as well as landowners.

"Let's all get busy and get 'lit up.'"

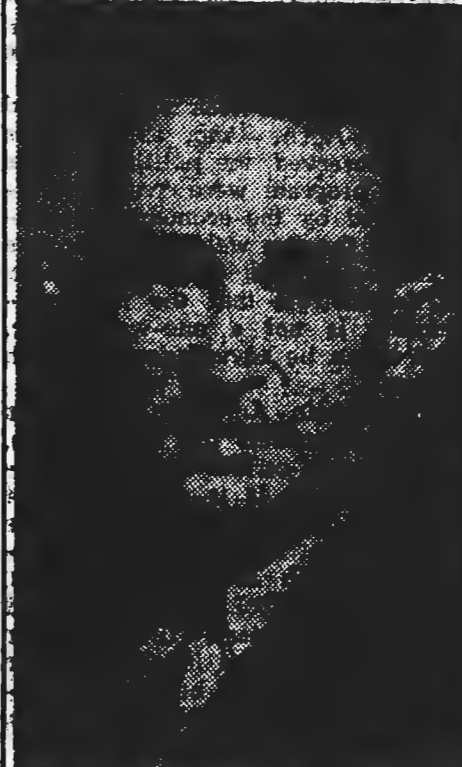
Very truly yours,
JOSEPHINE HALL,
Home Demonstration Agent.
A. S. KNOWLES,
County Agent

VISIT RALEIGH

The pupils of the seventh grade of the Raeford grammar school spent Tuesday in Raleigh visiting the points of interest. Those taking cars and taking the pupils were: Miss Margaret McKenzie, Mrs. Jewel Klouse, Wilson Yarborough, Rev. J. E. Reamy, Mr. Hendricks, Carlton Niven and Sam Snead.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Collins of Wilmington, spent a couple of days with Mrs. Collins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Ray, route 1, last week.

DIES TUESDAY



JULIAN S. JOHNSON

More Than 200 Negroes Perish

Natchez, Miss., April 24.—More than 200 negro men and women burned to death here Tuesday night when flames, racing through decorations of dry Spanish moss, trapped them in a one-exit dance hall.

Coroner R. E. Smith said the death list mounted to 212 after several of the victims died in hospitals. He said a number of the survivors remained in critical condition and expressed belief that others might die.

About 900 dancers were in the hall when the fire broke out and flared suddenly. There were no rear or side doors in the building and windows had been boarded up.

The coroner said bodies were "piled up like cordwood."

Julius Hawkins, negro employee of the Natchez Democrat, who was at the dance, said he managed to escape.

"I was standing near the door and it just spread over everything," he said. "I turned and made a run for it and got out with only a scratched arm."

"Inside everyone was trying to get out and crushed each other as the fire was burning them. All were crying and yelling and after awhile I could smell the burning meat."

Hoke High Loses A Close Game

Hoke county High's diamond warriors went down in defeat again last Monday when they came out on the short end of a 5-4 tilt in Sanford. The Hoke boys led the Sanford high team until the last of the ninth when errors gave the game away.

The season is over as far as conference competition is concerned and the Lakeview team meets the locals here this afternoon in the final non-conference encounter.

WITH THE SICK

MCLEODS COME HOME

Mr. and Mrs. John D. McLeod, Miss Lucille McLeod, and Douglas McLeod returned home this week from the Camden, S. C., hospital where they had been patients recovering from an auto accident since April 14. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod are still confined to their bed, however, as both suffered several broken bones in the accident. Mr. McLeod is expected to be out in a few days but Mrs. McLeod, having suffered a broken hip, will not be out so soon.

MRS. ARAH GATLIN STUART

Mrs. Arah Gatlin Stuart was reported yesterday to be progressing nicely in her recovery from an operation at a Fayetteville hospital some time ago.

W. J. McDIARMID

Mr. Will McDiarmid, who has been suffering with a severe case of pneumonia for the past ten days, was reported last night as "doing very well."

MRS. H. L. GATLIN, JR.

Late reports yesterday as to the condition of Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr., who has been critically ill at Moore county hospital for the past two weeks, said that she was slightly improved.

W. C. ODOM

W. C. Odom, local barber, is ill and has been confined to his home here for the past few days. The attending physician stated last night that he would probably be confined for several more days.

Julian S. Johnson Buried Yesterday Afternoon

Funeral services were conducted at his home here yesterday afternoon for Julian Samuel Johnson, who passed away at 10:30 Tuesday morning after an illness of almost a year. Services were conducted by Dr. Watson M. Fairley, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, before a multitude of grieving friends and relatives. Assisting Dr. Fairley were Rev. W. C. Brown, former pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, Rev. E. C. Crawford, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church, and Rev. E. R. Clegg, pastor of the Methodist church at Nashville and a former pastor of the Methodist church here.

Pallbearers were C. L. Thomas, Devoe Austin, H. L. Gatlin, F. B. Sexton, J. F. Lowrance, J. L. McNeill, H. A. Greene and J. A. McGowan. Honorary pallbearers were elders and deacons of the Raeford Presbyterian church, of which Julian Johnson was a deacon, and several other old and close friends.

Burial rites followed in the family plot in the Raeford cemetery. There was an enormous floral tribute.

He was a son of the late J. Worthing and Mattie Seawell Johnson and would have been 48 years of age on April 25th. He was born in Moore county. Surviving are his wife, who was before marriage Miss Agnes Upchurch of Thomasville, Ga., a daughter, Miss Agnes Mae Johnson, a student at Salem College, one son, Julian S. Johnson, Jr., two sisters, Mrs. Clyde E. Upchurch and Mrs. Melvin Vann of Berkeley, Cal., and one brother, Fred P. Johnson. Except Mrs. Vann, all are of Raeford.

Mr. Johnson was Hoke county's largest planter in point of acreage and production. He operated a large gin and did a large business in the sale of fertilizers and farm seeds. The Johnson company is one of the largest insurance agencies in this section of the state.

Julian Johnson was a graduate of Davidson college in the class of 1910. After finishing school, he became manager of his father's extensive business interests and developed for himself a still larger business later.

He was a valued member and an exemplary deacon of the Raeford Presbyterian church. He had served Raeford as town commissioner, in which position he displayed his leadership in the building of the town hall, the paving of the streets, and other town improvements. For many years he was chairman of the Hoke County Board of Elections.

No Invitations Issued Foreigns

Washington, April 24.—The War Department has decided that foreign military attaches shall not get a look at the army's war games next month.

No attaches, it was disclosed today, will be invited to witness the maneuvers of some 70,000 troops in Louisiana and Texas, the first peace time operation of troops in corps of "streamlined" divisions and as a field army.

The explanation given by authorized sources was that facilities will be too crowded to care for the numerous attaches maintained by foreign governments in Washington. New weapons will be used but most already have been standardized.

Foreign observers similarly were excluded from the recent joint army-navy exercises in California, when west coast defenses against overseas attack were tested.

Americans Are Better Informed

New York, April 24. — President John S. McCarren told the American Newspaper Publishers association today that Americans are better informed about the European war than the peoples of any country in the struggle.

"This condition is an undoubted boon for everybody and merits preserving at all costs," he declared in a prepared address.

McCarren, vice president and general manager of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, said publishers were proud of the job being done by newspapers abroad.

"They are writing a brilliant chapter in the history of journalism. In fact, the American press as a whole has hung up a new record of achievement since the war started last September."

"Out of all the writers and journalists and producers of the past year, the big news winner, I have no report to make that this is the best content of the world's press in the past year."