

WHITE SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON SEPT. 16TH

All White Schools To Open on This Date; Other School News.

The white schools of Hoke county will open for the 1940-41 term on Monday, September 16, at 9:00 a. m. All schools will open at this time. New principals will be in charge at Rockfish and Antioch, Messrs W. G. Parker and M. C. Moore, respectively.

The principals will have their first meeting on Wednesday afternoon, September 11th at 1:30 o'clock in the superintendent's office.

On Thursday morning, September 12th, at 9:00 o'clock at the high school building, there will be held the first bus drivers' safety meeting. At this time all new drivers will be given their driving test by the highway patrol. An examination will be administered to all drivers at this time by the patrolman. This is required by the safety division of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. On this date all buses will be inspected by the patrolman and a committee appointed by the grand jury. Buses will be delivered to all drivers serving white schools. Buses for the negro and Indian schools will be delivered at a later date.

On Friday evening, September 13, at 8 o'clock, the first county-wide teachers meeting will be held at the high school building. We will be glad to have any and all interested school officials and patrons attend this meeting.

Miss Rena Woodhouse, NYA supervisor, has been notified by Monrovia college for girls that there are several scholarships available for the 1940-41 term. Anyone interested may secure detailed information by calling at this office.

The school canning project, this year, has been unusually successful. Mrs. Smith, the supervisor, reports that over 8,000 cans have been put up and that she expects the total to reach at least 10,000 cans.

Three new buses have arrived in the county for use next year. They were furnished by the State School Commission and will replace the 3 oldest buses in service in the county. A fourth bus, purchased through county capital outlay funds, will be delivered before school opens. Each of the buses that has been in service before is receiving a thorough reconditioning and will be in perfect order for the opening day.

The faculty lists for all schools will be given next week.

K. A. MacDonald, secretary of the affiliated Educoc clubs, attended the first meeting of the Union county club held in Monroe last Tuesday night. This was the club's first meeting as a chartered member of the affiliated clubs.

Bible in the Raeford schools is a assured fact for the next school year. The committees representing the 71st and Raeford communities met here two weeks ago and elected Miss Mariana Kimbrough, of Lexington, Miss., to teach the Bible in the two schools. It is expected that Miss Kimbrough will live in Raeford this year and in the 71st community next year. The committee representing Raeford is composed of H. L. Gatlin, Sr., Mrs. Crawford Thomas and Mrs. Herbert McKeithan. Mr. Gatlin is chairman of the joint committee. Rev. E. C. Crawford is treasurer of the joint committee.

The following is an excerpt from the North Carolina NYA News Bulletin:

The Hoke county NYA Supervisor, Mrs. Rena Woodhouse, sensing the recent trends toward non-combatant training, "jumped the gun" somewhat and has placed the NYA girls in her county in the Raeford wood-working shop, which heretofore has been opened only to the male youth of that county.

These girls are given basic training in the use of hand tools. They will make such articles as foot stools, shelves, window seats, etc., and will assist the boys in finishing articles which come off of the production line in this shop. As experience is gained, these girls will be assigned to repetitive jobs, which require little skill and knowledge of intricate machinery.

The girls' home practice center in this county has extended its ser-

Referendum Results Are Announced

Official results of the flue-cured tobacco referendum held July 20th have been announced by E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College. The state as a whole approved three-year quotas by a margin of 87.1 per cent. The total vote was 123,863 for three-year quotas, 2,073 for one-year quotas, and 16,307 against quotas.

The vote in Hoke county was 580 for three-year quotas, 2 for one-year quotas, and 23 against quotas, for a percentage of 95.9 in favor of three-year quotas.

Among the larger counties in the state, where more than 60 votes were cast, Greene county gave the three-year plan its largest margin of approval, with 99.2 per cent of the growers favoring restricting of production in 1941, 1942, and 1943. Following in order were the following other counties which cast 95 per cent or more per cent of their votes for three-year quotas:

Martin, 98.2 per cent; Edgecombe, 97.9 per cent; Pitt, 97.6; Lenoir, 96.3; Granville, 96.2; Wilson, 96.1; Hoke, 95.9; Chowan, 95.5; Nash, 95.4, and Robeson, 95.0.

Only two counties in the state failed to give the three-year plan the necessary two-thirds approval. These were Sampson, where only 55.2 per cent of the growers favored three-year control, and Pamlico, where the vote was 66.5 per cent in favor of three-year quotas.

Controversy Flares Over Refugee Ship

Washington, Aug. 20.—The senate heard an accusation today that a single "stubborn" man, "either President Roosevelt or someone in the state department," had refused to change the course of the refugee ship American Legion and thereby had risked a provocative incident that might have "precipitated this country into war in a week."

The accuser, Senator Boone, Democrat, Washington, spoke while the army transport bearing 897 passengers headed for New York, apparently beyond the waters off Scotland which Germany had warned were mine-infested and highly dangerous.

"Someone is risking the lives of 900 human beings aboard that vessel," Bone told the senate, "if that vessel is blown skyward the charge will be made that she was torpedoed by a German submarine."

He suggested that Congress investigate why the state department or other officials insisted that the vessel, which left Petsamo, Finland, Friday night, had persisted in a course through the mined area in the face of the German warning.

Navy officials declined to comment on the ship's whereabouts, but at the state department it was said that in the absence of any news to the contrary, the vessel was assumed to be safe.

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G. H. Rowell, former principal of the Antioch school, and his family are moving to Sneed's Grove within a few days. Mr. Rowell accepted the principalship of the Sneed's Grove school last spring. We are sorry to see them leave Hoke county but wish them much success in their new work.

If you wish to spend an hour in an attractive place you should drop by the library in the Raeford graded school building. It is open every day in the week except Saturday.

There will be no advance registration at the high school this year as all pupils were registered and assigned to sections last spring before school closed, Mr. Johnson announces.

School books are arriving every day from the state textbook purchase and rental commission. A complete list of books should be in the hands of pupils the first day of school. The high school pupils should be furnished with their \$2.40 rental fee the first day in order that they may have the full benefit of the books furnished them by the state.

State School Buses Strong Potential Asset for Defense

Raleigh, Aug. 20.—Like the famous taxicab army that once helped save Paris, a school bus army could be used to save the United States from a blitzkrieg attack, North Carolina officials predicted today.

In an emergency, North Carolina huge, state-owned and operated school bus fleet, the largest publicly-owned bus system in the country, could be mobilized in a few hours to move 200,000 men to strategic positions. And even in these days of mechanized warfare military authorities agree it's still a good idea to "git thar fustest with the mostest men."

Moving 200,000 men by school bus would make a piker of old General Gallieni who mobilized more than 1,000 Paris taxicabs and rushed half a division of troops—possibly 14,000 men—into the world war Battle of the Marne.

"Since North Carolina has a state-owned fleet of 4,990 school buses capable of carrying 40 men to the bus, an army of 200,000 could be transported to any given point with only a few hours notice necessary to assemble the buses."

In addition, North Carolina's buses could accompany a troop train with 272 service trucks, "carrying gas, spare parts, and all tools necessary for minor repairs."

The 4,538 buses in regular service last year traveled 24,085,170 miles on 75,000 miles of bus routes. Next year the state will operate 4,690 buses. These with 300 "spare" vehicles ready for use in case of major breakdowns, give a total fleet of 4,990.

"North Carolina not only transports more children to the schools of the state at public expense than any other state," Griffin said, "but carries on this phase of school activity at a much less average annual cost for each child transported."

Last year, he pointed out, total cost of the system was \$2,294,332.88—or about \$6.90 per pupil. The figure compares with the national average of about \$19 per pupil.

REA Project Superintendent Is Selected

The board of directors of the the Lumbree River Electric Membership corporation Wednesday selected R. M. McGirt, of Maxton, as project superintendent. The board's action must meet the approval of the REA in Washington. They will submit Mr. McGirt's name as first choice Joe McAdoo Willis, of Raleigh, second choice, and Herbert Morgan Harris, of Grantsboro, third choice.

Specification contract-maps were presented and approved by the board for 484.4 miles which will serve 2,347 farm families. It is expected that staking of the line will be started August 26th by the J. B. McCrary Engineering corporation, of Atlanta. Construction of the line should begin within a few weeks.

The REA in Washington recently allotted \$428,000 to construct power lines for the project. Hoke county will get 125 and 145 miles of rural line serving about 425 customers, announces A. S. Knowles, county agent.

A "second" project is now being worked up and will be submitted to Washington within a few weeks. Communities desiring service should see that their section qualifies, says Mr. Knowles.

Tardy British Ship Arrives

New York, Aug. 20.—The two-day overdue British liner Samaria reached the sanctuary of New York harbor late today, bringing among its 680 passengers 138 British children slated for wartime adoption in American homes.

The children were the first group brought across the Atlantic under the sponsorship of the U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children.

It was learned the Cunard White Star liner had been delayed by fog and had stopped at Halifax before proceeding here.

SALES OF TOBACCO GOOD

The quality of tobacco was unusually good for opening of the markets and farmers were well pleased with the prices, reports A. S. Knowles, farm agent.

AT WORLD'S FAIR

Lawrence McNeill, of Raeford, and Pete Stanton, of Red Springs, are spending the last few days of this week in New York at the world's fair. They left Tuesday night.

Danger Zones In Flood Area Cleared Of People

Williamston, Aug. 20.—Plucking flood refugees from the roofs of houses, coastguardsmen and volunteer boatmen patrolled swamps and lowlands today as the most devastating flood in the history of this section rolled slowly toward the sea.

Officials expressed the opinion tonight that all danger zones along the Roanoke river had been evacuated.

At least one airplane was used to spot persons in danger.

Chief Highway Engineer W. Vance Baise said tonight that one mile of the three-mile highway east of here has been washed out by the rising flood waters. The fill has been covered by several feet of water since last night.

Approximately \$125,000 to \$200,000 damages have been done by the washout, Baise estimated. He said several months may be required to put that part of United States 17 back into condition for traffic.

From Washington, the Red Cross announced that 1,000 persons were removed from flooded lands in this (Martin) county. They were being brought by boat and truck to camps here.

The Roanoke, which has claimed Carolina since Friday, continued to rise here, and was expected to reach a crest of 10 feet in flood by Thursday.

Meanwhile, residents of Plymouth, 20 miles down-river, were preparing to meet the relentless onslaught of the yellow waters. Residents of that town said they expected little damage, providing wind did not back the water into the community.

The floods in this section followed on the heels of tremendous overflows which claimed at least 22 lives in northwestern North Carolina. The combined death toll of the two catastrophes is 27, and a 28th person drowned while swimming in a flooded river.

Housing Authority Sought at Fayetteville

Fayetteville, Aug. 20.—The creation of a housing authority to construct 400 residence units for Fort Bragg non-commissioned officers and civilian employees will be sought by the city officials. September 4 has been set as the date for a hearing on a petition to establish a Fayetteville Housing authority to act in co-operation with the United States Housing authority to obtain Federal funds for building the necessary houses.

Mayor H. C. Blackwell outlined the plan at a meeting of interested citizens in the offices of O. P. Breece, president of the Chamber of Commerce. I. M. Richardson, secretary of the chamber, stated that he had authentic information that houses would be needed for from 400 to 450 non-commissioned officers alone.

It has been officially declared that 17,500 men will be stationed at Fort Bragg when the post is brought to full strength. The Ninth division, one of the new streamlined divisions, is to be sent here.

McInnis Reunion Held Thursday

The annual reunion of the McInnis clan was held last Thursday at the Dundarrach Presbyterian church with a good attendance from North and South Carolina. Rev. David F. Blue, of Fayetteville, conducted the devotional exercises in the morning.

A business meeting followed the bounteous dinner which was served at one o'clock. At this meeting officers were elected. They are as follows: Maggie Jane McBryde, president, Mrs. Murphy McLaughlin, vice president, and Mrs. John McPhaul, secretary and treasurer.

The date for the next reunion was set as the third Thursday in August, 1941, and the place was set as Page's Lake.

Fairmont Market Has Good Opening

Opening day sales at the Fairmont tobacco market Tuesday totaled \$41,470 pounds for \$184,844.99, an average of \$19.61. Officials said they were highly pleased with the sales and described the opening day as "the most satisfactory and the most orderly" in the history of the market.

C. B. Stafford, secretary of the market, said yesterday that all the farmers selling on the market were highly pleased with their sales and added that every pound of tobacco sold was bought by a regular buying company.

Mrs. Paul Dickson is spending this week with Mrs. P. A. Sloan at Wrightville Beach.

TRIAL OF HARVEY BAUCOM FOR GEORGE THOMPSON DEATH EXPECTED TO START TODAY

Conscription Bill Is Given Approval

Washington, Aug. 20.—A broad conscription bill making men 21 to 45 years old, inclusive, liable for immediate military training was tentatively approved by the house military committee today, while the senate debated a less sweeping measure. The house bill calls for registration of men from 18 through 64. Those selected immediately for a year's compulsory service would come from the 21-45 classifications, however.

Chairman May, Democrat, Kentucky, said that the committee, by an almost unanimous vote, turned down proposals that provisions of the senate bill, calling only for registration and training of men 21 to 30, inclusive, be inserted in the house measure.

"It is the opinion of the committee that these are the proper ages and we're going to put the bill out this way," said May.

Clergymen, divinity students and conscription objectors would be exempt, and the training of college students in their senior year would be deferred.

An exemption of students studying for ministry in theological and divinity schools was also written into the senate measure today, on a 60 to 10 vote.

The general debate on the draft in that chamber today produced a clash between Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, and Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana. Connally angrily charged that Wheeler "wants to make it just as difficult as possible" for the country to recruit an army.

Wheeler, irate, protested, and Connally withdrew the statement, but not without adding a rejoinder that "no other senator" was as "free in reflecting on the motives of others" as was Wheeler, a prominent opponent of conscription.

Late in the day, Chairman Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, of the senate naval committee, arose to question the necessity for a large standing army, and announced he would seek a "test vote" on a proposal that before conscription was attempted, the nation build up a powerful air force, an "invincible navy," a "multiplicity of airplanes and bombers," and anti-aircraft guns which would dot the country "from one end to the other."

The senate appropriations committee disclosed meanwhile that several of its members had spoken of "conscription business," applying "a little force," or enacting a "universal tax bill" after hearing a high-ranking naval officer complain that the navy was having difficulty in obtaining materials that go into fighting ships.

The testimony was given by Rear Admiral W. R. Furlong, chief of the naval bureau of ordinance. He said the difficulty was due to tax requirements and limitations on profits, together with the fact that American manufacturers could do business more profitably with the British.

Wednesday Afternoon Holidays End

Yesterday afternoon was the last Wednesday afternoon this summer that the stores and other business houses of Raeford were scheduled to close. Therefore the helpless public is hereby advised that it does not have to scurry around between twelve and twelve-thirty next Wednesday getting something to eat overnight but may take its own sweet time and buy clean on up to six o'clock. From the other side of the picture the poor storekeepers, bankers, time merchants, sheriffs, etc., will have to remain on the job all through the heat of the remaining long Wednesday afternoons this summer.

McBryde Reunion

The McBryde family reunion was held at Antioch Presbyterian church on Thursday, August 8th. Devotional exercises were conducted by John Barbee. Following this at one o'clock dinner was served to the large attendance.

After dinner a business session was held and the next reunion was set for the same place on the second Thursday in August, 1941. The following officers were elected: Maggie Jane McBryde, president, Mrs. Frances Ayers, vice-president, and Mrs. Murphy McLaughlin, secretary-treasurer.

Many Criminal Cases Cleared This Week; Judge Frizelle on The Bench.

The trial of Harvey R. Baucum, white man of Raeford, for the killing with a .22 caliber rifle last April 29 of George Thompson at their home here, is expected to begin this morning at the Hoke county courthouse before Judge J. Paul Frizelle of Snow Hill in the fourth day of the regular August term of Hoke county Superior Court.

Baucum, who has been in the Hoke county jail since the day of Thompson's death under a bond of \$25,000, will be charged with murder in the second degree.

Among other cases tried so far this week is the one in which Eddie Roper and Angus McDuffie, local colored men, were charged with breaking and entering at night and arson. They were found guilty and sentenced to two years each on the roads. The road sentences were suspended on condition that the defendants pay \$150 for A. D. Saunders, owner of the damaged property and they were put on probation for three years.

Willie Smith, local colored man, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and inflicting serious injury. He was convicted and sentenced to three years on the roads. In the process of being convicted in this case evidence appeared that caused him and Nora Siler to be indicted for f. and a. They were and were convicted. He got two more years on the roads and she got two years in jail.

Johnnie Purcell, colored man of Blue Springs township, entered a plea of guilty of secret assault with a deadly weapon. Sentence was two years on the roads.

Needham McBryde, colored man of Blue Springs township, was charged with careless and reckless driving and damage. He was found guilty and was sentenced to six months to be suspended on payment of the damages and the costs.

Ernest Stevens, Troy Maynor, and Hubert McNeill, colored boys of McLaughlin township, were charged with breaking and entering and larceny. Stevens and Maynor were found guilty as charged and were put on probation for three years. McNeill was found not guilty by the court.

James Brown and Marshall Williams, local colored men, were charged with breaking and entering and larceny. The state took a nol pros in the case against Brown and Williams was found not guilty by the jury.

GRAND JURY REPORT

North Carolina, Hoke County.

In the Superior Court August Term, 1940. To His Honor: J. Paul Frizelle, Judge Presiding

We have examined seventeen bills of indictment and found all to be true bills.

We have inspected the county offices and the court house and found all to be in good condition. We have also visited and inspected the jail and found it to be in good condition.

Report was made by Sheriff with regard to the investigation recommended by this body at the April term of court. The Sheriff stated that the condition that was reported had been cleared up.

We have received Mr. J. A. Patterson of Little River township and listened to his complaint. We have advised him what steps to take with regard to his problem.

A committee of three has been appointed to meet with the school authorities on Thursday before the opening day of school to inspect the school buses of the county.

We have received and examined reports from the mayor of the town of Raeford, and the following magistrates: J. E. Conoly, H. A. Currie, and J. E. Gullede.

We have investigated further into the magistrates reports and have found certain irregularities which we have cleared up to the satisfaction of this body. We would recommend that the necessary authorities be advised that H. A. Currie, magistrate, had not been paying one dollar to the State on each case convicted in his court, that H. A. Currie, magistrate, be advised to come in at once and sign his August term report.

We have enjoyed our work with the presiding Judge and the Solicitor, and we trust that we have done our duty as grand jurors to their satisfaction.

R. A. WENICOFF, Foreman
ROBERT GATLIN, Clerk