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Medical Aid Plan Adopted For Farm Security Clients

Hoke Doctors Adopt Low Cost Assurity Plan For Farm Families.

The medical doctors of Hoke county, and a number of those of adjoining counties have established, through the cooperation of the local branch of the Farm Security Administration a low-cost family medical aid plan which is available to the 300 borrowers from the farm aid office.

The plan was put into operation in January, according to Dr. R. L. Murray, and is similar to that plan now in operation in a number of other sections where the FSA operates. It is a joint insurance plan, it was explained, to assure the medical men of some payment of medical fees and to secure low-cost physician's attendance over a period of one year. At the end of the year the family may continue or not.

The plan costs the participant on the basis of the number in the family: \$5 per year for the husband, \$5 for the wife, and \$2 for each child, with a maximum payment of \$20 per year per family. The funds are then deposited with the trustee, Carl Freeman, Town Clerk, and each month the doctors render their bills for fees to the trustee. The fund is prorated, one-twelfth for each month, and then the bills are paid according to amount of funds available for that month. At the end of the year, if there is a balance in the fund, any unpaid bills of the doctors are paid, prorata, as far as the balance will go. Any balances unpaid are canceled. The trustee receives 3 per cent for administrative costs. It is estimated that the physician will receive from 60 to 100 per cent of amount of bills under the plan.

Some thirty families of the county have taken advantage of this plan during the first month of operation, and, according to J. F. Jones, manager of the Hoke office of the FSA, there are some 300 borrowers from the administration, the greater part of whom are expected to become members within a short time. The participant receives medical aid under the plan until his entire yearly fee has been paid to the trustee.

The great advantage to the borrower-clients of the FSA is that they can know that medical fees for a year cannot cost them over \$20 for their entire family. The particular advantage to the doctors is that, in many cases they would receive little or no money for many visits and perhaps have to wait months for payment even in part for their services. This assures them of some payment regularly each month.

The borrowers can call in the physician of their own choice, whether the physician lives in Hoke county or not, provided he has consented to participate in the plan.

County Exceeds Polio Aid Quota By Over \$75

Hoke county went over the top again by securing over \$75 more than its quota of \$210 in the Infantile Paralysis Campaign, it was stated yesterday by County Chairman Dr. A. L. O'Brian, with the final reports of one or two communities to be made.

Schools and coin boxes brought in a total of over \$55 under the efforts of Rev. E. C. Crawford and W. P. Baker, with the Upchurch colored school raising \$31.86 to lead in the school bracket.

Two dances held under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Street, Jr., were responsible for a large part of the success of the March of Dimes and yielded \$110 after all expenses were paid. Donations from the Woodmen of the World, and Business Women's Circle, the Baptist Missionary Society, the Methodist Society of Christian Service, the Woman's Club and the Auxiliary of the Medical Society brought the total to slightly over \$285.

Expenses of the county committee for posters, coin boxes, and other advertising matter amounted to less than \$20. One half of the net amount will be used in this county while the other half will be sent to the national headquarters for the work at Warm Springs.

Stores To Remain Open Until 7 P. M.

Announcement has been made that the Raeford merchants will remain open until 7 p. m. during the week in order that persons employed at that time will have a chance to shop.

Rising Beauty



Elyse Knox, Hollywood's newest and loveliest draftee from the New York model ranks pauses for a moment's greeting on the stairs to her dressing room at RKO Radio where she is playing her first romantic lead role with Alan Murray, Donald MacBride, Lee Bonnell and Elisabeth Risdon in "Show Business."

Work Of Security Administration Is Kiwanis Subject

J. F. Jones, manager of the local office of the Farm Security Administration, was the speaker for the meeting of Kiwanis last Thursday. Mr. Jones told of the principal points which feature the operation of the administration.

He stated that the facility was created to help needy farmers to become self-supporting, and pointed out that since it was formed in 1935 more than 1,000,000 families had been helped through the administration. Other particular outstanding services rendered by the administration had been aid in emergency relief in disaster-stricken farm communities, where drought, floods, hurricanes and other emergencies had damaged farms and crops to such an extent that limited surpluses were necessary to rehabilitate the farms.

The FSA also makes loans for community service, he stated, in cases where farm groups cooperate for the purchase of equipment, pure-bred breeding stock, tractors, etc., which a single farmer could not afford. Medical aid loans are made under certain conditions, and in many areas, as recently in Hoke county, the FSA sponsors a group health program and a medical assistance plan whereby a set annual fee is paid for physician's attendance.

Under the FSA, stated Mr. Jones, a limited number of loans are made each year to tenant farmers which enable that tenant to purchase a farm, repair the buildings, and stock and equip it for profitable operation. Other tenants are aided in securing leases of farm properties in an effort to eliminate certain conditions of the tenants and sharecroppers and in protecting the soil and improving property.

The FSA also operates some 140 homestead projects which provide homes, farms and other advantages, depending upon the needs of the particular community where the project is operated, for as little as \$1,000 per unit. Migrant farm workers are also aided under the FSA and camps have been constructed in the principal trucking areas to care for the seasonal influx of this type of farm labor when the harvesting season is at its height.

T. B. Upchurch, Jr., Addresses Students

T. B. Upchurch, Jr., made a talk in the high school Monday morning which was part of the program on vocational guidance which Kiwanis is sponsoring. He used illustrations from lives of successful men he had known showing that a person's success depends on his efforts. His talk was well received.

Burgin Fears USA Waited Too Long Aiding Britons

Speaking before the Congress, Representative William O. Burgin, a member of the House Foreign Relations committee, stated last week that it was "already later than we think," in urging speedy passage of the lend-lease bill of aid to Great Britain.

"This measure has been referred to as a war bill, a dictator bill, a bankruptcy bill. If I thought for one moment that it was any of these three, I would not support it. I am supporting the bill because I believe it best for our own selfish interests, and I use the words 'selfish interest' in the broadest terms. We were told in many quarters before the outbreak of war in Europe that there would be no war. We were also told, after hostilities began in Europe, that it was a phoney war. We all realize now the grave war situation and that it is not a phoney war. We all realize now the grave war situation and that it is not a phoney war. Further, we were told before the outbreak of the war by opponents of this measure that the President was a war-monger and was trying to implicate us in war because of his various messages advocating more adequate defense. Then, after facing the fact that there was a war, the President was severely criticized for not preparing more adequately for our national defense. It seems to me that he could not be guilty of both these accusations.

"We are now keenly aware of the fact that the aggressors, led by the notorious Hitler, have almost completely dominated most of the other parts of the world, and the only citadel in Europe not deftinated is Great Britain, and I frankly say that I am terribly fearful of the outcome there. This bill, in my opinion, instead of being a war bill, is our greatest guaranty at this time against being involved in war."

All World War Veterans Requested To Register

The American Legion working through its 11,715 posts is going to register all of its 1,078,119 members, if possible, for national defense service. Unaffiliated World War veterans also will be asked to register. The registration will be entirely voluntary. Its purpose is to provide the local, state and national leadership of the American Legion with a complete inventory of the assets of the organization in manpower, experience and special training that could be made available to the government if needed in the defense of the nation.

The Ellis Williamson Post No. 20 of the American Legion of Hoke county will undertake to register all Legionnaires and unaffiliated World War veterans in this community and surrounding area.

Commander Crawford has named Sheriff D. H. Hodgins as chairman of the special national defense registration committee. Other members of the committee are J. D. Tapp and L. S. McMillan. The registration books will be in the sheriff's office and veterans must register Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21 and 22. About 28 questions are listed to be answered. The information will be used to help rate veterans for future defense work and will also be of service in helping to classify veterans for hospitalization and pensions in later years.

No Vegetables For Ft. Bragg

The Board of Agriculture in an executive session decided that it would not be for the best interest of farmers of the county to encourage the growing of vegetables to supply Ft. Bragg. Members of the Board who had been investigating the possibilities of selling vegetables made reports and pointed out the hazards involved in such a project.

It was decided that a curb market established in Raeford would serve a marketing demand and be an outlet for farmers to sell their fruits and vegetables. Plans will be worked out so that the market will open on June 1st. A committee was appointed to contact the county commissioners and obtain permission to use the truck sheds and grounds at the armory for the market.

A county meeting will be called within a few days to get the opinion of the public and to make final arrangements with respect to location and quantity of products to be grown.

Scouts Here Taking Part In Annual Scout Week

Church Services Held Sunday Night.

Raeford Boy Scouts are participating in the annual observance of National Boy Scout Week. Sunday a special service was held at the Methodist church where the religious and patriotic elements of the movement were the central theme of the exercises.

Assistant Scoutmaster Tom McLauchlin talked briefly on "The Meaning of Scouting" and the pastor, Rev. E. C. Crawford, preached a sermon on "The Opportunity of Youth" in which he stressed the fine lessons of citizenship which are the basis of the training of the Boy Scout.

The services were concluded with the scouts reciting the Scout Oath and Pledge.

SCOUT INSPECTION FRIDAY NIGHT

The Raeford troop of Scouts will hold a troop inspection Friday night. They will also have a special review of activities which are to be on the program of the winter rally to be held in Red Springs on February 27, it was stated yesterday by Assistant Scoutmaster Tom McLauchlin.

Mr. McLauchlin stated, also, that the scouts had been wearing their uniforms each day this week in observance of the request from national headquarters as a part of the observance of the National Scout Week.

McMillan Motor Co. In Fuller Building

The McMillan Motor company, which opened for business in Raeford just one year ago, has done a most successful business. The first year was a try-out. Now they know they are here to stay. They have moved into the large and spacious brick building recently occupied by Leo Fuller, which is on the lot that housed the Fuller livery and sales stables for many years, on highway 15A—Main street.

They are selling Plymouth and Chrysler cars. They have expert mechanics and are prepared for service and sales. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe McMillan are owners of this business. Both are well-known. Mrs. McMillan was formerly Miss Bess Crump and is a sister of Mrs. G. W. Brown.

Greetings REA Consumers

To the future consumers of electric power which is to be distributed to the farms of Hoke, Robeson, Scotland and Cumberland counties over the lines of the Lumber River Electric Membership Cooperative, the leading merchants of Raeford extend special greetings through the medium of this special issue of the News-Journal.

In preparing this edition we have had you in mind. We hope that when you have read this paper you will be better acquainted with our town and the enterprising merchants whose advertisements have made this paper possible.

As spokesman for the Raeford people and the good folks of Hoke county, we invite all those subscribers of the Electric Cooperative, of Robeson, Cumberland and Scotland counties to join with your fellow-subscribers of Hoke county in visiting us and our stores. Whenever you may have business with the REA office here we will gladly welcome the opportunity to extend to you, personally, the warmest of greetings. Your directors have selected Raeford as your central headquarters. We hope that you will visit us often and make Raeford the headquarters for your social affairs and shopping trips as well as that of your electrical business.

Mr. Balfour Out Again

His host of friends are glad to see N. H. G. Balfour, chairman of the Hoke county commissioners on the streets again. Mr. Balfour has been taking treatment in the Veterans hospital, Fayetteville, for several weeks past. His health is much improved.

Lawrence McNeill has been out of his office this week suffering from septic sore throat.

Mr. and Mrs. Ertle Ponds, of Laurinburg, visited Mrs. Ponds' sister, Mrs. E. C. Crawford, and Mrs. G. E. Lynch this week.

LUMBER RIVER ELECTRIC CORP. WILL SERVE 2,000 CUSTOMERS IN 4 COUNTIES WHEN COMPLETED

Here Sunday



DR. S. A. MAXWELL

Dr. S. A. Maxwell, of Aberdeen, and Rev. E. C. Crawford will exchange pulpits Sunday morning. Dr. Maxwell is a preacher of evangelistic power, and it is hoped that a large congregation will be on hand to hear him at the Raeford Methodist church Sunday at 11 A. M.

Mr. Crawford will fill his regular appointment at Parker's church Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m.

Eleven Culprits Face Judge In County Court

Eleven persons indicted on minor charges were haled into county court Tuesday. Each of them pleaded guilty to charges. Nine were given suspended 30 day sentences on payment of costs.

James Pennix, of Sanatorium, charged with violation of the prohibition laws was given a 3 months sentence which was suspended upon payment of \$10 and costs. Hyder Massey, of Scotland county, was fined \$10 for damages and given a 30 day sentence, suspended upon payment of costs, for failure to stop following an accident on the highways.

Others appearing before Judge W. B. McQueen were:

Joe Douglas, colored, of Blue Springs, charged with being drunk and disorderly; Ernest Peavy, colored, violation of road laws; Loomies Hill, Fort Bragg soldier, violation of road laws; Clinton A. Almond, Fort Bragg soldier, violation of road laws; Son Sanders, white, drunk and disorderly conduct; Francis Summer, drunk and disorderly; and Charlie McLean, violation of prohibition laws.

Hoke County Women To Broadcast

Four members of the Allendale Home Demonstration club will present a playlet entitled, "Garden Sash," over radio station WRAL in Raleigh, on Thursday, February 20, at 1:45 p. m. The playlet was written by Mrs. J. A. Roper, former president of the Allendale club. The four ladies taking part in the broadcast are Mrs. Douglas Currie, Mrs. Carl Nunnemaker, Miss Frances McGirt and Miss Eloise McLauchlin.

These ladies along with Mrs. Roper and Josephine Hall, home agent, plan to visit the Legislature the same day.

Lewis Upchurch At Concrete Convention In Chicago

Lewis Upchurch, of Hoke Concrete company, and Ed Noell, salesman, attended a convention of concrete men in Chicago the past week. Mr. Upchurch made a talk on construction of concrete tile floor as used in building homes, etc. He will return home today.

John Barbee To Be Here Sunday

John Barbee, the popular evangelist who held a revival in Raeford last summer, will preach at the Methodist church here Sunday night, February 16, at 7:30.

MR. LAMONT ILL.

Mr. W. H. Lamont has been quite sick with the flu week.

Will Energize First Unit By March 28th

Construction work of the "A" project of the Lumber River Electric Membership Cooperative is moving rapidly now and the entire 435 miles of the first unit of the cooperative have been surveyed and staked, according to Superintendent D. J. Dalton.

Mr. Dalton stated yesterday that work orders had been released by J. B. McCrary Engineering corporation on 440 miles of the project and that the entire project would be actually under construction within a week. Already 297 miles of poles had been assembled and set and that 100 miles of line had been sagged, with service run on approximately 73 miles. The date set for completion is March 28th.

Construction was delayed for some time due to inability to get delivery on poles on account of a strike at the plant of the Gulf States Creosoting company at Wilmington. This strike has been settled now and sufficient poles are under shipment now to complete the project.

Application will be made today by Mr. Dalton to the state REA directors at Raleigh for approval of the "B" project plans which include approximately 225 miles of additional lines and taps to extend the present lines to serve some 700 additional customers.

The projects when completed will serve nearly 2,000 families in Robeson, Cumberland, Scotland and Hoke counties.

Minimum rates for consumers have been set. The monthly minimum charge for owner-residences will be \$2; for schools and churches \$1.50 and for tenant farmers, \$1.25.

The corporation is being governed by a board of directors composed of: Carl A. Alford, chairman of the Rowland; Mrs. Lucy Smith and Marshall Newton of Raeford; J. McN. Gillis of Cumberland county; J. A. Roper, Dan T. McGirt, J. E. Morrison and J. R. Caddell of Maxton. Graham G. Dickson and A. D. Gore are attorneys for the corporation.

Headquarters of the cooperative are located in Raeford with offices next to the News-Journal office. Day and Zimmerman, Inc., are contractors for the construction work.

Presbytery Met Here Tuesday

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met in adjourned session in the Raeford Presbyterian Church, Tuesday afternoon, at 2:00. Rev. H. K. Holland, who recently accepted the pastorate of the Raeford church, was received into the Presbytery, and a commission appointed to install him as pastor of this church. Presbytery named the three former pastor of the church, Rev. L. A. McLaurin of Hemp, Rev. W. C. Brown, of Raeford, and Rev. W. M. Fairley, D. D., of Montreat, and two Ruling Elders, Dr. P. P. McCain of Sanatorium, and Edgar Hall of the local church.

Allocation of the benevolent funds of the church for the next church year, took up the remainder of this session of Presbytery. The next stated meeting of Presbytery meets at Fort Bragg about the middle of April.

John Balfour Hurt In Wreck Friday

John Balfour, son of N. H. G. Balfour, county commissioner from near Lumber Bridge, was painfully hurt Friday when the car in which he was riding was struck by a car driven by J. D. Humphries, of New Jersey. The car was being driven by Miss Maggie Jane McBryde, of Dunderach, on the Wagram road. It is understood that Humphries settled claims for damages, following attachment proceedings.

Balfour was painfully cut above and below his left eye. Medical men say however that the eye itself was uninjured.

Closing Date For New Allotment

All applications for new general allotment must be in the county auditor's office by February 15, 1941. It is urged that voters who have not yet voted, vote on this date.