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Plan Two Forums For Hoke County This Spring

Kiwanis Club Asking Cooperation of Other Civic Organizations in Public Discussions.

Two public forums, possibly others, will be held in Raeford this spring under the joint sponsorship of the Kiwanis club with other civic organizations of the county, it was decided this week by the Kiwanians.

County Supt. K. A. McDonald and Principal E. D. Johnson, of the Hoke county high school, were named to the Forum Committee by President N. A. McDonald, Jr. They are to make the arrangements with Dr. Ralph A. MacDonald, of the extension division of the University of North Carolina, which provides the speakers under a joint arrangement with the Federal Government under an adult education appropriation.

Tentative programs under consideration include discussions of the present American-Japanese situation, possibly led by Professors E. J. Woodhouse and C. M. Buchanan of the University of North Carolina, and background of the present European war and other subjects of vital interest to every one today. Another of the speakers who will probably be requested will be Dr. Herbert van Beckerath, professor of European history and economics at Duke.

In requesting the cooperation of all organizations of the county in the promotion of the forums, Kiwanis Secretary H. C. McLaughlin states that their club will provide the funds necessary for at least two forums and that others will be scheduled if additional funds are subscribed.

Everyone will be free to attend the discussions. The first period of each forum will be devoted to the discussion of the subject by the forum leader, then members of the audience will be given the opportunity to express their opinions on the subject or to ask the leader questions on matters not covered in the opening talk.

It is expected that the first of these discussions will be held early in April.

Report On Bible School Work

A few nights ago Miss Mariana Kimbrough made her report on work done in Bible in her course in the Raeford graded and high school. The committee was not only pleased with the type of work that she had done, but was also surprised that she had covered so much work with so many children. There are over seven hundred children enrolled in her course in Bible. Her reading course of the Bible, memory work, and map study gives the pupils a wonderful knowledge of the Bible. Her report to the committee covered six typed pages.

Less than one hundred people in Raeford have paid the first five months salary of Miss Kimbrough. Since her graded school pupils come from all over the Raeford school district and her high school pupils come from all over Hoke county, it is hoped that other people in Raeford and throughout the county will make some contribution to her salary for March, April, and May. Contributions may be mailed to E. C. Crawford, Raeford, N. C., Treasurer of the Bible School Fund.

Scouts To Have Roundtable At Laurel Hill

The first Scout's Roundtable for the Western district will be held at Laurel Hill at the Livingston hotel Thursday night, March 27, at 7:30. "These roundtables are planned for all scouts," says Mr. Liles. "Here is an opportunity for you to meet with the other scouts of your district and discuss your problems," said Mr. Liles. Since this is the first meeting of its kind ever to be held in the Western district, all scoutmasters are urged to see that his community or town is well represented. The price of the supper will be 50¢.

Mrs. W. C. Blount In Hospital

Mrs. W. C. Blount, mother of Mrs. T. B. Lester, who has been spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Lester, was taken back to Hanesville hospital for treatment Sunday. Mrs. Blount, who recently returned from the hospital went back for observation, although her condition is no worse, nor is it considered serious.

Murdock McDuffie, of Raleigh, was home for the weekend.

District Meeting Of U. D. C. To Be Held In Raeford

The Raeford chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy will entertain the Seventh District on March 26th in the Presbyterian church. Towns represented in this district, who will have Chapter representation here, will include: Lumberton, Red Springs, Fairmont, Sanford, Dunn, Fayetteville, St. Pauls, and Laurinburg.

Mrs. R. O. Everett, of Durham, who is president of the N. C. Division, will be guest speaker. Mrs. Sam Broughton, of Dunn, is District Director and will preside over the meeting.

This meeting is open to the public. Chapter members who are no longer active are especially urged to attend.

Other state officers who are expected are: Mrs. L. E. Fisher of Asheville, and Mrs. J. J. Andoe, of Greensboro.

Grays To Arrive Here Sunday For Training

By Elmer L. Schuyler

Williamsport, Pa., March 20.—Early this week members of the 1941 edition of the Williamsport Grays began drifting in from their homes, and by tomorrow night the group who will start from here on the jaunt to Raeford will be complete. Louis Kress, one-man "transportation department," has arrived from Florida, where he spent the winter, and is getting the Grays' big bus "tuned up" for its invasion of the southland. The group will "shove off" from the Lycoming hotel at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Soon thereafter, Secretary-Treasurer J. Roy Clunk and your correspondent will follow in Mr. Clunk's car.

A brief stop will be made at Harrisburg to pick up a half dozen players from eastern points who will assemble there Friday to await the coming of the bus. Another stop will be made at Gettysburg for lunch, after which it will be "on to Richmond," via Washington, for an overnight halt. Leaving Richmond about 10:30 Sunday the group will go direct to Raeford, stopping only for lunch. Barriers, accidents, all should be in Raeford and assigned to their hotel rooms at the Raeford hotel before 6 p.m.

In the meantime, the players from the South will arrive there before the bus rumbles in. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kyle, for instance, left their home in Marion, La., last week to go to the home of the latter in South Carolina. Before her marriage last summer, Mrs. Kyle was Miss Mary Hicks, of Raeford. The player coming the greatest distance is Kenny Richardson, who is enroute from his home in California. He is accompanied by Mrs. Richardson.

No time will be lost in getting to work. Monday morning Manager Abbott, Mr. Clunk and Mr. Kress will be busy at the armory giving out uniforms, assigning lockers, etc.; Abbott will have a heart-to-heart talk with his men, and then the 1941 spring training season "will be on." It is anticipated that a light workout will suffice for Monday—sort of warming up process—but after that it will be a harder grind. The first exhibition game, according to the schedule, will be with Harrisburg of the Inter-State League on Wednesday, April 2, at Raeford.

Since last week, two more pitchers have been added to the Grays' staff, making twelve in all, from whom seven will be picked for duty in the Eastern League campaign, which will get under way April 23, with a 140-game schedule. Sam Page, who toiled for the Grays in 1939, has been purchased outright and Joe Kohlman comes on option from the Memphis Chicks of the Southern Association. Page, who was the league's leading relief hurler in 1939, is tremendously popular in Williamsport. He saved many a game during the '39 season and his acquisition is hailed here with great satisfaction. Owned by the Philadelphia Athletics in '39, he was traded to Memphis at the end of that season. Kohlman, like Page, is a right hander.

The Grays are hoping for a good break in the weather. Since March 1 the climate here has been distinctly winterish, including a 15-inch snowfall, much of which still lingers, although rising temperatures the past few days has helped in speeding winter toward its finish today, the official closing date.

So it's half to Spring and to Raeford. We'll soon be seeing you.

On Buying Trip

P. A. Wilson of Collins department store is in New York buying new goods to meet the growing demand for more and better goods in Raeford.



HER EASTER BONNET: Brilliant violets and a pink rose are posed atop this perky violet-hued hat to create the Easter bonnet of Anna Neagle, lovely English star playing the title role in RKO Radio's "Sunny." A swath of violet tulle is attached to a bunch of the violets in back to cross in front and create a soft frame for Miss Neagle's blonde beauty.

John Monroe Watson Dies In Veterans Hospital

John Monroe Watson, 70, of Wagram, passed away Friday evening at the Veteran's hospital in Fayetteville. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Spring Hill Baptist church, with Pastor J. E. Reamy officiating, assisted by Rev. John A. McMillan, of Thomasville. Interment was held at Spring Hill cemetery.

Mr. Watson was a native of what is now known as Hoke county, but at birth it was known as Robeson. Mr. Watson had been in ill health for the past several years and death came as the result of a stroke suffered last Tuesday.

Mr. Watson was a deacon in Spring Hill Baptist church and a former superintendent of the Sunday School. He served faithfully his country in the Spanish-American war and the flag of his country was draped on his casket.

Mr. Watson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dora Christine Watson, his own son, Thomas Mervelle, a stepson, William R. Folks, of Fort Moultrie, S. C., a step-daughter, Mrs. Wilbur E. West, of West Palm Beach, Fla., and two sisters, Mrs. James A. Powers and Miss Martha Watson, both of Winston.

Active pallbearers were Dan Watson, a nephew, Jay Jenkins, a great-nephew, E. C. Smith, W. H. Gibson, Arch McLean and Fulford McMillan.

Seven Defendants Face Recorder

Alex McMillan, indicted on charges growing out of a wreck in which a mule of Will Rose was killed, pleaded guilty to careless and reckless driving, in county court Tuesday. Judge W. B. McQueen ordered that McMillan pay the court costs and pay \$100 to Will Rose for the death of his mule, or serve 4 months on the roads.

Cleveland Blue was fined \$10 and costs and given a suspended sentence of 3 months on the roads for violation of the prohibition laws.

Green Locklear paid costs for careless and reckless driving. Marvin Blue drew a similar judgement after trial on charges of being drunk and disorderly. Luther Allen, Eddie Melvin and James Franklin Parker, charged with violations of the road laws, paid court costs.

Seventh Annual Steeplechase Held in Pinehurst

The seventh annual meeting of the Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Association was held Saturday at the Barber Course, midway between Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

The Sandhills meeting was the first of three Mid-South events held under the sponsorships of the National Steeplechase and Hunts association. The other events will be at Aiken and Camden in South Carolina on successive Saturdays.

Training Course For Scoutmasters Announced

Beginning next Monday night, March 24, at the Presbyterian hut in Laurinburg a training course for scoutmasters of the Western district will begin. This course is planned primarily for prospective scoutmasters. However, scouts and others who are interested are invited and urged to enroll for the course. Each scoutmaster in the district is urged to bring or send several men from his community. It is planned to have five meetings all to be held at the Presbyterian hut in Laurinburg as follows: March 24, 31, April 7, 14 and 21. All meetings will be held on Monday night at 7:30. Mr. Liles, Scout Executive, and the new Assistant Executive, Rufus Pittman, will have charge of the meetings. All towns and communities in the district are urged to cooperate in this leadership training course whether you have a scout troop or not. If there is trained leadership in the district there will be better scouting on a larger scale, and therefore more boys will be benefited.

No "Cannon Fodder" This Week

The following letter will explain the absence of "Cannon Fodder" this week:

"Wagram, N. C.
Tuesday morning
The Hoke County Journal
Raeftord, N. C.
Gentlemen:

"This letter is to explain the absence of the usual column that I have been writing—"Cannon Fodder." Since I have been in Wagram since last Tuesday night due to the death of my step-father, you will easily understand the situation. I am planning on going back tonight or tomorrow and will write next week."

WILLIAM R. FOLKES.

David B. McNeill Dies In Shannon

David Brown McNeill died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Grady S. Harrell, Shannon, route 1, Monday morning. He was born and lived all his life in that community.

Mr. McNeill was the son of the late William McNeill and Charity Williams McNeill. In addition to Mrs. Harrell, he is survived by one son, Thomas A. McNeill, of Red Springs, and one sister, Mrs. Caroline McRainey, of St. Pauls.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Harrell and interment was in the McNeill family cemetery. The Rev. M. P. Calhoun, of St. Pauls, officiated.

Mary Hazel Whitley, a student at E. C. T. C., is spending her spring holidays with her parents this week-end.

Big Apartment Project Being Promoted

Fayetteville, March 19.—Officers at Fort Bragg are signing up briskly for apartments in a huge development being promoted by R. J. Williams of Kinston.

Proposal calls for the erection of buildings to contain a total of 500 apartments on one of two tracts which Mr. Williams is said to have under option between Fort Bragg and Fayetteville. The buildings would be of red brick, modernistic construction, three floors and would contain approximately 21 units per building.

Units would range from two rooms to five rooms and rentals from \$30 to \$85 per month.

Rapid growth of Fort Bragg has created an acute housing problem among the officers at Fort Bragg. Quarters already are practically non-obtainable in Fayetteville and scores of officers are living in nearby towns. The condition will become even more acute in the immediate future when the number of officers will be approximately doubled.

Broughton Surveys Laws Passed By Legislature

Governor Praises Constructive Program; Adjourned Saturday Night.

The members of the General Assembly of North Carolina heard themselves praised by Governor Broughton on the night before his sine die adjournment when in his broadcast speech the Governor lauded the "loyalty, ability and patriotism" of the legislature.

Especially did the governor laud the general assembly for its educational achievements which he listed as: retirement for teachers and other state employees, continuing contracts for teachers, nimh salary increment for teachers, removal of inequalities between pay of white and negro teachers, increasing funds for vocational education, provision for a 12th grade and drafting of a constitutional amendment to set up a new education board.

Sales Tax Cut
These educational advances were accompanied by a reduction of \$1,500,000 in the yearly tax bill of the people, he said by removal of the sales tax from the citizenry's "daily bread."

"I think it can be said without boasting or extravagance that the legislature of 1941 has done more for the public schools than any legislature in the history of the state," the governor said of his education program.

He said that if business continues good and general fund revenues continue to increase, he would recommend to the next assembly that a ninth month be added to the school term.

At the same time he predicted that voters of the state would approve a constitutional amendment to set up a new board of education which would replace all present state agencies handling public school affairs.

"This amendment will set up a well-established board for the administrations of the public schools," Broughton added, "it will eliminate existing confusion, friction, duplication and frequent loss of energy and efficiency."

Sixty Million for Schools
A total appropriation of \$60,000,000 for public schools during the next biennium he said was "far greater than ever before."

Broughton listed enactments of the assembly to aid the farmer as: a marketing authority, pure seed law, fertilizer law, increased appropriations for State college, a state trade mark, bulk milk sales act, provision for storing on loan products other than cotton and acts permitting extension of the federal housing program into rural areas.

"Tarheel."

He revealed that quality North Carolina agricultural products would bear a trade mark with the word "Tarheel" over a map of the state.

The marketing authority act, he predicted, will result in establishment of an "adequate marketing system" which will "greatly enhance the value" of North Carolina farm products and "give farmers an outlet for their products."

He praised new seed and fertilizer acts as "incomparably better than anything ever attempted in the state."

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Capt. Welch Tells Of Trip On "City Of Flint"

Army Officer Was Stranded In Europe; Describes Rescue of Over 200 Victims from Torpedoed Ship.

The crowding of more than 200 passengers, rescued from the torpedoed *Muretania*, into the hull of a freighter was vividly described by Capt. W. E. Welch at the Kiwanis club Thursday evening.

Captain Welch was among a group of 29 Americans stranded in Europe who secured passage home aboard the *City of Flint*, the American freighter which, on its next voyage, was captured by the Germans and held for several months before it was turned back to its crew after docking in a Norwegian port while its captors were taking it to Germany.

Normally making the trans-Atlantic crossing in seven days the voyage, replete with all the thrills of an adventure movie, was made in twice the time due to assisting in the heroic rescue of the passengers of the *Muretania*, and then to one of the severest storms in the history of American shipping.

Captain Welch stated that when word was received that the English liner had been torpedoed, they were within a short distance of the sinking boat. They rushed to the scene and took aboard over two hundred of the passengers, many severely hurt and ill from exposure. The freighter had no passenger accommodations, and his party of 29 were moved from their temporary quarters to make room for the sickest of those rescued, while the others were provided with canvas bunks built into the hull of the ship.

The freighter had no medical officer nor more than the ordinary first aid supplies. Some medicines were secured from a nearby British destroyer and the captain of the boat directed the treatment of the injured. Captain Welch stated that the fact that only one life was lost of all those rescued paid high tribute to the spirit and skill of the commanding officer of the *City of Flint*.

Shortly after the rescue, the speaker stated, the ocean was literally rocked from its shores by one of the roughest storms ever to hit the Atlantic, which added further hardships to the voyage.

Death Of Dallas McGhee At Sanatorium

Dallas McGhee, died at the Sanatorium Sunday at 12 o'clock. He had been a sufferer from heart trouble for some time. He was assistant prison warden at the State prison for tubercular patients at Sanatorium. He was buried at Franklinton, his