

Mr. T. B. Upchurch Cumbts After Illness

Upchurch, one of Raeford's loved women Friday, January 7, when Mrs. T. B. Upchurch was taken. She died in Highsmith's Hospital where she had been for nine days, since she was stricken Christmas Eve night was hope held for her recovery. The expected, her death cast a pall over the entire community which greatly loved her. Funeral services were conducted from the family home here Saturday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. E. C. Crawford, assisted by her former pastors, Rev. E. R. Clegg and Rev. B. R. Robinson, also Rev. H. K. Holland and Rev. J. E. Reamy. A choir from all the churches sang "Crossing of the Bar and Rock of Ages." The home was taxed to its capacity to hold the throngs of sorrowing friends and the many beautiful flowers sent as a last tribute. Interment was in the family plot at the Raeford cemetery. Pallbearers were Crawford Thomas, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Fred Johnson, Walter D. Brown, Arch Graham, Harry Greene, Lawrence McNeill, and Edwin Smith. The very close friends and immediate contemporaries of the deceased carried the flowers assisted by many younger women.

Mrs. Upchurch who was Mollie Johnson was born March 25, 1866, in Wake County near old Wake Chapel about sixteen miles from Raleigh. Her parents were William and Mary Ann Jones Johnson. She was married to Thomas Benton Upchurch on October 20, 1899, and moved to Raeford in 1898. She was reared in the Christian Church, but on coming to Raeford she and her husband helped organize the Methodist Church. She was an active worker in the church up until the last. The Raeford Methodist Church was organized in 1900 and Mr. and Mrs. Upchurch's names headed the roll of the new church. She had been an officer of the Women's Missionary Society since its organization in 1905 and had been awarded a life membership in that society, a coveted honor. She was always interested in the schools of the town and the Parent-Teachers Association. She was very active in woman's club work and from its beginning she always held an important office in the Raeford Women's Club. Her ability as a club woman was recognized by the N. C. State organization and she was a past president of the Ninth District. Recently she received a Pioneer Club Woman's Medal of the State of North Carolina. She had written and published several books of poems.

Surviving Mrs. Upchurch are her husband, three sons, C. E. Upchurch, J. E. Upchurch, Jr., and L. W. Upchurch, all of Raeford, three daughters, Mrs. H. A. Cameron, Mrs. R. B. Upchurch of Raeford and Mrs. Allen McNeill of Winston-Salem. Three children are dead: They are an infant and Lawrence, and daughter Marie. Seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a brother A. G. Johnson of Washington, D. C., two sisters, Mrs. M. D. Smith and Mrs. Irene J. Cook of Varina also survive.

Some of those from out-of-town attending the funeral were: Relatives, A. G. Johnson of Washington, D. C.; a brother, of Mrs. Upchurch; Mr. and Mrs. Mack Smith of Fuquay Springs, sister and brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sherron of Fuquay Springs and nephew; Hardy Mills of Fuquay Springs; Tapley Johnson of Fuquay Springs; Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Myrtle Ballentine, Mr. and Mrs. Tomp Johnson, and James Judd of Varina; Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Markham of Fayetteville; Mrs. Garland Farrell of Aberdeen; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Collins of Holly Springs; Mrs. Lizzie White and daughters; and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Massey of Smithfield.

Others were Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Duncan Rogers, Mrs. Chester Adams, Dr. and Mrs. W. P. McKay, and Mr. and Mrs. Dabney Myrtle McCall, Miss Myrtle McCall, Mrs. H. T. McCall, Mrs. E. W. Reinecke, Mrs. T. D. Hatcher, Mrs. J. H. Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis G. D. Arnt, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Meacham of Raleigh.

Fire Damages Hoke Chevrolet Building

Two fires, one at 7 o'clock and another about 9 o'clock Tuesday evening, did heavy damage to the interior of the Hoke Chevrolet company building. The fires, believed to have caught first from a defective flue, caused damages of between four and five thousand dollars it was estimated by Ernest Campbell and David Chapman, of the motor company.

Nearly all of the damage by fire, smoke and water was done to the rear of the building and the rooms and roof of the second floor. It was stated that no cars were in that section of the building and that the fire did not extend towards the stock room and office so that little damage was done on the ground floor.

Excellent work of the Raeford Fire Department, especially on the second call probably saved the motor company building and possible damage to adjoining buildings.

The first fire was discovered shortly after the mechanical department had ceased work for the day. Fire was burning between the ceiling of the garage and the floor of the second floor. This was quickly extinguished and firemen remained on watch until it was thought all smoldering places had been put out.

However, about 9 p. m., a second alarm was turned in by patrons of the picture show in the same block. When the fire department arrived the rear of the second story was a mass of flame and smoke. By use of a new stair way put in service that afternoon firemen were able to reach the fire easily and soon bring it under control.

Wednesday, a new flue was constructed, and some construction work, which had been started this week on improvements of the building were again under way.

SCHOOL NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

BY K. A. MacDONALD

There will be a county-wide white teachers meeting held next Monday evening at 7:30 in the Hoke High School building. Miss Margaret Langston, Field Secretary of the NCEA, will be the principal speaker on the program.

W. O. Melvin, Bandmaster at Hoke High, was called to Elizabethtown on account of the death of his father on Tuesday of this week. Mr. Melvin's father was 94 years of age. We all sympathize with him in his loss.

A county-wide negro teacher's meeting will be held at the Upchurch School tomorrow afternoon at 5:00 o'clock.

The Board of Education met in regular session Monday of this week with all members present. Regular business was transacted.

Plans are being formulated for the institution of first aid and safety classes in all the schools.

Air-raid drills have been carried out in all schools with good success. These drills will be carried on periodically along with fire drills.

The Ashmont monthly faculty meeting will be held next Wednesday evening at the school building at 7:30 o'clock.

Teachers from both Raeford Graded and Hoke High expect to enroll in the Red Cross First Aid Instructors Course. This course will be taught by a doctor from the Sanatorium. Classes will be held in the Raeford Graded School. Any adult who wishes to become an instructor is invited to take the course. Regular Red Cross credit will be given.

Antioch seems to hold a record in fire drills. The building was cleared on Monday in 40 seconds. We hope all other schools can do equally as well.

A bell system has been installed at Mildouson that is of great help in holding air-raid and fire drills.

Mildouson received a nice gift of books for the library from Mrs. Lola Pope. These books are very much appreciated and will be of great value to the school.

For the first time in its history, Hoke County High School is giving to its students, in picture form, memories of their school days. The members of the Beta Club are sponsoring an annual, with Mr. J. W. Turlington as faculty advisor. On Thursday, January 8, pictures for the annual will be taken; so all students are requested to come prepared.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. J. C. McLean, Jr. of the Hoke County High School faculty is sick. Mrs. Thomas Cameron is substituting for her.

We are still looking for a Coach. It seems that Coach Rogers place is hard to fill.

On Friday night, January 9, our High School Basketball teams will play Wagram at Raeford.

Miss Welta Townsend of the Rockfish school faculty will teach a first aid class sponsored by the Red Cross in the Rockfish community. Miss Townsend holds a Safety and First Aid Instructors License from The National Red Cross.

Jasper C. Hutto Takes Post Of Sales Supervisor

Lumberton—Jasper C. Hutto, for more than three years advertising manager of The Robesonian, today assumed the post of sales supervisor of the Lumberton tobacco market, succeeding J. C. Fulton, resigned.

Mr. Hutto also is scheduled to take over the work of the secretary of the Lumberton Chamber of

Commerce and Agriculture, a position occupied concurrently by the sales supervisor.

Election of the new sales supervisor was at a meeting of the executive committee of the Lumberton Tobacco Board of Trade before the holidays, following the acceptance of Mr. Fulton's resignation. Mr. Hutto was not an applicant for the place according to W. E. Elmore, president of the board of trade, but agreed in conferences to accept the post and was unanimously elected.

Only 19 Tires Alloted Hoke For January

Six passenger car tires, 5 tubes and 8 truck tires were alloted to car and truck owners of Hoke county for the month of January, it was announced by the Hoke County Tire Rationing Board, composed of Ryan McBryde, F. B. Sexton, and J. B. Thomas.

The board pointed out that unless your car or truck came under one of the classifications set out on the Federal rationing order, there was absolutely no use in seeing a board member about getting a tire.

All applications have to be filed with the dealer from which the owner expects to buy the tire. This application is then passed on by a district inspector, who either approves or disapproves the application and forwards it to the rationing board. The board, if tires are available within the county's quota for the month, then issues a purchase order to the dealer, which is filled according to the Federal requirements.

Only those passenger cars operated by a physician, surgeon, visiting nurse, or veterinarian—principally used for professional services can secure tire orders. Ambulances and such cars are used to maintain fire-fighting services, police services, public health and sanitation services may get tire purchase certificates.

Common carriers, bus and transport, vehicles used to carry ten or more persons, transporting students and teachers to and from schools, transporting employees to or from industrial and construction works; or transporting ice, fuel, road maintenance material, for industrial plants, and defense housing, waste and scrap materials may secure certificates. Farm tractors and other farm implements other than autos and trucks, for which rubber tires are essential and industrial machinery other than automobiles or trucks, may secure certificates. These are the rubber-tired vehicles which are permitted to purchase new tires under Order M-15-c of the office of production Management. Unless your vehicle comes under one of these specific classifications there will be no use of trying to secure new tires until restrictions are changed.

Laurinburg P. C. A. To Hold Annual Meeting Of Members

The annual meeting of the Laurinburg Production Credit Association, which extends a short-term credit service to Hoke and Scotland County farmers, will be held on January 12, 1942 at Laurinburg, in the court house, beginning at 10:15 A. M., according to an announcement by N. H. G. Balfour, president of the association.

This will be the eighth annual meeting and Mr. Balfour said that it was expected the reports to be heard would be the best in the history of the association. Complete and detailed reports on the operations of the organization for the past year will be submitted by the officers and plans for further developing the service which this farmers' cooperative has to offer will be discussed.

One director will be elected and other business will be transacted. Mr. Balfour said that it is hoped that every member of the association will make an effort to be present this year.

The Association serves Hoke and Scotland counties. Loans in 1941 totaled \$225,935.00 to its members for production and general agricultural purposes.



JASPER C. HUTTO

Elect Two New Members Board Of Hoke Library

The Hoke County Library Board of Directors met in the library Wednesday, December 31. Among other important items of business it was voted by the board that each borrower might take out four books at one time in his own name and that no books might go out in another person's name. Anyone refusing to pay their fines will forfeit the use of the library until such fines are paid.

Two new members were added to the board, Carl Morris from the town board and Mrs. Jack Hodgkin from the county at large. The library board now consists of the following: K. A. McDonald, N. H. G. Balfour, Morris, Mrs. G. B. Rowland, Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Mrs. C. L. Thomas, Mrs. A. K. Currie, Miss Josephine Hall and Mrs. Jack Hodgkin.

McLean Resigns As Hoke Fire Warden

H. R. McLean, for several years both game and fire warden for Hoke county, resigned as head of the fire wardens effective January sixth, it was announced this week.

County commissioners have been unable to secure a successor for Mr. McLean at the present rate of pay allowed, and they voted Monday to discontinue the office until July first. The warden is paid \$35 per month, it was stated, under a joint agreement with county and the Department of Conservation and Development. Officials of that department of the state say that additional funds for increased pay of wardens are not available at this time.

\$170.76 Raised In 1941 Red Cross Roll Call By Hoke School

Hoke County High School	\$26.00
Raeford Elementary School	\$22.50
Upchurch High School	\$27.00
Hoke County Elementary	
Negro Schools	\$64.50
Ashmont School	\$10.55
Macedonia School	\$ 5.21
Mildouson School	\$ 6.00
Rockfish Elementary School	\$ 8.00

C. G. Underwood Now With C. P. & L. Co.

The Carolina Power & Light Co., announces that C. G. Underwood, formerly of Sanford will be their Raeford representative. Mr. Underwood takes Woody Singleton's place. He will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stanton and his telephone No. is 3111.

The Carolina Power and Light Co. will continue to give the same courteous service, through their new representative as in the past.

VINCENT SHEEAN will speak Saturday at Red Springs. He is a Foreign correspondent and has just returned from England and Orient. This is a Lecture Course on F.M.C. program.

Blue, W. A. Blue, and J. A. Bryant of Aberdeen; Mrs. Arch Barnes, Carthage; J. W. Stephenson and Mrs. Sexton of Fuquay Springs; Clyde Seate, Wilson, N. C.; Mrs. Max Helms, Dr. F. W. McCracken, and F. W. McCracken, Jr., of Sanford; A. C. Breeden and Miss Harriet Breeden of Bennettsville, S. C.; Mrs. R. L. McLeod and Clyde McLeod of Maxton; Mrs. Mattie Sewell and James Sewell of St. Pauls, N. C.; Dr. and Mrs. W. L. McCrae, Red Springs, N. C.; Mrs. D. S. Currie, Parkton, N. C.; Rev. B. R. Robinson, Weldon, N. C.; Pets Stanton, Red Springs; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Norman, Dr. J. B. Wright, Ed Cothran, Ralph Crowder, Carl Williamson, Cliff Parrish, Harry Davis G. D. Arnt, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Meacham of Raleigh.

Tire Thefts Coming

People Urged to List Serial Number of Irreplaceable Rubber Casings As Aid to Police.

Forseeing a wave of tire thefts believed certain to result here because of the nation's rubber shortage, Raeford car owners are warned to keep an identification record of their automobile tires to aid in recovery of casings the rare stolen.

Information needed in addition to the size and make of the tire, will include the serial number and any special markings that are evident.

"Such a record should be made immediately, and kept where it is instantly available. Without such information it is all but impossible to establish that a used tire has been stolen, or to obtain its return to the car owner.

It should be locked in garages at night or parked within easy hearing distance of the sleeping owners.

Also, police anticipate an increasing number of automobiles that with the stoppage of new car production, and motor-ists are urged to take every precaution against leaving their run-

POULTRY SCHOOL

A one day poultry school will be held at the Municipal Building in Dunn January 13 for Hoke and adjoining counties, reports A. S. Knowles, County Agent. The U. S. Department of Agriculture is asking Hoke County farmers to increase their egg production by 25% or 50,000 dozen. In order to reach this goal it will be necessary for poultrymen to do a better job of managing and feeding their flock than heretofore. At this school material will be presented on feeding, sanitation, and general management of flocks.

Those who plan to increase their flocks should make an effort to attend this meeting.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School 9:45. Morning Service 11:00. Subject: "How to Have a Happy New Year." Proverbs 3:13. Evening Service 7:00. "Subject: The Meek Own the Earth." Matt. 5:5. J. E. REAMY, Pastor

ENTERS HOSPITAL

Walter Maxwell, who has not been well for some time, entered the Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville Wednesday for examination and treatment.

LIGHTS

Nearly 1,400,000 of the nation's farms have substituted electric lights for the traditional oil lamp during the past 6 1/2 years, according to the Rural Electrification Administration.

EGGS

The seasonal low point in farm marketings of eggs has passed, and with favorable weather, production will increase until next April, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Push Work On County Road

Work on the North Main street extension and road to the Arthur ... place is being pushed by the highway department it was reported yesterday, and the entire length will soon be opened to the public.

The new bridge over Rockfish creek has been completed and the fill for widening of the highway across the swamp is nearing completion. Several curves are being eliminated in the 3-mile stretch. The work being done now will prepare it for oil treatment after it has been permitted to settle for about six months.

George Weaver To Oxford Ledger

George Weaver, who has had charge of the electrical appliance department at Basscom's for the past several years, left last week for Oxford, where he will be connected with the Oxford Public Ledger.

Mr. Weaver is in charge of the subscription and circulation department of the paper at Oxford having assumed his new duties January first.

His wife and child expect to join him there at the end of the present school term.

Lt. Curtis Battling At Corregidor

Word received here this week from Lt. Curtis, who made his home with the J. A. McGoogans for more than a year while stationed at Fort Bragg, tells that he was stationed at Corregidor at the beginning of the hostilities at Manila, and has gone through the first weeks of the war quite nicely. Mrs. Curtis is at home in ...