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## Raeford Woman's Club Sponsoring Koch's Reading of "A Christmas Carol" Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 8:00 O'Clock

Dean of American Folk Drama to Read Dickens' Famous Story For 38th Year.

Mrs. Arthur D. Gore, President of Raeford Women's Club has announced that Dr. Frederick H. Koch will read Dickens' immortal ghost story, "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" Wednesday evening, December 16th at 8:00 o'clock in the Hoke County High School auditorium. Tickets will go on sale the last of this week.

In the last 37 years Koch has read A CHRISTMAS CAROL to audiences far and wide. He has four times given it in Town Hall in New York. Twice he has read Dickens' story at the Institute of Arts and Sciences at Columbia University. Large cities, little country towns, and the secluded byways have heard him give Tiny Tim's immortal toast: "God bless us every one!"

Thirty-seven years ago Dr. Koch, Founder and Director of the famed Carolina Playmakers at the University of North Carolina was a young instructor in English at the University of North Dakota. He happened to re-read A CHRISTMAS CAROL and was struck with the idea that everybody ought to read it at Christmas time. At the suggestion of his friends, Dr. Koch read it to a small group gathered around a crackling wood fire.

His audiences grew until the North Dakota gymnasium was filled to overflowing and his reading of Dickens' story had become an integral part of the Christmas season. Other towns wished to hear him and he journeyed through snow storms and blizzards to fill his many engagements each Christmas time.

When he came to the University of North Carolina to found the Carolina Playmakers, Dr. Koch continued reading the Carol and there no Christmas is complete without it. The auditorium in the big Memorial Hall is always filled to overflowing.

For thirty-seven years Dr. Koch has worked toward the goal of the establishment of a native American drama, a drama from the very soil of the American tradition. Several years ago his achievements in this field were awarded signal recognition when the University of North Dakota, the scene of the beginnings of his work in folk playmaking, called him back to deliver the commencement address and conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature and membership in Phi Beta Kappa. As Archibald Henderson said this: "At Grand Forks, Koch was the hero, the central figure of the commencement of the pioneer university of the prairies . . . a celebration in deed: Tender, moving deep; an apex, a culmination; attainment and recognition." In 1926 Koch was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters by his first alma mater, Wesleyan University.

Dr. Koch's idea of creating a new American drama was furthered recently with the publication by D. Appleton-Century Company of his latest volume of native plays by twenty of his student playwrights representing eighteen American states, Canada and Mexico. The volume has been widely acclaimed by such leading literary and dramatic critics as Dr. Arthur Hobson Quinn, author of the authoritative HISTORY OF AMERICAN DRAMA and Stephen Vincent Benet, Pulitzer prize winner for his "John Brown's Body".

AMERICAN FOLK PLAYS has had a far reaching influence. The English critic in a LITERARY SUPPLEMENT OF THE LONDON TIMES in his review of the volume suggests; "It would also be worthwhile seeing whether similar 'folk' plays could not still be evoked from our English scene and so bring to the drama a new fertilizing influence."

### QUARTERLY MEETING FRIDAY EVENING

Dr. H. C. Smith, new District Superintendent for the Fayetteville District will be at Raeford Methodist church, Friday evening, Dec. 4th, to hold the first Quarterly Meeting of the Raeford Charge. The Church Officials will meet at the Church at 6:30 P. M. for a luncheon. Public invited to attend the service at 7:00 P. M.

Major Eli Wishart, who has been in Trinidad since April 1941 arrived in Aberdeen for a short visit with his wife and child last week. Mrs. Wishart is the former, Miss Hallie Freeman.

## Kiwanis Club Met on Tuesday Instead of Thursday

The Raeford Kiwanis Club met on the above date in Kiwanis Hall, with 24 members present and the president presiding. This meeting was held on Tuesday night instead of Thursday as that will be Thanksgiving day. The club will also hold a meeting Christmas week, which will also set another precedent, as the club has never before held a meeting on Christmas week. This will give a meeting for every week in the year.

The club has accepted an invitation to meet on Christmas week at the Raeford Hotel, as guest of Mr. V. St. Cloud. This meeting will be held on Tuesday night of that week, Dec. 22nd, and the amount of one week's meals will be donated to the Soldier Center, to be used for Christmas cheer to soldiers, who may not be so fortunate as to have leave for the holidays.

The program committee, having failed to secure a speaker for this program, the president called on members of the club, who spoke as follows: H. L. Gatlin, Jr., asking the members to co-operate with his committee in the conservation of meat, fats, etc; also on decorations during the holidays, especially fire crackers, all of which are vitally important to the war effort.

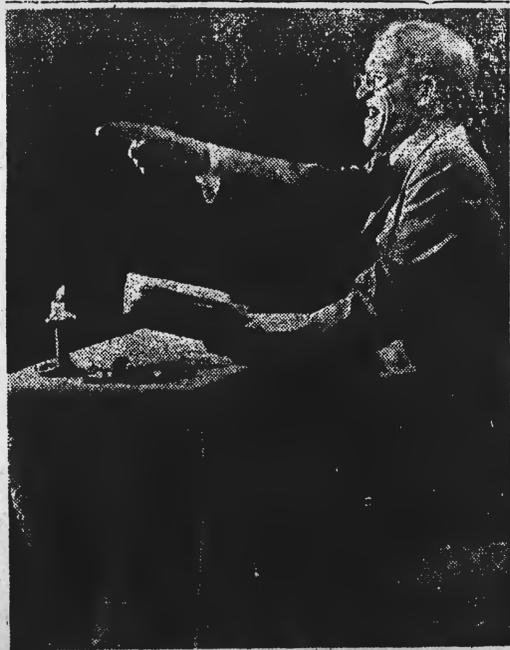
M. C. Dew, Chief Air Warden, called attention to the fact that North Carolina had been certified for the first unannounced alarm, which may be expected at anytime. He is not sure but that it may come during day light, rather than at night.

## Facts About Coffee Rationing

Coupon No. 27 can now be redeemed for coffee. Each member of your family whose age is shown as fifteen or over on Ration Book No. 1 (Sugar Book) is entitled to one pound of coffee.

If you have more than one coupon to redeem—remember that all coffee is perishable. Buy coffee only as you need it.

L. E. Reaves, Jr. has bought the Grady Leach house now occupied by Mrs. R. A. Matheson. Mrs. Matheson has made other plans and when she moves the house will be occupied by J. I. Thomas and family. Mr. Thomas is manager of the local Reaves Drug Store and now has an apartment with Mrs. Roland Covington.



Dr. Frederick H. Koch, founder and director of The Carolina Playmakers, reading Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," Friday, Dec. 16th, High School Auditorium—8:00 P. M.



By TAYLOR CALDWELL

Human revolutions are of slow growth. Modern Democracy is the heir of the ages, of men dead for many centuries. It began in the thoughts of Egyptian, Hebrew, and Grecian philosophers, and burst into open fire in the Magna Carta, when, for the first time, the Rights of Man were boldly proclaimed. It progressed through hundreds of years of darkness, oppression, and misery, sometimes shining brightly, sometimes almost disappearing in the murk of tyranny and despair. It broke into a wider blaze in the American and French Revolution. But democracy is still in the process of becoming. It may take many hundreds of years longer before it has perfected itself, rid itself of the old grossness and injustice which it inherited from the Dark Ages.

But even in its present imperfections it is still the noblest concept which man has ever dreamed and for which multitudes have heroically died. In each century it must again engage in the ancient struggle against the primordial forces of destruction and reaction. And each time that the battle is won the march of ultimate democracy is hastened.

It is worth fighting for, this ultimate democracy, though we ourselves may never see its perfection. However, by the Grace of God and our own devotion and strength, our children will see it. They shall inherit the treasure for which we have fought and died—if we have faith, if we realize that nothing is too much to sacrifice for this inheritance. Work is not too much. Courage and our lives are not too much. All the money we can pour into War Bonds and Stamps is not too much. For, if we hold back, in work, in courage, in life, in money, we shall not bequeath democracy to our children. We shall bequeath them only the bitter knowledge that when we were tested we gave "too little, too late," and that they have inherited from us only slavery and fear.

U. S. Treasury Department.

## Great Violinist To Appear at Flora MacDonald

Max Rosen, acclaimed by many eminent critics as the "greatest American violinist", will be presented at Flora MacDonald College on Monday evening, December 7th, at 8:15, as the third number of the 1942-43 concert and lecture series.

Mr. Rosen, who has already become well known to music lovers throughout the Carolinas in previous appearances at Flora MacDonald, always amazes his audiences anew with the natural beauty and finesse displayed in his mastery of the violin.

Quoting from a well known critic, "No other violinist who has ever appeared in San Francisco, with the possible exception of Fritz Kreisler, had such a caressing charm and poetic quality in his playing".

### START SHOPPING NOW!

This year, if never before, do your Christmas mailing early—as much as three weeks earlier.

Otherwise parcel, card or letter may not arrive until after Christmas. The advice and the warning come from the Postal Department. With postal and transportation facilities under the strain of war, the warning so says:

"To insure delivery by December 24, parcels and cards should be post at least 20 to 35 days before Christmas."

After all, the main idea is to get them there. So only the foolish will ignore the warning.

## Hoke Boy Who Downed Three or More Jap Planes on Guadalcanal



Lt. (jg) Currie, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott Currie is now at home on leave. Lt. Currie, whose nickname with his fighting pals is Mole, is credited with having shot down three Japanese Planes in the Pacific War Zone. Lt. Currie has been stationed abroad on Aircraft Carrier and has participated in a number of Naval Battles. He was stationed at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal Island for five weeks. Lt. Currie received a warm welcome from his home county people where he is well known and has a big family connection. He spent a few days this week in Norfolk Va. The News Journal hopes to print some of the interesting things he is allowed to tell before his leave is over. Hoke County is Proud of Ben.

## Medical Auxiliary Enjoys Dinner

On Tuesday evening Mrs. R. L. Murray was hostess to the Wives of Hoke County Doctors, making up the Medical Auxiliary. She served a delicious turkey dinner with the Thanksgiving motif prevailing. The Doctor's Association was meeting at the Sanatorium at the same time. Mrs. Vernoy the new president presided over a short business session. After dinner the guests enjoyed an evening of conversation instead of games as the storm caused the current to be off for several hours.

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## Light Sentences for Law Violators

IN THIS WEEK'S RECORDER'S COURT.

Dose Green was tried in court this week for violating Prohibition Law. He plead guilty. Judgement, 60 days on road or suspended on paying cost and good behavior for 12 months.

Annie Mae Green sister to Dose Green was charged also with violating prohibition law. She plead guilty, judgement 60 days in jail or suspended on paying cost and good behavior for 12 months.

Eli Wright, Louis Galbraith and Josh Purcell were all charged with Driving Car under influence of liquor. All three plead guilty. Judgement 60 days on road suspended on paying cost and \$50.

Worth Keene was charged with being drunk and disorderly. Plead guilty. Judgement 30 days on road suspended on paying cost.

Lacy McIntyre was charged with shooting rabbits out of season. Plead guilty. Judgement 30 days suspended on payment of cost.

Nathan Sinclair charged with trespass. Plead guilty. Judgement 30 days on road suspended on paying cost.

Albert McLean was charged with Hunting with out Licence. Plead guilty. Judgement 30 days suspended on paying the cost.

## John Barbee At Methodist Church

John Barbee, young evangelist, will preach at the Methodist church of Raeford Saturday night, December 5th. Mr. Barbee recently held a successful gospel campaign in Raeford, and is well known in this section of America as a powerful preacher of the gospel.



John is now completing his senior year at Bob Jones College where he will receive his B. A. degree next spring. He will probably study for his M. A. degree in the University of Tennessee where he studied this summer. His scholastic record in both the University and college is exceptionally good. He is just 21 and has probably preached to more people than any other minister of his age. It is expected that many people will attend the service at the Methodist church where Rev. E. C. Crawford is pastor.

## Smith & Whitley Appear Supreme Court

N. McNair Smith representing the Board of Education of Hoke County, and H. W. B. Whitley, representing Mattie Gilmore, widow of Dean Gilmore, argued the case of Mattie Gilmore in the Supreme Court on Tuesday in Raleigh, N. C.

The Board of Education carried liability insurance for its employees and Dean Gilmore, Janitor, was injured by a fall from a ladder in the New Gymnasium in the Hoke High School on July 17, 1939 and broke both bones in his right leg below the knee from which he died on Feb. 28, 1940.

This case was tried before the Industrial Commission three times and was tried in the Superior Court last April before Judge Bone who affirmed the judgment of the Industrial Commission.

It is now before the Supreme Court on appeal from Judge Bone's decision. Travelers Insurance Co. was the Insurance Carrier for Hoke County Board of Education and took the appeal to the Supreme Court. The decision will be handed down in about three weeks.

In the above case the verdict of the Industrial Commission granted Mattie Gilmore compensation which was slightly over \$9 a week. It is this verdict which is being contested by the Insurance Co. which claims that Dean Gilmore's death was not the direct result of the fall.

## An Orthopedic Clinic To Be In Lumberton

An Orthopedic Clinic will be held in the basement of the Agricultural Building in Lumberton on Friday, December 4th, beginning at 8 o'clock. This clinic is free to all indigent children.

Dr. W. M. Roberts of the Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia will be the surgeon in charge.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Kate S. MacLeod,  
Supt. Public Welfare.

NEW AIR RAID WARDENS  
The air-raid committee of the local civilian defense office announces the appointment of the following new air raid wardens, who will serve in their respective blocks:

D. J. Campbell, C. J. Bennis, Lowder Stedman, Wade H. Norton, Howard Carlisle, K. T. Ross, and Luke Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald spent Tuesday in Raleigh. Mr. MacDonald went especially to attend the hearing in the Gilmore Board of Education case.

## Please!

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