



Lt. Col. and Mrs. Bob Conk and Lynn returned this week from a visit with relatives in Florida.

Sgt. and Mrs. Lester Wilson, who have had an apartment at the Fuller home, left last week for their home in Pittsburgh, Pa.

S 1-c Clarence Rose has been discharged from the Navy and is at home.

Pfc. William McPhaul Clark, who has been in Germany, has been discharged from the army and is at home.

Pfc. Raymond L. Clark, who has been on duty in the Pacific, has been discharged from the army and is at home.

Pfc. Harold Gillis, of Fort Jackson, S. C., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gillis. They also had as their guest Pvt. Phillip Probasco, of Burlington, N. J.

Qm. 3-c Harold McDiarmid received his discharge from the Navy at Charleston, S. C., Monday and is at home.

Floyd Keith, Jr., has recently joined the marines and is at Parris Island, S. C.

Pvt. Warren G. Childress of the Army Signal Corps, has arrived in Italy. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Childress of Raeford, Rt. 1.

Pfc. Charles Davis, who was wounded in the ETO, has received his discharge from the Army and is at home.

## School News

By K. A. MacDonald

Ashmont P. T. A. held its regular monthly meeting at the school building on Friday evening with Mrs. Siffle, president, presiding. Plans were made for continuing the lunch room for the balance of the year.

The board of education held its regular monthly meeting on Monday. The Superintendent made a report to the board on the work and finances of the schools for the first six months of the school year.

Robert H. Gatlin was elected vice-chairman of the board. The board inspected the work on the new Upchurch building.

Patrons of the schools are asked to be as patient as possible with the transportation. Every thing possible is being done to furnish good transportation, but the bad roads coupled with the impossibility of getting repair parts quickly is making it impossible to keep all the buses running as we would like them to run.

School personnel, and other friends were shocked and saddened this week by the death of Miss Annie Gibson of Rockfish. Miss Gibson had been connected with the Rockfish school for quite a number of years in varying capacities. As librarian, substitute teacher and helper in the lunch room, she has made her imprint on the school and the student body. She will be greatly missed by the school and in the community. In respect to her memory, the school closed early on the day of the funeral as faculty and students paid their last tribute of respect to her.

As the epidemic of colds and flu waves and the roads of the county improve with the good looking weather, the attendance of the schools has improved.

Walter Maxwell, member of the Raeford school board, is out again after being confined to bed by illness.

A partial report to the State War Finance committee shows that the 10 schools reporting sold \$20,788.20 worth of Victory bonds and stamps.

Mrs. N. A. McDonald, Jr., is substituting for Mrs. Graham Dickson this week.

The first re-imbusement check for the Raeford Graded school lunch room came this week. It is presumed that checks for the other schools will now be coming soon.

Below is given the enrollment, membership and percentage of the

## Patrol Officer Talks To PTA On Safety

Lt. A. T. Moore, commander of Troop B of the State Highway Patrol with headquarters in Fayetteville, addressed the Hoke county Parent-Teachers association at its January meeting at the High school yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. B. B. Cole, and the devotional was by Miss Sarah Blue. Lt. Moore's talk was prefaced by a few remarks by Patrolman Jason Barnes, who resides in Raeford, and the speaker was introduced by D. H. Hodgkin, sheriff of Hoke county.

Moore's speech covered statistics on traffic accidents in North Carolina and the United States before, during and after the war and the whole purpose of his talk was to stress the importance of Highway Safety education as a great factor in reducing traffic accidents. He urged the PTA to make the teaching of Highway safety one of their annual objectives.

The speaker reviewed traffic accidents in the United States, beginning with the year before this country entered the war when there were 40,000 accidents in the U. S., 1300 of these in North Carolina. He said that since the war deaths due to accidents on the highways had increased 50 percent in the U. S. and 26 percent in North Carolina. He stated that traffic accidents were not always a police problem but were three-fold, a problem of engineering, education, and enforcement.

Lt. Moore urged communities to sponsor safety programs in order that the public might become safety conscious. He also made a plea that courses in highway safety be added to the curricula of all North Carolina schools and urged the PTA to make this one of their objectives.

Following Lt. Moore's address there was a business meeting of the association. Mrs. Gore's room won the prize as the room having the most parents present from the high school and Miss Margaret McKenzie's room won this prize from the Raeford Graded school.

## Rockfish Woman Dies After Short Illness

Miss Annie Clara Gibson passed away last Saturday night at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Estelle Gibson, in Rockfish. She had been ill only three days.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the residence by Rev. Lee, Rev. Deanton and Rev. Cotton. Burial was in the cemetery at Red Springs. Pallbearers were Leon Deas, M. L. Wood, Hugh Overton, Rayborn Barber, Bill Gibson, Kirby Manning, W. J. Deaton, Jr., and Oscar Barefoot.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Estelle Gibson of Rockfish; one brother, M. S. Gibson of Rockfish; four sisters, Mrs. J. M. McMillan of Rockfish, Mrs. N. A. Maxwell of Red Springs, Mrs. T. E. Carr of Kalmia, Mrs. C. W. Ridge of Baltimore, Md., and several nieces and nephews.

## Devoe Austin Better

Devoe Austin, who has been critically ill in a Fayetteville hospital with pneumonia, has improved greatly this week. It is expected that he will be brought home from the hospital by the weekend.

## Rally Day To Be Held

There will be a Rally Day at the Church of God this Sunday, January 13. Special music and singing is planned. Rev. Maron Butler, the pastor, will hold the services.

Israel Mann spent a few days the first of the week in Charlotte on business.

Attendance in the order of percentage of attendance for the schools of all races for the 3rd month of the school. White schools—Mildonsville 81, 81, 95.3; Rockfish 115, 112, 95.2; Ashmont 121, 121, 92.8; Hoke High 288, 259, 93; Raeford Graded 421, 387, 90.6; Antioch 22, 22, 78.6.

Negro schools—McFarland 32, 28, 99.4; Rockfish 75, 74, 93.2; Millside 91, 91, 91; Bowmore 103, 101, 88.6; Upchurch Elementary 451, 450, 87.4; Upchurch High 187, 187, 85.3; Friendship 61, 61, 87; Buffalo 60, 60, 87; Timberland 70, 68, 95; Freedom 97, 95, 82.1; Calvin Martin 33, 25, 82; Edinburg 35, 35, 81; Bridges Grove 72, 72, 80.6; Peschmont 21, 21, 80; Fries Mission 68, 68, 79.5; Laurel Hill 122, 122, 78.3; Lilly's Chapel 51, 51, 77.7; White Oak 106, 105, 75; Piney Bay 42, 42, 72.5; Burlington 170, 170, 72.5; Shady Grove 55, 55, 70.3.

Indian schools—Antioch 76, 76, 96; Macedonia 50, 50, 82.

## Runaway Mule Causes Three-Way Wreck

At dusk last Friday afternoon, Lt. Fuller the Navy at Annapolis, Md., accompanied by his wife, and Capt. McQueen, of the Army at Pope Field, were traveling in opposite directions along US highway 15A near Mack's Place east of Raeford when a mule with a wagon behind him ran into the road.

Fuller's car collided with McQueen's car, almost totally destroying both vehicles and slightly injuring Mrs. Fuller. At about the same time Fuller's car also hit the wagon, damaging both it and the mule slightly.

Mrs. Fuller was brought to Raeford and treated by a local physician and they remained here until Sunday when they left for Annapolis.

## Funeral Held For Mother, Daughter

(Erroneously omitted last week)

Joint funeral services were conducted here on Friday January 4, for Mrs. Sarah Catherine Holt and her daughter, Mrs. Rufus Saunders, at the home of Rufus Saunders here. Mrs. Holt, 88 years of age, passed away here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William A. Nelson, where she had made her home for the past 16 years. Mrs. Saunders, who was 54 years of age, died the same day Dec. 29, at almost the same time in a Fayetteville hospital.

Mrs. Holt had been an invalid for about eight years and death was not unexpected. She is survived by 2 sons, James A. of Biscoe, and Daniel A. of Raeford; 3 daughters—Mrs. W. A. Nelson and Mrs. James A. Lisenby of Raeford, and Mrs. Dewey Murray of Greensboro; and several grandchildren and great grand children.

Mrs. Saunders had been in bad health for several years and seriously ill for about two weeks prior to her death. She had been a resident of this community practically all her life. Surviving are her husband, six daughters, four sons and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Maness and Rev. J. D. Whisnant at the Saunders home. Interment followed in the Raeford cemetery.

## Prospective Fruit Growers To Meet At Wayside

At a meeting of the Hoke County Agriculture Council at the County office building here Monday the need for more home-grown fruit was discussed and the decision to take action to promote fruit-growing locally was reached.

As the first step in this promotion the council decided to hold a meeting for the Wayside community tomorrow night at the Wayside community house at seven-thirty. All the government farm and home offices of the county will be represented and they intend to get the project started.

Following the meeting J. C. Hutchinson, of the Soil Conservation Service, will show a humorous movie.

## Joshua Parker, 91, Dies Monday

Joshua Moses Parker passed away last Monday at the home of John Parker in Rockfish township, where he had resided for several years. He had been in failing health for about a year and would have reached his ninety-first birthday next February 18th. The deceased was a native of Marlboro County, S. C.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at three-thirty at the home by the Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the deceased, assisted by the Rev. B. P. Robinson, a former pastor of the deceased. Interment followed in the cemetery at Parker's Methodist church. Surviving is one brother, Lewis Parker, of Hoke County, and several nieces and nephews. The deceased was unmarried.

## H. C. McLaughlin Critically Ill

H. C. McLaughlin, secretary-treasurer of McLaughlin company, has been critically ill in a Fayetteville hospital for a week and at last reports his condition had not improved.

Mr. McLaughlin was taken to the hospital on Wednesday, January 2, after having been feeling unwell for several days. He had, however, been in his office daily through Wednesday.

## Sally Howard Last Night

Mrs. Sally McGoogan Howard, well known and highly respected woman of Antioch township, passed away last Friday morning at seven o'clock in a Fayetteville hospital after an illness of about one month. Mrs. Howard suffered a stroke of paralysis about seven years ago from which she practically recovered, and it was a recurrence of this first illness which finally proved fatal. She became ill about a month ago and was taken to a Fayetteville hospital last December 14, just three weeks before the end.

The deceased was born October 12, 1880, and was the daughter of the late Archie and Mary McGoogan of the Antioch section. She was married to Dr. William O. Howard of Leary, Georgia, who passed away thirty-one years ago. She was a member of the Antioch Presbyterian church all her life.

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday afternoon at Antioch Presbyterian church at three o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Mann. Mr. Mann was assisted by the Rev. Harry K. Holland, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, and the Rev. G. A. Craig, of Alberta, Virginia, a friend of the family. Pallbearers were: Donald Yates, Douglas McBryde, W. C. Hodgkin, Murphy McNeill, Thomas McLaughlin, and J. W. McPhaul.

Appropriate music was rendered by a choir from Raeford accompanied by Mrs. C. E. Upchurch at the piano. The beautiful floral tributes were arranged by the ladies of the Antioch church.

Surviving Mrs. Howard are one brother, John A. McGoogan of Raeford; two sons, Archie Howard of Raeford and Charlie Howard of Washington, D. C. and two grandchildren, John and Betty Howard of Washington, D. C.

## Car Hits Wagon; Kills Mule

Last Friday night at dusk on the straight stretch of 15 A just beyond the Raeford-Rockfish road a white man named Grady, going south from New York, drove into the back of a wagon being driven by Alonzo Diggs, colored man of the section. The wagon was almost a total loss, the mule and two hogs were killed, and Diggs was injured. He was taken to a Fayetteville hospital, where after several days treatment he was discharged.

The car was damaged severely and was taken to a Fayetteville garage. Grady was indicted by local officers of the sheriff's office and the State Highway Patrol who investigated the wreck on a charge of careless and reckless driving. He was released under \$200 bond and the case is to be tried in Recorder's court on Tuesday, January 22.

## United War Fund Raised By County

John A. McGoogan, Hoke County chairman of the United War Fund drive recently completed, announced this week that the county had raised its quota in this drive for funds to help hungry people all over the world and to help entertain U. S. service people overseas.

McGoogan's statement follows: "Hoke County has raised its quota of \$3,994.63 for the United War Fund and check for this amount has been forwarded to State Headquarters. We have had a rather hard time raising our quota, and I want to thank all who by their work or contributions have helped to put us over the top in this last drive for the United War Fund."

## Mission Study Program At Presbyterian Church

During the month of January, which is Foreign Mission Season, a school of missions has been planned for the members of the Presbyterian Church. The study series will begin next Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. All members of the church are urged to keep this date in mind and to make a special point of observing these evenings during the course of study as Family Night. There will be a brief devotional for everyone in the Sanctuary, followed by classes for all age groups, from the beginners through the adult departments. Special awards will be offered for perfect attendance during the five consecutive Wednesday and Sunday evenings ending February 6th. A moving picture and church supper are among the special features of the Mission Study program.

## Hoke County Meets Victory Loan Quota

Neill A. McDonald, chairman of the Hoke County War Finance committee during the final war bond drive, the Victory Loan drive, announced yesterday that the county oversubscribed its quotas, both as to E bond sales and as to overall sales. The quotas for the county were \$10,000 for E bonds and \$150,000 in overall sales. The Victory drive was originally scheduled to end December 8 but was continued until the first of the year in order to allow gift bonds during the Christmas season to count in the drive.

Total E bond sales for the county came to \$111,550, an oversubscription of \$1,550. The overall total sold for the county was \$151,446.50, an oversubscription of \$1446.50.

## Stockholders Of Local Bank Meet

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Raeford was held in the banking rooms of the bank on Thursday morning, January 3rd, 1946. The report presented by the cashier showed the bank to be in an excellent position with total resources over three million dollars. The bank enjoyed a profitable year; a dividend of 10 percent was paid as of January 1st; a bonus was paid to all employees; and five thousand dollars was added to the surplus account making it \$85,000.00 with a capital stock of \$50,000.00.

The following directors were elected to serve for the year, 1946—T. B. Upchurch, H. L. Gatlin, F. B. Sexton, J. B. Thomas, R. B. Lewis, J. L. McNeill, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., and A. K. Stevens.

The directors held their monthly meeting immediately following the stockholders meeting and elected the following officers to serve for the year of 1946—T. B. Upchurch, president; H. L. Gatlin, vice president; F. B. Sexton, vice president; R. B. Lewis, executive vice president and W. A. McDonald, cashier.

The bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and is enjoying its forty third year of service to Hoke County and the surrounding area.

## Has Wreck While Driving Without Driver's License

At approximately eight o'clock last Sunday morning Curtis Baxley, white man of Route one, Red Springs was driving a pickup truck along the Lumber Bridge-Shannon road when he ran off the road causing considerable damage to the truck which was the property of Cal Gibson of Antioch.

The accident happened about two hundred yards inside Robeson county and was investigated by the local Highway Patrolman and officers of the sheriff's office here. Baxley was charged with reckless driving, and driving without a license. He was tried in Red Springs recorder's court yesterday morning and sentences were sixty days suspended on payment of the costs.

## Final Figures For Xmas Seal Sale

Miss Agnes Mae Johnson, county chairman for the Christmas Seal sale, announced the following figures for the sale in the county this week.

The goal for the county was the selling of \$700 worth of seals. Total amount sold was \$970.24, or \$270.24 more than the goal. These were sold through sale of bonds of which Israel Mann was chairman and sold \$225 worth, seal letter sale sold \$654.23, and the colored schools of the county who sold \$91.01 worth of seals.

Miss Johnson expressed her appreciation to all who assisted in the drive and to all who contributed. She stated that the above figures are exclusive of the Sanatorium.

## Greene Appointed Coroner

The Hoke County Commissioners in their monthly meeting at the courthouse last Monday appointed Harry A. Greene, of Raeford, county coroner to fill the unexpired term of Dr. R. A. Matheson, Jr., who had resigned. Greene had been appointed coroner for several individual cases prior to his appointment to the job permanently. He was sworn in Tuesday by the clerk of the Superior court.

## Kiwanians To Hold Ladies' Night

The Raeford Kiwanis club will hold its annual Ladies' night meeting in the Kiwanis hall here tonight at seven o'clock.

## Heavy Docket In Recorder's Court

Many defendants faced Judge Henry McDiarmid on a variety of charges in an all-day session of Hoke County Recorder's court last Tuesday. John L. Jenkins, white, pleaded guilty of killing a doe and paid a \$50 fine and lost his hunting license for the season.

Cleo Graham, Raeford white man, pleaded not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in a case in which he was charged with using a knife on Curtis King. Probable cause was found and Graham was released under bond of \$300 cash for the next term of Superior court.

William F. Page and Jay Wood, white men of Aberdeen, were each charged with careless and reckless driving in a case which was apparently between them more than between them and the state. Page was also charged with driving drunk, violating the prohibition laws, and violating the road laws. They managed to settle their differences and the judge took a nol pros in all the cases against them but made each pay the costs in his cases.

Ralph Lee Cox, white man of Raeford, pleaded guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor. Sentence was sixty days suspended on payment of a fine of \$50 and the court costs. His driving license was revoked for one year.

Bill Smith, colored man of Dundarrach, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon by pointing a gun at his wife. Sentence of sixty days was suspended on payment of the costs and on condition of good behavior for two years.

Robert Grace, colored, paid the costs for driving with improper brakes. Emanuel Jeannette and Beulah Williams, colored of Harnett county, each paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

George Williams, colored man of Harnett County was found guilty of driving drunk and had a 60-day road sentence suspended on payment of a \$50 fine and the court costs. His license was revoked for one year. He was found not guilty on a charge of violating the prohibition laws.

Cress Wood, Hoke county white man, had a three-month sentence suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs on two counts of violating the prohibition laws. For violating the road laws he had a 30-day sentence suspended on payment of the court costs.

Coble and Agnes Lowry, Indians, pleaded guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Coble Lowry, for operating a still, paid a \$25 fine and the costs in lieu of going to the roads for three months. Agnes Lowry, for illegal possession, paid the costs and got 30 days suspended.

Dan Ray, colored, had 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for driving a car with improper license plates.

Grover Edwards, colored, was found not guilty of violating the road laws in the case in which he got his mule and wagon on the Fayetteville road and caused a wreck involving two cars.

W. I. Culbreth, white man of the county, was found guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor and violating the prohibition laws. Sentence on the first case was 60 days to be suspended on payment of a \$50 fine and the court costs. Thirty days was suspended on payment of the costs in the second case. On the charge of carrying a concealed weapon Culbreth was found not guilty.

## Raeford B. & L. Asso. Stockholders Meet

The Raeford Building and Loan Association held its annual meeting Tuesday at the association's office here, and the report of the secretary-treasurer was heard and the officers of the association for the coming year were elected.

The secretary's report was as follows: 12 loans were made during the year, one for building a dwelling and eleven for buying dwellings. There was a slight decrease in mortgage loans with an increase in installment stock. 388 new shares were sold in 1945 and the eleventh series was started January first.

Officers elected were: F. B. Sexton, president; H. L. Gatlin, vice-president; Mrs. W. L. Poole, secretary-treasurer, and G. B. Rowland, attorney.

## Mrs. Matheson No Better

Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Sr., who has been critically ill at her home here since she suffered a stroke of paralysis several weeks ago, has not improved this week. According to last reports she has lost a little in her fight if there is any change.