

School News

By K. A. MacDonald

Holds Bus Drivers' School

Messrs Simpson and Yelton, of the State Highway Safety Division, were here Monday and held a bus drivers' school. They certified quite a number of new drivers who will be available for next year.

Colored Teachers Meet

A county-wide colored teachers' meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the Upchurch school. Plans were made for pre-school clinics to be put on this spring by the Health Department.

Plans for canning for the lunchrooms for next year were discussed.

The vocational agriculture teacher, Stephen Williams, reported to this meeting that since the beginning of the school year, July 1, 1945, there had been canned under his direction 3192 cans of fruit and vegetables by 61 families, and 2080 cans of meat by 29 families. Professor Williams also reported that the County PTA, which was also in session, was making plans for the erection of a cannery for the Negro citizens of the county. We think that this is a very worthwhile project. It is the intention of the PTA to put on a drive for funds for this project at a very early date.

Junior-Senior Banquet

The annual Junior-Senior banquet at the Hoke County School is planned for Friday evening of this week. This is one of the outstanding social events of the year for the younger set.

Miss McKenzie Ill

Miss Margaret McKenzie, secretary of the Board of Education, is ill at her home in Stonewall. Miss McKenzie has not been well for some time but was taken suddenly much worse last Saturday night. At this writing she is slightly improved.

Patrolmen Praise Buses

Patrolmen Barnes and Pridgen, under the orders of Major Hatcher, commander of the State Highway Safety Division, inspected the school buses of Hoke County yesterday. This inspection was a part of the state wide inspection ordered by Major Hatcher. Patrolmen Barnes and Pridgen inspected each bus and rode with each driver in his bus. These gentlemen not only passed the buses O. K. but praised the drivers for good clean condition of their buses and for their driving ability. One new driver who needed it was given some special instruction while they were here.



Robert Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones, recently spent three weeks with his parents at Sanatorium. Robert has received his discharge and has enrolled in Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas. He completed seven years in the Navy.

S-1c Colon Chason was recently separated from the Navy after eighteen months service in Hawaii.

S-Sgt Clyde Campbell has been discharged from the Army. He recently returned from eighteen months service in India.

Pvt. Raymond Teal landed in San Francisco this week after 10 months in Manila. He is expected home very soon.

Richard Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of Sanatorium, was recently discharged from the army and is at home. He was in the South Pacific Area for 20 months.

4 CONVICTIONS IN SHOOTING CASE INVOLVING EIGHT

RECORDER SENTENCES TWO MOORE, TWO HOKE MEN

In a case in which much out of town legal talent was displayed and in which a total of eight defendants were "cross indicted", in the legal vernacular, four defendants were found guilty, three of assault and one of careless and reckless driving and speeding.

The case took about eight hours to try in Tuesday's session of Recorder's court and grew out of an affair which took place at the home of J. Chalmers Parks in Hoke County about five miles south of Aberdeen on the Laurinburg highway on the night of March 2.

It appeared that Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Claxton, Mr. and Mrs. John Butry, and John Robertson, all of Pinehurst, drove out to the Parks home on the night of March 2 and that shots were fired into the car there which wounded Mrs. Claxton.

Also present in addition to Parks were Eugene Seaford, Hoke County white man, and Lewis W. Frye, white man of Moore County.

Parks, Seaford, and Frye were charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, a felony. They were all three found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, not a felony. Sentences were three months to be suspended on payment of the costs in the case of each.

Claxton and wife, Butry and wife, and Robertson were all charged with assault with a deadly weapon and all were found not guilty. Robertson was charged with careless and reckless driving and speeding, and found guilty as charged. Sentence was three months to be suspended on the payment of a fine of \$25 and the court costs. He gave notice of appeal and posted a bond of \$100.

The five Pinehurst people were represented by H. F. Seawell and M. G. Boyette of Carthage and Parks, Seaford and Frye were represented by Luther Britt of Lumberton. The evidence and oratory lasted from about eleven A. M. to seven P. M.

It appeared from the evidence that Parks did the shooting in the case.

Cotton Policy Worries Bankers

The British government's proposal to eliminate the Liverpool cotton exchange and continue bulk purchase of cotton was called profoundly disturbing by Wilbert Ward, president of the Bankers' Association for Foreign Trade.

The vice president of the National City Bank said that the threat to private caused "grave misgiving" regarding the desirability of the proposed American loan to Britain.

"It is an easy step from government purchase of cotton by Great Britain," Ward told the Export Managers' Club yesterday, to the government sale of cotton in the United States by our Commodity Credit Corporation.

Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the board of trade, has announced the labor government intends to keep the Liverpool exchange closed, but that the matter will be discussed in the House of Commons.

Lt. (jg) Hugh McLaughlin left Sunday for Charleston, S. C. to report for duty after having spent a leave at home.

Pvt. Ed. O. Bailey arrived at Fort Bragg Saturday after 12 months in Germany. He is the husband of the former Miss Gladys Williamson.

HOKE COUNTY PEOPLE GIVE LIBERALLY TO RED CROSS

The annual fund drive of the American Red Cross which started all over the United States the first of this month has come to a successful conclusion in this county, according to reports submitted by community and county drive chairmen yesterday. In two communities chairmen reported that further contributions were still expected, but up through yesterday contributions totaling \$2117.29 had been reported several schools turn in funds.

The county quota was set at \$1500 by the Red Cross, but officers of the local chapter, feeling that this figure could be bettered, set the county's quota at \$1800. The latter was over-

subscribed by at least \$300.

The town of Raeford contributed \$899.80 to the drive, with some contributions still expected in the residential section. Other communities in the county contributed as follows: Ahemont \$54, Allendale \$38, Raedeen \$20.20, Dundarrach \$40, Blue Springs \$33, Antioch \$8.25, Wayside \$75, Montrose \$4.50, Sanatorium \$248.23 (nearly triple quota), Pine Forest \$26.36, Little River \$43.10, Arabia \$33.50, Rockfish \$42, Edinburgh \$118.25. The colored people of the county have contributed \$252.60 with seven schools yet to report. Miscellaneous individual contributions were \$10.

Giles Y. Newton Runs For Congress

Giles Yeomans Newton, native of Gibson who has for some years been employed in Washington, D. C., filed near the last minute as a candidate for the Democratic nomination to Congress from the Eighth district.

Newton's entry into the campaign brings the total number of candidates to three, W. E. Horner of Sanford and C. B. Deane of Rockingham having previously filed. His entry also brings to two the number of candidates running this time who ran in the long-to-be-remembered primary of eight years ago, as Deane also ran then.

Six Other Cases Tried In Recorder's Court

Ralph Quinn, South Carolina white man, was sentenced to three months on the road to be suspended on the payment of \$75 and the costs when he was convicted of driving drunk and violating the prohibition laws.

W. C. Benton, Hoke County white man, got a thirty day sentence suspended on payment of the costs on a charge of giving bad checks. He also made the checks good.

Russell Parker, colored, paid the costs for driving with improper operator's license.

Houston McLean, colored of Cumberland county, got a sentence of ninety days to be suspended on payment of \$50 and the court costs for driving drunk.

Charlie Ward, Aberdeen, and Eddie Farmer, Hoke, both colored, each paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Plan Tour To Magnolia Gardens

The Hoke County Federation of Home Demonstration clubs is sponsoring a tour to Charleston and the Magnolia Gardens on Saturday and Sunday, April sixth and seventh. The tour is to be conducted by H. H. Bullock, Kinston school principal. It will be run on a fee basis with the price to include transportation, lodging, and entrance into the gardens.

The group plans to leave Raeford early Saturday, April sixth, on a bus which has been chartered for the occasion, according to Miss Josephine Hall, Home Agent. They expect to arrive in Charleston in time for a tour of the city on Saturday and have Saturday night open for shows, etc. The Magnolia Gardens will be visited on Sunday morning and the group will visit the Brookgreen Garden near Myrtle Beach on the return trip Sunday afternoon.

Miss Hall stated that it would be necessary to have the full quota of twenty-nine persons registered by Saturday, March 23, or the trip would be cancelled.

Car Burns On 15-A Tuesday

At approximately eleven-thirty P. M. Tuesday a 1939 model Buick sedan being operated by James D. Kemp, colored man of Washington, D. C., caught fire and burned on the Fayetteville road about eight miles from Raeford. Cause of the fire is unknown and the car was a total loss.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

Of the first seven Presidents of the United States all but two, the Adams, served two terms. It was probable that several of those five who served two terms could have been nominated and elected to a third term. Several presidents have refused a third term because they said it was un-American and undemocratic to serve more than two terms.

I know several tenants who say they prefer to farm as share croppers than to own farms of their own. I could name some who made enough money to buy homes in town and open up a merchantile business after a few years of half-cropping.

I know a number of merchants who were mill workers several years ago, who saved their small wages, (wages were low, but living cost was small) until they had enough to start a small grocery business, and in time became prominent business men.

The money the average smoker spends in a year would be a sum, and if he is only a moderate drinker that sum saved for twelve months would in-

crease your saving quite a lot. No, it is none of my business what you do with your earnings, but as it goes, it is a poor business for you.

I decided while young to be a teacher, and for some years taught, but times were so hard the money was insufficient for a teacher and his family to live on.

The town of Raeford took its name from a country post office which was located in the store of McRae and Willford back in the 1880's. Johnny McRae and Augustus Willford each gave the last syllable of their name to furnish Uncle Sam a name for a new post office.

The rural districts of the county were supplied with mail service through mail routes which criss crossed the country from towns along the railroads.

The Carolina Central Railroad was completed to Old Hundred in upper Scotland County, which was then Richmond County, but was added to the Rutherfordton in Rutherford County some-

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SCHOOL BUSES INSPECTED BY PATROLMEN

FIND MAJORITY IN VERY GOOD SHAPE

State Highway Patrolman, Jason Barnes, accompanied by Patrolman Pridgen, of Fayetteville, and County School Superintendent K. A. MacDonald, spent most of yesterday making a thorough inspection of the school buses of the county for mechanical defects, safety devices, and general condition.

Twenty-one buses were inspected by the patrolmen and of these sixteen of these were found to be in good condition except for minor defects such as speedometers not working, glasses out, etc. Many of these deficiencies were corrected at when pointed out by the inspectors. The remaining five buses are in the school bus garage for repair consisting of major motor overhaul in all cases except one which was being repaired after a minor accident.

In their report the patrolmen stated that they found the buses in an unusually clean and a very good mechanical condition. They were inspected for condition of brakes, windshield wipers, hand brakes, horns, mechanical stop signs, and general condition of the body and interior of each bus.

GRAHAM MAKES STATEMENT OF HIGHWAY POLICY

Commission Will Meet "First Problems First"

Raleigh, March 20. A policy of "meeting first problems first" will be followed by the State Highway and Public Work Commission, its Chairman, A. H. Graham, said today in discussing the stabilization and surface treatment of the county road system.

The "immediate objective," he said, will be to put the farm-to-market roads in condition to withstand next winter's weather. There are about 48,000 miles on the county system, and virtually every mile will require some degree of attention this year, for these roads bore the brunt of the damage done by the unusually severe weather last winter. Instructions have already gone out to the division engineers, the Chairman said, that the county roads are to be stabilized this spring, summer and early fall as rapidly as humanly possible.

Acute shortages in equipment, materials and manpower still handicap even routine highway activities, the Chairman stated, but there appears to be little relief in prospect anytime in the near future. Despite this situation, the Highway Commission is going ahead by doing everything it can to put the roads in shape for withstanding the strain of winter weather.

"I firmly believe," Graham stated, "that the people of North Carolina will endorse this policy of meeting first problems first, and it is our earnest desire to overcome, as much as we can, the handicap under which we must operate these days in conditioning the roads to meet the traffic requirements demanded of them."

As is always the case, primary attention will be given to the county roads called on to carry the heaviest burdens of daily traffic. These will include, in the majority of instances, rural mail routes and school bus routes, the highway chairman said.

This program of conditioning the county roads for next winter will not in any way supplant the long-range improvements

FARM NOTES

by A. S. Knowles, County Agent

Treat all cotton seed before planting with New Improved or 2 per cent Ceresan. This will insure you a better stand of healthier plants.

Seven steps to help you Face The Future With Cotton will be distributed from the County Agent's office within a few days. This is a pamphlet by the U. S. Department of Agriculture containing seven important features in the economical production of cotton. The steps are: 1. Fit Cotton into Balanced Farming, 2. Take Care of Your Soil, 3. Use the Best Variety, 4. Make your Labor Count, 5. Control Insects and Diseases, 6. Pick and Gin For High Grade, and 7. Sell for Grade, Staple and Variety Value. The suggestions made in this publication are worthy of every cotton farmer's consideration.

Hoke County will have a five-acre cotton production contest. The rules will be the same as those set up for the State and District five-acre contest. Under the rules, farmers planting coker 100 wilt cotton in a field containing 5 acres or more, may enter the contest. All contestants will be expected to keep cost records. Applications can be made at the County Agent's office. The County's prizes will be: 1st, \$100.00, 2nd, \$60.00, and 3rd, \$40.00.

Hoke County will have a five-acre corn contest. All farmers planting corn in a field containing three acres or more will be eligible to enter the contest. Cost records must be kept. The prizes will be: 1st, \$50.00, 2nd, \$30.00, and 3rd, \$20.00. Other rules and information will be distributed.

Hoke County 4-H Club boys will grow hybrid corn for their project this year.

Tobacco farmers are urged to keep close check on their tobacco beds for possible insect or disease damage. A number of farmers have already reported insect damage. Small worms (midge larval) often cause damage to young plants by uprooting them. The adult black flies and midge do not cause any damage. The small larval can be controlled by using about one and one half pounds of naphthalene flakes per 100 square yards of plant bed. One to three applications may be necessary.

When blue mold is first reported, spraying or dusting with ferimate should be started.

One of the best ways for farmers and city people to cooperate with the Emergency Food Program in furnishing food to those starving overseas is to have a vegetable garden. Food grown in the garden and eaten fresh or preserved by canning will release food for shipment abroad. Every family should make an effort to grow all the food they can this year.

Broiler production cost North Carolina poultrymen 76.2 cents per bird in 1945.

Collision Sunday Morning

Last Sunday morning at eight o'clock there was a collision at the intersection of the Raeford Shannon road and the wire road. Russell Parker, colored, collided with Johnny Allen, white of Red Springs. Both vehicles were Pontiacs. Damage was slight and was settled on the spot.

Officers investigating the accident, however, did prefer charges against Parker for having improper driver's license.

calling for surface treatment or stabilization of a permanent character on 30,000 miles of the county system during the next ten years.