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Hoke High Wins Here Tuesday; Plays Lumberton At 2:30 Today

Red Springs - McColl Will Play Second Game Today; Finals Friday At 3:30

The local baseball team got off to a flying start in the opening game of the American Legion Invitational tournament here Tuesday afternoon by swamping Aberdeen High to the tune of 19 to 2. Jimmie Conoly hurled ably for the Hoke team while Warner and Plummer led the hitting with three safeties each.

In the second game Tuesday a close well-played game between Lumberton and Bennettsville was called in the 5th because of rain with Lumberton leading 2-1. Lumberton was declared the winner.

Wednesday afternoon's opener between Red Springs and Rockingham was abruptly terminated in the last of the 5th frame when Rockingham was unable to make Umpire Jake Austin reverse a decision they disagreed with and left the field. Red Springs, leading by a score of 5-0, was declared the winner.

In the nightcap yesterday McColl, behind the outstanding pitching of McLucas, defeated Fayetteville 6-3.

Today's Games

Raeford, with a record of 10 wins and 5 defeats for the regular season, takes on the strong Lumberton club at Armory park at 2:30 today in what promises to be the best game of the tournament so far. McKeithan is expected to pitch for Raeford.

In the second game today, equally promising and immediately following the first, the strong McColl and Red Springs teams, both winners yesterday, will take the field against each other.

Officials predict capacity crowds for today's games and for the tournament finals tomorrow afternoon between the winners of today's battles. Many ladies are in attendance daily so far in the tournament, due, possibly to the fact that nylon hosiery are being given away at each day's games through the courtesy of the local Belk Hensdale store.

COURT

JUDGE McDIARMID TRIES 9 CASES TUESDAY MORNING

Melvin Bullock, colored prisoner at the State Sanatorium who sawed a bar and left, stealing a pistol, entered pleas of guilty of breaking prison, larceny of a pistol, and carrying a concealed weapon. He got six months on the roads on each count, sentences to run consecutively.

Fairley Jones and William Armstrong, Quewhiffle colored men who were caught operating a whiskey still, were given sentences of seven months each which were suspended on payment of a \$25 fine each and on condition of good behavior for 2 years.

An auto checking station operated by law enforcement officers netted several offenders. Rowland Watson, colored man of Quewhiffle township, and Edward L. Cooley, colored of Fayetteville, each paid the costs for speeding.

Ruby L. Tate, J. L. Leach and James Jackson, all colored, each paid the costs for violating the road laws referring to brakes, licenses, etc.

Gilmer Wood, white, paid the costs for having a small quantity of non-tax-paid liquor.

Jimmie McMillan, colored man charged with assaulting Lonzie Woodard with a deadly weapon, pleaded guilty of simple assault and the court accepted this plea. Sentence of 30 days was suspended on payment of the costs and on condition of good behavior for two years.

CONGRESSWOMAN



Pictured above is Miss Jane Pratt, former Raeford woman who is to be elected to Congress from the Eighth Congressional district in Saturday's special election held at the same time as the Democratic primary. Miss Pratt has been a congressional secretary for over twenty two years, and will fill the unexpired term of the late W. O. Burgin. She will be North Carolina's first Congresswoman.

Night Softball Nearing Reality

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., chairman of the Kiwanis Club's softball committee who was selected to continue investigation of the availability of materials and money for the installation of lights at pasture park, reported this week that the plans of the committee were working out well and that he expected to start construction of the lighting system at the pasture by the first of next month.

The money needed was pledged by sponsoring firms, other firms and individuals when canvassed several weeks ago and Clyde stated yesterday that if plans to buy the necessary material worked out he would be around to collect these pledges next week.

He stated that the poles and wire had been purchased and that two sets of lighting equipment were available and that the best bargain would be bought in the next few days.

AUTO THEFT MONDAY

The 1939 Chevrolet sedan of Harry Epstein was stolen from Main street in Raeford between nine p. m. and midnight Monday. It has not been recovered up to this time.

WRECK ON 15-A

At about 6:30 A. M. yesterday a new 1946 Ford car apparently being operated at a high rate of speed left U. S. 15-A near the Hickory Grove tourist camp about 8 miles south of Raeford, hit a tree and was demolished. The driver and only occupant, a veteran named Orner, was seriously injured and is in a Fayetteville hospital.

The accident happened on a straight road and only one vehicle was involved. Orner was driving from Columbia, S. C.

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SCOUTS

GO TO CAMP NEAR LAUREL HILL LA. FOR WEEK

The Annual Camporee for the Western District, of the Cape Fear Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, was held near Laurel Hill May 17 to 19th. One hundred and four scouts from Red Springs, Maxton, Laurinburg, Wagram, Laurel Hill, Gibson, and Raeford, attended.

Thirty of our boys accompanied by Scoutmaster Rhyme attended this camporee, only one member of the troop being unable to attend.

The Camporee was planned by W. C. Covington of Wagram, chairman of the Camping Activities Committee. It was under the direction of Oatley Lee, Western District Executive, and the chief executive of the Cape Fear Area Council, C. W. Baker.

The scouts and scouters arrived Friday afternoon and pitched camp near the Richmond Mill, the camp site being furnished by Edwin Morgan, president of Morgan Mills and a member of the Cape Fear Area Council Committee. Friday night was given over to Troop Campfires and the practice of patrol stunts to be presented Saturday night.

Saturday morning was devoted to Pioneering and Camp Craft. Each patrol fixed its campsite, competing with the other patrols for the Blue ribbons. Only three patrols, all from Troop One, won Blue ribbons. They were Stag Patrol with Bobby Murray as Patrol leader, the Beaver Patrol with Hamer Leach as Patrol leader, and the Panther Patrol with Alton Clark as Patrol leader. The Flying Eagle Patrol with Joe Gullledge as Patrol leader, won the Red ribbon. These ribbons will be awarded at the next court of honor.

Saturday afternoon the Patrols competed in knot tying contests; the use of the compass and other scouting events. After these contests swimming was enjoyed for

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ELECTION BOARD MEETS MONDAY NIGHT

The Hoke County Board of elections held its pre-primary meeting in the court house Monday night with County Chairman William L. Poole in charge. Final arrangements for conducting the Democratic primary in the precincts of this county on Saturday were made and material was distributed to the judges and pollholders in each precinct.

The pollholders in the precincts of the county are as follows: Allendale, David Currie, Archie Watson, J. W. Hasty; Antioch, W. C. Hodgins, James McPhaul, F. C. McPhaul; Blue Springs, J. F. McMillan, R. J. Hasty, J. R. Hendricks; Little River, J. W. Smith, D. H. Walters, C. H. Marks; Puppy Creek, John Parker, Lacy McNeill, Hugh Haire; Rockfish, M. G. Ray, W. F. Townsend, J. P. Barger; Quewhiffle, R. A. Smoak, R. D. Strother, M. C. Strother; Stonewall, N. A. McInnis, J. L. McFadyen, D. L. McGougan; Raeford No. 1, L. J. Campbell, J. D. McNeill, M. M. Culbreth; Raeford No. 2, W. W. McLean, G. W. Cox, John K. McNeill, Jr.

PRIMARY

VOTERS WILL CHOOSE FOR TWO COUNTY OFFICES

The Democratic primary in North Carolina will be held Saturday, May 25, and all over the State campaigns for county offices, judicial and congressional district offices are reaching their climax before hearing the final will of the Democratic voters.

In this county interest centers around the three-sided contest for the State House of Representatives in which Dr. G. W. Brown, the incumbent, is opposed by J. Benton Thomas, longtime manager of the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer company and farmer, and Harry A. Greene, fertilizer man and former Raeford fire chief.

Next of interest to Hoke voters is the contest for nomination to the Congressional seat held for the past eight years by the late W. O. Burgin, of Lexington. Seeking nomination to this office are W. E. (Bill) Horner, Sanford publisher, civic leader and longtime state legislator, and C. B. Deane, Rockingham lawyer, insurance man, and Baptist lay leader. Deane has sought the office two times previously, being defeated in each instance by the late Congressman Burgin, although by a very narrow margin in a long hard-fought contest the first time in 1938.

Being contested in the county are the seats on the county board of commissioners. Of the incumbents, N. H. G. Balfour, chairman, is not offering for reelection. Other members of the present board who aspire to remain on the board are Hector McNeill, E. R. Pickler, F. A. Monroe, and F. Knox Watson. Also seeking seats on the five man board are M. D. Yates, Dundarrach farmer and merchant, N. B. Sinclair, Raeford farmer and merchant, and William Stanley Crawley, farmer of Arabia.

A vote of 2000 or slightly more is generally expected in the county.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Combine and thresher operators are required by law to get permits and report books from the Register of Deed's office. The purpose of this is to get an accurate record of grain produced in the county and state.

Feed Conservation Hints

The feed situation is growing worse each day. Farmers are the main group affected. As the situation now stands, there are 6 percent more young chickens and 12 percent more hogs on the farms than a year ago. To feed these, there is 14 percent less wheat, 19 percent less corn, 18 percent less barley, 53 percent less rye, but 36 percent more oats than a year ago. There is 13 percent less oil meal and 25 percent less grain by-products. In order to conserve feed, the poultry industry is taking the lead and are asked to (1) reduce setting of eggs, (2) Continued on Page 6

SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The Rockfish school operetta and musical recital was a great success. Pupils of Mrs. Capps and Mrs. Bostic did exceptionally well on the piano. The operetta was beautifully staged and costumed. The music was catchy and all of the pupils were well drilled and coached in their lines. The auditorium was filled to overflowing and everyone enjoyed every minute of it.

Pupils and teachers are to be congratulated on all of their hard work and the excellence of their production.

Finals Start Monday

Final examinations at Hoke High will start on next Monday, May 27. Parents are urged to make every effort to see that all high school students are in school during examinations.

Sermon Next Sunday

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached at 11:30 o'clock on Sunday, May 27, by the Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the local Methodist church. All churches in the community are canceling their services in order that everyone will be free to attend this service and hear Rev. Mr. Maness and also do honor to our seniors. The sermon will be preached at the Hoke High school auditorium.

Dr. Erwin To Speak

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, will deliver the commencement address on the evening of Friday, May 31. Everyone is urged to hear Dr. Erwin who is one of the leading educators in the south and one of the best speakers in the state today.

Mrs. Stuart's Recital

Mrs. Arah Gatlin Stuart presented her piano pupils in recital at the Raeford Graded school auditorium last Friday evening to a large and appreciative audience. Everyone reports that it was a splendidly rendered affair and that Mrs. Stuart and her pupils deserve a great deal of praise for the excellence of the training and for the addition of the numerous varied selections.

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WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

Friday, May 17—President Truman plans to effect government seizure of nation's railroads if strike occurs Saturday, May 19, as scheduled.

Plane crash near Richmond kills 25 . . . President authorizes draft of childless men up to 29 years of age . . . Conference of Big Four foreign ministers adjourns in Paris without agreeing on peace treaties for Italy and the Balkans . . . Cotton manufacturers ask end to production and price controls on cotton textiles.

Saturday, May 18—President signs order seizing railroads but has no assurance that his action will prevent strike . . . U. S. State Department serves notice on Russia that it will fight development of Communism in Japan just as vigorously as it does at home . . . General Jacob L. Devers, Army Ground Forces Commander, tells Congressional committee he had not used word, "cowardly" in discussion of Congressional action on the Selective Service act . . . Census bureau reports baby born every 11 1-2 seconds, death every 22 1-2 seconds, marriage every 20 seconds, and that U. S. population now over 140,500,000 . . . Former President Hoover in Chicago says 40 million people will starve unless huge food deficit is overcome.

Sunday, May 19—Nation hears that rail strike is postponed at last minute after some trains had already stopped. Postponement for five days with negotiations promised . . . Talks about coal strike between John L. Lewis and coal mine operators accomplish nothing . . . Chester Bowles asks for more money to run OPA.

Monday, May 20—Government mediators again arranging talks between rail unions and management . . . Rail networks of nation almost normal after brief interruption on Saturday . . . Food conference begins in Washington among 18 nations with Russia conspicuously absent . . . Reconversion Director John W. Snyder reported that 2,080,000, including 970,000 veterans, will want to go to college next fall but that only 1,000,000, including 690,000 veterans, can be accommodated due to lack of housing, books, teachers, and facilities . . . Government plans to renew efforts to settle soft coal controversy . . . Chairman of Senate and House Naval committees flatly oppose proposed Army-Navy merger . . . Widespread fighting again reported in North China.

Tuesday, May 21—Press reports prospects of ending railroad strike "Good" as recommended.

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