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## SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

### 7th Grade Exercises

Today at 10:00 o'clock the seventh grade exercises are being held at Hoke High auditorium. All seventh grades in the county are participating. According to custom, the highest score made on the standard tests won the valedictory. This score was made by Raye King of the Rockfish school. Second high score was made by Lynn Conk of the Raeford Graded school who delivers the salutatory. Jean McMillan made the highest score at Mildouson and John Eubanks was high at Ashe-mont. The highest sixth grade score was made by Betty Garrison of the Rockfish school, who, consequently is chief marshal for the occasion. The high scores in the other schools were John McLaughlin, Raeford Graded, Jean Sinclair, Ashe-mont, and Carolyn McKenzie Mildouson. Each school furnishes a number for the program. Supt. Phillip Weaver of the Southern Pines schools will make the address. Certificates will be presented by the principals or school board members.

### ERWIN TO SPEAK

Tomorrow evening at 8:30 the graduation exercises be held. Dr. Clyde A. n, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the address. We hope a large crowd will be on hand to hear him and to do honor to the 32 seniors who will receive their diplomas.

All colored and Indian schools closed on Wednesday. The individual schools had their own exercises at various times. This is the first time in many years that the Upchurch school did not have commencement, but owing to the fact that this is the last year before they will be on the full 12 year program. They had no graduating class. Next year they will be ready to graduate a large class from a full 12 year school.

The Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 3, at 10:00 A. M.

Interest is growing throughout the county in the proposed area vocational school. We hope that there will be full discussion of this project and that people will indicate their opinions in the matter.

### Senior Class Play

The senior class presented the class night play, "Mystic Night," Friday night May 24, 1946 at 8:15 P. M. The cast of characters was as follows: Mary, the mother of Christ; Mary Raye Freeman, Queen of Light; Allyne Maxwell, Spirit of Education; Bessie Wright, Witch; Lucille Townsend, Puck; Helen King, Pirate and Giflorian; William Sipple, Carmen-A Gypsy Prophet; Mary Carter, Statistician; Mardell, Campbell, Testator; Betty McLean, Heralds; Hal Gore, John McLaughlin. Some members of the senior class helped explain the vitures education.

Our girls, Bonnie Kate E. Veverly Hodgkin, Katharine Blue, Ann Gore pre-

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## COURT

### ARTHUR LUCAS HELD WITHOUT BAIL ON CAPITAL CHARGE

A large part of the day in Recorder's court Tuesday was spent on the preliminary hearing of the case in which Arthur Lucas, Southern Pines white man, is charged with rape. The prosecuting witness is Helen Melton, white of Raeford, who alleged that the offense was committed on May 23 in Hoke County near the Moore County line. Probable cause was found by Judge McDiarmid and the defendant was ordered held for trial without privilege of bond.

George C. Pittman, Fayetteville colored man, paid the costs for speeding.

Bonnie Campbell, colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs for assault and damage to personal property.

Richard McPhatter, colored, got a 90-day sentence suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for assault with a deadly weapon.

Charlie Ray, colored, paid the costs and \$2 to the prosecuting witness on a charge of assault.

Libby Wilson, colored, was sentenced to 60 days for driving drunk. Sentence was suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs and his driver's license was evoked for one year.

### METHODIST HOUR

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, president of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church and resident bishop of the states of Georgia and Florida will preach over an independent regional network Sunday morning, June 2nd, on the subject "New Men in a New World."

Bishop Moore has just returned from three months spent in Korea and Japan on a mission of good-will to the Christian peoples in Asia. His travels were made possible through the courtesies of the United States Army. On his tour he visited the chaplains in Korea and Japan on behalf of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains and on the Methodist Committees for Overseas Relief.

He was elected to the episcopacy in 1930, has served several years as a missionary bishop in Asia, Europe and Africa and previous to his election served outstanding pastorates in Birmingham and San Antonio. He is one of the outstanding evangelistic preachers of the present day and is the author of a number of books, his most recent being "Central Certainties".

The Methodist Hour, which is heard every week in June, over radio station WPTF, at 8:30 AM; is featuring five outstanding leaders during this month, and is presented in cooperation with the Southern Religious Radio Conference, which is composed of radio committees from the Southern Baptist Convention, the Presbyterian Assembly, and The Methodist Church.

Because of lower sugar production in Cuba and Central America, the nation's sugar supply may be cut by half a million tons this year.

## Mann Gets Here The Hard Way

Israel Mann, returning from New York, where he had spent the week buying merchandise for his store, caught himself stranded in Richmond last Thursday night when the railroads went on strike. He had left New York that morning at 7:30 and when he arrived at Richmond at 5:30 that afternoon, Mr Mann says the first thing he did was get a room at the Richmond Hotel. After checking the bus station he decided his chances of getting a bus home that night were slim, so he checked the garages and hotels for North Carolina cars, hoping that he might catch a ride with someone coming this way. Finally he gave up that idea and just started asking people in the hotel which way they were headed and did get a ride with a fellow who lived in Raleigh who was leaving next morning. Mr. Mann took a bus from Raleigh and arrived here Friday night.

## POOLE'S MEDLEY

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

Hoke held its first primary on Friday, March 13th, 1911. Governor W. W. Kitchin was to appoint the officers in the new county of Hoke, but he required them to name their selections for the several offices, and then he appointed these.

On the 3rd day of April, 1911, the new county of Hoke began functioning. It was a very windy day, the wind strong from the south, but several thousand people assembled. There was a big picnic dinner on tables on the school campus and several trenches full of barbecued beef and pork down in the pines, near where the Grammar school is now.

I never heard of a hail-storm in the fore part of a day until one May morning in 1934. Hail destroyed lots of tobacco in Hoke that morning and in several counties in Eastern Carolina. I have heard old folks say that storms, wind and hail never come in July and August, but in the spring and fall. On the 11th day of July, 1917, there was a bad storm and it was estimated that \$100,000 worth of crops just east of town about two miles out were destroyed.

You remember the plank fence around Raeford Institute buildings? The school buildings were all framed buildings, but Raeford Institute was a good school and had the reputation of being one of the best schools in the state.

Some distinguished scholars were given their preparatory education in Raeford Institute, and a number of young men who attended that school entered the Gospel Ministry. One of the teachers in the early days of the school resigned his position as teacher in the school to prepare himself for the ministry.

## BASEBALL

### LUMBERTON BEATS RED SPRINGS IN FINAL GAME

The American Legion baseball tournament was concluded here last Friday afternoon with Lumberton the victor after winning over Red Springs in a close game, 2-1.

The tournament was punctuated throughout with disagreements of various sorts, volunteer coaching and hazardous umpiring being the main sources of trouble.

In the semifinal games on Thursday the first, between Lumberton and Raeford, won by Lumberton, 6-5, in twelve innings. This included a heated argument with the umpire by players, coaches and others.

The second game Thursday was called in the eighth inning after playing in the dark for several minutes. At the end of the seventh McColl was leading Red Springs, 4-3, and at the end of the eighth the score was tied at 4-4. McColl refused to return to finish the game, so Red Springs played in the finals.

## Legion Awards Students Medals

Betty McLean and Daniel Baker have been announced as winners of the 1946 American Legion school awards in the Hoke County high school senior class. These awards are made annually by the veterans organization to promote better citizenship in young people.

Daniel Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Governor Baker, received the award for excelling all other members of the senior class in courage, honor, scholarship, leadership and service.

Betty McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McLean, received the award for excelling all other members of the senior class in courage, companionship, character, service, and scholarship.

Bessie Wright, also a member of the senior class, won the Legion oratorical contest several weeks ago.

### TERPSICHOEAN CLUB PLANNING DANCE AT ARMORY JUNE 7

The Terpsichorean club of Raeford, an organization recently formed here for the purpose of sponsoring a series of dances, announced this week that it had secured the services of Russ Carlton and his orchestra for a dance at the Raeford Armory on the night of Friday, June 7.

Carlton's orchestra is nationally known, having played in some of the country's more famous entertainment spots. Featured with the band are Carolyn Talley, vocalist and pianist, and Wendell Fore, vocalist. It is a 17-piece aggregation.

### LIBRARY NEWS

The Hoke County Library will be closed on Wednesday afternoons throughout June, July and August, beginning Wednesday, June 5.

At a recent meeting of the Hoke County Library Board the following officers were reelected to serve during the year 1946-47: Chairman, K. A. MacDonald; vice Chairman, Mrs. G. B. Rowland; treasurer, Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, Jr.; secretary and librarian, Mrs. Luke Bethune. W. J. Coates has been appointed a member of the Library Board from the town commissioners to take the place of Neill A. McDonald, who resigned. Other members of the board Mrs. C. L. Thomas, Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Mrs. A. K. Currie, Mrs. Jack Hodgkin Miss Josephine Hall, N. H. G. Balfour and Carl Morris.

There will be a Vacation Reading Club at the public library for the girls and boys of Raeford and Hoke County, beginning Monday, June 3. They are urged to come in and join this club. A large number of new books have been ordered and are coming in.

Schedule: Monday through Saturday, 10 to 5:30. Closed 12 to 1 for lunch.

### STORK MAKES DEADLINE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dickson, Jr. announce the birth of a daughter at a Fayetteville hospital Wednesday night, May 29, 1946.

## PRIMARY

### DEANE TOPS DISTRICT; GREENE HIGH; SECOND PRIMARY LIKELY

In the race for Democratic congressional nominee, C. B. Deane, Rockingham lawyer and insurance man, defeated W. E. Horner, Sanford publisher, by 354 votes in last Saturday's primary, according to official figures. 18,650 votes were cast for Deane to 18,296 for Horner.

In the district each candidate was high in six counties, Deane carrying Anson, Davidson, Richmond, Union, Wilkes and Yadkin and Horner being high in Davie, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, and Scotland.

In the hotly contested race for Hoke county representative to the North Carolina General Assembly, Harry A. Greene was high with 651 votes to 506 for J. Benton Thomas and 184 for Dr. G. W. Brown, the incumbent. Greene lacked 39 votes of having a majority in the first primary. J. Benton Thomas, who ran second, was reliably reported yesterday not to have decided whether or not he would call for a second primary.

The deadline for a candidate to call for a second primary is five days after official notification of the result of the primary is made by the State Board of Elections. This deadline should normally fall on the last of next week. The primary, if held, will be on June 22.

### Old Commissioners Win

The four members of the old board of Hoke County commissioners who offered for reelection were winners but a newcomer, N. B. Sinclair of Raeford, was top man with 1081 votes and will be the new chairman. Elected were: Hector McNeill, 1063 votes, F. A. Monroe with 937, E. R. Pickler with 888, and F. Knox Watson with 799. M. D. Yates got 781 and W. S. Crawley 422.

## FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

### Coal For Tobacco Curing

Procedure by which coal dealers may obtain additional amount of coal for farmers using stokers for curing tobacco has been announced by the Solid Fuels Administration.

Certification blanks furnished by the local AAA office should be filed with local retail dealers specifying the amount of coal needed at the time orders are placed. Coal dealers will advise the SFA as to the number of tons of coal for which they have received orders and certificates for directive coal. Only the amount of coal the dealers are unable to obtain from their suppliers on a voluntary basis will be provided in this way.

All farmers using coal stokers for curing their tobacco are urged to place their orders as early as possible.

### Final Date For Filing

June 1 is the final date for filing 1946 Farm Plans. Farmers who made their intentions several months ago and find that they have

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