

-DEDICATION-

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING

Next Sunday will be a day of dedication in the Presbyterian Church. At the morning service the new church will be dedicated with the sermon being preached by Dr. J. McDowell Richards, president of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. At the evening service at 7:30 o'clock the organ will be dedicated. After a brief service of dedication Dean Robert Reuter of the music department of Flora MacDonald college will give an organ recital.

Former pastors of the church, the Rev. L. A. McLaurin of Mullins, South Carolina, and Dr. Watson M. Fairley of Montreat have been invited to participate in these services. It is definitely understood that Mr. McLaurin will be present, but recent word from Dr. Fairley indicates that he may be unable to attend on account of illness.

The dedication services on Sunday will mark the completion of the reconstruction project which became necessary when fire partially destroyed the building on October 23rd, 1943. With the aid of a church architect the church was completely redesigned, and the restoration was planned around these new specifications. The first service in the church was held on Sunday, December 23rd, 1945.

The organ was installed in time for the first service in the new church and has been enjoyed by the congregation in all of the services of the church. The recital Sunday evening by Dean Reuter will give the people of Raeford an opportunity to hear the organ in recital for the first time. An invitation is extended to all the public to attend both of these services.

SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

County Board Meets

The County Board of Education met in regular session Monday June 3 with all members present.

A resolution was passed requesting the State Board of Education to allocate a teacher for the Antioch school.

Another resolution was passed requesting the commissioners to grant the same 58 cent rate that was allowed the schools for the year 45-46. The board desires to continue its building and repair program on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The county superintendent was instructed to make every effort to secure one of the State Area Vocational schools for Hoke County.

The Superintendent was granted permission to attend the Kiwanis International Convention to be held in Atlantic City next week.

A special joint meeting of the Board of Commissioners and Education has been called for the evening of June 21 for the purpose of discussing and adopting the school budget for the year (Continued on page 4)

Legion To Have Election Meeting

Officers of the local American Legion post have announced that the regular monthly meeting of the post at the Armory next Monday night, June 10, will be the annual election meeting and that officers of the post for the next year will be elected at that time.

Cards are being sent out by the post members urging them to be present, but officials have invited all veterans to attend the meeting and join the organization Monday night.

Peter A. Webb Dies Suddenly

Peter A. Webb, resident of this section for the past fourteen years, died suddenly at about five o'clock last Sunday morning of a heart attack. He was 59 years of age and was stricken at his home here. He had had two heart attacks previously.

The deceased had been in the laundry business since coming to this section, working first at the Sanatorium laundry and for the past several years at a Fort Bragg laundry.

He was a native of Carroll county, Virginia, and the remains were carried to Fries, Virginia, for funeral services and interment. Final services were held there on Monday afternoon, conducted by the Reverend Atkinson of Fries.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary Spry Webb of Raeford, and the following children: Mrs. Annie Mae Russell, Walter, and Jimmy all of Raeford and Peter A. Jr., with the marines overseas, and one grandchild, Patsy Jean Russell, of Raeford.

To Attend Convention

The Kiwanis Club of Raeford today announced the delegates that it will send to the 1946 Victory Convention of Kiwanis International, June 9 to 13, at Atlantic City, N. J.

They are: Dr. M. R. Smith, K. A. MacDonald, and A. H. McPhaul.

Hamilton Holt, prominent southern industrialist and president of Kiwanis International, will preside at the five-day meeting, which is expected to attract some 10,000 men and women from all sections of the United States and Canada.

Kiwanis International cancelled its annual conventions during the war and next month's meeting will be the first since Cleveland four years ago.

NO SECOND PRIMARY

J. Benton Thomas, who ran second in the voting for member of the North Carolina house of representatives from Hoke County, did not file a request for a runoff primary before the deadline Monday.

Harry Greene, high man in the voting May 25, is therefore the Democratic nominee by a plurality of 145 votes over Mr. Thomas.

-COURT-

BROCK, DICKENS EACH CHARGE OTHER WITH ASSAULT

In recorder's court Tuesday morning D. A. Brock, contractor, and O. A. Dickens, were charged with assault. In each case the other was the complainant. The charges resulted from a fist fight with accompanying vilifications said to have taken place on the job on the Johnson Cotton company building here last Friday. Both were found guilty as charged and paid the costs.

John and Fable Oliver, colored, were charged with flimflaming Sallie Mae Moore, colored, out of \$100. Plea was guilty of forcible trespass which the state accepted. Sentence was two years each to be suspended on payment of the costs and the \$100.

Rufus McCall, colored, being charged with driving drunk and careless and reckless driving. Sentence was 90 days to be suspended on payment of the costs and repair of the car to be damaged.

Dug Simpson, colored, paid the costs for violating the road laws.

W. J. Eason and W. D. Hartgroves, white of Bladenboro, were charged with the larceny of an auto belonging to Harry Epstein. Due to lack of evidence the state took a nol pross with leave and the defendants were released.

Neill Hobson, Jr., white, got a 60-day sentence suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs for carrying a concealed weapon.

A. D. Fipps, Carl S. Johnson, and B. F. Carr, all paid the costs for speeding.

J. L. Monroe, colored, paid the costs for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate his car. Robert Monroe paid the costs for driving with out a license.

Dwight Priest, colored of Bowmore, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, entered a plea of nolo contendere and sentence of 90 days was suspended on payment of the costs and \$66.50 (Continued on Page 4)

-SWORN-

JANE PRATT TAKES OATH OF OFFICE MONDAY

Miss Jane Pratt, formerly of Raeford, became North Carolina's first woman in Congress in a ceremony in the House of Representatives shortly after the House convened at noon Monday.

Miss Pratt, who was for 22 years a congressional secretary, was escorted to the House by Representative A. House by Representative A. district who stood beside her while speaker of the House Sam Rayburn administered the oath of office.

In the galleries to witness the ceremony were more than a hundred relatives and friends, many of whom had come from North Carolina for the event. These included Miss Pratt's brother, Lacy L. Pratt, of Radford, Va., and her sister, Miss Elizabeth Pratt of Whiteville, N. C. and Mrs. Bernard Smith of Washington.

Hoke County was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard. Mr. Howard presented Miss Pratt with a large basket of flowers in the name of the county.

Dressed in a smart black suit with which she wore a white blouse and a single white orchid, Miss Pratt entered the House chamber with Representative Bulwinkle and was joined by Senator Hoey and Representatives Doughton and Folger.

Miss Pratt has announced the appointment of Miss Ruth Meacham of Lexington as her secretary. Miss Meacham served as personal secretary to the late Representative William O. Burgin during the seven years he served in Congress.

CORRECTION

Last week's News-Journal stated that Neill B. Sinclair, being high man in the primary voting for county commissioner, would be the next chairman of the board. This was erroneous, we have on good authority, as each board elects its own chairman.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

The coal miner's strike is settled for at least a week or ten days, but there is no surety of any permanency in such matters.

The OPA raised the price of grain, then of grain products, first one then the other, so they can keep busy. This is an invention.

A Hoke county chicken raiser said since the last adulteration of feeds that it costs him quite a good deal more to raise chickens and they are never fat on such feed.

The reason Union or any other laborers strike is because they know they can win before they start. We need a Teddy Roosevelt.

The Methodist Bishop who occupied the "Morning Hour"

Sunday morning made some true and alarming statements. They should be repeated daily.

The paper wealth of the United States is, in bonds and currency, two hundred and fifty BILLION DOLLARS. If I had all that I would persuade the boys not to fight.

The Europeans have fought so long that peace times are a bore to them. If the United Nations were to give them the position of world police perhaps they would content themselves in dominating the subjects over whom they are lord.

Billie, Nair, Jim Arch and Miss Crit McNeill lived on Central Avenue and owned and operated a store where (Continued on Page 7)

Dance At Armory Tomorrow Night

The new dance of this community is being its debut at the Armory tomorrow night with Carlton and his orchestra playing for an affair from 10 P. M. to 2 A. M.

Carlton's orchestra is well known, having played at famous hotels and over radio hookups for some time. Carlton features as specialties the piano playing and singing of Carolyn Talley and the singing of Wendell Fore.

The Terpsichorean club has invited the public to attend.

Final Rites For Robert L. Hendrix

Robert Lacy Hendrix, respected farmer of this county for over forty years, passed away at the home of his son in Blue Springs township shortly before noon last Saturday. He was 80 years of age and had been seriously ill since January. Prior to that he had suffered a stroke in September.

The deceased was a native of Bennettsville, S. C.

Funeral services were conducted at 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Sandy Grove Methodist church near Parkton by Rev. W. L. Maness of Raeford and Rev. Cotton of Parkton.

Interment followed in the cemetery there.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Agnes Haywood Hendrix; 7 sons, James, Tom, Dewey, Clayton, Wilmer, David, and Brown; 2 daughters, Mrs. D. L. Guin and Mrs. Julius Jackson and 16 grandchildren.

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT FREES ARTHUR LUCAS

In habeas corpus proceedings before Judge Clawson L. Williams in Sanford last Saturday Arthur Lucas, Moore County white man who was being held for trial in Superior court for rape without bond, was set free under a bond of \$3500.

Lucas was charged with the offense by Helen Melton, white woman of Raeford, the date in the allegation being May 23.

FIRE ALARM MONDAY

There was a fire alarm about mid-afternoon Monday when the fire in an oil stove in process of being demonstrated at Wood's Furniture store got out of the burner and out of control. There were no injuries and property loss was negligible.

CARLYLE ILL

F. Ertel Carlyle of Lumberton, district solicitor of the ninth judicial district of which Hoke county is a part, suffered a heart attack at his home last Thursday and has been directed by his doctor to rest for six weeks.

CLINIC AT LUMBERTON

The usual orthopedic clinic will be held Friday, June 7, in the basement of the agricultural building at Lumberton by the public welfare department. Dr. O. L. Miller, of Charlotte, will be the surgeon in charge.

-FINALS-

DIPLOMAS AWARDED TO 34 AT FINAL EXERCISES

Commencement exercises were held at Hoke High Friday evening, May 31, at 8:30 o'clock. Dr. Clyde R. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, addressed the graduates, their parents, and friends on "The Place of Youth in the Post-war World." Dr. Erwin made a very inspiring and thought challenging address to a large and appreciative audience.

The program was opened with the processional led by the chief marshal and assistant chief accompanied by the class mascots, little Miss Edna Evans McNeill and Master Younger Fletcher Snead, Jr., this was followed by the invocation by Rev. J. D. Whisnant. Betty McLean then delivered the salutatory address, she having taken the second honor. Miralyn Johnson sang two numbers following which Dr. Erwin was presented to the audience by K. A. MacDonald. After Dr. Erwin's address the prizes and awards were delivered. Robert H. Gatlin, for the American Legion, delivered their good citizenship and awards to two seniors, Daniel Baker and Betty McLean. The Legion oratorical award went to Bessie Wright, also of the graduating class.

Cecil Dew delivered the Kiwanis awards, these going to Patsy Russell of the 3rd grade, Dorine Duncan of the 7th grade and Helen King of the 12th.

Mrs. A. L. O'Briant delivered the prize offered by the Literature Department of the Woman's club. The best readers prize went to Bessie Wright, and the creative work prize went to Doris Keith, both of the graduating class.

Miss Flora Boyce on behalf of the Educational Department of the Woman's club, delivered to Doris Keith the prize offered to the valedictorian.

K. A. MacDonald on behalf of the County Board of Education, delivered the good bus driver's certificates and attached bonus checks, that are awarded by the board each year to those drivers who meet all requirements, to Edith Black, C. J. McNeill, William Sipple, Ila Moss, Neal McNeill, David Harris, Johnny Allen, William Clark, John Allen Webb, Edith Monroe, Buster Maxwell, and Fred Wood. Jimmie Plummer and Juanita Long received checks, but did not drive long enough to qualify for the drivers certificates.

Principal C. H. McGregor then delivered the diplomas to the graduating class as follows:

Daniel Baker, Edith Black, Mardell Campbell, Mary Carter, Ted Clark, Kathleen Cothran, Angus Currie, Elsie Everett, Mary Raye Freeman, David Harris, Wade Hendrix, Doris Keith, Helen King, Hamer Leach, Juanita Long, Allyne Maxwell, Betty McLean, Glenn Maxwell, Franklin McNeill, Edith Monroe, Jimmy Plummer, Florence Sides, Mildred Sinclair, William Sipple, Lucille Townsend, John Allen Webb, (Continued on Page 3)