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Hoke County Farm Bureau Conducts Membership Drive

The Hoke County Farm Bureau, member of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, set themselves a goal of 340 members in their membership drive being conducted during this month. This action was taken at a meeting of the Hoke Bureau at the courthouse last week.

The Farm Bureau at this time through its National Office in Chicago, its office in Washington, and the National and State boards of directors is trying to keep farmers from experiencing another 1932, by upholding the laws that have been passed by the organization to do for farm people what has been done for other groups.

Cotton farmers, particularly, are interested in joining the farm bureau to meet the challenge issued by Daniel J. Tobin of the Teamsters' Union when he called on all members of this union to boycott cotton and all cotton products. Cotton farmers obviously need to be organized themselves to defend themselves and retaliate against an organized effort of this kind.

In Hoke County A. A. McEachern is president of the Bureau and J. M. McGougan is vice president.

Hoke Cotton Gins Support Cotton Council 100 Percent

Charlotte.—(Special)— Every cotton gin in nine North Carolina counties has pledged full support to the National Cotton Council's 1947 program of advertising and research, R. G. Eubanks, Charlotte, chairman of the Council's North Carolina-Virginia unit, announced today.

Mr. Eubanks reported that to date 74 counties throughout the Cotton Belt have reached the 100 per cent mark in the producer-ginner phase of the Council's 1947 finance campaign. He listed the hundred per cent counties in North Carolina as Davidson, Guilford, Randolph, Hoke, Pender, Pamlico, Beaufort, Washington, and Chatham.

"We are confident that at least fifteen additional counties in North Carolina will achieve the 100 per cent goal before the close of the Council sign-up campaign late this fall," Mr. Eubanks said. "In a number of counties, only a handful of gins remain to be signed."

Pointing out that the Council finance campaign had been launched among North Carolina gins this year for the first time, Mr. Eubanks said that the state stands ahead of all other Southeastern states in the drive to provide cotton with an adequate fund to fight its competitors in promotion and research. The North Carolina sign-up stands at 37.5 per cent of the state's 546 active gins. Alabama is second among Southeastern states, with a sign-up of 26.8 per cent. For the Belt as a whole, the gin sign-up has reached the 46 per cent mark.

MAXWELL HOME BURNS

The residence of Clayton Maxwell was destroyed by fire of unknown origin last Monday morning at about 11 o'clock. The personal effects of Mr. Maxwell, his daughter, Marian, and his three sons were all lost.

No one was about the house when the fire started and when it was discovered it was too far advanced for any effective action. Only a few items of furniture were saved.

-DEATH-

ANGUS D. McPHAUL DIES AT HOME MONDAY

Funeral services were conducted at Antioch Presbyterian church at four o'clock yesterday afternoon for Angus D. McPhaul, prominent farmer of that section who passed away at his home on Monday night after an illness of several weeks. He had been in declining health for several years.

The service was conducted by Rev. Allen C. Lee, pastor of the Red Springs Methodist church of which the deceased was a member, Rev. J. W. Mann, pastor of the Antioch Presbyterian church, and Rev. Thomas Fry, pastor of the Red Springs Presbyterian church. Burial followed in the cemetery at the Antioch church. Mr. McPhaul was the son of the late Hugh W. and Margaret Biggs McPhaul. He was a prominent farmer of the Antioch section, member of the Hoke county Board of Education for the past ten years, member of the Red Springs Masonic lodge, and a lifelong member of the Methodist church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bess E. McPhaul; three sons, A. H. McPhaul of Raeford, A. F. McPhaul of Red Springs, and John D. McPhaul of the home; three daughters, Mrs. A. L. Baldy of Bradenton, Fla., Mrs. R. B. McCracken of Red Springs and Mrs. W. L. Norton of Fayetteville; four sisters, Mrs. Katie Lowe of Chapel Hill, Mrs. M. E. Walters of Hoke county, Mrs. W. L. Miller of Hendersonville, and Mrs. Belle Currie of Red Springs; two brothers, F. F. and J. W. McPhaul of this county.

William H. Hasty Dies Monday

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon for W. H. Hasty, 59, mayor of Maxton since 1925 who died in a Fayetteville hospital Monday after an illness of several months.

Mr. Hasty was born near Maxton, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hasty. He had been manager of the Maxton Oil and Fertilizer company since 1926 and was a past master of the Maxton Masonic lodge.

Surviving are his wife, the former Flora Belle Currie, two sons, a brother, and two sisters.

CAR FALLS ON KENNETH HAIRE

Kenneth Haire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Haire, had the misfortune last Sunday to have his car fall off a bumper jack while he was under it. He was taken to a Fayetteville hospital with chest injuries but has been released and according to last reports is recovering satisfactorily.

MISS MARY ELLA JESSUP

Miss Mary Ella Jessup, 28, died late Saturday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jessup, of Rocky Mount, Route 3, following a period of declining health.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessup with their family were residents of the Rockfish community of this county several years ago.

Herbert McLean, Jr., has been critically ill with pneumonia this week at a hospital in Chicago where he was living with his sister, Mrs. James K. David, and her husband. He was reported to be improving yesterday.

Veterans' Farmer Training Program

The Veterans Farmer Training Program established in conjunction with the Agriculture Department of Hoke County high school has gotten off to a good start, according to W. P. Phillips, teacher of agriculture.

To date, a total of twenty-three veterans have filed application for the course, of which sixteen have had all the necessary forms prepared and entered upon their training program.

This type of training is one of the opportunities offered under the G. I. Bill of Rights. Any veteran who has had three months or more service and holds an honorable discharge from the armed forces is eligible to apply if he is interested in securing agricultural training.

All veterans interested in making application should see W. P. Phillips, agriculture teacher, L. M. Lester, assistant teacher, or Miss Marion Maxwell, Veterans Service Officer, whose headquarters are in the sheriff's office.

Recorders Court

J. N. Woodell, white of Fayetteville, was sentenced by Judge Henry McDiarmid in recorder's court Tuesday morning to 30 days on the roads for giving a bad check and the court costs.

Clarence Blue, colored, got a 60-day sentence suspended on payment of the costs for driving an improperly equipped car.

Clyde E. McLaughlin, and Clarence R. Russell, colored, paid the costs and got 30-day sentences suspended on the same charge.

John Sutherland, colored, got 30 days, suspended on payment of the costs, for passing a car on the crest of a hill.

Roy Dials, Indian, pleaded guilty of violating the stock laws by letting his hogs run out. Sentence was 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$50 to J. C. Thomas for damage done by the hogs.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

No, I do not know that smoke from the Chicago fire in 1871 settled over the Drowning Creek Valley, but folks were saying the smoke came from the Chicago fire, because they knew of no other fire from which smoke might have come.

I, for some years, heard men saying there is no echo any more. I do not know, but if there is an echo any where it is in Drowning Creek Valley, or in the Pee Dee Valley between Richmond and Anson counties.

Folks who drink the stuff tell me it is getting worse and worse as time passes. There never has been any "good liquor," but some of it tasted better than other rough stuff.

I do not know why the G. I.'s are organizing, but if they are in the notion of gaining control in the National, State and County governments I think they are making a mistake. I question a man's making a more efficient official because he has been a soldier. But military training teaches obedience to superiors, and endurance, and in reality make better citizens.

I opposed with all my powers of argument the organization of the Third Party. The Populist

Feed Manufacturers In Summer Meet

The annual summer meeting of the N. C. Feed Manufacturers Association was held at the Ocean Forest Hotel at Myrtle Beach last Friday and Saturday. Tom Cameron, manager of the Upchurch Milling company here, is president of the association and was in charge.

Friday's program was featured by an address by D. S. Coltrane, Assistant Agriculture Commissioner, on "The Feed Industry—Its Relationship, Importance, and Responsibilities in our Agricultural Economy."

Dr. Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the Poultry Department at State College, explained how the college anticipates rendering greater assistance to feed manufacturers and poultrymen.

Other speakers included Frank Jeter, and W. J. Peterson, both of State College, and Ralph Brown of Cincinnati, mixed feed specialist.

The meeting was concluded Saturday at 12:30 with a business session.

School Items

The restrooms of the Hoke High school building are being painted by the vocational agriculture class under the supervision of Mr. Phillips.

The commercial class at the high school has recently obtained 10 new L. C. Smith typewriters.

Drivers of school buses have been instructed by the principal Mr. Gibson, to copy and report the license numbers of all vehicles that pass buses when the stop sign is out. These will be turned over to the State Highway patrol, who will take action.

Richard A. Norris, of Lillington, son-in-law of R. H. Williamson of Timberland, is now working at McDonald's Esso station.

-LEGION-

LARGE CROWD HEARS COLONEL, MONDAY AT ARMORY

A large gathering of American legionnaires and other veterans who were their guests heard Lt. Colonel B. A. Price of the Ninth Air Force at Pope Field, Fort Bragg, discuss the subject "Unification of the Armed Forces," at the regular monthly meeting and supper at the armory Monday night.

Colonel Price, a veteran of both wars, spoke at some length on the comparative aspects of the two conflicts and emphasized the responsibilities of veterans organizations and others to take all possible action to prevent a third modern war.

He gave reasons and went into detail on the plan for unification of armed forces and stressed the point that a theatre or large operation commander in war had to know and be competent to command air, ground and sea forces.

Julian H. Blue, commander of the post, was in charge of the meeting and introduced Col. Price. Following this Blue outlined some of the aims and intentions of the American Legion and made an appeal to all veterans present to join the legion and help with the work the post and the national organization are doing.

Frank Williams, membership committee chairman, discussed in detail the civic enterprises now being carried on by the local post and accepted membership applications from several of the guests present.

Lt. Harris Parker Dies In Panama

Lt. Harris Parker, 39, died Tuesday morning of last week of a heart attack in the Panama Canal Zone, according to information received by his family last Saturday. His home was near Wayside in McLaughlin township of this county before his entry into the army with the National Guard in 1940.

The remains are being brought home for burial.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Laura Parker, of California; six brothers, John, Gus, Dixon, and D. K., of Hoke County, and William and Wright of Laurinburg; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Mott, Mrs. Lovet and Mrs. Scull, all of this county.

Commend Brewers Foundation

The State Association of County Commissioners, at its 1946 convention in Wrightsville Beach, adopted a resolution commending the self-regulation program of the North Carolina Committee-United States Brewers Foundation.

John P. Swain, Raleigh business man and chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, was elected president of the state association. John L. Skinner, Littleton, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

This is the second statewide group which has commended the North Carolina Committee this year. Recently, the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, at its convention in Elizabeth City, adopted a resolution voicing approval of the self-regulation program.

OPENS SERVICE STATION
Berder Niven, who was discharged from the army last Dec. has opened the service station facing the Graded school.

White Schools Complete First Week Today

The white schools of the county opened the 1946-47 school year last Thursday morning with an attendance slightly greater than that of last year.

At the county high school the students and faculty gathered in the auditorium where they were welcomed by the new principal, W. T. Gibson. Rev. W. L. Maness conducted the devotional.

Mr. Gibson made announcements concerning the school schedule. These included the fact that school will begin at 8:30 a. m. for the first month and be dismissed at 1:30 p. m. in order that the pupils will be available to help with the harvest.

At the Raeford Graded school assembly was also held in the auditorium and Mrs. W. W. Roberts was in charge of the program, which included music by Mrs. Arah Stuart. Rev. J. D. Whisnant led the devotional. A number of parents were present.

Attendance at the high school was 283 on Thursday and had risen to 290 by Monday of this week. At the graded school in Raeford 379 were present. Attendance at Rockfish was 100 and at Mildouson 62. Ashemont had not been reported to the county superintendent late yesterday.

PTA To Meet Next Wednesday At High School

The first meeting of the Hoke-Raeford PTA will be held Wednesday evening, September 18, at 8 o'clock at the Hoke High school. Immediately following the meeting there will be a social hour.

"Laying a Firm Foundation" is the theme of the program for the year. Rev. H. K. Holland will be in charge of the first program.

Every parent and friend of Hoke County High school and Raeford Grammar school is urged to be present to meet the teachers. A bigger and better school year than ever before is expected this year and only through your cooperation can it be possible. Show your interest in your child's school and attend your PTA meetings regularly.

EWING GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Wall C. Ewing of Fayetteville was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury yesterday afternoon in connection with the death of his wife last March 13. Judge R. Hunt Parker then sentenced him to not less than 18 nor more than 20 years in prison.

Football Sept. 20

In a change of plans since the opening of school Principal and Coach W. L. Gibson of Hoke High announced this week that the Hoke football team would open its season here September 20, instead of September 27, as previously announced.

The opening game will be played against Massey Hill school and the second game will be played here on September 27 against Siler City.

Prospects for the team are still good with from 25 to 30 boys reporting for practice daily.