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SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The Hoke-High Raeford school board last Thursday afternoon elected Haywood Faircloth of Clinton, N. C., as coach and physical education instructor for the spring term. Mr. Faircloth is a graduate of Edwards Military Institute and the University of North Carolina. While at Carolina Mr. Faircloth played varsity football and engaged in all other sports. He majored in physical education and also had courses in coaching. He comes to us highly recommended by the athletic department of the university. He comes from an athletic family, and his older brothers were star football players at the university ahead of him.

After the 1942 football season Mr. Faircloth enlisted in the marine corps, and spent about three years in service, two of which were in the South Pacific. For a part of this time he served as recreation officer for his outfit. The rest of the time he was a platoon leader.

We are looking forward to a good basketball and baseball season this spring and we hope that everyone will assist Mr. Faircloth in every way possible.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Lorena F. Upchurch and Mrs. Dixie S. Peace for their help in carrying on the work of this position while we were trying to find a coach. Both these ladies were a wonderful help.

Turlington To Return

J. W. Turlington will return to Hoke High on December 30, after about three and one half years in the army. Mr. Turlington registered at the University of North Carolina, his alma mater, and has just completed his work for the master's degree. He will resume his work in science that Mrs. Emily B. Cameron has been carrying on for him until his return.

We wish to thank Mrs. Cameron publicly for her unselfishness in helping out the school in this time of need. The only regret in seeing Mr. Turlington return is the giving up the services of Mrs. Cameron. We hope that she will still be available in the case of need.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibson, Jr., are spending the holidays out of town.

None Of Ours There

No teacher in Hoke county attended the meeting of classroom teachers held in Raleigh Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Ruria Shelton, who is an officer in the State Classroom organization said that her organization would have nothing to do with this meeting which was not sanctioned by her board or the general officers of the NCEA.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smoak expect to spend a part of the holidays in South Carolina.

On Friday before school closed Mr. Melvin and the Hoke High band gave a concert at the high school auditorium that was greatly enjoyed by all that heard it. Progress has been made by Mr. Melvin in getting the band back in shape after having had no director last year.

All schools in the county will re-open for the spring term at the regular hour on Monday, December 30.

We hope that old Santa will visit all the school children on Christmas Day and that he will visit the teachers during the session of the legislature. (Harry Greene please note).

We believe that the colored and Indian schools will make a record this year for the Christmas Seal sale but we will be

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Deane Appoints John A. Lang, Jr. As Secretary

C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, Congressman elect from the Eighth North Carolina District, announced on Monday the appointment of John A. Lang, Jr., of Carthage as his secretary.

Mr. Lang is a graduate of the University of North Carolina of the class of 1930 and received from the same institution his master's degree in 1931.

Since his release from active duty in the European Theatre of War with the U. S. Army, he has served as field secretary of the North Carolina Hygiene Society. From 1935 through 1942 Lang was first assistant to the educational director in Washington in charge of CCC camps, and thereafter served as North Carolina Administrator of the National Youth Administration.

Careless, Reckless Drivers Arrested

At about 10:30 a. m. last Wednesday a semi-trailer being operated by Bradley Lane of Newport News, Va., jackknifed while going east just outside the city limits on the Fayetteville road and he rear of it hit the International truck being driven in the same direction by Lane Smith of Wagram. Both vehicles were considerably damaged but no personal injuries were suffered. Lane was arrested by the investigating officers on a charge of careless and reckless driving, the theory being that the trailer jackknifed because it was going too fast. The sheriff's office and the State highway patrol made the investigation.

At 11:10 Wednesday night the 1939 Ford being driven South on the Red Springs road by W. R. Beckwith, left the road just outside town and went into the ditch there on its side. The ditch being rather wide and about six feet deep at the point of departure from the pavement, the occupants were smashed up a bit. The women were hospitalized as a result. Beckwith was arrested by the investigating patrolman and charged with careless driving.

KIWANIS SING CAROLS AT THURSDAY MEETING

The Kiwanis club sang Christmas carols as part of its last week's program. The singing was under the direction of Miss Rachel Hassell, choir director of the Presbyterian church, who succeeded to an unusual degree in drawing hitherto unknown musical possibilities from the club members.

To prove that there is a Santa Claus, Younger Snead, program chairman, called the old gentleman in to receive a genuine welcoming ovation. Santa then read several letters he had received from various Kiwanians and even distributed a few well placed gifts. For some reason Santa Claus' voice bore a remarkable resemblance to that of Ed Smith, one of the club members, although there was considerable discrepancy in their sizes.

DIES ON DEER HUNT

John L. McLean, 73, of Cameron, Route 2, died of a heart attack while on a deer hunt in this county last Wednesday at about 4:00 o'clock.

He was the son of the late Hugh McLean and Frances McLean of Harnett county. He was a farmer of that section and was married to the former Miss Mary Ella Clark, who survives.

NO LICENSES TODAY

E. L. Fry, driver's license examiner of the North Carolina State Highway safety division who is usually at the courthouse on Tuesdays, is not there today. He will, however, be there next Tuesday as usual.



Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

This will make about 89 Christmas for me, and they have gotten better with the years.

The first Christmas I remember was during the 1860s and they were the saddest years of my life. So many relatives were being killed or dying from disease.

We had only syrup cake as sweets, and only a few things mother of an aunt could make in the way of gifts.

Yes, I have seen the very best of times for many years, and the most distressing years for several of those I have lived.

Over a period of nearly fifty years prices were too low. Low prices tolerable, if you have earning capacity, but when your needs are many, and capacity to earn nil the prospect for the future not good.

But good health and numerous friends are riches, superlative wealth, and there is no excuse for complaint.

Our neighbors, homes on each side of us are closed, temporarily of course, but we look forward to the day when they open again.

There was abundant crop of apples this year, but prices have been higher than usual, so the law of supply and demand is not operative.

Only a few people will not have the joys of Christmas, and their friends will remember them we trust.

The "Star of Bethlehem" may now be seen in the east, we are told, and a friend told this writer that it was as bright as a street light, and may be seen close by the morning star about 4 in the morning.

Isn't it a sad comment to make on our people that they have heard so much of the Christmas story, and the abundant joy Christmas always brings and take no interest, except selfish pleasures?

Some people, only a few in Hoke County, we trust, expect to find Christmas in intoxicants. This idea is foreign to the true Christmas spirit of the Bethlehem first Christmas.

During World War I some family medicines were raised to 35 cents and these prices still prevail. Even Farmers and Planter's Almanac is now 15 cents, after being sold for more than 100 years for a dime. Instead of dimes, quarters may be marching this time.

Even those persons who are responsible for the present insane price of pork, will be little better off after this flurry of high prices has blown over. Hog growers have given the OPA an opportunity to say "I told you

so." No portion of humanity can prosper alone. The United States of America has experimented in that plenty in tariff and banking laws. The income taxes bring their incomes down the size of common business men's.

A greedy man naturally shrinks. Naturally the liberal soul expands and grows in usefulness. The United States government had to offer a bonus on the price of wheat and corn to be sent to the starving people of this torn world, so the price of wheat and corn got a boost and everybody who had a bushel of grain hoisted their prices.

The OPA led the prices of meats down, so black markets resulted and we have what you see all around you.

Headlines in the news of the day announce the fact that Truman has the task of "stamping out Communism." That must be done or all else will be stamped out.

Were the school authorities to close the schools and all industries also closed until people settle down to good sense and patriotic living, people would awaken to a sense of duty to those who rule over us.

District Scouts Hold Court Of Honor

The annual meeting of the Western District of the Cape Fear Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, comprising counties of Hoke and Scotland, together with Red Springs and Maxton, was held at the Community Building in Laurinburg on Monday evening, December 16th at 7:30 p. m.

The opening exercises were in charge of East Laurinburg Scouts.

Charles Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith of Laurel Hill, was made an Eagle Scout in a colorful ceremony conducted by Field Executive Lee of Fayetteville, with his parents taking part in the proceedings. This was followed by a business session with W. G. Butler, chairman of the Western District, in charge. Most of the fire of this session was devoted to discussing the possibilities of providing a full time field executive for the Western district. It is hoped that this can be done at an early date.

The following officers were elected for the year 1947: Chairman, Rev. Thomas A. Fry, Red Springs; vice chairman, Hinton McPhaul, Raeford; commissioner, L. B. Singleton, Laurinburg.

Bare Ground Seen For Nation's Xmas

There will be no snow for Christmas over most of the nation.

That's the word from the Chicago weather bureau, which added that any requests to Santa Claus for new sleds should include last minute orders for snow to accompany the sleds. The forecasters thought Santa might be able to use influence that they don't have.

Present snow cover is limited to North Dakota and Montana and portions of South Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and inland New England spots, the weather bureau says. The weather bureau expects no additional snowfall by Christmas morn, and expects that snow in Pennsylvania will disappear, for the most part, by tomorrow evening.

Temperatures in the midwest, which have been higher than seasonal, peaked by a reading of 50 in Kansas City Sunday midnight, were expected to be pushed down to normal by a cold front spreading south to east from the Dakotas.

Teachers Map Out Pay Rise Fight; Group Seeking High Boost

Charlotte, Dec. 23.—A group of classroom teachers urging 40 per cent salary increases today began mapping additional plans for its fight after a statewide meeting in Raleigh Saturday.

Miss Margery Alexander of Charlotte was elected permanent chairman of the group which calls itself a Committee of the North Carolina Education association, although it broke with the NCEA over the salary question.

The Raleigh meeting, attended by about 150 teachers, was held without approval of the executive council of the classroom teachers department of the NCEA. About 700 teachers had been invited but a combination of bad weather and Christmas holidays cut attendance.

R. L. Fritz, Jr., principal of the Hudson schools in Caldwell county, declared at Raleigh:

"I don't want any salary schedule with lace on it, or one that is based on percentages. I want the salaries of all, above and below the teachers, to be increased, just as our plan says, 'salaries of other school personnel should be properly adjusted.'"

HALLIE GATLIN AT HOME

H. L. Gatlin, Sr., who has been a patient at Moore County hospital for several weeks where he was critically ill at one time, returned home Sunday and is greatly improved.

Shooting Saturday In Colored Section North of Here

THREE GET BIRDSHOT SATURDAY NIGHT IN FRACAS

About nine-thirty Saturday night in a little excitement which took place in front of the store of Richard McPhatter at the first corner on the North Main street extension north of Raeford three colored men were wounded by birdshot from a gun said to have been in the hands of one Alexander McNeill, also colored.

Snap Lee suffered leg wounds of a not very serious nature and Willie McIntosh got shot in the jaw, also minor. Wright McNeill, however, suffered numerous and painful wounds in the region from his hips to his knees on the back side. All three were treated by a local physician.

Officers who went to the scene immediately and apprehended Alex McNeill, said that he was apparently intoxicated and that they were unable to learn much about the shooting or any motive. They got the impression that the three were around the front door of McPhatter's place and that McNeill was some twenty feet away operating his single-barrelled shotgun.

He was released yesterday under a bond of \$200, being charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Deane Will Go To Washington Thursday

C. B. Deane, member-elect of the 80th Congress from the eighth North Carolina District, advised the News-Journal this week that he intends to go to Washington on Thursday, December 26, and that he cordially invites his friends in Hoke county to visit him there and, if possible, to attend his swearing in on January 3.

Mr. Deane's address in Washington will be Room 324, Old House Office Building.

MISS WHITLEY TO GO TO YOUTH CONVENTION

Miss Elmira Whitley of Raeford will represent the Raeford young people at the Presbyterian Youth Convention on World Missions to be held in Nashville, Tenn., December 27-30. This is the Third Quadrennial Presbyterian Youth Convention on World Missions and it is expected that the largest gathering of young people in the history of the church will be on hand to participate in this convention. The theme for the convention is, "The World, the Gospel, and You." Miss Whitley will leave Thursday morning for the convention and will probably return to Raeford on December 31st.

MASONIC LODGE ELECTS CECIL DEW MASTER

Cecil Dew was elected Master of the Raeford Masonic Lodge at the meeting of the local Masons held last week. He succeeds Joe Gullledge. Other officers elected were C. P. Kinlaw, senior warden, and B. B. Cole, junior warden. Lacy Clark was re-elected secretary, and D. H. Hodgins re-elected treasurer. The installation ceremony of the elected officers and those to be appointed will take place early in January.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY TO BE OBSERVED

Student Recognition Day will be observed at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. The service will be in charge of college students. This is a great day for youth. Come and worship with them.

Harry Holland Accepts Call To Georgia Church

SUBMITS RESIGNATION AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. Harry K. Holland, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church since February 1, 1941, tendered his resignation to the congregation at the morning worship service last Sunday. Mr. Holland's resignation was to accept a call from the First Presbyterian church of Marietta, Georgia.

The congregation will act on the resignation at a congregational meeting next Sunday, making a recommendation to Fayetteville Presbytery which will take action when in session on January 14. With the approval of the congregation, Fayetteville Presbytery will release Mr. Holland to Cherokee Presbytery, in which Marietta is located.

Mr. Holland came to the Raeford church from the Plaza Presbyterian church of Charlotte, where he had been pastor for eight years. He was educated at Presbyterian College at Clinton, S. C., and Columbia Theological seminary at Decatur, Ga. His first pastorate was at Conyers, Ga., which is located in Atlanta Presbytery adjoining Cherokee Presbytery.

He is a native of Savannah, Georgia, is married and has two daughters, Betty and Nancy.

Marietta, Georgia, is a town of about 25,000 persons and the First Presbyterian church there is one of the oldest and most substantial in the Synod of Georgia.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Farmers are urged to have their tobacco seed cleaned before planting. A seed cleaning machine is set up at the county agents office and is available for cleaning tobacco seed without cost to the farmer. The cleaner will remove trash, dust, and light or immature seed. This should be an advantage as only good seed are saved. Seed can be left at the office and will be cleaned within a bout three days.

The county agent's office will be closed until January 2 as the personnel will be taking holidays and annual leave.

The North Carolina Crop Improvement Association will hold its annual meeting in Shelby on January 30 and 31, 1947. Farmers will have an opportunity to enter various crop seed in the seed show that will be held in connection with the annual meeting. Certified seed will be featured. Seed that may be shown includes wheat, oats, rye, corn, cotton, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, lespedeza, tobacco, and many others. Farmers planning to show seed should contact the county agent for additional information about preparation, etc.

Farmers have done an outstanding job again during 1946. They have reduced abundant supplies of crops and livestock even in spite of the shortage of labor, fertilizer, and farm equipment. Many Hoke County farmers have already established pastures and others are making plans. This is a good sign as pastures are the foundation of livestock farming. More livestock in the county will be a definite asset to farming in general.

The year 1947 will be one in which farmers should make lots of plans. The farming operation could be made easier by careful planning in both the home and on the farm. Plan the crops (Continued on Page 4).