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SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The County Board of Education held its regular meeting on Monday, February 3. Routine business was transacted and routine reports by the superintendent were heard.

The boiler at the Raeford Graded school was repaired last week. We hope that the heat will be better from now on.

Patrolman Jason Barnes made a talk on safety to one of the social science classes at Hoke High last week.

The Rockfish school has been having unusually good attendance recently. Mrs. Ritter's room has had 100% attendance for 6 consecutive days.

Robert H. Gatlin, member of the County Board of Education, is in New York this week.

Professor A. S. Gaston, principal of the Upchurch school, attended a meeting, sponsored by the State Department of Education, in Fayetteville last week. At this meeting plans were made for the organization of adult education classes.

Mrs. Margaret McGoogan, home economics teacher at Hoke High, is back at work again after visiting her husband who was in a Charlotte hospital. We are glad to learn that Mr. McGoogan is improving.

All school personnel and friends sympathize with county school board member, A. W. Wood, in the loss of his brother, C. L. Wood. Mr. C. L. Wood had been a member of the Rockfish school committee for some years until a short time before his death. He had resigned recently on account of his health.

The Hoke County Chapter of the Affiliated Educators held a dinner meeting in the new lunch room at Hoke High on Monday evening. President R. A. Smoak, presided. There was no special program, but a splendid dinner and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed. F. L. Eubanks of the Sanatorium, was a guest.

Wade M. Jenkins, director of the Division of Textbooks, State Board of Education, was a visitor to the Hoke county bookroom of the County Board of Education. Mr. Jenkins checked the bookroom records, etc. He expressed pleasure with what he found and complimented the principals and the teachers on the care that they were taking with the state owned textbooks. Mr. Jenkins also stated that the high school rental fee for next year would be \$3.00 instead of \$2.40 as it is this year. He stated that the shortage of textbooks would be alleviated to some extent for next year by new adoptions and by new contracts with the publishers. The shortage this year was 2.8% as against a national average of about 5%.

One of the reports made by the superintendent to the Board of Education on Monday dealt with the average daily attendance in the white schools for the first five months of the year and the probable allotment of teachers for next year. This report follows, giving the school, its average daily attendance for five months, number of state allotted teachers for 1946-47 and the probable allotment for 1947-48: Ashmont 102.1, 4, 3; Hoke High 145.3, 7, 7; Mildouson 64.5, 3, 3; Raeford Graded 450.3, 13, 13; Rockfish 110.5, 4, 4.

Graded School News

By the Students
The sixth and seventh grade boys defeated the eighth grade boys 29 to 11 last Wednesday evening.

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Claude L. Wood Dies Saturday At Rockfish

Claude L. Wood, widely known farmer of the Rockfish community, passed away suddenly last Saturday morning at his home there. He was 62 years of age and succumbed to a heart attack.

He was a son of the late Young Wood and Elizabeth Barefoot Wood of Johnston county.

Funeral services were conducted at Philippi Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m. last Sunday afternoon by Rev. L. H. Hemphill, pastor, assisted by Rev. E. B. Booker. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers, all nephews of the deceased, were Wilton Wood, James Wood, Thomas Wood, Harold Gillis, Lloyd Gillis and Sam Ray.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Annie Gillis; sons, Howard of Newport News, Va., O. L., Worth and Robert Wood, all of Rockfish; daughters, Mrs. Earl McKinnon, Fayetteville, Miss Ruby Wood of Red Springs, Miss Ann Wood, Rockfish; brothers, A. W., M. L., T. G. and J. E. Wood, all of Rockfish, W. E. Wood, Raeford, and E. B. and Joe Wood of Asheboro; and sisters, Miss Lilly Wood and Mrs. Archie Ray, both of Rockfish, and Mrs. N. D. Ray of Asheboro.

J. D. Matheson Suffers Severe Burns Sunday

James D. Matheson, Raeford man who was employed by Service Drug company in Kinston, was severely burned in his hotel room there last Sunday when his bed and pajamas caught fire from a cigarette he was smoking. He was taken to Moore county hospital at Pinehurst and his condition was critical. According to Monday's News and Observer, the hotel proprietor heard him scream for help and went at once and smothered the flames that had virtually destroyed his pajamas, with a blanket and then put out the fire on the bed.

Last reports from the hospital yesterday said that, while still critical, his condition was improving somewhat.

HOKE HIGH SENIORS TRY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

At a class meeting held December 16, 1946, 3 seniors from Hoke County High School were honored by their fellow students when they were elected to compete with seniors from other high schools throughout the United States and territories for the 121 four-year college scholarships and more than 600 fifty-dollar certificates of merit being offered again this year by the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board.

Chosen from among 43 of their classmates as the students "most likely to make important contributions to human progress," these outstanding boys and girls will try with other North Carolina high school seniors for the scholarships and certificates of merit which are set aside specifically for this state. They are Elizabeth Parker, Eleanor Leach and Jimmy Woodhouse.

At 9:00 a. m. Friday, February 14, in Hoke County High school, these candidates will take a special aptitude test which has been especially prepared for this competition by the College Entrance Examination Board, an independent testing board composed of representatives of America's largest colleges and universities.

FIRE AT CABIN

The Cabin service station, operated by C. J. Connell here, was gutted by fire last Friday at noon when an oil fire got started inside the place. The fire alarm was sounded at 12:15 and the flames were extinguished by the fire department before the building was destroyed. The stock, however, was practically a total loss.

Recorder Fines Road Offenders Tuesday Morning

LIQUOR OFFENDERS ALSO APPEAR IN NUMBERS

A large number of the cases on docket for Tuesday morning's session of Hoke county recorder's court were for violation of the road laws. These all were fined by Judge McDiarmid in a session that lasted only part of the morning.

Andrew Melvin, colored, paid the costs for driving with improper lights and brakes and \$50 and the costs in another case for driving drunk.

Daniel Frankel and Mitchell Thomas, both white of New York and Ohio, respectively, forfeited their bonds of \$20 on charges of speeding.

Clarence Edens, colored, paid the costs for driving with improper lights, and Orin McPhatter, also colored, paid the costs for driving with improper license plates. R. M. Carthen, colored, paid the costs for allowing McPhatter to drive his car without proper license plates.

John H. McNeill, colored, paid \$50 and the costs for speeding and carrying a concealed weapon.

John Ellis, colored, paid the costs for driving with improper equipment on his car.

Ed Clayton and his wife, Roberta Clayton, each paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Fred McRae, colored, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly and violating the prohibition laws.

Mollie Moore, colored, paid the costs for violating the prohibition laws and \$10 and the costs for carrying a concealed weapon, a pair of knucks.

Jimmy McFadyen, colored, paid the costs for violating the prohibition laws and his wife, Hattie, was found not guilty on the same charge.

William Livingston and Fannie Mae Monroe, colored, paid fines of \$25 and the costs and \$10 and the costs respectively for violating the prohibition laws. Livingston got a suspended sentence of 3 months and Monroe got a 60-day sentence suspended.

Evander Smith, colored, paid the costs for assault.

Jones Announces \$200,106 For FMC

Halbert McN. Jones, General Chairman of the \$300,000 Flora Macdonald College Improvement Fund Campaign, which has been in progress for the past ten weeks today announced that \$100,106 has been added to the \$100,000 previously reported, making the grand total to date \$200,106. Several additional large gifts, ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,00, have made this possible.

In a statement, Mr. Jones said, "With \$200,106 contributed by 1277 subscribers toward our \$300,000, we have every prospect of achieving the goal. Originally, the first phase of our solicitation was to end January 25, but our Steering Committee believed it wise, in view of the large number of our prospects yet to be interviewed, to continue the campaign until our \$300,000 objective has been achieved.

"I am greatly pleased with the generous giving of those who have been approached so far, and I am sure that the \$100,000 we still need will be subscribed by our friends."

More Cotton This Season

According to information received from the United States Department of Commerce this week there were 3,397 bales of cotton ginned in Hoke county from the crop of 1946 prior to January 16, 1947 as compared to 3,169 bales ginned to January 16, 1946.

"SCOUTS OF THE WORLD BUILDING FOR TOMORROW"



BOY SCOUT WEEK

Nearly 2,000,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Senior Scouts will observe the 37th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7th to 13th. Through their World Friendship Fund of voluntary gifts the Boy Scouts of America have given \$110,464.36 to help Boy Scouts overseas rebuild their organizations. During the first year of their "Shirts-Off-Our-Backs" project more than 400 cases—or twenty tons—of Scout Uniforms and equipment collected from Scouts were contributed to Scouts in 12 nations. Scouting has always been an active force in promoting better understanding and mutual goodwill among the nations. Above is the official poster marking the event.

Commissioners To Have Dogs Vaccinated

The County Board of Health appeared before the Board of Commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday in regard to dog vaccination against rabies and the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the commissioners:

Resolved: that the County Commissioners appoint a sufficient number of rabies inspectors to vaccinate all dogs in the county and that said inspectors be authorized and instructed to collect a fee of 50 cents for each dog vaccinated and to retain said fee for their services; that they keep a record of all dogs vaccinated; and that they turn over to the sheriff and county health officer a list of the names of all who fail or refuse to have their dogs properly vaccinated, that they may be indicted and prosecuted as by law provided.

Salvation Army To Solicit Funds

A better world rising out of the ruins of War is stirring the hopes of men today. Nations have come to the conviction that man's terrifying capacity to invent instruments of death must be turned to creating means of life. There must be more comfort and security for all men of every class, creed and race. There must be more freedom to live happily, together—otherwise our Dead will have died in vain.

The Human material to make a better world is the concern of The Salvation Army. Do Something About It was William Booths great cry when he saw ragged, starving, jobless men sleeping on the stone bridges over the River Thames. Doing something about it has been the imperative for the Salvation Army whenever and wherever confronted with human suffering and frustration. Today, hearing the voice of people everywhere calling for a postwar world of peace and goodwill among men, the Salvation Army in the United States is rededicating itself to its task.

The local station army service unit of Raeford, with J. E. Gullledge as chairman, Younger Sneed as secretary-treasurer, will conduct a fund raising campaign in February that will enable the headquarters in Charlotte and the Raeford service unit to continue and improve its services to this great host of needy people.

Other members of the Raeford unit include, Lacy Clark, H. L. Gatlin, Sr., and R. B. Lewis.

Women See Slip Covers Demonstrated

Fifty-five Hoke county women attended the demonstration on "Slip Covers" which was given by Miss Rose Ellwood Bryan, Extension House Furnishings and Home Management specialist, in the Raeford Kiwanis hall on Tuesday. During the morning, Miss Bryan discussed measuring furniture in order to decide the amount of material to buy and types of materials to use for slip covers. She also showed how to cut a slip cover pattern from wrapping paper.

In the afternoon, she demonstrated the cutting of material, fitting and finishes, and showed several completed covers. At the conclusion of the meeting, she showed how to renovate and tie springs that have been misplaced in chairs and sofas.

A number of the women who attended the demonstration spread a picnic lunch in the Kiwanis hall and enjoyed an hour of fun and fellowship at that time. Everyone attending the meeting agreed that the day had been a most profitable one and that the information they received was very practical and useful.

Grass-Burning Destroys Home

Last Friday afternoon the home occupied by John Graham on the farm of James Quick near Antioch was destroyed by fire which caught the house from a burning field which had apparently been set on fire to burn the grass.

Along with the home, which was a total loss, a barn full of feed was destroyed. The loss was covered by insurance.

LEGION CAGERS WIN ONE; LOSE ONE

The American Legion basketball team opened up in the high school gym Monday night against a team from Fort Bragg in which they were hopelessly outclassed and lost by a one-sided score.

They came back last night, however, and defeated the Parkton Alistars, 26-19.

Games next week are against St. Pauls on Monday night and Parkton on Thursday night. Both games will be in the high school gym and will begin at 8:00 p. m.

NO LEGION MEETING

J. H. Blue, commander of the local American Legion post, announced this week that the regular monthly meeting of the post would not be held this month.

Kiwanians Vote \$1500 To Help Local Scouting

TROOP WILL SECURE MORE SPECIAL INSTRUCTION

At the last meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis club the matter of the club's obligating to pay \$500 a year for the next three years for outside supervision and instruction for the local troop of the Boy Scouts of America came up for discussion and decision.

The matter had been discussed and had action postponed at a previous meeting. The question to be decided by the Kiwanis club, which has paid \$100 yearly for membership and supervision in the Cape Fear Area council in the past, was whether or not the proposed expenditure of \$500 yearly would result in any great improvement in the nature and quantity of instruction the local troop has gotten in the past from higher Scout authorities.

After considerable discussion of this and after hearing that other towns in the Western Scout district and approved similar contributions, the club voted to raise and pay the money.

The money will be matched by proportionate amounts from six other towns and used to hire a full time scout executive to work with the troops in these towns.

Colored Woman Found Dead At Antioch Monday

Flora Hunter, colored woman of the section, was found dead about 50 yards from the home of Lonnie Locklear last Monday morning.

Coroner W. C. Roper conducted an inquest Monday in which he was able to trace the woman's movements Sunday evening but was unable to carry them up to the time and place she died. Her tracks were reported to have been found leading toward where she was found and these indicated that she had probably crawled the last 30 or 40 feet. Opinion was expressed by officers that she had frozen to death.

The coroner in his report expressed the finding that her death had been due to causes unknown.

McDUFFIE EATS WORDS AS McGOOGAN HITS 'EM

In the opening round of the invitational bowling tournament being played at the Metro alleys here the highlight of the first few days of play were the close call given high-seeded Sam Morris by Jack Campbell on Monday night when they both seemed to have buck fever and the shell-lacking handed John Murdoch McDuffie by John McGoogan on Tuesday.

McDuffie had threatened McGoogan publicly and privately, to his face and behind his back and was quietened somewhat when the auditor came up with a score of 97 in the opening game. Morris, with a strike in the last box, beat Jack Campbell in a weak game, 77-73.

High scores so far have been bowled by James Morris, who beat James Currie, 129-108, Bruce Conoly, who beat William Lentz, 118-79, and Bill Upchurch, who beat Shag Epstein, 113-99, after both had started with strikes.

Bowlers are competing in three groups for three main prizes and three consolation prizes. These prizes total \$76 in trade at Collins Department store, C. P. Kinlaw, Jeweler, and Clark and Davis Sinclair station.

CLINIC TOMORROW

An orthopaedic clinic will be held Friday, February 7, in the basement of the Agricultural building in Lumberton. This clinic is free to all indigent children under 21 years of age. Dr. O. L. Miller of Charlotte will be the surgeon in charge.

Grammar School Cage Tournney Begins Feb. 24

W. L. Poole, athletic arranger for the local Ellis Williamson post of the American Legion, announced this week that arrangements had been completed for the county-wide grammar school basketball tournament to be sponsored by the legion.

The tournament will run the last week in the month, beginning on Monday, February 24. The affair will skip Tuesday, February 25, due to a previously scheduled game and will have two games each night on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

There will be three teams of girls and three of boys from Raeford Graded school and one team each of girls and boys from Rockfish, Mildouson and Asheboro. Girls will play first each night at 7:30 and will be followed immediately by the boys.

Officials will be Harvey Warlick and Hilton Clark, and Alfred Cole and T. B. Lester, Jr., will be scorers. The games will be played in the Hoke County High School gymnasium.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Be sure to get needed crop seed early while quality seeds are available. It is almost time to plant lespedeza. Insist on getting dodder-free seed of high germination.

Recent inspection of corn stalks in fields here bill bugs damaged indicates that a "bumper crop" of this pest is surviving the mild winter. Stalks should be cut and the stubble disked or plowed in such a manner as to expose the bugs to the cold weather. Corn should not be planted on infested soil.

The garden plot is one of the most valuable pieces of land on the farm. Spread liberal amounts of stable manure and disk thoroughly with the soil. Select 10 or 12 vegetables or more and plant them as the season advances. Cabbage plants should be put out now as well as garden peas. The earlier these crops are planted, the better chance for a good crop.

The home orchard should be pruned and sprayed for scale insect control before buds begin to swell.

Place orders for chicks now. Get them from a reliable hatchery. Insist on best quality chicks.

Repairs to farm machinery and fences now may save time and money later.

Remember the horse and mule clinics on Friday, February 7, at Dundarrach at 2:00 p. m. and at Marshall Newton's station at 4:00 p. m.

Horse and mule clinics will be held on Wednesday, February 13 at Timberland at 2:00 p. m. and at Ashley Heights at 4:00 p. m. Have your workstock examined and treated for worms where needed.

John H. Folger, Congressman from the 5th District, pledged before the N. C. Farm Bureau meeting in Asheville, that he would do all in his power to see that farmers get a square deal in Congress. He praised the U. S. Department of Agriculture for its service to farmers.

Bob Jackson, Washington representative of the National Cotton Council, told the Farm Bureau members of cottons' plight. He said that cotton had to compete with many other products on the market by having quality cotton goods, and must be produced and sold just as cheaply.