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SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Hal K. Plonk, bus driver trainer for the State Highway Safety Division, was here on Tuesday. He certified 8 white drivers. He will return on or about the 25th to test and certify colored drivers.

While here Mr. Plonk showed a safety film, "Guilty," to all the drivers and prospective drivers at Hoke High. Patrolman Barnes attended the showing and made a short safety talk to the drivers as did County Superintendent MacDonald.

The heat at Raeford Graded school has been improved thanks to the help of Lewis Upchurch. New shipments of books have been received this week by the Ashmont and Rockfish schools.

The following is a report of the schools participating in the Christmas Seal sale and the amounts raised by each school: Lillys Chapel \$2.47, Peachmont \$2.00, Buffalo \$4.00, Friendship \$4.00, White Oak \$6.00, McFarland \$2.00, Laurel Hill \$6.00, Edinburgh \$2.00, Millside \$4.00, Rockfish \$4.00, Bridges Grove \$5.00, Burlington \$10.00, Freedom \$9.00, Piney Bay \$3.00, New Hope \$4.00, Shady Grove \$4.00, Timberland \$4.00, Upchurch \$25.00, Calvin Martin \$2.00, Frys Mission \$4.00, Bowmore \$10.00, Antioch Indian \$4.00, Macedonia Indian \$2.00.

The county's part of this money is being used to pay for an additional nurse in the Health department that enables the health department to do a great deal more work in the schools. On February 25th all white high school students will be given a free x-ray examination. On February 26th all colored high school students will be x-rayed.

Everyone should read the last issue of Hoke High Lights. It is excellent.

The local post of the American Legion has presented Hoke High with a plaque on which the names of the winners of the Legion Citizenship award will be engraved from year to year.

We appreciate the interest the Legion is showing in the school and all it is doing for it.

Dr. R. L. Murray addressed the students in assembly at Hoke High last week on Good Health. Dr. Murray's address was a part of the "Good Health Week" celebration. All schools in the county are working on the Good Health program.

GRADED SCHOOL NEWS

By the Students

Mrs. Robinson's third grade has an Eskimo sand table. They invited Mrs. Hardister's second and third grades in to see it. Lillian Scarborough and Julia Morris told them about it. They also invited Mr. Gibson to see it, and Gloria Bowen explained it to him.

Mrs. McFadyen's seventh grade selected officers several days ago. They are as follows: President, Earl Conoly; vice president, Tommy Clark; secretary, Jerome Pickler; treasurer, Charles Sessor.

Mrs. Roberts' room is having a good time readying and writing letters. Jimmy Hampton's classmates in Beltsville, Maryland, have written letters which were enjoyed very much. Mrs. Swanson the former Miss Aris Shankle, as asked us to write her pupils in Eatonville, Washington.

M. S. CURRIE IMPROVING

Mrs. S. J. W. Currie, who underwent an operation at Memorial hospital in Charlotte last Friday, is improving. She was taken to Charlotte two weeks ago for treatment and will remain there for some time yet.

Road Offenders Top Docket Tuesday Morning

SOME PAY FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS, SPEEDING, ASSAULT

Most of the cases on docket for Tuesday morning's session of Hoke county recorder's court were for violation of the road laws. All of these were fined by Judge McDiarmid in a short session.

William G. Strickland, Gerald J. Ellman, George N. Leary, Walter E. Young, Abraham Birnbaum, Walter K. Colona, Jr., all out-of-town white men charged with speeding, plead guilty by either paying the costs or forfeiting bond.

Lena Belle McPhaul, colored, paid the costs for assault on Cora Belle Purcell, and Purcell McPhaul also paid the costs for assault on Lena Belle McPhaul.

Virgil Taylor, colored, paid \$50 and the costs for driving without a drivers license and carrying a concealed weapon.

Alex Graham, colored, of South Carolina, forfeited his bond of \$75 on charges of carrying a concealed weapon.

John E. Burke, colored, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

W. N. Gibson Dies In Red Springs

William Nathan Gibson, 71, of Red Springs, died at his home Friday night after an illness of two and a half weeks. He had been in declining health for several years. Funeral services were held at Trinity Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Allen C. Lee. Interment was in Alloway cemetery.

For six years he has been judge of Red Springs recorder's court and served in this capacity until his last illness.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maude Marsh Gibson; two daughters, Mrs. Warren McNeill and Mrs. Sam Sneed; two sons, Gordon and W. N. McNeill, Jr., and five grandchildren of Red Springs.

CARD TOURNAMENT FRIDAY NIGHT

The annual Valentine card tournament, sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association, will be held Friday night, February 14, at 8 o'clock in the high school gymnasium.

The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be a prize for the winner of each table donated by the business houses of Raeford. Players must bring their own cards.

MEET EXAMINING BOARD

Lt. Col. Y. F. Sneed, Major T. B. Lester, Jr., Captains Paul Dickson and Julius Jordan, 1st Lt. Sam Morris, and 2nd Lt. Ralph Plummer, all officers of the new National Guard, went to Raleigh Monday where they were examined for these positions.

NORTH CAROLINA'S NUMBER 1 NEED GOOD HEALTH

Check-up on your Health! Visit the Hoke County X-ray clinic. Place—The Johnson Company Building, Raeford. Hours—9:00 A. M. to 5 P. M. Time—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 25 through March 1. No waiting; No undressing; 30 seconds per picture. FREE! FREE! TO EVERYONE.

National Guard To Meet Next Monday

Battery "A" of the 677th A W Bn, which held its first meeting in the armory here two weeks ago, will have its second meeting there next Monday night, February 17, at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting will be for the purpose of completing the records of some of the men and for making plans for the first Federal inspection of the unit, expected to be held the first or second week in March.

After this Federal inspection the organization will be an active unit in the National Guard. Drill pay begins on the night of the first Federal inspection.

State Wage-Hour Program Proposed In N. C. Senate

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS NOT AFFECTED BY PROPOSAL

A minimum-wage, maximum-hour labor bill was introduced yesterday in the North Carolina Senate.

It would provide minimum wages of 40 cents an hour and a 40-hour work week within six days. Time and a half wages would be paid for overtime work.

Women could not be employed more than nine hours a day or more than 48 hours a week or more than six days a week. The State now has no minimum wages law, but it has maximum hours for men and women in various occupations. They are 48 hours for women and minors and 56 for men.

Persons employed in establishments subject to provisions of the Federal fair labor standards act of 1938 as amended would not be affected, nor would persons with a guaranteed weekly salary in agriculture, domestic service or fishing, persons employed in an establishment employing no more than four persons at any one time, or outside salesmen as may be defined by the commissioner of labor.

A six-member advisory board would be appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the labor commissioner, for staggered terms. Two would represent employers, two employees and two the general public. Hearings, announced in newspapers of statewide circulation would be held on applications to pay less money to learners, apprentices and individuals whose earning capacity is impaired physically or mentally, and to seasonal workers.

Overtime would not necessarily have to be paid employees of common carriers whose hours and wages are regulated by other governmental agencies; or to persons employed in extraordinary emergencies such as storms, floods and epidemics.

Detailed records would be kept by employers for at least three years. Fines of from \$150 to \$50 or imprisonment up to 30 days could be imposed for each violation. Each day of the violation would constitute a separate violation. If violations were intentional, the employee would receive double the amount owed him, and if unintentional he could collect only the amount.

The act's minimum wages and maximum hours section would be effective October 1, 1947, and the remaining sections on July 1, 1947.

DR. HIATT BECOMES MASTER MASON

At the last special communication of the Raeford Masonic Lodge Dr. J. S. Hiatt, of the Sanatorium staff, was raised to a Master Mason. The degree work was presided over by T. D. Potter and Edwin F. Smith. A number of Masons from the Sanatorium community and from the Aberdeen Lodge were present for the occasion, and participated in the work.

T. B. Upchurch Speaks On Cotton To Kiwanians

3,500,000 BALES TO BE SHIPPED ABROAD IN 1947

Last Thursday evening the Raeford Kiwanis club heard Tommie Upchurch speak on the subject "Cotton Is Still Not Down and Out." Mr. Upchurch has just returned from a meeting of the Cotton Council held in Dallas, Texas.

The club was told that the Council has high hopes for cotton for the next two or three years as arrangements have been made to ship 3,500,000 bales a-broad this year and that domestic users were talking about 900,000 bales per month at present with no immediate sign of a let-up.

The club was also told of Federal legislation that is providing money for research that will aid cotton farmers. At the same time there is privately financed research and advertising that will help the cotton situation.

The club enjoyed and benefited from this most enjoyable talk.

MR POOLE SICK

Mr. D. Scott Poole was confined to his home the first of the week suffering from a kidney infection. He is much improved now.

Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

The South did not have so many railroads before the Civil War and for a number of years afterward. The first new railroad built in this section was the Raleigh and Augusta Airline RR in the 1870's. People rejoiced when the railroad came.

A. F. Page built a tram road to haul logs in his mill at Blue's Crossing on the Raleigh and Augusta Airline in the 1880's. 1886 he put iron track and a better locomotive. The manufacturer of rosin and spirits of turpentine hauled their products to the terminal point of that railroad a mile west of the present Pinehurst in quantities.

Mr. Page extended his railroad from Endon to West End in 1888. One year's rest, and he began to build going west. By 1890 the road was completed to Candor. The Lemmond's Old Field, and that was the end of the road for six years.

In 1895 Biscoe had its beginning. Work next begun on a road to Troy, the county seat of Montgomery, and the road reached Troy in 1896.

The Montgomery County court house was burned at Lawrenceville in 1895, or about that date. Anyhow, Judge C. C. Wade told me Troy was 80 years old in 1895 and there were only 155 population. There were two small frame churches; a Methodist and a Baptist. In the greater part the houses looked 80 years old, except two or three homes built more recently. Fire destroyed the court house in Troy in the early 1880's and the county commissioners rebuilt another just like the one burned, a two-story frame building, court room on the second floor, and four rooms with cross halls with rooms for the county officers, Clerk of the Court, sheriff and Register of Deeds, and a commissioners' room.

In the Saturday Evening Post of February 1st, 1947, you will find an editorial setting forth the same idea I have been giving expression to occasionally or several years, that Communists cannot believe in or trust each other.

It also should be known and accepted as the truth, that only the Christian faith enables men

Kiwanians Sponsor Basketball Games

The Raeford Kiwanis club sponsored the basketball games between Hoke High teams and Roseboro Tuesday night in the local gymnasium. The boys won 23-21 and the girls were defeated 23-18.

The Kiwanis club will also sponsor the games between the Hoke High team and Fairmont to be played next Tuesday night at the high school gymnasium here beginning at 8:00 p. m.

This is being done in the interests of the Boy Scouts and all gate receipts over the season average will go to the Scout fund.

Hoke High lost in Fairmont and they plan to get revenge in this last home game of the season.

UCC MAN TO SEE VETS

A representative of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission, handling the farm claims for Hoke County, will be at the county office building, Friday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock.

Only self-employed veterans seeking information on filing self-employed farm claims under the Readjustment Act of 1944 need apply. Veterans taking on-the-job training are not eligible to file claims and need not come. Veterans cannot file claims without first seeing the representative so it is urgent that all veterans desiring to file claims be there.

LUMBEE RIVER REA COOP. DECIDES TO BUILD AND STAY

Funeral Services For J. D. Matheson Tomorrow P. M.

DIES YESTERDAY FROM BURNS SUFFERED FEBRUARY 2

James Daniel Matheson of Raeford, who was severely burned in Kinston on Sunday, February 2nd, passed away last night at Veteran's hospital in Fayetteville. His condition had been extremely critical since Sunday night.

He was the youngest son of the late Robert Arthur Matheson and Daisy Deane Matheson of Hoke county and was 35 years of age. He was a graduate of Hoke County High School and the University of North Carolina school of pharmacy.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home of Mrs. Hector McNeill Friday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church and interment will be in the Raeford cemetery.

Surviving are three brothers, Dr. Robert A. Matheson of Raeford, Dr. J. Gaddie Matheson of Ahoskie and Randall Matheson of Stuart, Fla.; three sisters, Mrs. Hector McNeill, Mrs. Jim Warnier, and Mrs. Dallas Daley, all of Hoke county.

Reduction In U. S. Army Planned

Washington, Feb. 12.—War department plans for a reduction of almost 200,000 in the size of the regular army and establishment of an "M-day" force of 1,750,000 trained troops were disclosed today by members of the house armed services committee.

The plan depends on a universal training program to build up the national guard and the organized reserves, committee members said, so that within one year from "M-day" the force could be expanded to 5,500,000 men.

Just how quickly the reduction in the regular army will be effected, they said, depends largely on international developments. But they pointed out that President Truman's budget message to congress contemplates maintaining a standing army of 1,070,000 during the year beginning July 1.

The entire mobilization-day setup, committee members said, is based on a three-point legislative program including universal training, merger of the armed forces, and coordinated scientific research and development.

Details were divulged following a meeting at the Pentagon yesterday attended by most members of the committee, Secretary of War Patterson, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and other top army officials.

The 1,750,000 "M-day" force would include 875,000 regulars, 680,000 national guardsmen and 195,000 organized reserves, all ready to take the field on short notice. The rest of the 5,500,000 men expected to be on duty 12 months later would be draftees and former servicemen recalled to duty.

Without universal military training, committeemen said, the army does not believe it can raise such a force.

The army universal training plan provides six months of basic training for peacetime draftees, followed by further training in the national guard and reserve components.

POSTMASTER ILL

Lacy Clark, Raeford postmaster, was taken to Moore County hospital Saturday suffering from pneumonia. While he has shown some improvement in the last 24 hours his condition is still considered critical.

To Construct \$40,000 Warehouse And Office Here

D. J. Dalton, secretary-treasurer, project superintendent, and general manager of the Lumbree River Electric Membership Cooperative, announced yesterday that the Board of Directors of the Cooperative had authorized the Office Building Committee to proceed with plans for locating a lot in the town of Raeford for an office building to cost from 40 to 50 thousand dollars.

Dalton also said that the board at their meeting Tuesday executed a contract for 221 miles of new lines. The board also approved and submitted to the Federal REA an additional loan for serving some 830 consumers, at a price of \$457,000.

The board also approved plans and specifications for 126 miles of new "B" project lines in central Robeson county which are expected to be under contract within the next 60 to 90 days.

RED CROSS SCHEDULE

Mrs. W. R. Barrington, home service secretary of the Red Cross here, wishes to announce that she will be in the Red Cross office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, of each week, to dispense with business. If, however, anyone needs her at any other time she can be reached by dialing 5371.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

"Better Balance in 1944" should be our slogan. Better balance with crops and livestock is more important now than ever. It is too risky to go all out in either crops or livestock. 1947 should find every farm making plans and taking steps toward balancing the farm program.

A pasture and forage meeting will be held at the court house Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 P. M. R. L. Lovvorn, professor of agronomy at State college, will discuss the importance and procedure in establishing a permanent and temporary pasture.

A pasture tour will be held on Friday afternoon, February 12th. The group will leave the county agent's office at 1:15 p. m. They will visit T. B. Upchurch's farm at 1:30; Z. V. Pate's farm at Dundarrach at 2:00; M. L. Maxwell's farm at 2:40; David Lile's farm at 3:15; J. R. Hendrix's farm at 4:00; and the State Sanatorium farm at 4:45.

Both permanent and temporary pastures will be inspected and discussed. A ditch by use of dynamite will be seen at the Maxwell farm.

4-H club meetings will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. Club members will receive 60 pounds of cork oak acorns to plant around the yard and farm.

Farmers who have not filed their 1946 conservation practices with Triple-A should do so by noon, Saturday, February 15th.

Soil samples should be sent to N. C. Department of Agriculture to find out the amount of lime needed and best fertilizer recommendation. Cartons are available at the county agent's office.

Use one to two tons of lime per acre where permanent pasture is to be planted. Use 400 to 600 pounds of an 0-12-12 fertilizer per acre. Prepare land at once. Make a good, firm seed bed before planting pasture culture.