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SCHOOL NEWS

On Friday night, March 7, the Home Demonstration clubs of Arabia and Dundarrach gave a chicken supper in the Mildouson school lunchroom for the benefit of the lunchroom. The ladies served a bountiful supper which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Net proceeds for the lunchroom were \$93.

The local post of the American Legion is sponsoring an oratorical contest at Hoke High. The contest is under the supervision of Miss Miriam Watson. Forty-two essays on topics based on The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States have been submitted. Sonny McIntyre, Jean McNeill, Johnny Walker, Elizabeth Parker, and Grady Covington will compete in a contest to be held in the High School auditorium, Friday, March 14. The Legion is offering two prizes; \$10 for the winner of first place and \$1 for second.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smoak of the Ashmont school faculty went to Raleigh last Saturday and received the Marine Corps medal that was awarded posthumously to their son, Marine Pfc. Albert Smoak, for heroic conduct on Iwo Jima where he gave his life to save the wounded members of his machine gun crew. Be sure and read the citation elsewhere in the News-Journal.

The social science classes of Hoke High visited Raleigh last week and intended to visit the legislature in session.

Several members of the boards of education and commissioners met with a committee from the Hoke-Raeford PTA and inspected the Raeford Graded school building one day last week.

J. M. Andrews, principal of the Mildouson school, is in bed with flu. Mrs. Andrews is substituting for him.

Influenza is making inroads on the attendance of the various schools in the county. Parents are urged to take all precautions to keep their children well.

John Mumford, principal of the Rockfish colored school is very ill with asthma. His sister has been substituting for him.

HOKE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Several new books have been added to the library recently. An order for a set of biographies and magazine covers was made last week.

On Friday of this week the seniors will try out for the American Legion oratorical contest.

The Medical essay contest for members of the junior and senior classes was closed last Friday, and the papers have been sent to the judges.

The members of the senior class began rehearsing the senior play this week. They are planning to have it ready for presentation by first of May.

The first formal practice for the football team was held this week. Nineteen new uniforms have been purchased this year.

A new Frigidaire has been added to the home economics laboratory.

The members of the Journalism Club, accompanied by Mrs. H. C. Roberts and Mrs. Arthur D. Gore, visited the Fayetteville Observer office last week. After the pupils were shown through the different departments, they went to the Conoly Theater for a show.

The band members, under the direction of Mr. Melvin, are very busy practicing for a spring concert.

Mr. Dittmore, nationally known police instructor, spoke to the

Albert Smoak Is Decorated Posthumously

KILLED ON IWO JIMA; PARENTS ARE GIVEN MARINE MEDAL

The posthumous Bronze Star Medal for "meritorious achievement and dauntless courage in action against the enemy in Iwo Jima," was awarded in Raleigh Saturday to Marine Pfc. Albert E. Smoak, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smoak of Ashley Heights. The award was presented by First Lt. Leroy V. Corbett of the Raleigh Marine Recruiting office and was received by Private Smoak's parents. The ceremonies took place in the Post Office building. A memorial prayer was offered by Dr. Walter Patten of Louisburg College, which Private Smoak attended prior to entering service.

The medal was presented for heroism on March 7, 1945, the date on which Private Smoak was killed in action.

The citation accompanying the award states:

"For meritorious achievement while serving as a member of a machine gun squad of Company E, Second Battalion, Ninth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Island, March 7, 1945. When his squad was in danger of being completely overwhelmed by blasting enemy mortar and small-arms barrages, Private First Class Smoak courageously attempted to draw the fire away from his wounded comrades, voluntarily moving himself to an exposed position where instantly opening fire, he steadfastly kept the gun in action until he fell, mortally wounded. By his dauntless courage, daring initiative and resolute spirit of self-sacrifice, Private First Class Smoak facilitated the evacuation of the wounded and his valiant conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

In addition to his parents, Private Smoak is survived by two sisters, Leette Smoak Montague of Raleigh and Mary Ann of the home.

James C. Lindsay Of Lumberton Dies

James Calvin Lindsay, 68, field worker with the Robeson county Health Department, former merchant and native of Hoke county, died Tuesday night of last week at Duke hospital in Durham where he had been a patient since February 9 with leukemia.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the First Presbyterian church in Lumberton by his pastor, Rev. B. L. Alexander, assisted by Rev. M. P. Calhoun. Burial was in the cemetery at Ruby, S. C.

He was born at Rockfish, now in Hoke County, on May 16, 1887, son of the late M. J. and Mary Carmichael Lindsay.

Surviving are his wife; 2 daughters, Mrs. John Elmendorf of Chapel Hill and Jean Lindsay of the home; 2 brothers, D. J. Lindsay of Jacksonville, Fla., and A. G. Lindsay of Creole, Miss.; and one sister, Mrs. Frank Bethea of Rockfish.

His only son, James Calvin Lindsay, Jr. was killed over Rumania while serving as a B-24 pilot during the war.

PTA TO MEET MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Hoke-Raeford Parent Teacher Association will be held Monday evening, March 17, 1947 at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium. Mrs. T. N. McLaughlin will be in charge of the program. All patrons of the school are urged to attend.

RED CROSS FIGURE

Red Cross Chairman Neill A. McDonald announced yesterday that \$1234.46 of Hoke County's quota had been turned in up to that time. He said that because of the recent bad weather and great amount of sickness that the time for raising the balance of the quota would be extended as long as necessary. He asks all workers to keep him informed as to their progress.

Cars And Liquor Cost Several Costs Tuesday Morning

In recorder's court Tuesday morning before Judge Henry McDiarmid all charges dealt with either violations of the prohibition laws or with violations of the road laws.

Nellie Holt, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Cliff Thomas, colored paid the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Dan Leach, colored man of Little River township was found guilty of owning and operating a whiskey still there. He was sentenced to a total of 7 months on the roads to be suspended on payment of a \$25 fine and the court costs and the required bonus to the officers capturing the still. He appealed the decision to Superior court and posted a bond of \$250.

Clarence Stubbs, colored, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving. He got a 30-day sentence which was suspended on payment of the costs and \$8 damages to James L. Currie, whose car he damaged.

John D. Giles, South Carolina white man, paid the costs for speeding.

Edward Wilkerson, colored transient, paid the costs for driving with improper equipment on his car.

Gilbert Little, colored, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Deane Announces Coast Guard Exams

Rep. C. B. Deane of the Eighth Congressional District, N. C. announced this week that the annual competitive examination for appointments to cadetship in the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut, will be conducted on May 7-8, 1947.

The examination is open to all physical qualified young men in the United States, military or civilian, between the ages of 17 and 22, who are unmarried and who meet the specified educational requirements. These requirements are 2 years of algebra, 1 year plane geometry, 3 years English, 1 year physics, and 8 units of optional subjects. Appointments to the Coast Guard Academy are made on the results of a competitive examination.

Successful completion of the four year course at the Academy which is basically scientific in character, leads to a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and a commission in the regular Coast Guard.

Inquiries concerning the Coast Guard Academy entrance examination should be addressed to Admiral J. F. Farley, Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington 25, D. C.

APPRECIATION

Mrs. R. L. Murray, chairman of the drive committee in the recent USO fund raising campaign here in the county, yesterday expressed her appreciation to all who had worked with her to raise the funds to keep the USO going another year for the Army and Navy. Mrs. Murray also stated that all workers who had collected funds turn it in as soon as possible to W. A. McDonald at the Bank of Raeford in order that the Hoke fund may go forward.

West End Wins Basketball Tournament

TROUNCES HOKE HIGH IN FINAL GAME FRIDAY P. M.

The West End High school basketball team came down to the American Legion Invitational tournament here last week after winning the Moore county title and won another trophy here, by defeating a Hoke High team that couldn't seem to get going against them, 49 - 23.

The tournament started Tuesday night with Seventy-First defeating Wagram in a close one, 31 to 28. J. D. Currie for Wagram was outstanding in this game, scoring 23 of his team's 28 points. The second game Tuesday saw Hope Mills high go down to a better Hoke High team, 37 - 25. Gullede for Hoke High was high scorer in this tilt.

Wednesday night a fighting Stedman team defeated the highly touted Dunn quint 32 - 25. In the other game West End downed Central High 32 to 26.

On Thursday night the Hoke High outfit had easy going to take 71st, 40 to 20. Maxwell was top scorer for the locals in this contest. In the second affair West End squeezed out Stedman, 40 to 26, and went on to walk away with the final game with Hoke High the next night, 49 to 25. Cple was high scorer for the victors and Poole for the locals.

Following the final game awards were made to the winning team and the tournament team by Dr. R. L. Murray for the American Legion post. West End placed three men on this team and Hoke High the other two, McNeill and McKeithan being selected from here.

The tournament was well attended throughout and was considered a success by all who did attend.

AMERICAN LEGION SUPPER TUESDAY NIGHT

The Ellis' Williamson American Legion post held its regular monthly meeting in the Kiwanis hall here Tuesday night. A steak supper was served buffet style to about 50 attending members of the post.

Items of business discussed during the evening were the progress of the committee working on acquiring lights for the ball park here, the progress of the ticket committee for the dance to be held in the Armory on April 4 at which a new Chevrolet will be given away, and actual plans for the dance itself.

Results of the high school basketball tournament conducted here last week by the post were also related.

SCHEDULE FOLLOWS BUT WAY BEHIND

The 1947 Hoke County High school baseball schedule which should have followed a story on page one of last week's is following this paragraph in this week's we hope. It's following last week's story by about a week.

- Mch. 21 Central, Here
- 25 71st Here
- 28 Hamlet Here
- April 1 Open Date
- 4 Hamlet There
- 8 71st There
- 11 Wagram There
- 15 Red Springs There
- 18 Open Date
- 22 Roseboro Here
- 25 Wagram Here
- 29 Fairmont There
- May 2 Red Springs Here
- 6 Fairmont Here
- 9 Roseboro Here
- 13 Stedman Here
- 16 Stedman There
- Game Time - 3.00 p. m.

Push Vass-Lobelia Road Surfacing

Delegations called on the County Commissioners of both Moore and Hoke Counties at their meetings last week in the interest of getting the road from Vass in Moore County to Lobelia in Hoke County rebuilt and surface treated.

A delegation from Little River township met here with the Board of Commissioners on Monday morning and presented their proposal, which was well received by the board. The same afternoon a group from Vass met with the Moore commissioners who passed a resolution asking the State Highway commission to give preference to that part of the road which is in Moore county when the time for that county's next allocation of road surfacing comes up.

Good Health Clinic Is Completed

The Good Health X-ray clinic was finished last Friday when Mr. Satterwhite set up his machine at the community church at White-Tex Mill and x-rayed 131 additional folks, making a grand total of 3254 for the whole clinic. This was an outstanding record and it was only accomplished by complete cooperation.

Mrs. R. A. Matheson, who secured the ladies who aided in the first 5 days of the clinic, got Mrs. Jennie Smith and Mrs. A. V. Sanders to help on Friday. Miss Lora Mae McKenzie and some of the same girls from the commercial class at Hoke High did the typing. Mr. Poovey, superintendent of the mill, had the current run into the church and saw that it was heated.

There has been no release of a final check on the various types of disease found, as Mrs. Campbell of the Health Department is away on her vacation. However, it is known that quite a number have gone to the Sanatorium for an addition check-up and that about an equal number have been referred to their family doctors for attention.

Health Department and Sanatorium officials feel that the clinic was most successful and worth while.

Freezer Locker Demonstration

Miss Ruby Scholz, Extension Economist in Food Conservation and Marketing, from State College, Raleigh, will give a demonstration on "How to Prepare Fruits and Vegetables for the Freezer Locker" on Wednesday P. M., March 19, at 2:30 at the Raeford Gramfar School. Letters announcing the demonstration were mailed this week from the office of Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent. These letters were sent to all freezer locker renters and Home Demonstration Club Food Conservation Leaders. However, any person interested in seeing the demonstration is urged to attend.

The freezer locker is a "safe deposit box" for food. Meat, poultry, fruits, and vegetables are stored successfully in these units for months. By freezing summer-time fruits and vegetables, their good flavor and nutritive value may be enjoyed the year round.

Miss Scholz will discuss equipment, processing, packaging, freezing and will prepare one fruit and one vegetable for the freezer locker.

DR. WHARTON RETURNS TO PJC FROM CUBA

Dr. R. H. Wharton will return to teach Spanish at Presbyterian Junior College summer school, the college has announced. Dr. Wharton is the founder and former president of La Progresiva at Cardenas, Cuba. At the present time, he is living in Havana and teaching private classes in English during the winter.

Red Cross Drive Still Unfinished

The Red Cross drive has not been completed in eight days as had been hoped by county drive chairman, N. A. McDonald. Chairman McDonald requests that all workers make an extra effort to see all persons in their territory and try to be ready to report by Saturday, March 15.

Raeford Chairman, Israel Mann requests that all workers in Raeford try to be ready to make a report by Saturday. He asks that every body in Raeford be given a chance to contribute, feeling sure that there is no one who would not like to have a part in so worthy a cause.

As yet there is not a single section that has reached its quota. Last year at this stage of the drive at least half of the divisions had met their quotas and in some cases had doubled it. Who will be first this year?

The Red Cross still stands by to aid those in need locally, nationally and throughout the world. The local chapter is helping service men here and abroad, their families and non-service folks every day. The National Red Cross answers every disaster call in the nation such as the Winecoff Hotel fire in Atlanta. The Red Cross is ministering to our service men where ever they are, in Alaska, The Aleutians, The South Pacific, The Far East, The Near East, in Germany. Everywhere where the flag goes, goes the Red Cross. Go with it, you can have a part in this great work by making a contribution.

LOCAL NATIONAL GUARD UNIT APPROVED FOR FEDERAL RECOGNITION

Colonel Saverne McLaughlin, of Raleigh, commander of the North Carolina military district of the Third Army, inspected Battery A, newly formed local National Guard organization, at the Armory here last Monday afternoon and evening.

Colonel McLaughlin spent the afternoon inspecting the records and armory facilities of the unit and mustered the men in the evening. He expressed himself as being highly pleased with the showing made by the battery and stated that he would recommend it for Federal recognition as a unit of the National Guard of the United States and of North Carolina.

The battery received credit for Federal pay for the assembly Monday night and will for their regular Monday night drills in the future. Forty of forty-one enlisted men were present or accounted for at the inspection.

KIWANIANS SEE ARMY PICTURES THURSDAY

Sgt. E. S. Coley, of the Army recruiting station at Rockingham was the guest of the Raeford Kiwanis club at its weekly meeting last Thursday night. Sgt. Coley, a veteran of the battle on Bataan peninsula and Corregidor in 1942 and of more than three years a prisoner of the Japanese entertained the club by telling of some of his experiences and then showed several combat films of the war which were very interesting to the club members.

The club will meet at the Upchurch airfield for its weekly meeting and supper tonight.

DUKE GLEE CLUB TO SING IN FAYETTEVILLE

Dr. J. Foster Barnes, director will bring the well known Duke University glee club to the Fayetteville High school auditorium tomorrow (Friday) night for a program under the sponsorship of the Fayetteville Woman's club. The program will be a varied one, starting with several classical selections and including negro spirituals and a group of modern songs. Among the soloists to be heard will be Football Player George Clark. There are 40 men in the club.

Town Announces Dates For Election Of Officials

TO NOMINATE MAYOR; COMMISSIONERS APRIL 7

In response to a resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Raeford at their meeting on Tuesday, March 4, an announcement is made this week to the effect that the primary for the nomination of candidates for the two year terms as mayor and town commissioners will be held at the town hall on Monday, April 7, 1947.

Although nomination is tantamount to election there will be an election on Monday, May 5. Registration books will be open on Saturday, March 15 for the registration of all eligible to vote who have not registered. They will be open each Saturday thereafter up to and including Saturday, March 29 for this purpose. Saturday, April 5 will be challenge day.

Thursday, March 27, will be the last day for filing as a candidate for mayor or town commissioner.

Incumbent mayor is Neill McFadyen and commissioners are A. V. Sanders, Milton Campbell, W. J. Coates, and Lawrence Stanton. A mayor and five commissioners will be nominated and elected.

March of Dimes Drive Raises \$1184

Praise for the local 1947 March of Dimes Committee and the citizens of Hoke was received this week by W. L. Poole, Chairman of the drive from Basil O'Connor, President of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Acknowledging receipt of financial report from this county which raised \$1184 in the campaign, Mr. O'Connor said:

"Because of the good work of the citizens of your community and the efforts of million of people all over the country, the fight against infantile paralysis will continue on every front."

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

All farmers wanting to cooperate in the rat control campaign on March 28 are urged to get their application of \$1.00 per 3 pound package of bait to the County Agent's office at once or by March 15.

Now is the time to plant Koba lespedeza for the hay crop or for summer grazing. By planting now for hay, means saving of labor in putting in hay crops during the busy season. Lespedeza also makes a good grazing crop during July, August, and September.

This is about the last call for putting in permanent pasture. They should be planted at once. Apply 1 to 2 tons of Agricultural lime. Disk and prepare a good seed bed. Apply 400 to 600 pounds of a 3-12-12 fertilizer just before seeding and disk lightly. Firm the seed bed with a harrow and plant 15 pounds of Koba Lespedeza, 8 pounds of Dallis grass, 3 pounds of orchard grass, and 2 pounds of white dutch clover or ladino cover.

Farmers should get their supply of crop seed before planting time. Get cotton seed of Coker 100 Wilt variety, and corn seed. For hybrid corn, get for white strains the T-20, N. C. 1111, or Tenn. 10. For yellow strains get N. C. 27, U. C. 26, or T. 23.

Apply nitrogen to the small grain crop. This must be done at once if the crop is to get maximum results.

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