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SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

At its regular biannual organizational meeting on Monday, April 7, The Board of Education re-elected Carl G. Riley, chairman, Robert H. Gatlin, vice-chairman, and K. A. MacDonald, secretary and superintendent of schools. The following were re-appointed as district school committees: District 1, (Raeford) J. H. Blue, Walter Maxwell and J. E. Gulleage; District 2 (Ashmont) W. L. Thornburg, F. L. Eubanks and D. L. Strother; District 3 (Rockfish) D. K. Parker, D. P. Gillis and M. S. Gibson; District 4 (Mildouson) O. B. Maxwell, M. D. Yates and W. T. Hines; District 5 (Antioch) Mrs. W. C. Hodgins, D. W. Gillis and Archie McGowan.

A joint committee of The Board of Education and commissioners has been appointed to visit the various schools and inspect them in reference to the needed repair work. This committee consists of Carl Riley, Knox Watson, Floyd Monroe, D. B. McFadyen, W. T. Gibson, J. A. McGoogan and K. A. MacDonald. This inspection will be made Saturday, April 12.

All the white schools in the county moved up their opening hour 30 minutes on Wednesday, April 9. This was done to enable the pupils who live on the farms to get home earlier in the afternoon so that they may be of more help to their parents in their farm work.

The Educators club held its regular monthly meeting in the high school on Wednesday evening, May 7. State Representative Harry A. Greene was guest speaker.

Last Friday The Standard Oil Company travelogue "North Carolina" was shown at the Raeford Graded school to both the graded school and high school students bodies and at the Rockfish school. A previous engagement on their schedule kept the Standard representatives from showing in the other schools of the county.

At a principal's meeting held on Monday afternoon a tentative commencement schedule was made. Dates for the giving of the spring standard tests were set. Seventh grade tests will be given on Monday, May 5. Sixth grade tests will be given on Wednesday, May 7. May 7 will be 7th grade visiting day at Hoke High. All 7th grades will visit the high school on that day.

Elizabeth Parker represented this district in the Divisional American Legion Oratorical Contest in Kinston on March 27. There were four entrants in this contest. The winner of this contest was Bruce Pate of Wheat Swamp High School in Lenoir County. Bruce will represent this division in the State finals. Miss Watson and Mr. Faircloth accompanied Elizabeth to Kinston.

In connection with Army week program at the high school, the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg gave a Field Artillery Battery display in front of the high school building Tuesday morning at 11:00. In the exhibit were two howitzers with all the required equipment, a fifty caliber machine gun, and a FM 619 radio set. This equipment was explained by army personnel, and the pupils found the display intensely interesting.

Mrs. McGoogan, of the high school faculty, returned to her work Monday after a week's absence on account of illness. Mrs. J. W. Walker took Mrs. McGoogan's work while she was away. On Wednesday of this week the school began its usual spring short day schedule, beginning at 8:25 in the morning and closing at 2:30.

The band and glee club con-

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Nine Defendants Face Recorder Tuesday Morning

ONE WITHOUT MONEY GOES TO ROADS FOR NINETY DAYS

In a short session of Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning only nine defendants faced Judge Henry McDiarmid, Wesley Merritt, white, was charged with driving drunk and with no driver's license. His plea was guilty and he was sentenced to a total of 90 days on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$60 and the court costs. He went to the roads.

Vincent DeVoe, white transient charged with speeding, failed to appear for trial and his bond of \$20 was forfeited.

Albert Collins, Indian, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

John C. McCormick, colored, paid the costs for driving with no drivers license.

Levy Allen, white was charged with assaulting David Garner with a deadly weapon. For this he got 90 days to be suspended on payment of the costs and on condition of good behavior for two years. He was also charged with violating the prohibition laws. Sentence for this offense was 30 days, suspended on payment of the costs.

Fester Bain and Jesse McKinnon, both colored men of Stonewall township, were charged with gambling, the occasion being the same as that on which Leroy Shaw was allegedly killed by Robert Smith. Both were found guilty and sentence in each case was thirty days suspended on payment of the costs and good behavior regarding gambling for two years.

Marie Lyons and James Gambel, both colored, were found guilty of being drunk, and disorderly. Sentence in each case was 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs.

Agronomist Offers Seed Cotton Helps

J. A. Shanklin, Agronomy specialist for the State College Extension Service, released the following pointers on cotton seed planting this week, as recommended by C. A. McLendon, senior Agronomist of the U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry, working out of Atlanta on the Cotton Improvement Program.

An ample supply of pure, sound seed of a superior variety is all important. One variety is sufficient for a farm community, or larger area, and Experiment Stations of the various states determine by comparative tests the varieties best suited to the different conditions.

To be pure, seed must be not more than three years removed from the breeder and its purity safeguarded each year in the field, in handling, ginning, and storage. If seed is to be sound enough for planting purposes, is should show at least eighty percent germination by competent testing.

All planting seed should be re-cleaned and graded, reginned, and treated for seedling diseases. Outfits for processing planting seed in this way are now available to most cotton farmers and the charge for this seed service is negligible, considering its value in obtaining a good, even stand of healthy plants.

Plant seed at a rate sufficient to insure a good stand. Skipping on planting seed is poor economy regardless of the cost of the seed. Usually the yield of cotton increases as the stand approaches thirty thousand plants per acre. The highest yields on record were made with thick stands, in closely spaced rows.

Young People Of Presbytery To Rally Here Next Sunday

The Spring Rally for the Young People of Fayetteville Presbytery will be held in the Raeford Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon and evening, April 13. All young people and visitors are invited. Registration will begin at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and the meeting will open at 3:00. Dr. Healy pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, will bring the inspirational address in the afternoon. All young people are asked to bring picnic lunches, and supper will be served on the grounds at 5:30. The evening program will be concluded at 7:30 o'clock.

Hoke High Defeats 71st Tuesday, 13-7 Play Here Tomorrow

The Hoke County High School baseball team journeyed over into Cumberland county Tuesday afternoon and beat 71st High School team 13-7, behind the seven-hit pitching of McKeithan.

The visitors got the game going with two safeties in the first inning which, added to three errors and a walk in that frame, got them four tallies. They never were headed by the Seventy-First boys and went on to win 13-7. Conolly and Walker got three hits each in four trips to lead the hitting for the victors. Freeman got three in five.

The next home game on the local schedule will played in Armory park here tomorrow afternoon against Hamlet high school.

Town Vote Light; McKeithan Loses

In the Town of Raeford primary for the nomination of town officials held Monday of this week only 87 persons bothered to cast a ballot.

Of these W. L. Poole who was unopposed for mayor, received 61. For the town board of commissioners all candidates received a majority with the exception of J. D. McKeithan, who was thereby eliminated, there being six running for five offices.

Figures for each candidate follow:

For Mayor	
W. L. Poole	61
For Commissioners	
Alfred Cole	79
J. K. McNeill	76
Milton Campbell	68
Clairence Lytch	65
A. V. Sanders	56
J. D. McKeithan	36

Airborne Soldiers Show Equipment

In celebration of Army Week a detachment of soldiers of a field artillery outfit of the 82nd Airborne division at Fort Bragg is going to various towns in this section this week with equipment and demonstrating its use to the public.

The detachment is spending each night at the armory in Raeford and on Tuesday they demonstrated their weapon and equipment here. They are armed with a 105 millimeter howitzer. On Monday night they gave the demonstration for Battery "A" at their regular drill period at the armory.

REPAIRING GRANDSTAND

Under the watchful eye of County Auditor John McGoogan the grand stand at the local baseball park is being improved. McGoogan is rebuilding the supports, building a new cinder block wall across the front and plans to replace the wire screen and paint structure.

Authority Granted REA To Service 830 New Families

\$451,000 LOAN APPROVED FOR 220 MILES NEW LINE

D. J. Dalton, manager of the local REA Cooperatives, Lumber River Electric Membership Corporation, has announced that a loan has been approved for \$457,000 by the N. C. Rural Electrification Authority. The purpose of this loan is to build 220 miles of line and 60 miles of improvements to serve 830 new members.

The local Cooperative now has over 600 miles of line in operation serving over 2,000 members. The Cooperative has allocations totaling over \$500,000 for the construction of new lines. At present, 140 miles of line and serving over 600 farmers will be energized within the next 60 days.

Plans and Specifications have been approved for an additional 130 miles of B project line in the central part of Robeson county. Other lines will be built just as soon as materials are made available.

The new application will increase the total miles of line in operation and approved to over 1230 miles, serving approximately 6,000 members.

Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

The first night I spent in Aberdeen I was hunting with a summons in a Magistrate's court for one Graham, who lived three miles out. One of our neighbors was chipping the turpentine boxes on Graham's land, and another was dipping and selling the turpentine, and that brought on a law suit.

There were no more houses around any large sawmill. But that mill made a finished product and a dry kiln was being operated day and night. Every year a Mr. Campbell grew large watermelons on his farm a mile east of town. I saw several which weighed 90 pounds or a little more, and I bought several a quarter a cent a pound.

Folks used to eat more eggs at Easter than usual. We heard something about Easter but knew little about it.

"If a man dies, will he live again," asked Job. Job had information from a source from which all men gain spiritual knowledge.

To question the immortality of the soul questions the Deity of Christ, and no truths have stronger or more universally accepted evidence of the Deity of Christ than the fact of His resurrection.

I did not eat more eggs on Easter Sunday morning than any other morning, nor did I hear much about Easter, but scholars now give more information on this important Christianity's greatest truths.

This column has given out more than once that people settled on the creeks, and a man was from Jackson's Creek, Mountain Creek, or Deep Creek, or from whatever creek he lived near. People on Drowning Creek may have visited people on McLendon's Creek, gone to parties there when invited, but we were separate and distinct peoples.

I think I knew the "simple life" and I still know that life may be of the happiest type and as enjoyable on a small income as the richest ever enjoyed anywhere any time on no matter how large the quantities.

Too much poverty is not enjoyable, but moderate means of living is just as productive of happiness as the greatest earthly incomes.

To Place Names Of Servicemen On Wall Soon

Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Jr. stated this week that the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who started a movement some years ago to build the cinder block wall in front of the armory were in process of getting a complete list of the names of the men who served in the armed forces in World War II and that these names would be placed in the very near future.

She stated that she was experiencing some difficulty in securing the correct names of several of the men who were killed in the war, but that the work would start when this was accomplished. These men will be shown in a separate list on the structure.

Mrs. Matheson asked that the families or friends of men losing their lives by the name of Guin, Haire, Bristow or Frye please get the full names of these men to her as early as possible in order that they may be included in the list. Close to 1300 names will appear.

Mrs. J. W. Currie, who has been a patient at Memorial hospital in Charlotte for the past ten days, is still reported to be in a critical condition.

LOCAL TEAM ENTERED IN NEW SEMI-PRO BASEBALL LEAGUE

Rockingham Man Wins Free Car At Legion Dance

The 1947 Chevrolet given away by the local American Legion post at a dance in the armory last Friday night was won by Ralph M. Steagall, radio repairman of route 1, Rockingham. The main floor of the armory was about full of people at 11 p. m. when the draw was made. Steagall was not present at the dance and did not come after the car until this week. Stubs of all tickets were dumped into a wire cage and well mixed after which someone was called from the floor to make the draw.

The post showed a profit of over \$1000 on the affair which they plan to use in the various activities they are planning. These include a hut and lights for the baseball park near the armory.

Local Telephone Service Continues

Telephone service, both local and long distance, which is within the territory of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, which operates in practically all of eastern North Carolina, will not be interrupted by the Bell system strike, the company announced this week.

Long distance calls to all points in the state of Virginia and to Washington, D. C. and Philadelphia, Pa., will be accepted and completed as promptly as possible. Long distance calls to other Bell System points in North Carolina and other states if they are classified as emergency calls.

The following towns in North Carolina and their vicinity may be reached:

Aberdeen, Ahoskie, Aulander, Aurora, Ayden, Bailey, Bayboro, Beaufort, Belhaven, Benson, Bethel, Bladenboro, Clayton, Clinton, Colerain, Columbia, Conway, Dunn, Edenton, Elizabethtown, Elizabeth City, Elm City, Enfield, Engelhard, Farmville, Fountain, Franklinton, Fremont, Garland, Gatesville, Greenville, Grifton, Halifax, Hamilton, Henderson, Hertford, Holly Ridge, Jackson, Jacksonville, Jonesboro, Kenansville, Kenly, Kinston, La Grange, Lewiston, Lillington, Littleton, Louisburg, Lucama, Macon, Maxton, Morehead City, Murfreesboro, Nashville, New Bern, Norlina, Oriental, Oxford, Pinehurst, Pinetops, Pinkhill, Plymouth, Pollocksville, Raeford, Red Springs, Richlands, Rich Square, Roanoke Rapids, Robersonville, Rocky Mount, Roseboro, Rosehill, Roxobel, St. Pauls, Sanford, Scotland Neck, Seaboard, Smithfield, Snow Hill, Southern Pines, Spring Hope, Stantonsburg, Swansboro, Swan Quarter, Tarboro, Vanceboro, Wake Forest, Wallace, Warrenton, Warsaw, Washington, Weldon, Whitakers, Williamston, Wilson, Windsor, Winton, and Woodland.

OPPOSES PURCHASE OF COTTON OUTSIDE U. S.

Senator Maybank (D-SC) has asked Secretary of War Patterson to "prevent any American fund being used to buy cotton outside this country for use in German and Japanese mills."

"It would be outrageous to buy cotton with American money" he said yesterday after announcing he had received complaints from the American farm bureau about war department plans to purchase cotton overseas.

"Maybank said he was referred to Undersecretary of War Kenneth Royall, who told him the war department has made no definite purchase plans, is undecided on how much cotton is needed.

FIFTEEN HOME GAMES SCHEDULED FOR ARMORY PARK

After several preliminary meetings the Pee Dee Baseball League was organized last Thursday as a group of representatives meeting in Laurinburg. The league will be classed as semi-pro and will have teams from Raeford, Laurinburg, Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Bennettsville and either Hamlet or Rockingham.

The League will be managed by a Board of Directors, one from each town as follows: A. C. Dawson, Southern Pines; Haney Harris, Aberdeen; Lawrence Poole Raeford; L. B. Singleton, Laurinburg and H. H. Sanders, Bennettsville, S. C. John S. Ruggles, Southern Pines, was elected League President.

The schedule is now being prepared by Lawrence Poole, Raeford member of the board of directors.

Opening games will be May 21st, each team playing 30 games, with 15 games at home. Games will be played on Wednesdays and Saturdays with extra games on Monday. The season will end August 20, followed by the Shaughnessy method of play-off.

Present at the meeting in addition to the above officers were J. B. Griffir, General Manager of the Waverly Mills, Laurinburg; F. G. Galligan, General Manager Firestone Textiles, Bennettsville, S. C.; George Jacobs and "Vic" Snipes, Laurinburg.

The Raeford team, which is being assembled by the American Legion post here, will begin practice in a few weeks for the opening of the schedule May 21.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Sweet potatoes yield best and produce a better product on well-drained, light, sandy soil or silt loam soil with a pH 5.0. It is important not to plant on soils where sweet potatoes have grown for the past several years or on soils where too much lime or basic slag has been applied.

Good soil preparation is important. For the early market, apply 1200 to 1400 pounds of a 3-9-9 fertilizer per acre with 10 pounds of borax per acre. The fertilizer should be applied in 3 to 4 1/2 feet rows and ridged at least 10 days before setting.

For the early crop, plants should be set 16 to 18 inches on high ridges as soon as plants are available. For the main crop, set on high ridges 10 to 12 inches apart from May 20 to June 10. Two cultivations are usually all that is necessary to control weeds.

Blue mold has been reported in Columbus and Brunswick counties. Every precaution should be taken to control blue mold. Where fermate is available, it should be sprayed or dusted on twice a week. If a rain should wash it off soon after applying, it should be repeated as soon as possible. Don't give up if rain should set in. Watch plant beds for insects. Keep them under control.

The rat control campaign is being held Friday, April 11. The bait will be mixed that day and delivered at a central place in the community. A few extra packages will be prepared for last minute callers. The delivery will be made between 2:00 and 5:00 P. M. The bait will be put on late Friday evening. The bait will be mixed at the cannery and distributed from there for the Raeford section.