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## SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The Ashmont PTA is sponsoring a chicken supper at the school building Friday evening from 6 to 8 for the benefit of the school lunchroom. All patrons and friends are cordially invited.

The Raeford School Board held a meeting on Monday evening at which time W. T. Gibson, Jr. was re-elected district principal and A. S. Gaston was re-elected principal of the Upchurch school. These principals will nominate their teachers at an early date.

Mrs. Claudia Hurt and Walter James of the State Tuberculosis Association were visitors here on Tuesday.

The Pre-school clinics are now under way. Please try to have your child attend the one that is most convenient.

A committee composed of members of the Board of Education and Board of Commissioners inspected quite a number of the made in order to determine the school buildings in the county on last Saturday. This inspection was necessary repairs that should be made during the summer.

Dr. Koonce has finished the dental work in all the white schools. He is now working in the Indian schools.

Livestock judging teams from the agricultural department of Hoke High won high honors in the FFA Federation Livestock judging contest held at Hamlet Monday, April 14. The contest was to determine the federation winners who will compete in a district contest to be held the latter part of May.

One team composed of Jimmy Seals, Thomas Bobbitt and Leonard Dunn won first place in judging dairy cattle while a second team made up of Alex Norton, Bobby McBryde and Hubert Hine were nosed out by the Carthage team in judging beef cattle and hogs.

FFA chapters from the following schools participated in the contest: Cameron, Carthage, Elerbe, West End, Hoffman, Rockingham, Laurel Hill, Wagram, Laurinburg and Raeford. W. P. Phillips, agriculture teacher at Hoke High, coached the local teams and expressed himself as being highly pleased with the fine showing made by the boys, all of whom are ninth graders.

The Educo club met last Wednesday night in the lunch room of the high school. W. P. Phillips explained the agricultural program of GI's as carried on by the agricultural department. L. M. Lester, D. B. McFadyen, Jr., Phil Johnson and W. C. Hodgin are instructors for this program. A splendid work for the GI's is being done.

## BREAK-IN SUNDAY

Bill's Smoke Shop on Main street was entered by a thief or thieves last Sunday morning and a small quantity of cash was removed from the coin operated record player there. The machine was damaged somewhat in being entered. According to Police Chief McQuage, he looked at the back of the place soon after going on duty Sunday morning and at that time it had not been entered. On his next round, however, he noted that a window had been opened. He concluded that the robber was within at that time and went for help and posted some one at one end and went in the other. By that time, however, the thieves had done their damage and departed. No arrests have been made.

## JUNIOR SAFETY CLUB TOPS 100,000 MEMBERS



Officer Ernest E. Pressley, of the Charlotte Police Department, who is now presenting his famous dog safety show to all the school children in North Carolina under the sponsorship of the North Carolina State Automobile Association, announces that his Junior Traffic Safety Club has swelled its membership in this state to more than 100,000. He estimates that by the end of 1947 more than 200,000 boys and girls will have passed his stiff traffic safety examination and will have become members of his Junior Traffic Safety Club.

## String Quartet To Appear At FMC Next Monday

The Gordon String Quartet, one of music's most brilliant ensembles, will be heard at Flora Macdonald College on Monday evening, April 21, at 8:15, as the fifth and last number of what has probably been the most successful series ever presented at Flora Macdonald.

Jacques Gordon was only twenty-one and concert master of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, when he founded the famous group that bears his name. Now in its 25th year, it has played over three thousand concerts, and has established the famous music festivals which it holds at Music Mountain, Fall Village, Connecticut, each summer.

Associated with Mr. Gordon, who serves as first violinist of the Quartet, are Urico Rossi, second violin, David Dawson, viola, and Fritz Magg, cello, each an artist in his own right. In addition to playing the standard chamber-music repertoire, the Gordon String Quartet has introduced works of many noted composers not usually heard in string ensembles.

## Former Missionary Makes Address To Presbyterian Men

BETHESDA PASTOR TALKS AT MEN'S MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

Guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Men's club of the Raeford Presbyterian church on Tuesday night was Rev. Charles Wirth, pastor of Old Bethesda Presbyterian church at Aberdeen. The meeting was attended by about 60 men of the church, a committee of whom prepared the meal of ham and accessories.

The meeting was presided over by N. A. McDonald, incoming president for the church year beginning April 1. Other new officers of the club are Marcus Smith, vice president, and Donald Yates, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Wirth, who was born in China, the son of a medical missionary, spoke to the club on the political situation in China at the present time and during the past few years. He was a missionary (Continued on Page 4)

## Homemakers To Observe Special Week, May 4-11

Accent on Tomorrow! That's the viewpoint America's rural homemakers will urge the Nation to share with them for at least one week this spring, when they observe National Home Demonstration Week, May 4-11, Miss Verna Stanton, Assistant State Agent for the State College Extension Service, said today. With emphasis on action today for tomorrow's world, observance activities will feature progress made in rural family and community living since the home demonstration program was initiated more than thirty years ago.

Special programs, teas, exhibits, and tours are among the events scheduled for the week-long, Nation-wide open house, according to Miss Stanton. Improvement in rural homes, and other concrete evidence of progress in the application of science to homemaking will go on display, as three and a half million rural women plan and direct the week's event.

Housewives and homemakers participating in the home demonstration program in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, will be active partners in the events of the week with Extension workers of the 51 land-grant colleges, and of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Traditionally the best neighbors in the world, rural women during the past year indicated that they now consider the whole world as their neighborhood, Miss Stanton said.

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## Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

It is not so hard to be fair with every body, but an angry man may say something to even things as he thinks.

The past winter was a long cold spell, and this is a late spring—one of the latest I ever saw.

The last March was the first one I ever saw without peach and dogwood bloom.

There were more insects eating up things last year than I ever knew in one year. A dozen things besides me were eating my peas.

Quite a lot of money was spent in building in Raeford last year and several new and large businesses were opened here.

Speaking of why I live in Raeford, it is because it is the best and safest place I know. You cannot beat Hoke County for good folks.

A man, who had served as policeman and Truant Officer in

the city of Fayetteville closed a two weeks evangelistic Meeting in Raeford Sunday. He did good work, it is said.

If the tax rates have been reduced in these liquor-selling counties heretofore we have not heard of it. Liquor drinking causes misbehavior and that increases court costs.

The idea is an effort to make respectable the Devil's business, but that cannot be done.

When I had been in Raeford about two years I counted the different Macks on my subscription list and there were sixty-six.

Joe Daniels, owner and editor of The News and Observer calls them God bless Macks, because they always vote Democratic.

When I was in the legislature I read every statewide bill that came to my desk, the night after I received it. (Continued on page 4)

## Judge McDiarmid Hears Few Cases Tuesday Morning

LIQUOR, STEALING, CARS, WORTHLESS CHECK CASES TRIED

In recorder's court Tuesday Judge Henry McDiarmid ordered Willie Thomas, colored man charged with passing a worthless check, to pay the check and the costs of the court or go to the roads for 30 days. He paid.

Raymond Hofman, white tourist, paid the costs for speeding.

A. D. Dammons, colored, was found guilty of driving while under the influence of liquor. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs.

Percy Chavis, Indian charged with carnal knowledge, was freed when the State took a nol pros with leave in the case because of insufficient evidence against him.

John Walter Bishop, colored, paid a \$10 fine and the costs for being drunk and disorderly and using profane and indecent language. He got 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$20 to the prosecuting witness in a case in which he was charged with larceny of money. The State had accepted his plea of temporary larceny.

William Thompson and Tom Groom, both white, each got 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs when they were found guilty of being drunk and disorderly.

John D. Gibson, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Annie Mae Ray, colored, was sentenced to serve three months in jail, for violating the prohibition laws, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and a fine of \$100.

## SUPERIOR COURT MONDAY

The April term of Hoke County superior court, for the trial of civil and criminal cases will begin here next Monday morning with the Honorable Walter J. Bone, Judge of North Carolina's third judicial district, presiding.

Only four criminal cases are docketed for trial. These will be tried first and the civil cases, of which there are six, will follow.

## ANNOUNCE PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Pro Baseball Team Training At Local Park

Last Friday morning the Lexington, North Carolina Class D ball team began training for the coming season on the local diamond at Army park. About 35 started working out with the squad with several more expected to come during the approximately three weeks they will be here.

The team is a farm team of the Philadelphia Athletics of the American league, who are supervising the training. The Athletics also have 2 teams working out at Robbons park in Red Springs and games will be played there before the end of the training. Workouts at Army park are daily between the hours of 11:00 a. m. and two p. m.

## Magistrate Fines Defendant For Starting Fire

Local Magistrate Mrs. W. R. Barrington, found Alexander Thomas of Route 2 Raeford guilty of violating the State Forest Fire Laws, and imposed a fine of \$15. Court Costs of \$8 and fire fighting costs of \$37 on Thomas.

Thomas was found responsible for the forest fire which burned over several hundred acres of timberland south of Raeford on Route 211 on Easter Monday. This fire did considerable damage to this timberland and threatened several tobacco barns, the barns being saved by the prompt action of the North Carolina Forest Service and others.

## MRS. MAGGIE HOUSTESS DIES AT LUMBER BRIDGE

Mrs. Maggie Houstess, 70, died Tuesday night at the home of her brother, Harris G. Smith, in Lumber Bridge. She was a native of Marlboro county, South Carolina. Surviving are the brother with whom she reside and a brother, W. P. Smith, of Red Springs. Services will be held today, 2:30 p. m., at the Lumber Bridge residence by the Rev. T. Paul Deaton. Burial will be in the Lumber Bridge cemetery.

## FORMER NCEA HEAD TO DELIVER ADDRESS AT FINALS

In the April issue of "Hoke High Lights" the commencement program for the Hoke County High School and the Raeford Graded School were announced. The program included the Gay Phillips, pastor of the Summer school at the University of North Carolina and former president of the North Carolina Education association, would be the speaker at the commencement exercises at the Hoke High school on Monday evening, May 26. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on Sunday morning, May 18. The place and speaker were not announced.

The seventh grade promotion exercises will be held on Thursday morning, May 22, and the members of the Senior class will present their class night program in the high school auditorium on the night of Friday, May 23. Senior Play May 2

The senior class will present their play the night of May 2 at the high school. The play, a three act comedy, is by Edith Ellis.

Students participating are: Betty Davis, who is a widow with four daughters. The daughters are portrayed by Marie Williamson, Grady Covington, Joan Johnson, and Elizabeth Parker. Eleanor Leach is a man having servant. Bo Perry, Joe Maxwell, Sonny McIntyre, and Johnny Walker are the suitors, and Jimmy Conolly is a cousin who is an archaeologist. The production is being directed by Miss Miriam Watson with Lydia McKeithan assisting and Mr. J. W. Turlington in charge of lighting.

## FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Blue Mold was reported in Raeford and Quenwille townships last week. Continued rains have made conditions ideal for the spread of blue mold. Spraying with ferimate should be started or continued as soon as rains permit.

The United States Department of Agriculture has announced that all 1946 crop loan cotton still under loan on August 1, 1947, will be pooled for producers' accounts by Commodity Credit Corporation. The loans mature July 31, 1947. On March 15, 1947, loans were outstanding on 71,539 bales of 1946 crop cotton from the 123,000 bales placed under loans to that date.

Producers may sell their "equities" or redeem the cotton and sell it in the open market. Producers are urged to give serious consideration to marketing the loan cotton before it is placed in pools. At present market prices, farmers should be able to dispose of this cotton at prices that will net them substantial profits above the loan and charges against the cotton.

The 1946 crop loan cotton not redeemed prior to August 1, 1947, will be placed in pools, as provided in the loan agreements, and sold in an orderly manner by Commodity Credit Corporation. On final liquidation of all cotton in the pools, the net proceeds, if any, after deduction of all advances and accrued costs—including storage, insurance, and handling charges—will be distributed among the producers whose cotton was placed in the pools, in proportion to their interest. No payment will be made to producers at the time their cotton is placed in the pools, and after (Continued on page 4)

## AND NOW THEY ARE GRADUATING



The above picture of nine members of the 1947 senior class at Hoke County High School appeared in the school paper "Hoke High Lights," in the April issue.

The snapshots which were used are not exactly new, so we identify the seniors: 1. Elizabeth Parker, 2. John S. Poole, 3. Johnny Walker, 4. Luke McNeill, 5. Eleanor Leach, 6. Grady Covington, 7. Marie Cameron, 8. Joe Maxwell, 9. Lydia McKeithan.