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SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The school committee of the Rockfish school met last Wednesday night and unanimously re-elected the entire faculty consisting of Mrs. Lela McDowell, principal, Mrs. Treva T. Koonce, Mrs. Isabella Ritter and Mrs. Francis B. Capps.

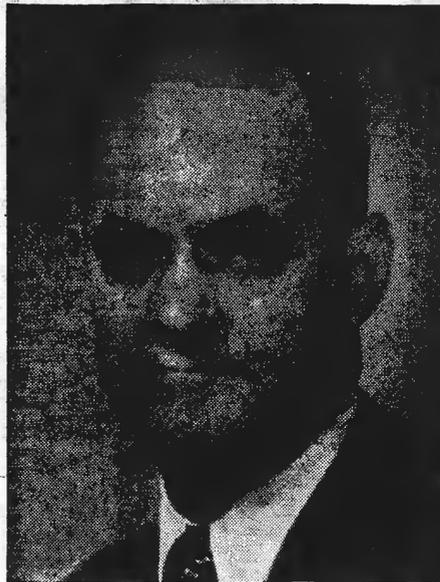
On last Friday night the Ashmont school committee met and unanimously re-elected the Ashmont faculty, R. A. Smoak, principal, Mrs. R. A. Smoak, Miss Nan Thornburg and Miss Mildred Womble.

The grand jury in session this week called the county superintendent of schools before it for a report on school transportation. The superintendent was glad to be able to report that during last week the state school bus inspector was here and made a detailed inspection of each bus and found them in good, safe, mechanical condition. He complimented head mechanic, Luck, for the way in which he was keeping the buses.

Last Friday night the Ashmont PTA put on a chicken supper in the school lunchroom for the benefit of the lunchroom. Something over \$50.00 clear was made. All those who attended enjoyed the occasion.

PTA Has Meeting Monday
On Monday night the Hoke-Raeford PTA met in the home economics rooms of the high school with the president, Mrs. Younger Sneed, presiding.
After a report by a committee (Continued on back page)

SANATORIUM SUPERINTENDENT



DR. H. S. WILLIS

Dr. H. S. Willis assumed his duties as the new superintendent of the three North Carolina State Tuberculosis Sanatoria on Tuesday, April 15. Dr. Willis succeeds the late Dr. P. P. McCain who was killed instantly last November 25 in an automobile accident while en route to Raleigh for a medical meeting.

Dr. Willis was selected by a three-man committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the N. C. State Sanatoria. Members of the committee were: Dr. Paul H. Ringer of Asheville, Dr. Thurman D. Kitchen of Wake Forest, and Lee L. Gravely of Rocky Mount.

Until his appointment as superintendent of N. C. State Sanatoria, Dr. Willis had been superintendent of the William H. Maybury Sanatorium, Northville, Michigan, since 1933. Prior to this he was director of the research laboratories of that sanatorium for three years.

Born in High Point, N. C., on July 19, 1891, he graduated High Point High School in 1910 and from there went to the University of North Carolina where he received his A. B. degree in 1914. Before entering medical school, he served as assistant in biology for a time at Johns Hopkins and received his M. D. degree from that university in 1919, and an M. A. in 1920. He remained at Johns Hopkins until 1928 as an instructor in medicine.

In 1928 he dropped most of his teaching duties to spend part of his time in private practice in Baltimore, but remained at Johns Hopkins as lecturer in medicine and as a visiting physician. This he continued until he went to Michigan to take charge of the research laboratories at the William H. Maybury Sanatorium in 1930.

Dr. Willis became a consultant for the U. S. Public Health Service in 1945 and in 1946 became Vice-President of the National Tuberculosis Association. Dr. Willis is a member of many medical societies, taking an active part as chairman or member of committees, particularly in medical research.

With North Carolina in the midst of its Good Health campaign, and with efforts being intensified to combat tuberculosis, Dr. Willis arrives at a time when his knowledge, ability and services can be put to their fullest use.

TO HOLD UNION SERVICE

Sunday evening, April 27, at 7:30 o'clock, there will be a union church service held in the Raeford Graded school auditorium with the Baptist congregation. Rev. J. D. Whisnant will preach on "Service to Others."

After the sermon a documentary newsreel film prepared by the U. S. Army will be shown that depicts the crying need for help in the war-ravaged lands of Europe and the Far East. This film "Seeds of Destiny" received the motion picture academy award for the excellence of its production.

Rev. and Mrs. H. K. Holland of Marietta, Georgia, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Smith this week. They came especially for the Stevens-Hassell wedding. They are leaving today for Charlotte where Mr. Holland will officiate at a wedding at Meyers Park Presbyterian church.

Drive For Old Clothing For Overseas Needy

Clyde Upchurch, Jr. has accepted the chairmanship of the old clothing drive that is sponsored in North Carolina by the North Carolina Council of churches and nationally by the Church World Service. The Kiwanis club through the committee Support of Churches assisted by the committee on Under-Privileged Children is sponsoring in Hoke County. Mr. Upchurch is a member of the first named committee of the Kiwanis club.

Rev. W. L. Maness, chairman of the committee on support of churches, is in charge of the church participation in the drive. W. T. Gibson, Jr., chairman of the "Vocational Education Committee" is in charge of school participation.

Miss Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration agent, will work through the Home Demonstration clubs.

The Key club of the Hoke County High school has accepted the responsibility of the house to house canvass in Raeford.

T. B. Upchurch, Jr. has offered his seed storage warehouse which joins the Baker-McFadyen garage and this will be used for the collection point. Lacy McFadyen has agreed to act as custodian for the property.

Mrs. Catherine P. Cheek Dies At Her Residence

Mrs. Catherine Pittman Cheek, 53, died suddenly Tuesday morning, April 15, at her home, Raeford route 2.

She was born in Bladen county but lived in the Raeford route 2 community since she was a year old. Her parents were M. W. Pittman and Mrs. Catherine Smith Pittman, both of Bladen county and both now deceased.

Surviving are her husband, John R. Cheek; daughters, Mrs. B. R. Walters, of Red Springs, and Mrs. James Smith, of Parkton; brothers, George Pittman, of Raeford, and Fred Pittman, of Vero Beach, Fla.; and sisters, Mrs. Hattie Sessoms, of Rockfish, and Miss Annie Pittman, who resided with Mrs. Cheek.

Services were conducted Wednesday, April 16, at Pittman Grove church by the Rev. Mr. Taylor. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. W. E. Blue, Miss Louise Blue and William Blue spent the week end in Graham in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Moon.

Mrs. Jesse Gibson and Miss Clara Gibson attended the funeral of Mrs. E. C. McCall at Laurinburg last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coates spent the week end in Leaksville visiting relatives.



Chas. M. Johnson Speaks At Kiwanis Meeting Thursday

STATE TREASURER GIVES RESUME OF STATE'S CONDITION

Charles M. Johnson, treasurer of the State of North Carolina since 1932 and first to announce his candidacy for governor of the state in the primary and general election of 1948, was guests speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis club last Thursday.

Mr. Johnson, who released his announcement to the press of the state on the day he was here, was a guest of Israel Mann. In presenting his guest to the club Mr. Mann told of his friendship of over 26 years with Mr. Johnson and how they had been friends before he (Mann) could even speak English.

The address was of considerable interest to the gathering, it being a fairly representative group of North Carolina taxpayers. He covered the financial condition of the state and its financial plans in general and easily understood terms.

First item mentioned were the interesting points that this is the only state which maintains all roads and does not levy a land tax for the support of this work. It is also the only state in the 48 which maintains a nine-month, 12-grade school system under the same conditions.

The speaker then stated that there were two funds in the state treasury, the highway fund and the general fund. The highway fund, he said, was in excellent condition due to an accumulation during the war years when the materials and labor to build and maintain the state's roads were not available.

The general fund, Mr. Johnson said, was the fund from which all state expenses other than the roads are paid. He said that for the first time in the history of the state is showed a surplus. While there are still state bonds outstanding the money is at hand to pay them when due, he said. This money is in some cases invested in U. S. bonds which will mature at the same times as the state's bonds. He said that the state would in all likelihood be able to operate on a cash basis in the future and save the interest paid out by issuing bonds.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE QUARTET TO SING

The High Point College Quartet will be at the Raeford Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear them. Dr. N. M. Harrison, Vice president of the college, will speak briefly on Christian Education.

Peach Belt Opens Here May 21st Play Laurinburg

Directors of the newly organized Peach Belt baseball league met here last Friday and completed plans for the opening of the season. It was announced that the season would open on May 21 with games in Raeford, Hamlet and Southern Pines. The announcement was released by John S. Ruggles of Southern Pines, president of the league.

The league play will begin May 21 with Aberdeen vs. Southern Pines at Southern Pines; Bennettsville vs. Hamlet at Hamlet, and Laurinburg vs. Raeford at Raeford.

Ensuing games will be played on Wednesdays and Saturdays with extra games on Mondays. Each team will play 30 games, 15 away and 15 at home.

Member teams are now in process of organization, and are, with their officials: Aberdeen, Haney Harris, director, P. B. Parrish, business manager and coach; Bennettsville, S. C., H. H. Sanders, director and business manager; Hamlet, V. P. Nettles, director, 'Vic' Snipes, business manager; Raeford, Lawrence Poole, director, Clyde Upchurch, Sr., business manager, Bill Upchurch, club manager, Julian McLeod, assistant manager; Southern Pines, C. N. Page business manager, A. C. Dawson, coach.

Former Resident Of Raeford Burns To Death In Va.

Funeral services were conducted in Aberdeen yesterday afternoon for W. L. (Will) Tugwell, Aberdeen man and former resident of Raeford who was burned to death following a collision with an oil truck north of Alexandria, Va., last Sunday.

Mr. Tugwell was traveling alone at the time of the accident and was towing a driverless car behind him. There was some difficulty experienced in ascertaining his identity. He operated a service station and tire recapping plant in Aberdeen and was an automobile dealer.

He was a resident of Raeford for about a dozen years immediately preceding the first World War.

NATIONAL GUARD ISSUED EQUIPMENT

The local national guard unit, which last week received its official Federal recognition as such from the National Guard Bureau in Washington, began receiving its equipment soon after the official notice arrived.

Equipment received so far includes trucks, clothing, and individual equipment of various kinds. No weapons have been received as yet. The unit will be eventually equipped the same as a similar unit in the regular army.

Judge Bone Hears Four Cases In Superior Court

3 DIVORCES GRANTED IN CIVIL TERM ON TUESDAY

Judge Walter J. Bone, of Asheville, N. C., presided over the April term of Hoke County Superior Court here the first two days of the week. The four cases on the criminal docket were completed on Monday and three divorce actions were heard by the court in the civil session on Tuesday.

Joe Scott, white man of the county, entered a plea of guilty of breaking and entering and larceny in connection with the removal of some sugar and cigarettes from Guthrie Long's filling station on the Laurinburg road about two months ago. He was sentenced to serve nine months on the roads.

William C. Clark, also white, was charged with abandonment and non-support. He entered a plea of nolo contendere. Judgment was suspended for two years on condition that the defendant pay the clerk of the court \$30 monthly for the support of his two children and that he pay the costs of the trial.

Robert Smith, colored man who shot Leroy Shaw, also colored, to death after a card game a few weeks ago, was charged with first degree murder. The state accepted the defendant's plea of guilty of second degree murder and he was sentenced to serve not less than 20 nor more than 25 years in prison.

Isaiah Watkins, colored man who killed another named Mc-Donald, was charged with second degree murder. He entered a plea of nolo contendere to manslaughter and the state accepted this plea. Sentence was from three to five years to be suspended on payment of the costs and good behavior for three years.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

The rat control campaign seems to have a success on farms where the Red Squill bait was distributed. G. C. Hales, of the Wayside community, says it did the work. He says that it killed enough rats to save \$125.00 on his corn alone. N. H. G. Balfour, of the Dundarrach community, picked up twenty-five dead and dying rats in one building. William Lentz says that the bait killed a peculiar animal which weighed eight pounds that is believed guilty of killing three pigs recently. J. C. Wright says that the rats are gone at his farm. A. S. Gaston, Negro principal, reported that the bait got the rat he had been after for two years. The next campaign will probably be next fall.

Business Developments: February sales of retail stores are estimated at 15 per cent above February a year ago. The wholesale price index, covering 900 commodities, on March 22 reached 149.0, or 37.5 per cent higher than a year ago. Inventories of independent retailers at the close of 1946 were 46 per cent higher than at the end of 1945.

Cull out the laying flocks often to conserve feed and save money.

Chicks for next winter's laying flock should be obtained not later than May 1 if they are to develop into good layers.

Farmers are urged to plant only good cotton seed of the Coker 100 Wilt variety.

Plant an acreage of hybrid corn of the N. C. 27, N. C. 26, or T-28.

The photo to the left is of Dr. and Mrs. Watson M. Fairley; and while we don't know how old this picture is we feel sure almost everyone in this community will recognize these two familiar figures, long dear to us all.

At eleven o'clock next Sunday morning Dr. Fairley will preach the sermon which will conclude the supply pastorate he began at the Presbyterian church here after Rev. Harry K. Holland left in February. Dr. Fairley was pastor of the church from 1925 to 1940.

The new pastor, Rev. W. B. Heyward, will be in the pulpit the following Sunday, May 4. The Fairleys expect to move from Raeford early next week.