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## SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Last Thursday night the Ashmont School presented their operetta "The Golden Whistle" to a large and appreciative audience. It was a real pre-war production, with beautiful and attractive costumes. The children were well trained and the music was especially good. Teachers and pupils should be congratulated on the production. The teachers were assisted with the music by Mrs. Tom Sinclair. Everyone appreciated her help.

On Monday all seventh grades were given their yearly standard tests. Wednesday the other grades were given theirs. On Wednesday while the other grades were taking their tests the 7th grades visited Hoke High. They were entertained and shown all the sights and made to feel that they will be welcome when they enter high school next fall.

The valedictorian and salutatorian for Seventh Grade Promotion Day will be chosen from those taking the tests Monday. The two making the two highest total scores will win these two honors. The highest total score made by a 6th grader will designate the chief marshal for that day and the highest score made in each school will designate the marshal from that school. We hope to be able to announce the winners of these honors in next week's News-Journal.

### CORRECTION

Through a misunderstanding it was announced two weeks ago that Professor Guy Phillips of the University would make the commencement address at Hoke High. This was a mistake. However, we are happy to announce that the Honorable C. B. Deane of Rockingham and Congressman from the 8th district will make the address. We feel honored that Congressman Deane feels it worthwhile to come all the way from Washington to address our seniors. We hope that everyone in Hoke County may hear him.

Miss Mary Alice Andrews of the North Carolina Education Association was a visitor to the local unit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Yelton of Raleigh were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Barnes. Mr. Yelton is the executive secretary of the Teachers and State Employees Retirement Commission.

The McFarland school is having its commencement exercises this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Dr. Murray, Dr. Matheson, Dr. O'Brian, Mrs. Ernest Campbell, Mrs. Flora Alice Crowder and Miss Retha Howell held the preschool clinic May 5, at the Raeford Graded school. 48 children were examined and vaccinated in preparation for school next year. During the early part of the morning the parents who were members of the PTA served punch and cookies to the children.

### Memorial Exercise Tomorrow

Dr. Tucker Graham of Red Springs will address the high school students and sixth and seventh grade students in the high school auditorium at a Confederate Memorial Day exercise sponsored by the Daughters of the Confederacy. The exercises will be held at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning, May 9. The public is cordially invited.

### Hoke High News

"Betty's Last Bet", a farce comedy in three acts was presented by members of the senior class Friday evening, May 2 in the high school auditorium to a large and (Continued on page 4)

## Quarterly Report Of District Sanitarian

O. D. Fulp, sanitarian for the Moore-Hoke health district, this week released the results of inspections of food-handling places in the county during the first quarter of the year of 17 such restaurants, dining rooms or markets inspected six were given grades of "A" or better than 99.

Grades by the various establishments were as follows: Raeford Tourist camp 97, Long's Cafe 92, Elk Restaurant 90, Hoke Drug Co. 91, Hendrix Market 91, City Market 90.5, Howell Drug store 88, Bill's Club 88.5, Bill's Cafe 84, Raeford Hotel 82.5, McNeill's Hot Dog Stand grade of 77 after being closed for cleanup, Home Food Market 80.4, Newton's Market 80.5, Long's Market 86.5, Pender's Market 87.5, McNeill's Mill Store Market 74.5, Read's Market 74.5.

The above establishments were graded on the following basis: Any establishment receiving a grade of 90% shall be awarded a grade "A"; those graded more than 80% but less than 90% grade "B"; 70% but less than 80% grade "C". Those graded less than 70% are closed.

Prior to opening a new establishment or in changing management an inspection by the sanitarian is required.

The health department has suggested that where a new establishment is being constructed the sanitarian be contacted in order that plans may be discussed and approved.

Carnivals, tent shows and the like are not allowed to serve food, that is hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee, etc., to the public for the reason that they do not have facilities to comply with the health regulations.

## F. C. Howell, 58, Dies In Charlotte

F. C. Howell, brother of J. D. Howell, Mrs. Milton Campbell and Mrs. John Buoyer of Raeford, died suddenly at his home in Charlotte Tuesday morning. He was about 58 years of age.

Funeral services were planned for three o'clock yesterday afternoon at the First Baptist church in Charlotte.

In addition to those mentioned above Mr. Howell is survived by his widow, three other brothers, and John of Charlotte, and one sister, Mrs. George Ayash of Wilmington.

## AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY

Commander J. H. Blue of the Ellis Williamson American Legion Post number 20 here announced this week that there would be a meeting of the post at the armory next Tuesday night, May 13, at 7:00 p. m.

He urged all members to attend the meeting as the post will elect its officers for the next year at that time.

## LETTER FROM A GERMAN

While Mrs. D. P. Andrews was serving as Gray mother at Hospital No. 2, Fort Bragg during the recent war, one of her patients was a German prisoner, who was very sick. Mrs. Andrews was kind to him and did all she possibly could to make him comfortable and aid in his recovery. When he was some better he asked for her address. She gave it to him, never expecting to see or hear from him again. Last week she received a short but very neat letter from him, all in German. Presumably it was a note of gratitude for her kindness but he did not send along an interpreter so its contents remain a secret until Mrs. Andrews finds some one who understands German to read it for her. The letter was sent from Munich, Germany.

## NEW PASTOR



Pictured above is Rev. William Bailey Heyward, who became pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church on the first of this month and preached his first sermon there last Sunday morning. It was intended to run this picture last week but it was not obtained in time.

## Henry L. Myrover Passes Tuesday In Fayetteville

Henry L. Myrover, 67, former resident of Raeford, died in Fayetteville Tuesday morning after an illness of 10 days. He was secretary to the late Edwin Smith, prominent attorney here, for several years immediately preceding Mr. Smith's death in 1929 and for about a year thereafter remained in the law firm with N. McN. Smith.

He was also for several years court stenographer for this 9th judicial district and he had previously been a White House stenographer during the term of President William Howard Taft. He was born in Fayetteville August 31, 1880. He was veteran of World War I and was wounded while assaulting the Hindenburg line with the 119th infantry of the 30th division.

He is survived by his mother, three sisters and three brothers. Funeral services were tentatively set for 5:00 p. m. today from the home, DeVane street, in Fayetteville.

## Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

Stalin is now playing good neighbor to all the world, saying "Me. too. felloys."

The churches of America are not doing their duty toward preventing Sabbath desecration.

Sound does not travel as it used to, it seems. We heard the trains blow on the Coastline every day.

We could hear men squalling to their horses all up and down Drowning Creek mornings.

Courts used to have a deputy sheriff as court crier. He stood at a window and called jurors and witnesses, and when they did not answer, he called them out. That means they would be fined for not obeying a court summons.

Horse traders used to come in singles and droves both to Carthage and Troy, and they usually stayed a week.

Col Frank Simmons had money, and he would discount the notes and mortgages traders took in lieu of money pay, about 74 cents on the dollar for them, collecting face value, with 8 per cent interest, and he collected.

A farmer of Montgomery swapped an old mule one spring court for a younger one and promised \$100 to boot and gave, he said,

## Ten Defendants Face Recorder Tuesday A. M.

### ARE TRIED FOR USUAL VARIETY OF OFFENSES

In recorder's court Tuesday morning ten defendants faced Judge Henry McDiarmid on a variety of charges. One of them was freed when the state took a nol pros for lack of evidence against him.

John F. Hyatt, white transient got 60 days suspended on payment of \$50 and the court costs for driving drunk.

William J. Shaw, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Nathaniel McCall, colored, entered a plea of not guilty of driving drunk but was found guilty as charged. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of the costs. He appealed the judgment to superior court.

Zack Gillespie, colored, pleaded guilty of giving a bad check. He had to pay the check and the court costs.

George F. Stephens, white soldier, paid the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

James Lewis, colored, pleaded guilty of stealing some cigarettes from the Raeford Hotel, where he works. He got 30 days to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$5 and the court costs and on condition of good behavior for 2 years.

McIntyre McKinnon and Russell McKeithan, both colored, were charged with being drunk and fighting and assault. Both got 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Sam McRae, colored, paid the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Charlie McDonald, colored man, of Little River township was charged with carnal knowledge. The state took a nol pros and the prosecuting witness had to pay the costs.

## DARK HORSE APPEARS; ALMOST PULLS COUP

In a rather curious town election here Monday in which the ballot box was opened before the polls closed and in which write-in votes were not counted on the first count all names on the ticket were declared elected by the town registrars and judges of election in a certificate amended yesterday.

Only 43 voters bothered to go to the polls on Monday. In the count Monday afternoon they were declared to have voted as follows: For Mayor W. L. Poole received 34 votes; For town commissioners Milton Campbell got 38, Alfred Cole 42, Clarence Lytch 38, John K. McNeill 43 and A. V. Sanders 20. Write-in votes were not counted at this time.

Yesterday morning following receipt of a letter from A. D. Gore, attorney, attesting the validity of write-in votes, the registrar, J. A. McQueen and the judges, G. W. Cox and McLaurin Clark, met and reopened the ballot box for the purpose of counting write-in votes. Following this count they added 17 votes for J. M. McDuffie to their certificate of May 5. McDuffie's name was not on the ticket and as the count now stands he was not elected. According to State election laws, however, the town council must canvass the votes and total all unused and spoiled ballots in addition to those used and otherwise ascertain that the election was conducted in the manner laid down in the election laws.

## Turns Over Several Times And Survives

Last Saturday morning at about 11:30 o'clock C. E. Wilson, white man of near Raeford was travelling south on U. S. 211 about 5 miles from Raeford, probably at a high rate of speed, when his car turned over four times or more and was to a large degree demolished. He was alone in the vehicle at the time and no other vehicles or persons were involved. Wilson was thrown clear of the vehicle, a 1940 Ford coach, and suffered cuts and bruises which caused him to be kept in a Fayetteville hospital until the next morning.

The accident was investigated by the State Highway Patrol. Wilson was charged with careless and reckless driving and driving under the influence of liquor.

## ROCKFISH NEWS

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis.

Rev. E. B. Booker and P. C. English of Rockfish, Rev. J. M. Gibbs and son, James, of Dunn left Monday morning for St. Louis, Mo. where they went to attend the Southern Baptist convention May 7-11.

The Rockfish Grange observed church Sunday by attending in a body the preaching service at Tabernacle church. The Worthy Master F. P. Johnson was sick and could not attend. Some of the members could not be there for various reasons, still it was a very impressive service and the Grange hopes to observe this day every year with all its officers and members present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Long of Red Springs visited Mrs. Long's mother, Mrs. N. J. Ritter last Friday night. They attended the senior play at Raeford.

Mrs. D. P. Andrews is on the sick list again. She has been having some trouble caused by a throat infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie McKeithan of Fayetteville visited Mr. and Mrs. Neill McKeithan and family last Sunday.

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## FOURTH SHOTGUN DEATH OF YEAR OCCURS SATURDAY NIGHT

### Roscoe Smith, Negro, Killed Near Five Points; James L. Roper Under Bond

Roscoe Smith, negro, died instantly at about nine o'clock last Saturday night after getting a load from a 12-gauge shotgun in the back of the head from about 15 feet. His death made the fourth homicide in the county this year and the third in the past six weeks.

### FINALS SPEAKER



Shown above is The Honorable Charles B. Deane of Rockingham, Congressman from the Eighth North Carolina district, who has accepted an invitation to deliver the commencement address to the graduating class at Hoke County high school. Mr. Deane will speak at the exercises on the evening of Monday, May 26.

## Tobacco Growers Urged To Stick To Acreage Quotas

T. D. Potter, Chairman, Hoke County Agricultural Conservation Association committee, today cautioned all tobacco growers in Hoke County against overplanting their farm acreage allotments this year.

"Growers who harvest any acreage of tobacco in 1947 in excess of their farm acreage allotments are subject to marketing quota penalties and will not be eligible for full participation in Government price support loans," Mr. Potter stated.

Growers who plant within their farm acreage allotments can market all tobacco without penalties and are eligible for full Government price support loans, Mr. Potter added.

In connection with price support loans, Mr. Potter emphasized that any acreage harvested in excess of the farm acreage allotment will make all the tobacco produced within the allotted acreage in the farm ineligible for any price support loans. "This year there will be no acreage tolerances in establishing loan eligibility, as contrasted with the 1946 tolerance of the lesser of three-tenths acre of 5 percent of the allotment. Any acreages harvested in excess of farm allotments, however small, will disqualify growers for full loan privileges and subject them to marketing quota penalties."

## NEW ENGINE ON A. & R.

A new General Motors Diesel locomotive made its appearance yesterday on the Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad. The engine develops 1500 horsepower and is the latest model being produced by the Electromotive division of General Motors. Its cost to the railroad, according to Henry Blue, vice-president and secretary, was in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

The evidence as heard by the coroner's jury was to the effect that Smith, a half-brother of Roper's wife, had been living in the Roper home since the first of the year. On Saturday night he and Roper had both apparently been drinking and the evidence was that Smith took issue with Roper over some instructions the latter was giving his children to get to sleep. This issue grew into an argument that resulted in Smith drawing a knife on Roper. The knife was knocked from his hand by his half sister, however, and no harm was done at that time.

The two men continued to argue, apparently, and some thirty or forty minutes later the shooting took place in the yard. The gun used was a 12-gauge single-barreled shotgun and the load entered Smith's head from behind causing instant death.

After the shooting the evidence was that Roper took his gun and went to the home of R. L. Chambers, his landlord. He told about the affair and they went to Montrose and called the sheriff who went there and brought Roper to jail.

Smith's parents live in the vicinity of Faison, N. C., and according to Roper's wife have been notified. Up to yesterday they had not appeared to take any action about the body, which was still at McDiarmid Funeral home here.

## FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

A mechanical cotton chopping demonstration will be held at the W. T. Covington Farm on Tuesday, May 13, at 2:00 P. M. A two-row tractor drawn chopper will be used as well as a one-row horse drawn chopper. Farmers will be particularly interested in seeing these pieces of equipment in operation.

This may prove to be one factor in producing cotton more economically. The Covington Farm is located 2 miles south of Raeford.

Several farmers have already indicated they will go on tour to Beltsville, Md. June 24-27. This will be an unusual opportunity to see first-hand some of the things the U. S. Department of Agriculture is doing to improve farming conditions. Transportation for the four day trip will cost \$8.75. This amount should be deposited when making reservations. See the County Agent for more information.

The trillion-and-half cigarettes made in this country in the past 5 years, would, if placed end to end, girdle the earth about 2,100 times. That's a lot of cigarettes.

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