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## District 4 Of N. C. Farm Bureau Has Meeting Here

### REPRESENTATIVES OF 5 COUNTIES IN RAEFORD TUESDAY

On Tuesday of this week, District 4 of the North Carolina Farm Bureau held a meeting with approximately fifty leaders from Hoke, Robeson, Scotland, Cumberland, and Moore counties. The meeting was held in the interest of getting in motion a membership campaign to be conducted in these counties during the months of September and October.

Representing the Bureau were John Eagles and Will Rogers who outlined the plans in conducting the campaign. In 1946, membership in Farm Bureau reached 62,000. The Board of Directors and Executive Committee have set a goal for 1947 of 100,000 members. A. C. Edwards, Chairman of the membership committee and a farmer of Greene County, was the main speaker for the occasion. He spoke of the needs for organizing the strongest Farm Bureau possible. Mr. Edwards reviewed the accomplishments made through the efforts of Farm Bureau and other farm organizations. He stated that it was becoming more difficult to maintain the gains made and harder to get new Agricultural Legislation through Congress and the State Legislature without a larger farm organization.

It was pointed out by Mr. Edwards that support prices for the basic agricultural commodities would end next year; unless they were extended by the Congress early next year. He told the group present that Congress would not likely extend this program unless the Southern farmer joined a farm organization that was working for his interest. Hoke County's quota of membership is 471.

## Hoke Girls Compete In Electric Contest

Nine Hoke County girls are competing in the 4-H Club Better Method Electric Contest being co-sponsored in 28 North Carolina counties by Carolina Power & Light Company and Westinghouse.

Extension workers in the 28 counties are cooperating in the project, a part of the nation-wide 4-H Club competition sponsored by Westinghouse Educational Foundation and designed to find means of improving the ways of performing farm and farm-home tasks electrically.

The nine Hoke County girls who are competing are eligible for numerous awards, including prizes, trips, and scholarships. The winning girl in Hoke County will receive an all-expense trip to Raleigh for the 4-H Club Electric Contest to be held in October. The best contestant in Hoke County will win a silver Medal of Honor.

The county winners attending the Electric Congress will be eligible to compete for other awards, with the State Winner receiving an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress to be held in Chicago in December.

4-H Club members of Hoke County who are competing in the Contest are: Myrna Almond, Melva Dean Brown, Florence Cameron, Peggy Mac Chason, Betty Lott Nixon, Elizabeth Parker, Joan Pickler, Bette Taylor, and Betty Jean Vanhoy.

## LIGHTNING STRIKES SAME PLACE THRICE

Crawford Wright reported yesterday that during the electrical storm Tuesday afternoon his feed barn was struck three times by lightning and set afire. Fortunately there were people and water present and damage was not great.

## MISS AMERICA? Pictured below is Miss Vivian White, 18 year-old Fayetteville girl who was recently chosen "Miss North Carolina 1947," and who is in Atlantic City, N. J., this week competing with the 53 other girls chosen most beautiful in their states and territories for the title, "Miss America 1947."



## Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

There have been many changes in Raeford since McRae and Williford named a postoffice established at their store 70 years ago.

Raeford Institute opened its doors for students in 1895 in a frame building of two stories. There were a dormitory and several cottages in which the faculty and boarding students lived.

The school was well and favorably known over the state. Several of the students were ministers and teachers later in life.

Dr. Hector McLean owned a thousand acres of land near Raeford, farmed, built a medical college, and had a fine reputation over the state. This was said to have been the first medical college in North Carolina. He named the place Edinboro. The college went down when Dr. McLean died.

There were three hundred miles of railroad in the state when the Civil War ravaged the United States, and destroyed the South, but folks who could just live anyway, kept doing something, and have built a new world here.

Stand or sit near U. S. highway 15A and watch the traffic. You will see a million dollars worth of automobiles and trucks pass in a short time, and all of them will be more or less loaded.

One thing I do not much like, and that is the educational craze. It is well to get wisdom but some branches of education have run into high-toned foolishness.

If people got better by all that is done, it would be praiseworthy. But our prosperity and vast stores

of knowledge have, I fear, caused many to forget God. Knowledge of man's nothingness and the greatness of God are two things the world is deficient in.

Trucks pass through the country selling apples by the bushel or by the peck and that peck holds eight liquid quarts. People do not know the difference between dry and liquid measure.

In the year 1858 there were fifteen boys and girls born in the immediate vicinity of Jackson Springs, and this writer is the only one living.

There were forty fine young men, each a gentleman, who went from the Jackson Springs community into the Confederate armed forces who never returned to their homes and loved ones.

Folks on the farms when I was a young man said a man could not pull over 100 bundles of fodder nor gather more than ten bushels of peas in the hull. But some could gather 25 bushels in the hull, I know.

In Mississippi there were men who could and did pick 800 pounds of cotton in a day. But a bale a week is the average picking.

The peach crops helped the condition of the country, and apples are now had all year round. We used to have apples only a few months in the year.

Tobacco is not food or clothes, nor do I believe that it improves the health of the inhabitants, but so many smoke cigarettes the country is growing rich from the crop. Cigarettes, more than farm allotments, make farming pay. (Continued on back page)

## Few Cases Take About All Day In Recorder's Court

### SHOOTING CASE IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK

The administration of justice to nine defendants took about all day in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday before Judge Henry McDermid. In addition to the nine defendants whose cases were disposed of, cases against six others were continued.

The case in which William Harris, Talmadge Melton, J. D. Walters and Nancy T. McPherson were charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill was continued for one week at the request of the defense attorney. All are charged in connection with an alleged shooting of Irene Carpenter. All involved are Raeford white people.

Guy McFarland and William Sampson, both white paid the costs and forfeited a \$20 bond, respectively, for speeding. Danny Shaw and J. T. Harrington, both colored, each paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Joseph A. Handon, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for careless and reckless driving.

John C. Pate and Howard Gales, both local white men, were found guilty of trespassing on White-Tex Mills property and each had to pay the costs. Pate also paid the costs for violating the prohibition laws. An old case against Gales was read and he entered a plea of mole contendere to the State's charge of careless and reckless driving and damage to personal property. Sentence was six months to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$150 to the clerk for D. R. Huff, owner of the damaged property.

William A. Faulk, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for careless and reckless driving and 60 days suspended on payment of the costs and a \$45 fine in another case in which he was charged with violating the prohibition laws.

Richard McPhatter, colored, operator of an establishment North of Raeford on the Vass road, was found guilty of selling beer on Sunday and paid the costs and a \$10 fine.

## LIBRARY NEWS

A party for the members of the Summer Reading Club was given at the library Friday afternoon at four o'clock. This occasion marked the close of the reading project for this summer.

Reading certificates were presented to the following, who had read as many as 10 books, or more: John Brinkley, Geraldine Chappell, Tony Clark, George Dickson, Douglas Dixon, Grace Hess, Harriet Hodgins, Anne Leach, Alice Long, Joan McLeod, Virginia McNeill, Shirley Mann, Julia Morris, Lillian Scarborough, Marilyn Tapp and Sandra Wood.

Sandra Wood received the prize for reading the most books from the primary group. She read 45. Lillian Scarborough came 2nd with 31 and Virginia McNeill 3rd with 29 to her credit. Grace Hess was awarded the prize for reading the largest number from the grammar school age, having read 79. Alice Long was 2nd with 39 and Shirley Mann 3rd with 28.

In a contest recognizing characters cut from book jackets, Sandra Wood had the largest number and received a prize. Refreshments were served. Miss Carlene Freeman is the new student assistant in the library, taking the place of Miss Eleanor Leach, who leaves soon to enter WCU at Greensboro.

The current outlook for North Carolina's commercial peanut crop is exceptionally good.

## 20 New Members This Week For Commerce Group

Twenty more names were added to the growing list of members of the newly organized Raeford Chamber of Commerce this week Lacy Clark, chairman of the membership committee, said yesterday. This brings the total number of members to 42 and their membership contributions total slightly less than \$800. It is hoped that the Chamber will soon have a membership of over one hundred, both in order to be really representative of the whole community and because it needs the financial support of all.

The 20 new members are W. C. Lee, Roland Covinton, Hotel Raeford, Raeford Furniture Co., Hoke Exchange Co., Amos and Co., Hoke Oil & Fertilizer Co., Israel Mann, Hotel Barber Shop, Dr. A. L. O'Brian, The Johnson Co., Baucum Appliance Co., T. B. Upchurch, Inc., Smith's Radio Service, Belk-Hensdale Co., W. J. McQuage Service Station, Graham's Service Station, Elk Restaurant, Hoke County and the Progressive Store.

As previously stated, minimum contributions for membership are \$25 yearly for corporations or firms whose net worth is over \$10,000, \$15 for those whose net worth is less than \$10,000, \$10 for professional men and \$5 for individuals. These are minimum and larger contributions are accepted.

## J. E. Sumner Dies At Lumber Bridge Last Friday Night

John Edwin Sumner died at his home near Lumber Bridge last Friday night after an illness of several weeks. He had been in a critical condition for several days and the end was not unexpected. He was 68 years of age.

Born in South Carolina, he was the son of the late Nicholas Sumner and Mary Louise Boswell of that state. He was a deacon in the Lumber Bridge Baptist church and was superintendent of the Sunday school.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillie Graham Sumner; one son, Sidney Sumner of Lumber Bridge; five daughters, Mrs. H. K. Crawford of Rowland, Mrs. Fulford McMillan and Mrs. George Caddell of Raeford, Miss Elizabeth Sumner and Miss Lois Sumner of Lumber Bridge, and two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Wilkes of Maxton and Mrs. J. L. Walker of Knoxville, Tenn.

Funeral services were conducted at Lumber Bridge Baptist church at five o'clock Sunday afternoon and burial was in the Raeford cemetery.

## Farm Bureau Will Have Fish Supper

The Hoke County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting at the Armory in Raeford Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 P. M. A fish supper will be served promptly at 6:30 and at 7:30 the business of the County Farm Bureau will start. Officers will be elected to serve during the coming year.

A. C. Edwards of Hookerton will be the guest speaker. He is chairman of the membership committee of the North Carolina Farm Bureau. All Farm Bureau members and prospective members are invited to attend the fish supper and meeting.

Edward Lee, 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee, underwent a tonsillectomy at Garland Tuesday.

Mrs. Lila Blue, who has been visiting her brother, Bill Roberts and family has returned to her home in Montgomery, Ala.

## SCHOOLS OF COUNTY SET TO OPEN NEW TERM NEXT WEEK

### Cotton Season Arrives And Gins Start Operating

Cotton was being picked in the county last week and several bales already been ginned in the county by two gins and the others of the six are ready for the fall's operation.

Bales were ginned last Thursday at Hoke Oil & Fertilizer Co. in Raeford for several farmers, the first bale belonging to J. K. McNeill. At Dundarrach Trading Company two bales were ginned on Friday for Dewey Hendrix, these being the first of the season's crop at that gin.

Other gins to run in the county this season are the Rockfish gin, the Raeford gin to be operated by Marshall and Benton Thomas, Oakdale Gin and the Duffy Gin.

### Veterans Cashing Terminal Pay Bonds At Great Rate

News from various sources yesterday indicated that veterans everywhere had started bright and early Tuesday morning swapping their terminal pay bonds for cash. Congress authorized the approximately 9,000,000 men who hold them to convert the estimated one billion eight hundred million dollars worth of bonds into cash on or after September 3.

At the Bank of Raeford business in the bonds was fairly brisk on Tuesday but slowed down some yesterday. \$26,610.65 was paid out for bonds there in the two days.

Elsewhere and in population centers the figures were proportionately higher. Charlotte banks, for example, paid out \$589,000 on Tuesday, and in Wilmington police were called to keep order when over 5,000 veterans are said to have crowded around the banks there.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS TWO ALARMS MONDAY

The fire department was called out twice Monday morning. The first time, around nine o'clock, a vehicle caught fire at the Dixie service station and the fire was extinguished by the time the firemen arrived.

The second alarm, an hour or so later, was somewhat more serious. The call was to the elevator of the Upchurch Milling and Storage Co. south of the A & R Railroad and east of Main street. A belt had gotten improperly involved with a pulley and the friction set it afire. The belt fell and ignited the shaft of the elevator. Firemen were able to extinguish the blaze by shooting water up the shaft.

### PTA

The first meeting of the year of the Hoke-Raeford PTA will be held, Monday night, September 15, at 8 o'clock at the Hoke County High School building. Immediately following the meeting a reception will be given for the teachers. All parents of the county are urged to make plans to attend this meeting.

### JOINS REGULAR ARMY

Eugene L. Smith of Raeford has reenlisted in the Regular Army for three years.

Private Smith, a veteran of 20 months in the Navy served in the Asiatic Theatre. Enlisting in the Army, Soldier Smith has been assigned to the Army Ground Force.

### TEACHING POSITIONS ARE FILLED IN ALL FIVE COUNTY SCHOOLS

K. A. MacDonald, county school superintendent, stated yesterday that the schools of the county are ready for their opening of the 1947-48 term next Thursday, September 11, and that the full allowance of teachers had been engaged at all schools with the exception of the Bible teacher at Hoke High, who is expected to be obtained in the next few days.

Mr. MacDonald called the attention of all to the fact that the Raeford schools will start the term operating from 8:00 to 11:30 a. m. only and that the other schools of the county would operate from 7:30 to 12 noon daily. He also announced that there would be a meeting of all school bus drivers of the county at the High school at 3:00 p. m. next Tuesday, September 9, to which public is invited. The program will include a talk on safe driving by State Highway Patrolman Jason Barnes. On Tuesday evening the 41 teachers of the schools of the county will meet in the High school auditorium. The public is also invited to this meeting. A list of the teachers of the county follows.

**Hoke High School**  
W. T. Gibson, Jr., Principal, W. P. Ebberts, Miss Alice Copeland, Mrs. Elsie Roberts, Mrs. Frances H. McLean, Mrs. Annie H. Gore, Miss Miriam Watson, Miss Mary McInnis, Mrs. Emily B. Cameron, Miss Mamie McKiethan, Mrs. Aimea McKeithan, Haywood Faircloth, W. O. Melvin, Harold A. Owens, Miss Blanche Owen, L. M. Lester, Phillip Johnson, Walter McPhaul.

**Raeford Graded School**  
J. W. Turlington, Principal, Mrs. Frances R. Davis, Mrs. Bertha Hardesty, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Robinson, Miss Sarah Blue, Mrs. Mary M. Roberts, Mrs. Ruria Shelton, Mrs. Annie Mae Brown, Mrs. Ollie Biggs, Mrs. Claudia Cates, Miss Nealie McLean and Miss Mildred Hamilton.

**Ashcroft**  
R. A. Smoak, Principal, Mrs. R. A. Smoak, Miss Mildred Womble and Miss Nancy Thornburg.

**Middleton**  
J. M. Andrews, Principal, Miss Irene Downer and Miss Hortense McGregor.

**Rockfish**  
T. C. Jones, Principal, Mrs. Treva T. Koonce, Mrs. Frances B. Capps and Mrs. Lela B. McDowell.

**Bus Drivers Listed**  
School bus drivers of the county are Melvin Haire, Jeb Moss, Ralph Strother, Archie Walkers, Alfred Leach, Sam Hendrix, Joanne Hamilton, Betty McNeill, Buster Maxwell, Archie Maxwell, Fred Wood, Arnold Monroe and Marvin English. Substitutes are R. H. Gibson, R. C. Kiger, Wade McDougald, Alex Norton, Landos Yarborough, John Cuthbert, Jr., Francis Parks and Ruby Strother.

## FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Twenty-four farmers have registered to go on the tour to Beltsville, Md. Six to eight more farmers are needed to complete a bus load. Those farmers planning to go who have not registered should do so this week.

The Bureau of Plant Industry and Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture are located at Beltsville. All phases of research are carried on at this Experimental Station. (Continued on back page)