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SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Schools of the county got off to a good start last Thursday. Opening day enrollment of 989 as compared to 904 for opening day last year.

The State is expected to take over the pay of the extra teacher at the High School, as enrollment there is considerably above that of last year. This year there are 244 pupils as compared to 208 last year.

The only grade with a lower enrollment is the eighth which has 73 compared to 82 last year.

Enrollments for this year and last year at the schools of the county are as follows: Ashmont, 100 both years; Hoke High, 244 and 208; Mildouson, 74 and 53; Raeford graded 465 and 443; Rockfish, 106 and 100.

Miss Rebecca Owen, who has been added to the High school music faculty this year, will teach voice in addition to her choral and public school music work. She has 16 pupils so far.

Band Director W. O. Melvin reports a larger turnout this year than last. He expects to have about 50 pieces in the band this year.

Mrs. Younger Snead is substituting for Mrs. Earl Robinson this week when one of Mrs. Robinson's children was sick.

Presbyterian Men's Club Meets

The Men of the Church of the Presbyterian church held their first fall meeting on Tuesday evening in the undercroft of the church. A delicious and bountiful meal was served by Circles four and seven of the Woman's auxiliary.

Vice-President Marcus Smith presided at the request of President Neill A. McDonald who had been away during the preparation for the meeting. After the business had been transacted Ryan McBryde was called on to make a report on the Men's conference at Montreat. Neill A. McDonald also gave a very short report on the conference. After the reports Tom McLaughlin, who had charge of the program, was introduced.

The theme of the program was "Finding God Through Worship." Mr. McLaughlin made the introductory statements on worship and then called on K. A. McDonald and M. C. Dew to discuss various phases of worship. After the program the meeting adjourned to meet again the second Tuesday in October.

RECEIVERSHIP HEARING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 25

(From the Fayetteville Observer) M. V. Morgan has been named temporary receiver for the W & W Motor company of Raeford by Judge Chester Morris after the filing of a complaint by Marshall J. Warren and Mrs. Leone Davey Warren of Fayetteville against Frank E. Williams and Mrs. Patsy B. Williams.

The complaint alleges that the concern is faced with bankruptcy as a result of Williams' management and that the plaintiffs are entitled to \$25,000 due them as stockholders in the concern.

There is scheduled a hearing September 25 before Judge Morris in Fayetteville for the defendants to show cause why the receivership should not be made permanent.

FMC Opens Today

The Rev. Walker B. Healey, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Fayetteville, will deliver the address at the opening exercises of the 52nd year of Flora Macdonald college, Thursday morning, September 18, at 10:20 o'clock.

Local Guardsmen To Participate In Recruiting Contest

NORTH CAROLINA MAN TO WIN TRIP TO GAME

Enlisted men of Battery "A" North Carolina National Guard, are completing in a two-month recruiting contest which started on National Guard Day, September 16, to enlist a quota of 24 new members in the local unit and try for a state recruiting prize which will include an airplane trip to Washington and the Army-Navy football game, the unit commander announced this week.

The unit commander said the local unit, which now comprises 83 men, will have 85 percent of its total authorized strength of 126 if this quota is obtained.

In addition to basic privates, who will be trained in various specialties, Battery "A" will enlist World War II veterans in their highest wartime grade in the military specialties in which openings are available in the local unit. He said that war veterans are particularly wanted to help in the training of the younger Guardsmen.

The state winner of the recruiting contest will be guest of the War Department on the Washington trip. With other state winners he will visit the White House, be entertained at luncheon by Secretary of Defense Kenneth C. Royall and members of Congress, tour the Capital, attend a New York broadcast of National Guard Assembly, the New York radio program sponsored by the National Guard and starring Paul Whitehead, and attend the Army-Navy gridiron clash in Philadelphia on November 29. As the local has led all units in the state in recruiting since its organization, a man from it is considered to have an excellent chance of winning this trip.

Men between the ages of 17 and 35 may enlist in the National Guard now and participate in the contest themselves. Battery "A" meets every Monday night at eight o'clock at the Armory, and men interested in volunteering are urged to attend any weekly meeting.

Cotton Crop Placed At 460,000 Bales

Prospects on September 1 pointed toward a cotton crop of 460,000 bales in North Carolina for 1947, the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service said in its second forecast of the crop or this season.

This estimate is the same as that made on August 1 and represents an increase of 20,000 bales over last year's crop. It is 137,000 bales less than the 10-year average (1936-45) average.

Reports from growers on September 1 did not indicate any change in the prospective yield of 357 pounds of lint per acre forecast August 1. Such a yield, while 13 pounds less than that harvested a year ago, is nine pounds better than average.

The acreage of cotton for harvest in North Carolina this year was placed at 619,000 acres, compared with 570 acres harvested last year and the 10-year average of 628,000 acres.

Production of cotton in the United States is now forecast at 11,849,000 bales, which is 5,000 bales above the August 1 estimate. This is 3,209,000 bales greater than the national production in 1946, but 541,000 bales below the 10-year average.

For alfalfa to be successful, it must be planted within a few weeks. Early planting aids development of root system which is so important to the crop.

New Director Of Tobacco Group Assumes Post



M. A. MORGAN

EXPECTS TO TRAVEL TO PROMOTE EXPORTS

Raleigh, N. C. Sept. 18.—M. A. Morgan, Smithfield, N. C., Johnston County Agent for the past eight years, has opened headquarters in Raleigh for his work as Director of Field Service for Tobacco Associates, the non-profit group formed to promote and protect the flue-cured tobacco export market, J. H. Vaughn, Elm City, Board Chairman announced today.

The offices will be at 1101 Raleigh Building, Vaughn said. He pointed out, however, that Morgan would spend a major portion of his time traveling throughout the flue-cured belt, explaining the work of Tobacco Associates and providing whatever help is needed by growers.

Tobacco Associates, formed by farmers, warehousemen, bankers, fertilizer manufacturers, merchants, export dealers and others interested in production and consumption of flue-cured tobacco, overwhelmingly approved by farm-owners, tenants and sharecroppers in a Referendum last July. The Referendum, called by the General Assemblies of North and South Carolina, resulted in a vote of 125,602 in favor to 1,191 against a 10-cents per acre assessment to support the Tobacco Associates program.

Morgan, born on a tobacco farm near Cary, Wake County, was graduated from North Carolina State College in 1931, with a degree in Agricultural Education. He taught agriculture in Dover High School after graduation, and in 1935 he was named Assistant County Agent of Craven County. A year later he was made County Agent there and in 1938 became a field representative for AAA, leaving that agency in 1939 to assume the Johnston County Agent post.

ANNOUNCES FIGURES ON SAVINGS BOND SALES

J. L. McNeill County Chairman of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division for Hoke County, announced today, according to information received from Allison James, State Director of the U. S. Savings Bond Office in Greensboro, sales of U. S. Bonds for the period August 1 through August 31, for Hoke county totaled \$11,039.75, all E Bonds.

NEW COMMISSIONER

Mrs. W. R. Barrington, who has been a justice of the peace and local American Red Cross representative since the death of her husband some time ago was last week appointed U. S. District Commissioner for the Middle North Carolina District.

The appointment is for four years and was made by Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes on September 11 at Federal court in Rockingham.

Tobacco Acreage May Be Reduced 20 To 30 Percent

Danville, Va., Sept. 17.—E. Y. Floyd, head of the farm food administration for North Carolina and Virginia, says acreage allotments throughout the flue-cured tobacco belt may be cut 20 to 30 per cent in 1938.

He told a mass tobacco meeting of tobacco interests here yesterday the law which makes federal parity support prices available may force a decline in acreage next year. The final figure, which he estimated at not less than 20 or more than 30 per cent, will not be known until the present crop has been harvested, Floyd said.

He added that some North Carolina groups were advocating a cut of up to 35 per cent in next year's acreage.

The meeting advocated two steps to prevent drastic price declines: decreased poundage next year and support of Tobacco Associates, Inc., which has been set up to find new export outlets.

Former Gov. J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina, general council for Tobacco Associates, suggested that the next session of the Virginia assembly will support a law giving tobacco growers a chance to vote on membership in the associates.

North Carolina and South Carolina growers voted recently to tax themselves ten cents an acre for support of the associates under legislative acts enabling the referendum.

INGATHERING

The Harvest Day Ingathering for Raeford Methodist Church will be held on Thursday, October 23. We will follow the usual custom of serving barbecue and chicken salad at both lunch and supper, and will have our regular auction. All monies raised will go to the Church Building Fund in honor of the veterans of World War II. Mrs. H. A. Cameron is general chairman for the Church.

Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

Last Sunday's Sunday School Lesson was headed differently in different Sunday School Literature. In one publisher's paper it was headed "Earning and Spending," and in another the heading was "The Use and Abuse of Wealth."

Humanity cannot get along well without honesty, truth and fair dealing one with another. These produce harmony and happiness.

The lessons did stress the necessity of EARNING. Paul taught that he who does not work should not eat. Good doctrine, that.

Honesty is essential to the welfare of the community, and a deadbeat is a hindrance to those who are industrious, for he eats the bread of idleness.

People love money too well and just now the prices of some essentials are too high.

Presbyterians at the meeting of Synod last week, barred the marriage of Presbyterians and Catholics. Good idea, I think.

Housewives are up in rebellion against high prices, and when the women take up arms, they effect changes; and unions are opening stores for their accommodation in the food line. We are trying to LIVE at home.

Irish potatoes were not a very good crop this year, but sweet

Only 8 Defendants In Recorder's Court Tuesday Morning

Only eight defendants faced Judge Henry McDiarmid in a shorter than usual session of Hoke county recorder's court Tuesday morning.

Walter Barefoot, white, got a 30-day sentence suspended on payment of the costs.

Sam McRae, colored, was charged with assault and larceny of a purse by Louise Green, colored. In another case Sam McRae was the prosecuting witness, charging that Ben Green and Louise Green had assaulted him with a deadly weapon with intent to kill him. Ben Green was cleared and Sam McRae and Louise Green were each found guilty of affray. Each got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs.

George Williams, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for operating a semi-trailer with no tail light.

Preston Moore, colored, was found guilty of giving Jack Pope a bad check for \$56. Sentence was 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs and payment of the check. He appealed to Superior court and posted a \$150 bond.

Walter Bullard, Indian, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs for driving drunk.

Frank Williams, white of Raeford, pleaded guilty to a charge of giving E. P. Jones, treasurer of the Motor Bearings & Parts Co. of Fayetteville, bad checks. Sentence was 30 days suspended on payment of the costs and payment of the checks.

LEGION FETE TOMORROW

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., commander of the local American Legion post, this week again reminded legionnaires of the picnic supper the post will hold at 5:30 Friday afternoon at Clyde's pond. He said that all members and prospective members of the post were invited to come and bring their wives and friends and picnic baskets.

Local Chamber Now Has 58 Paid-Up Members

BOARD HEARS NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NAMES SECRETARY

Lacy Clark, chairman of the membership committee of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, reported to the board of directors on Tuesday night that there are now 58 members of the organization and that the group had something over \$1100 in the treasury. Clark stated that no personal soliciting of members had been done so far, those joining have done so in response to a letter which was mailed to most businesses of the county. He said that the Chamber welcomed individuals as members and wished them to be informed that the memberships may be taken by himself, Neill A. McDonald, Marion Gatlin Israel Mann or Paul Dickson.

The board, at their meeting in the Commissioners room at the courthouse, named Paul Dickson temporary secretary of the organization until a suitable person with more available time can be employed.

Guests of the group was Paul W. Conant, national affairs advisor for the United States Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Conant was for 22 years a Chamber of Commerce secretary before going with the National chamber, and he talked with the board at some length about the problems of organization and about various plans for civic improvement. He was secretary of the chamber of commerce at St. Petersburg and Lake Wales, Florida, for 10 and five years respectively, and of the Charleston, S. C. chamber or seven years. He made the point that a Chamber of Commerce must produce to survive and emphasized the purpose of a Chamber of Commerce, "To Promote and Protect Business."

He then pointed out the many and varied activities in and around a community which, directly or indirectly, do promote and protect business.

Mr. Conant also spent a few minutes talking about National Affairs, a subject he is employed to talk about by the national chamber. The main point of his talk on this subject was that businessmen owe it to themselves and their country to keep up with the laws that are being made and to express their thought-out views on them to the lawmakers.

President Crawford Thomas appointed a committee for one project Tuesday night and the group plans to complete its first year program and make it public in the very near future. Considerable assistance on this program was given by Mr. Conant.

New members during the week are Upchurch Milling & Storage Co., Colonial Stores, Inc. (Pender's), White-Tex Mills, Raeford Oil Co., and Carl Morris.

J. M. Pendergrass Dies On Saturday; Buried At Shiloh

J. M. Pendergrass, well known farmer of Quewhiffle township, passed away at 9:30 o'clock last Saturday night after a long and lingering illness. He was 58 years of age.

The deceased was a resident of this county for over forty years. Funeral services were conducted at four o'clock Monday afternoon at Shiloh Presbyterian church at Montrose by the Reverend A. D. Carswell, a former pastor, now of Lee County. Burial followed in the cemetery there.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Reuben Webb and Mrs. Horace Walters; one son Charles Pendergrass, all of this county; his mother, Mrs. Hattie Pendergrass, and two sisters.

Farm Bureau Holds Annual Meeting, Fish Fry

RICHARD NEELEY IS ELECTED PRESIDENT FOR NEW YEAR

The Hoke County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting Wednesday of last week at the Armory in Raeford. A fish supper was served by the Farm Bureau to more than 150 farm men and women.

After the fish fry, an interesting program was held in the Armory which was presided over by the retiring president, Arch McEachern. Officers were elected to serve during the coming year as follows: Richard Neeley, President; H. B. Walters, Vice-President; and E. C. Smith, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors were reelected as follows: J. W. Hasty, J. M. Norton, I. L. Newton, C. H. Marks, John Parker, N. F. Sinclair, C. L. Thomas, and M. D. Yates.

A. C. Edwards, farmer of Greene County and Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee in the last Legislature, made the main address. He warned the farmers against the possible 1932 conditions that may come if Southern farmers do not band together into a strong farm organization. It was pointed out that Southern farmers only made up 13 percent of the total membership in the Farm Bureau. He stated that next year Congress would probably act on continuing support prices for basic agricultural commodities only if farmers joined Farm Bureau or other farm organizations that would fight for the farmers' rights.

John Eagles, Field Representative of the State Farm Bureau, told of the function of the State and National Farm Bureau. He stated that farmers must band together to get their fair share of the National income. He pointed out that there were over 62,000 members in North Carolina last year, and that a goal of 100,000 members had been set for this year. Hoke County's share of this quota is 471. There should be several hundred more than this.

The new officers and Directors have launched a membership campaign to obtain the county quota. Membership committees have been set up in each township and are now at work. The Chairman of each township committee is: J. W. Hasty, Allendale; I. L. Newton, Antioch; J. M. Norton, Blue Springs; L. D. Brooks, Little River; John Parker, McLaughlin; E. R. Pickler, Quewhiffle; Tommie Upchurch, Raeford; and N. H. G. Balfour, Stonewall. T. O. Moses is County Chairman. Reports coming in from several committees indicate that farmers are joining rapidly.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Hoke County lost one of its most valuable farmer citizens when J. M. Pendergrass passed on over the weekend. He was endowed with the basic philosophy of soil conservation. He practiced soil conservation to the letter on his own farm, and was a source of help and inspiration to all who knew him. He was an outstanding farmer and through him other farmers learned to enrich their soil and grow better crops.

Thirty-three farmers will go on the tour to Beltsville, Md. next week. They will review the research work being carried on by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and visit points of interest in Washington, D. C. Those going on tour are: R. D. Strother, I. L. Newton, John Parker, N. H. G. Pendergrass, and two sisters.

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