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## SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

At a called meeting of the Board of Education and the Board of commissioners Monday night it was decided to go in with the other property owners and pave the street beside the Rae Ford Graded school while it could be done at a minimum cost. The work was completed Tuesday.

Glowing reports of the State Fair were brought back by the many students who attended. Despite the rain and mud the pupils enjoyed the trip and learned a lot about agriculture and industry in the state. A lot of work this week in the various classes has centered about what was seen at the fair last Friday.

At a county-wide colored teachers meeting last Thursday it was decided to continue the short day schedule through October so that the pupils could assist in getting the crops in. The teachers reported good attendance for the half day schools during the first two weeks.

The attendance in the white elementary schools is usually good for this kind of weather and this time of year. We appreciate the interest parents are taking in keeping their children in school. The enrollment and attendance and percentage in attendance for the first month is given below. Ashmont 107, 99.1, 95.9 per cent; Hoke High 8th grade 76, 70.7, 93.5 per cent; 9th through 12th grades 247, 232.4, 94.2 per cent; Mildouson 78, Raeford Graded 426, 380.9, 92.6 per cent; Rockfish 120, 103.4, 91.4 per cent. The sixth grade at Rockfish has perfect attendance so far this week and they are trying to make it a perfect week.

The Raeford Graded school has organized a safety patrol that is now on duty seeing the small children across the street and helping in loading the buses. Mr. Turlington is much pleased with the work being done and wishes to request that all drivers cooperate with the patrol in their efforts to see that the children are well taken care of. Franklin Niven is captain of the patrol with Lawrence McNeill and Malcolm Giffson as lieutenants. These officers were elected by the members of the patrol.

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The home economics girls and the agriculture boys, accompanied by Miss Copeland and Mr. Phillips, spent last Friday at the State Fair.

Mr. W. T. Gibson addressed the Journalism Club Monday. Mr. Gibson told the members what he expected of the school paper. He also suggested several improvements.

The first six weeks of school end today. Report cards will be ready to go out next week.

Miraly Johnson, Nancy Lee Cole, and Zeb Moss have been selected to take the test to compete for the Pepsi-Cola scholarship.

Mr. Fridell was at school Tuesday for the purpose of checking the mechanism of the bell system.

The Monogram club, under the direction of Mr. Faircloth, met Monday to discuss plans for organizing.

The football team will leave Friday for Siler City where they will play at 3:00 o'clock. It is always encouraging to have local people to attend out of town games.

## Halloween Carnival October 30

The annual Halloween carnival sponsored by the Raeford-Hoke P-T. A., will be held in the high school auditorium Thursday evening. (Continued on page 6)

## Farm Bureau Official Urges Farmers To Join

SAYS MEMBERSHIP IS BEST WAY TO KEEP GAINS

Hookerton, Oct. 23—Farmers of North Carolina must "join hands in united effort if they hope to work effectively for the continuation of agricultural measures that have just recently brought them benefits long deserved," A. C. Edwards, Hookerton, membership chairman of the North Carolina Farm bureau, declared today.

"Parity, based on the principle of fair exchange, and the 90 per cent price support program," Edwards said, "is the result of long, hard work by the nation's farm leaders, spearheaded by the American Farm Bureau Federation on the national, state, and community level. It would be a tragedy for American agriculture if the farmers of our nation were to allow these and similar vital gains to slip through their fingers for the want of organized effort to retain them."

The current Farm Bureau campaign for 100,000 members in North Carolina offers farmers of the state an ideal means to show beyond doubt they are determined to keep these gains, Edwards said. The voice of one farmer is small and not likely to be heard in the tumult going on about him, he pointed out, but if he joins with thousands of fellow-farmers there will be no mistake about his voice being heard. Edwards said the Farm Bureau campaign is moving steadily forward, but he urged all membership committees throughout the counties to re-double their efforts in the closing weeks of the drive, which ends Nov. 15.

"North Carolina farmers are determined to move ahead, maintaining advances they have made and adding new ones," Edwards said. "However, they must combine their efforts if they hope to prove effective, and the Farm bureau offers them the leadership needed to reach their goals."

## T. O. Moses Made Moderator Of Old Baptist Association

Talmadge O. Moses of near Ashley Heights, prominent farmer, attorney and Baptist layman, was elected Moderator of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association at the 190th annual session held at the Carthage Baptist Church last Thursday. This is a distinct honor to come to Mr. Moses and the Ashley Heights Baptist Church in which he is a leader. Mr. Moses succeeds the Rev. E. M. Harris, retired Baptist minister, who was unable to attend this session of the association due to illness.

Other officers elected were: Rev. Y. C. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church of Sanford, Vice Moderator; Rev. Clyde P. Stinson of Goldston, Clerk and Treasurer; W. T. Tyles of Goldston, Historian; O. Leon Seymour of Aberdeen was elected a member of the executive committee.

The first three sessions of the two-day meeting were held in the Carthage Baptist Church with morning, afternoon and night sessions. On the second day two sessions, morning and afternoon were held in the Goldston Baptist Church in Goldston.

The next meeting will be held on October 7-8, 1948. The first day will be at Mount Olive Baptist Church; the second day at Flat Springs Baptist Church.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association is said to be the oldest Baptist Association in the United States.

## Rowland Man Is Indicted As Alleged Vampire

Lumberton, Oct. 21—The Robeson County grand jury today returned true bills charging James Bledsoe, 33-year-old alleged vampire, with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Bledsoe, who is alleged to have slashed two Indians with a pocketknife and to have drunk their blood, was returned to the county jail in default of \$7,500 bond. The case was continued until the next term of Robeson Superior Court to allow the prosecuting witnesses, James Cobb, 24, and Leemire Locklear, 25, to return home and recuperate from wounds inflicted in an orgy of cutting at the home of Bledsoe on Sunday. Locklear had 75 stitches closing wounds on his back and arm, and Jacobs has 51 stitches in chest wounds.

Bledsoe, at first reported to be an Indian, is not a member of that race, stated the investigating officer, Rural Policeman D. J. Jones, this morning. He came to Robeson from Bladen County some four years ago and is not accepted by Robeson Indians, being regarded as of mixed ancestry. The father of four children, he had been denied the right to enroll his children in an Indian school, according to reliable sources in Pembroke.

It was at his home on Route 1, Rowland, that Bledsoe allegedly committed the dual acts of vampirism holding a knife at the throats of his victims while he drank the blood from their wounds.

Policeman Jones stated that Bledsoe accused Locklear of having stolen a condenser from his still, but that he gave no motive for attacking Jacobs. After both men escaped, Bledsoe was arrested while lying on his bed a sleep and holding a knife in his hand, with blood on his mouth and clothing.

Bledsoe is slated to appear in Maxton Recorder's Court Wednesday to answer a previous charge of illegal manufacture of liquor.

## Local Church Sends Clothing For Overseas Relief

130 pounds of relief clothing, collected and sent in by the Raeford Baptist church arrived recently at the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Md., according to word received from Center officials. Included were also shoes and bedding all in good, usable condition, donated through the church by Raeford people. These materials, among the most needed of all relief articles have already been sorted and packed for shipment and are on their way overseas.

Clothing given through the churches in North Carolina is sent abroad by Church World Service, the interdenominational relief agency of the Protestant churches. North Carolina donations are received and prepared for shipment at the New Windsor Center, oldest and largest of nine similar centers maintained throughout the country by Church World Service. Through its workrooms yearly pass millions of pounds of goods bound for thirty countries abroad where help is needed.

According to church official who have been overseas this summer, the winter of 1947-48 promises more hardships for millions than the two winters already passed since the war's end. Hunger threatens life everywhere. In city after city, in villages and towns across Europe, people are barefooted and in rags.

It is to meet this crisis that the people of North Carolina are called upon to give every garment they can spare. The recent contribution from Raeford will be a means of saving hundreds from the threat of freezing.

## Light Docket In Recorder's Court

In recorder's court Tuesday morning five cases were disposed of, and only three of these were tried. Laurina A. Bradley, white tourist, failed to appear for trial on a charge of speeding and forfeited a \$25 bond. Luther Hilton, Wilmington colored man, forfeited a \$50 bond when he did not answer a charge of careless and reckless driving.

Jess A. Max, Raleigh white man, and Richard Cossom, West End colored man, each got a 30-day sentence suspended on payment of the costs for driving with improper equipment.

J. G. McLeod, white man of South Carolina, paid the costs and got a suspended sentence of 30 days for violating the prohibition laws.

## War Dead Begin Arriving In N. C.

Charlotte, Oct. 22—The Charlotte Army Quartermaster redistribution depot today began moving by rail and motor vehicle to relatives in North Carolina the bodies of the first soldiers killed overseas in the recent war.

Twenty-five bodies, each under escort, were sent today, and the remaining 97 will arrive at the final destinations in the next ten days, quartermaster officials said.

The bodies were brought here from San Francisco, where they arrived on the cargo ship Honda Knot from Hawaii recently.

The first shipment of war dead from Europe is expected in New York Sunday, quartermaster officials said. The depot here is a redistribution center for North Carolina, South Carolina and southern Virginia.

## School Lunchrooms Will Get Tomatoes

Raleigh, Oct. 21—North Carolina school lunchrooms, which only a few days ago received a donation of nearly a third of a million pounds of dried eggs to enhance noonday menus, have been notified by the State Department of Agriculture of another contribution to winter diets—16 carloads of canned tomatoes. The new food contribution to the school lunch program, disclosed here by Jay P. Davis, marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, marks another step in the Federal government's policy of fostering high nutritional standards for school children of the State.

The canned tomatoes, he explained, were purchased by USDA with funds provided under the National School Lunch Act, and are being distributed to lunchrooms throughout the nation on the basis of school population and participation in the lunch program. The allocation to North Carolina schools totals 518,400 No. 2 1/2 cans (21,600 cases).

"The high vitamin C content of these tomatoes," Davis said, "will make them a welcome addition to our lunch menus during the months when fresh fruits and vegetables are not so readily available."

## FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

The "cry" for more food and feed is not just another "scare". Ask the men and women that pays the groceries. Also ask the farmer that has to buy feed for livestock.

One way to prevent hunger and improve the health of the family is to have a good garden the year around with a variety of vegetables. The Freezer Locker Plant can be used as a reservoir (Continued on page 6)

## Miss Maxwell Speaks In Campaign To Recruit Nurses

"Hundreds of nurses are needed in North Carolina today and thousands will be needed in the years to come," Miss Alice Geraldine Maxwell, "Miss North Carolina Student Nurse of 1947", told the Fayetteville high school student body at a program in the high school auditorium Monday.

"North Carolina is proud that it is now a leader in the field of health through the Good Health Program and its success depends on you to seize the vast opportunities open in this field."

Miss Maxwell, 21-year-old student nurse at the Baker-Thompson Memorial hospital in Lumberton, gave the high school students some thoughts on the advantages of being a registered nurse and satisfaction which comes through the kind of service which nurses render humanity.

Participating in the program were V. R. White, principal of the high school; Miss C. Margaret Johnson, director of the Highsmith hospital school of nursing; Miss Ethelyn Oakley, president of the student body of the school of nursing; Miss J. Virginia Miles, counselor of the North Carolina State Nurses association; Mrs. Janie H. Simmerman, guidance counselor, Fayetteville high school; and Louis M. Conner of Chapel Hill, public relations director of the Hospital Savings association.

## Lumberton Market Closes October 29

Bob Rankin, sales supervisor of the Lumberton Tobacco market, stated yesterday that the market would close for the season on Wednesday, October 29. This decision was reached at a meeting of the Lumberton Warehouse association on Tuesday afternoon.

Rankin said that in bringing the 1947 season to an end the market would chalk up the second greatest year in its history, volume being second only to year 1936. He said sales would total 37 million pounds by next Wednesday and that well over \$15 million would have been paid to growers. He said that the average for this year would also be second only to 1946.

Two sets of buyers will remain on the market until the close. Rankin said. Lumberton, by virtue of its sales volume this year, remains the tenth largest bright leaf tobacco market in the world, he stated.

## NAVY DAY

Governor Cherry Tuesday proclaimed October 27 as Navy Day so that the people of North Carolina might "express their gratitude and sense of obligation to this distinguished branch of our armed forces."

In his proclamation the Governor pointed out that this is the first year of the unified command of the armed services and said, "The Navy is a powerful unit of the unified command within which at far-flung stations and aboard ship on all the waters of the globe, the men of the United States Navy stand ready to safeguard freedom so dearly won in the late conflict and to protect our national independence."

Navy Day, the Governor added, is "a day to signalize the State of North Carolina to the men and ships of the United States Navy."

## KIWANIS CHURCH NIGHT

There will be a Kiwanis church service at the Raeford Graded school next Sunday night, October 26. The Rev. Zeb Caudle, pastor of the Aberdeen Baptist church, will deliver the sermon.

## ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT GIVEN TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### Local National Guard Unit Starts Membership Drive

Battery "A", local National Guard unit which now has 85 members, is launching a drive starting this week to enlist the 41 men needed to bring the unit up to its allotted strength of 126 men. Two officers are also needed, and although it is expected that these men will be obtained by promoting enlisted men in the unit, former officers of the Army of the United States are eligible for the positions.

The present members of the unit are divided into two platoons of equal strength for the campaign and the platoon with the best attendance and recruiting record for the eight weeks will be entertained at a banquet at the expense of the unit fund. Each of the platoons is divided into four equal squads and the leading squad at the end of the drive will also receive a prize.

Platoon sergeants are Staff sergeants Ebb Barrington and Walter Parks in the first platoon and Staff sergeants Jesse Gullede and William Lentz in the second. The two platoons are commanded by Lieutenants Sam Morris and Ralph Plummer, respectively.

Squad leaders in the first platoon are Sergeants Roger Dixon, Clarence Willis, James Currie and Carlton Niven. In the second platoon they are Sergeants Wilson Clark, Robert Currie, Charles A. Pittman and Jack Pope.

The unit meets at the armory at seven-thirty each Monday night. Men 17 years old to 35 are eligible to join without prior service. Physical examinations, uniforms, pay and equipment are the same as in the regular army.

### Home Demonstration Club Christmas Plan

The Hoke County Home Demonstration Clubs are sponsoring a plan to send Christmas packages to the children in war-stricken countries. The gifts will be sent through the Church World Service, New Windsor, Maryland, the official overseas agency for practically every church in America.

Each person sending a package should decide what age child they want to make happy. Boys and girls from the ages of 1-17 years are in need of help. Next pick out a colorful bath towel, fold it in the middle and sew up two sides. Pack in the gifts and sew up the remaining side. To the outside is attached a card telling the name and address of the sender, the age and sex of the child for who the gift is intended, and a list of articles included in the kit.

Clothes of all kinds are sorely needed. These do not have to be new, but should be clean and wearable. Also needed are all kinds of smaller items such as soap, thread, needles, toothpaste and brushes, combs, pins, safety pins, buttons, writing material, wash cloths, shoe strings, band aids, small toys, etc. Of course, each bag does not have to have nearly all of the above items.

Over fifty gift bags have already been received in the Home Demonstration Agent's office, and it is hoped that others will be brought to be shipped this week. Anyone in the county who has outgrown clothes is asked to bring it whether it is put in a towel or not.

The Home Demonstration Club feel that in sending the gifts they have a fine opportunity to help create "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men."

### BUSINESS MEN BACK FIRST MOVE TO GET INDUSTRY

Sixty Raeford and Hoke county business men gave concrete approval to the program of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the Chamber at the Kawans hall last Thursday night. About 45 members of the Chamber were present and members of the Kiwanis club were invited to remain after their meeting.

President C. C. Thomas explained to the group that the Chamber had taken as its immediate objective the obtaining of a business or industry with a sizable payroll for the community. After hearing a report from the treasurer the secretary was called on to summarize briefly the activities of the Chamber along this line so far.

This report included contracts with northern firms who are planning industrial expansion in the south and efforts by a committee of the Chamber to induce these firms to consider locating in Raeford. The secretary told of the cooperation offered by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, which has specialists in this field who give communities in the state the benefit of their technical knowledge along the lines of industrial development.

Following the secretary's report the president told the group of a specific industrial institution which was at least considering the location of a plant in Raeford. He explained that the firm would bring a payroll of seven or eight thousand dollars weekly to the community. R. B. Lewis, who had done some research on the subject, explained to the Chamber that the industrial prospect mentioned by the president had an excellent financial rating.

It was then explained to the group by the president and others that the firm wanted a locally owned building in the community they select and that they want a long term lease on it. It was explained also that this is a general practice by northern industrialists moving south for the firms feel that by having the community furnish them a building they are certain of community support.

After discussion the group decided to raise money to have available for the construction for an industry if and when the Chamber of Commerce can locate one. It was decided to raise the money on this basis so that in case the investor presently being dealt with was not traded with the Chamber of Commerce could speak of the same money in talking with another.

It was decided that the individuals present hand a slip of paper to the secretary showing the amount they would invest in the building. The total amount pledged was approximately \$30,000 and the president was instructed to continue his negotiations with the firm. The committee engaged in raising the money was also instructed to accept more pledges to increase the \$30,000.

### VETERANS' SERVICE

Next Sunday morning there will be a veterans' recognition service at the Raeford Methodist church, in honor of veterans of World War II. All veterans are particularly invited to attend.

### INGATHERINGS

Raeford Methodist church TODAY  
Meals at noon and 5:00 p.  
Sandy Grove — October