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SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Tonight the Key Club of Hoke High will be guests of the local Kiwanis club. At the banquet to be held in honor of the boys the Key Club charter will be presented. An interesting program has been arranged. J. M. Andrews, principal of the Mildouson school will make the address of the evening. Mr. Andrews is noted for his interest in young people and also for his ability to make a most pleasing and instructive address.

The Hoke High lunchroom has just received an A grade rating from the sanitarian.

On Monday Mrs. Ruria Shelton of the Raeford Graded school faculty and K. A. MacDonald attended the first meeting of the State Educational Commission Committee. Mrs. Shelton is a member of the finance committee and Mr. MacDonald is a member of the resource committee. The 13 committees set up by the commission are charged with making a detailed survey of education in all its phases and reporting to the Education Commission who will use the findings of these committees in its report to the legislature of 1949.

A new shipment of 225 bags of Irish potatoes has been received for the school lunchroom that are on the state lunch program. 90 cases of tomato juice was received last week.

Grade Mothers of the Raeford Graded school held a meeting at the school building yesterday afternoon.

The Hoke-Raeford PTA is putting on a membership drive during the last half of the month. If you haven't joined be sure and do so.

Miss Miriam Watson, guidance counselor at Hoke High, reports that the guidance program is getting under way with good results. Miss Watson also reports that all of last year's seniors have been written to and that she has had replies from practically all of them.

HOKE HIGH

Miss Geraldine Maxwell, North Carolina Student Nurse and a former graduate of Hoke County High School, visited the high school Wednesday. She made a talk to the girls of both junior and senior classes and to one section of the ninth grade English class. Miss Maxwell pointed out the requirements and qualifications of those entering the nursing profession. She also spoke informally concerning the training and answered questions asked by the pupils.

Approximately one hundred and seventy-five boys and girls attended the barnyard dance in the high school gymnasium Friday evening. This program was sponsored by the Raeford-Hoke PTA. Mr. Melvin and his newly organized string band, furnished the music. Messames N. B. Blue, N. B. Sinclair, Lewis Upchurch, and Arthur D. Gore served as chaperones.

The PTA membership drive began in the high school Wednesday and will close next Wednesday. A prize is offered to the pupil securing the most members. Mrs. R. B. Lewis and Mrs. J. C. McLean are in charge of the drive.

The members of the Wild Life Club saw the film "Big Fish" at their regular meeting Tuesday. Mr. Gibson is faculty adviser to the club.

The Varsity Club is sponsoring (Continued on page 4)

Glen Gray Band Will Play At Armory Dec. 17

Long known for their smooth, sophisticated dance rhythms, Glen Gray and the Casa Loma Orchestra are coming to the Raeford Armory December 17, 1947, under the sponsorship of American Legion Post No. 72 of Aberdeen.

Presenting the exquisite musical patterns that have earned them widespread acclaim, Glen Gray and the Casa Loma orchestra bring with them the recent popular and ever-beloved standard tunes in a pleasant, melodious manner.

Batoned by tall, handsome Glen Gray, the Casa Loma orchestra is distinctive for its versatility. First of the leading swing bands—three years before Benny Goodman's rise to fame—the Casa Loma instrumentalists are noted for their terrific change of pace from romantic ballads to wild bounce tunes.

This all-star orchestra has appeared at the leading entertainment places of the country, and has been seen in such motion pictures as "Jam Session" for Columbia and "Smoke Rings" for Universal.

Tobacco Exports To Be Discussed In Washington

Tobacco state legislators and representatives of all branches of the industry will meet in Washington today for an attempt to work out a program looking toward increased exports.

Plans for the meeting to last two days, were announced as secretary Anderson of the Agriculture Department revealed that the quota reductions, for next year would be between 25 and 30 per cent. Formal announcement will be made within a few days, he said.

Both the Burley and flue-cured markets will be represented at the meeting.

The list of organizations planning to take part was announced as: The Bright Belt Warehouse, The Stabilization Corporation, Tobacco Exporters' Association, The Burley Tobacco Association, and the Tobacco Association of the United States.

Tobacco men there for a conference yesterday agreed that the British ban on further Tobacco imports had not hurt the flue-cured markets as badly as had been feared.

MORE TOBACCO SOLD BUT INCOME REDUCED

North Carolina farmers have sold more tobacco so far this year than they had at this time last year, but their income has been reduced by nearly \$59,000,000.

The state department of agriculture reported that through October 31, tobacco growers of the state had sold a total of 686,480,383 pounds, for which they received \$295,095,210 an average of \$42.99 a hundred pounds. In the same period of last year, the producers marketed 678,040,176 pounds for an average of \$52.19, or a total of \$353,901,203.

MECKLENBURG LEADS IN LIQUOR SALES

Mecklenburg county leaped to the top in A.B.C. liquor sales during the first month in which stores were operated there.

The state A. B. C. board reported that during October—the first full month A.B.C. stores were operated in Mecklenburg—that liquor sales at the seven Mecklenburg stores totaled \$878,607.60.

Opening of the Mecklenburg stores resulted in a record-breaking total of \$4,257,638.99 worth of liquor being sold in the state's A.B.C. counties during October \$1,219,206.19 more than September and \$761,662.54 more than in October last year.

Large Industry Operates Briefly In Hoke County; Ceases Suddenly

According to Sheriff D. H. Hodgins and his deputies and others around here who have seen several of them, the largest whiskey still ever operated in this county ran at a site on Puppy Creek about one-half mile below the Fred Johnson pond for about two weeks prior to the arrival of the sheriff and his deputies on the afternoon of Wednesday of last week.

Sheriff Hodgins says that when they approached the still it was being operated by four men, all of whom managed to jump into the creek and escape. The officers put the still out of action and have since apprehended one person they believe to have been connected with the operation.

The still was a mammoth affair with two 500-gallon vats for the making of whiskey and a boiler. For storage of mash there were about 36 vats of about 300 gallons each. The capacity of the plant, according to Sheriff Hodgins, was from 350 to 500 gallons of whiskey a day and he stated that it had apparently been operated on a 24-hour basis.

The sheriff had little to say about the progress of the investigation of the operators of the still, for obvious reasons, but he did state that it was being operated by interests from outside this county. He said that his office was hopeful of more definite information for publication by next week.

President Crawford Thomas, of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, stated yesterday that the Chamber did not induce this industry to locate in Hoke County.

U. M. T. Advocates Are Encouraged

Congressional advocates of universal military training believe the foreign economic crisis has strengthened their hand.

While they do not plan to press for action during the current special session, they feel that congress may be willing early next year to make every able-bodied young male citizen eligible for compulsory military training.

"There has always been a need for it," said Rep. Vinson (D-Ga), top minority member of the house armed service committee. "What has happened in Europe in recent months has made that need more apparent."

The armed services committee last summer recommended that congress enact training legislation, but the issue did not reach the floor of either chamber for debate.

"We do not intend to ask or it during the special session," Vinson said. "But it certainly will be called up early in 1948. If ever there was a necessity to be prepared for any eventuality, it is now."

UNION CHURCH SERVICE ON THANKSGIVING DAY

There will be a union worship service at the Raeford Presbyterian church on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, at 9:30 a. m. Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor, will deliver the sermon.

Business houses of the town have not indicated their intention to close but one day for the holiday, so it is assumed that they will be closed on Thursday only.

CORRECTION

The Rev. W. L. Maness, before he departed for his new work at Gibson this week, called the paper's attention to the fact that there were only 200 members received into the church while he was here, instead of 400 as was stated in these columns last week.

New Methodist Ministers Arrive To Assume Duties In Raeford

Th Rev. and Mrs. P. O. Lee arrived in Raeford yesterday and took up their residence in the Methodist parsonage on Main street. They came from Stantonburg, in Wilson county, where Mr. Lee has been pastor of the Methodist church for the past four years. Prior to that he was at Clayton and before that he was at Maxton for four years.

Mr. Lee is a native of Clinton, and graduated from Trinity College (now Duke) in 1923. He took post graduate courses at Southern Methodist University and attended Union Theological Seminary in New York. Mrs. Lee was before her marriage Miss Bernice Buck, of Lake Charles, La. She was a pastor's assistant in Durham when Mr. Lee was in school there.

File For Social Security Benefits

Don't lose Social Security benefits by delaying the filing of your claim.

All wage earners, who have worked in employment covered by the Social Security Act, upon attaining their 65th birthday should call at the nearest field office of the Social Security Administration to inquire about benefits. Those who meet the requirements should file a claim regardless of whether or not they expect to continue working in covered employment. If claims are filed promptly upon attainment of age 65 there can be no possible loss of benefits to wage earners.

Survivors of deceased wage earners, regardless of the age of the deceased, should also call at the nearest Social Security Office regarding benefits which may be payable to them under the Social Security Act. This includes survivors of veterans of World War II, since under certain conditions survivors of veterans not covered by the law may be eligible for benefits under the 1946 Amendments to the Social Security Act.

All claims must be filed as benefits are not automatic. If you are a wage earner age 65 or the survivor of a deceased wage earner and have not filed your claim—don't delay—file your claim now.

The field office of the Social Security Administration nearest you is located in the Huske Building, Fayetteville, N. C.

TO HOLD SINGING SCHOOL MONDAY

There will be a singing school at the Church of God, at the lower end of the Mill village near James Thames' store, beginning Monday night, November 24, 1947. It will be conducted by the Rev. C. F. Tedder of King's Mountain, N. C. and the pastor of the church.

T. B. BOND DRIVE

The health bonds sale which concluded this week, states that the health bonds are being taken at a good rate.

He wishes to impress everyone with the fact that the drive will end at noon tomorrow and he requests all bond salesmen to cover their territories by that time. He urges all who are interested in stamping out T. B. to buy a bond in the denomination best suited to their means.

NEW HEATING PLANT

J. B. McIntyre, manager of the Raeford Theatre, announced yesterday that the installation of a new thermostatically controlled gas heating system had been completed at the theatre. He said that the system is much better than the one it replaces and that the temperature in the building is now much more even and easier to control.

12 Defendants Pay Out Tuesday In Recorder's Court

In recorder's court Tuesday morning a two-week accumulation of twelve defendants were dealt a variety of misdemeanors, and all paid the costs and some paid fines as well.

Six defendants got 30 days each to be suspended on payments of the costs for violating the road laws. They were Charles F. Williams, John Davis, Emmitt Young, Henry Williams, Neill Purcell and Jennings Maultsby.

Leroy McLean, colored, paid the costs for driving without driver's license and paid \$100 and the costs for driving drunk. Sentences of one and three months, respectively, were suspended.

George King, white tourist of Massachusetts, got a 30-day sentence suspended on payment of the costs for careless and reckless driving.

Elmer Gordon, white, in two cases for driving without driver's license and careless and reckless driving got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs in the first and 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs in the second.

John Henry Johnson, colored, paid a fine of \$25 and the costs for speeding. Sentence of 30 days was suspended.

Jetty Smith, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

William McLean, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for speeding.

Army To Recall Reserve Members

The Department of the Army has authorized the recall to active duty of members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps on a voluntary basis for not more than 12 months nor less than six months for essential duty in conjunction with the return of World War II dead to this country for burial.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications:

Meet current requirements for enlistment in the Regular Army; have a minimum A.G.C.T. of 85; be of grade 5 or higher; be high school graduates; have an excellent character; have no disciplinary record; have a prepossessing appearance; and have had World War II service.

Applications should be submitted to Capt. Paul Miller and 1st Lt. A. V. Flock, O.R. C. unit instructors, in Fayetteville. These officers will interview applicants from Bladen, Cumberland, Hoke, Harnett, Lee, Moore, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland counties.

They may call at the office in person or send a post-card or may telephone and will be called upon (Continued on Page 4)

FINAL HIGH SCHOOL GAME HERE TOMORROW AT 1:45

A Committee Election Meetings To Be Announced

Members in Hoke County will receive notices within the next few days about annual election of community and county farm committees, T. D. Potter, chairman of the Hoke County Agricultural Conservation (A.C.) committee, said today.

Members of the county's 8 farming communities will elect three community men and two alternates, as well as a delegate to the county convention where the final county committee will be elected. Announcement of the dates, times, hours and places for the elections are now being determined.

Potter said that approximately 100 farmers are eligible to vote in the elections this year. Eligible farmers are those who are participating in the 1947 Agricultural Conservation Program, or who have a contract with the Federal Insurance Corporation, and includes owners, operators and sharecroppers.

In preparing for the coming election, Potter urged all farmers who are entitled to vote to attend the community meetings. Since the community men are responsible for developing, administering national farm programs, it is important that the most selected really represent the choice of the majority of farmers in the community.

Mrs. McCain Guest Speaker at F. M. C.

Mrs. P. P. McCain of Southern Pines will be guest speaker at the annual home coming day at Flora MacDonald college on Saturday, November 22.

The morning program will be held in the college auditorium at 11 o'clock in the morning, and will include a program of music and greetings. A business meeting of the alumnae association will follow. The alumnae and visitors will be guests of the college at the noon luncheon in the dining hall. Immediately after luncheon, members of the college faculty will be guests of the alumnae at a three hour in the college cafeteria.

AUCTION SALES HERE TOMORROW

W. L. Pools, insurance and real estate agent, plans to enter another field of activity tomorrow when he holds an auction sale here. Mr. Pools plans to sell the McEachern property on North Main street and bring back to Stewart street.

COTTON PICKING RELEASED THIS WEEK

The agricultural section of the Bureau of Census of the Department of Commerce released figures this week on cotton picking in Hoke county for the fall. The report shows that there were 7,702 bales of cotton ginned in Hoke county from the crop of 1947 from November 1, 1947 as compared with 679 bales ginned to November 1, 1946.

TOW HAS CAR

The town of Raeford acquired a new 1947 Ford car for the use of the police force in the last few days so those that figure to run away from a Raeford policeman may all take notice that escape will be getting harder.

HOKE HIGH BUCKS EDGE ROWLAND HERE LAST FRIDAY, 6-0

The Hoke County High school football team takes the field for the last time this season at Armory park here tomorrow afternoon. The kickoff has been set for 1:45 P. M. in order that the entire student body may attend. School busses will run after the game. The visiting team will be from Lumberton High school.

In last Friday's game here the Bucks managed to squeeze out a six to nothing win over Rowland High. The first half was scoreless with Rowland threatening to score in the second quarter and losing the ball on downs on the Hoke ten-yard line.

The Bucks got their one tally and the only one of the game early in the third quarter when full-back John D. McMillan began ripping off some long gains through the Rowland line. He finally crossed standing up for the score. McMillan carried the ball on a line plunge for the point after, but the visitors' forward wall held.

Rowland threatened in the closing minutes of the game with several completed passes and at the final gun had the ball on the Hoke twenty.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Reports from other sections where wheat is grown reveal that the crop may be considerably shorter than last year. Adverse weather conditions have delayed planting in the heavy wheat growing areas. Weather conditions have not been favorable here, but farmers should be ready to put in the crop just as soon as soil conditions permit.

The overall grain stocks and outlook for grain next year challenge every farmer to put in some grain crop. The anticipated reduction in tobacco acreage brings about new problems. What can be done with these acres? That is for the individual farmer to decide. Certainly part of it should be planted to small grain.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination for appointment to position of Tobacco Inspector. The positions will be open in all Flue-Cured and Burley tobacco growing states.

To qualify for the position, applicants must have had from 3 to 6 full seasons of experience in the handling or marketing of tobacco. College study in Agriculture, Business Administration, Economics, or Marketing may be substituted for part of the required "general" experience. No written test is required. Application must be received in the Commission's Washington office not later than December 10, 1947. Application blanks can be secured from most first or second class post offices, or U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

Prevent forest fires. Saw timber is becoming more scarce each day in this section. Fires retard the growth of timber by burning the natural fertility on the soil and by burning the growing part of the tree. Fires kill untold numbers of trees and often leave live trees in a weaker condition so that bugs feed on and kill them. Fire prevention is something to practice the year-round.

Most sicknesses of hogs take place after they are put in the fattening lot. It usually comes about because the hogs are not fed (Continued on page 4)