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SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Mrs. Stanley Crawley, manager of the Mildouson school lunchroom, is back on the job after being quite ill for some time. Mrs. A. H. McPhaul of the faculty, managed the lunchroom during Mrs. Crawley's absence.

The eye clinic for white school children started yesterday and will go through today. Dr. Dan Currie is in charge with Mrs. Louis Bullock of the State Commission for the blind assisting. Mr. M. A. Northrop of the City Optical Company, Fayetteville, is making the prescriptions. The Health and Welfare departments are cooperating with the schools in this project. The Raeford Graded school lunchroom is furnishing lunch for the out-of-town pupils. A similar clinic for the colored children will be held in January.

R. A. Smoak and Misses Womble and Thornburg of the Asheboro faculty attended a meeting held in Fayetteville by the State Department of Public Instruction on the use of the new English books last Monday.

The Raeford Graded school has two collection-boxes in the hall, one for toys and the other for cash contributions for the underprivileged children of the county. After the toys are brought in the Boy Scouts will work them over and repaint all that need it.

HOKE HIGH

Members of the Journalism Club and other school pupils, under the direction of Mrs. Arthur D. Gore, faculty adviser to the club, saw the Freedom Train in Raleigh last Saturday. They also saw matinee of "The Ice Vogue of 1948," in addition to Mrs. Gore, Mrs. R. L. Murray and Mrs. N. B. Blue went as chaperones.

The Glee Club and Band, under the direction of Miss Owen and Mr. Melvin, will give a Christmas concert Thursday evening, December 18. This program will take the place of the December meeting of the Raeford-Hoke P-TA.

Report cards were sent out yesterday. Parents are urged to check closely to see whether their children are falling down on their work or not.

Mr. Phillips went to Rockingham Wednesday to attend a District Meeting of Agriculture Teachers.

The December issue of THE HOKE HIGH LIGHTS came out Wednesday of this week.

Every room in the Hoke High School made a score of one hundred per cent in the Junior Red Cross Drive held in the school this week.

Miss Owen entertained her voice pupils and their Mothers at a recital tea at the home of Mrs. H. C. McLachlin on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

The Sauline Players gave a dramatization of Gene Stratton-Porter's "Freckles" Wednesday in the high school auditorium.

The first home basketball game will be played December 19. On December 16, the teams will go to Hope Mills to play there.

Four new pupils have been enrolled in the high school since Thanksgiving.

Nearly 300,000 rural consumers were hooked up to REA-financed lines between June 30, 1946 and June 30, 1947.

J. Vance Norton Dies In Sleep Early Wednesday

John Vance Norton, 50, died quietly during the early morning hours of yesterday at the home of Mrs. Marcus Culbreth, his sister, with whom he resided. He had not been ill and was found by the family when they arose yesterday.

He was born August 23, 1897, the son of the late W. M. and Harriet McInnis Norton of this county.

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at the Raeford Methodist church by the pastor, the Rev. P. O. Lee, assisted by the Rev. B. P. Robinson, a former pastor. Burial will be in the Raeford cemetery.

Surviving are one son, Kenneth C. Norton; five sisters, Mrs. Emory Townsend, Mrs. Marcus Culbreth, of Raeford, Mrs. Robert Whitaker of Enfield, Mrs. J. T. Johnson of Wilmington, Mrs. James A. Doggett of Greensboro; three brothers, W. L. Norton of Selma, H. O. Norton of Brunswick, Georgia, and Bradley Norton of Greensboro.

Native Hoke Man Dies In Texas Friday Night

The Rev. William Angus McLeod, D. D., died at his home in Cuero, Texas, last Friday night after a brief heart illness. He was born near Raeford of prominent Scottish parentage, the late John Daniel McLeod and Amanda Currie McLeod.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Vinson McLeod; a son, William Angus, Jr., of McAllen; a brother, Dr. Newton McLeod of Dallas; a sister, Mrs. Margaret McLeod Smith of Livingston; three grandchildren, all of Texas. In North Carolina are many close relatives and friends. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church in Cuero, which he had served as pastor for 28 years.

Dr. McLeod graduated from Austin Theological seminary in 1902 and was pastor of Austin Presbyterian church and professor of theology at the seminary prior to being an overseas chaplain in the Army during World War I. After the war he served his final pastorate continuously. He was a leader in his General Assembly, author of historical brochures and moderator of the Synod of Texas.

Christmas Seal Contributions Still Welcome

On November 24 the County Christmas seal committee, headed by Mrs. R. L. Murray, sent out letters to citizens of the county containing Tuberculosis seals and soliciting contributions. Mrs. Murray reports that response to these requests has been good, but states there are many who have not responded.

In their letter the committee pointed out the fact that tuberculosis control is an important work that is being done in the community and which good citizens believe in and want to see continued. It stated that the money is needed to carry on the work.

Mrs. Murray stated that teamwork in Hoke county so far has made possible the X-ray survey held here during the year, helped pay for a nurse in the health department, and has aided in tuberculosis control generally.

She made a plea to all who have not contributed to the Christmas seal drive to do so, in order that this highly important work may be continued. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. R. L. Murray, Raeford, N. C.

Harry Greene is spending this week in Edenton.

Speeders Again Crowd County Recorder's Court

TEN FINED; FOURTEEN OTHER DEFENDANTS ALSO APPEAR

State Highway Patrolmen and other officers picked up a total of ten defendants for exceeding the speed limit in Hoke County last week. Three of these defendants appeared for trial Tuesday morning in Recorder's court before Judge Henry McDiarmid and the other seven forfeited bonds of \$25 they had posted with the arresting officers.

The three who appeared were Felix A. Campbell, white, and Raymond Fuller, colored, both of Fayetteville, and Doc Morisey, colored of Hoke County. All three paid fines of \$10 and the costs. Those who forfeited bonds of \$25 for failing to appear were James E. Doyle, white of Ohio; Harry Hamby, white of Texas; Harry Lewis, white of New York; Allen R. Rose, white of Florida; Mack W. Sloan, white of Winston-Salem; W. L. Smith, Jr., white of South Carolina, and Arthur M. Woodburn, white of Maryland. Hamby also forfeited a bond of \$25 he had posted for driving without a driver's license.

Paul Baxley and L. L. Faircloth, both local white men, and Fred McRae, local colored man, were all charged with violating the prohibition laws by possession of non-tax-paid liquor. McRae entered a plea of guilty of owning the liquor and Baxley and Faircloth were found not guilty.

Douglas Hennegan, colored of Fayetteville, was found guilty of having an improperly equipped car on the highway and with allowing an improperly licensed chauffeur to drive it. He paid \$10 and the costs. James F. Warren, also colored of Fayetteville, paid \$10 and the costs for driving with an improper chauffeur's license.

Alfonso Johnson, colored, was charged with the temporary larceny of a truck and the loss of some powers saws from it. Probable cause was found and Johnson posted a \$500 bond for his appearance in Superior court.

Mejcolm McNeill and James M. McCall, both colored, were charged with the larceny of corn from the farms of Roland Currie and J. A. Blue. Each was found guilty and sentenced to serve 4 months on the roads, sentence in each case to be suspended on payment of \$7.50 to Currie and Blue, and on payment of \$25 and the court costs by each defendant.

Willie McPhatter, colored, paid the costs for driving his car with improper equipment.

Julius McRae, James Willie Sinclair, Nathaniel Ingram and A. D. Dammons, aged 20, 15, 16 and 35, respectively, colored of the county, were charged with stealing wheat from the farm of Arch McRae. Sinclair, Ingram and Dammons got sentences of two, three and six months, respectively, to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs each and on condition of good behavior for two years. McRae, who appeared to have been the instigator of the crime, got 3 months on the roads.

Alex Brigman, white, was charged with interfering with the gathering of crops by J. C. Gibson. He was found not guilty.

BROTHER OF MRS. I. H. SHANKLE DIES

News was received here this week that P. L. Burris, brother of Mrs. I. H. Shankle of Raeford, had passed away at Albemarle early Tuesday morning.

Funeral services will be conducted in Albemarle this afternoon at two o'clock.

Farmers Elect Committees For AAA Program

Results of community elections for farmer committeemen to administer important farm programs during the coming year have been announced by T. D. Potter, Chairman, 'Hoke County Agricultural Conservation (AAA) Committee.

The results follow: with the first named in each township being chairman and the last named being the delegate to the county convention.

Allendale Township: L. A. McGugan, J. A. Roper, Jr, John W. Hasty, Alternates, Archie D. McGirt, David Currie; J. W. Hasty, Antioch Township: W. L. Gibson; W. C. Hodgins; Alternate, G. C. Lytle; J. M. Andrews.

Blue Springs Township: R. J. Hasty; E. C. Smith, Jr; James R. Hendrix; Alternates, J. F. McMillan, John Henry Currie; R. J. Hasty.

Little River Township: E. B. Blue; L. D. Brooks; N. A. McGill; Alternates, C. H. Marks, Martin H. Cameron; L. D. Brooks.

McLauchlin Township: A. T. Jones; D. P. Gillis; Phillip R. Johnson; Alternate, Roy Jones; John Parker.

Quewhittle Township: Ufa Mathews; Noah Brown; W. L. Thornburg; Alternates, R. R. Cothran, R. D. Strother; R. R. Cothran.

Raeford Township: W. J. McNeill; C. F. Tapp; T. B. Lester; Alternates, John K. McNeill, Jr., J. L. Warner; C. F. Tapp.

Stonewall Township: W. L. Smith; W. J. McBryde; Clifford Bostic; Alternates, B. F. McGregor, H. T. Himes; R. H. Gibson.

The delegates to the County Convention met Saturday, December 6 and elected the County Committee for 1948 as follows: T. D. Potter, Chairman; John Parker, Vice-Chairman; Ira T. Newton, Member; N. F. Sinclair, First-Alternate; C. H. Marks, Second Alternate.

Choral Group Will Sing "The Messiah" Tomorrow Evening

Tomorrow evening, Friday, December 12, at 8:15 o'clock the Civic Choral Society of Red Springs will present the Christmas portion of "The Messiah," by Georg Frederick Handel. Outstanding soloists will appear in the production, which will be under the direction of Dean Robert Reuter of the Flora Macdonald college music department.

Soloists from Davidson, New York and Chicago will participate, and a fine evening of Christmas music is expected.

Several people from this community will take part in this sacred concert. Among them are Misses Bonnie Kate Blue, Katherine Blue, Agnes Mae Johnson, Mrs. W. B. Heyward, Lacy Clark, H. G. Clark, Robert Murray, Jr., and Miss Alice Walker, piano accompanist.

SANTA CLAUS WILL VISIT LOCAL STORE

Irving Hubbard, manager of Collins Department store here, announced this week that arrangements had been completed with Santa Claus for that gentleman to make a personal appearance at the store next Tuesday afternoon. Hubbard states that according to a telegram he received from Claus yesterday Saint Nick would arrive in Raeford by air next Tuesday afternoon at approximately four-thirty o'clock, and that he would try to bring a small gift for all the children he sees at that time.

Claus also asked that all children who have not written their letters do so and bring them to the Collins store Tuesday afternoon. Further information may be seen in an advertisement on the back page of this issue.

Cotton Officials Map Insect Fight; Upchurch Speaks

HEAVY YIELDS REPORTED AT SOUTHERN SESSION FROM INSECTICIDES

Heavy cotton yields through proper use of insecticide to combat boll weevils were reported Monday by T. B. Upchurch, Jr., Raeford, N. C., president of the N. C. Cotton Growers' Association at Columbia, S. C.

Upchurch told the National Cotton Council's first annual Southeastern cotton insect control conference opening a two-day meeting that application of insecticides during 1947 enabled a small group of Hoke County, farmers to increase their income \$76,200.

He said insecticides were applied to 1,542 acres, increasing their yield by 508 bales, at a cost of \$15,400, which was offset by a seed yield increase of 866 pounds an acre, an increased seed profit of \$15,000.

Quick relaying of research information on insect control to agencies was asked by E. C. Westbrook, Athens, Gr., extension cotton specialist.

State Vocational Agriculture Supervisor R. H. Thomas, Raleigh, N. C., said there were 300,000 students and farmers in vocational agriculture classes in 12 Southern States, a fertile field for spreading insect control information.

The pink bollworm is potentially the most serious pest of the U. S. cotton crop, Dr. P. N. Anand of Washington, chief of the Federal Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, said.

He told researchers, educators and agriculturists attending the conference, which ended Tuesday, that it was "even more dangerous than the bollweevil."

The weevil, he said, destroyed more than \$319,000,000 worth of cotton in 1946, but "the pink bollworm has wiped out the cotton-growing industry in Hawaii, the Philippines, and some other islands where cotton production once was an important enterprise."

"The greatest immediate danger to the Southeast arises from the light pink bollworm infestation in the wild cotton in the south of Florida," he explained.

Director H. O. Cooper of the South Carolina experiment station at Clemson College said that small cotton plants generally were aided by destruction of the first fruit buds, and suggested that farmers put the weevils to work, destroying these buds on small-sized cotton plants, before killing the pests.

He said any insect control program had to be systematic, to create a constant demand for adequate equipment and poisons.

Entomologist F. S. Arant of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station at Auburn said an increase in cotton boll worms had been noted as farming diversified and as more legumes and other plants, on which the worms feed, were grown.

Presiding was Robert R. Coker of Hartsville, general chairman of the conference.

Formulation of a 1948 insect control conference for the entire Southeast, council officials said, will come from the sessions here.

"Such a program is made necessary by the fact that in 1946, insects damaged the cotton crop in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama to the extent of \$102,000,000," Coker said. The four states experienced more than 36 per cent of the entire insect loss for the whole Cotton Belt."

One way to take out "life insurance" on your electric appliances is to store them in a clean, handy, dry place, where they will be protected from falls.

Glen Gray Dance At Raeford Armory Next Wednesday

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.

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.

There will naturally not be a square dance at the Armory next Wednesday night. There will also not be one on Wednesday, December 24. The next square dance in the regular series being held by National Guard Battery A will be held on the night of Wednesday, December 31, New Year's eve.

Mrs. Bruce Wilkes Dies In Maxton Saturday Afternoon

Mrs. Bruce Wilkes, native of this county died at her home in Maxton at 4:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon after a lingering illness of several years. She was 55 years of age.

Mrs. Sarah Wilkes was born in the part of this county that was in Cumberland county at that time, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Monroe.

Funeral services were conducted at eleven o'clock Monday morning at Center Presbyterian church by the Rev. Mr. Young of Maxton assisted by the Rev. H. L. Hemphill, pastor of Galatia Presbyterian church. Burial was in the churchyard cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, of Maxton; one son, Rufus Wilkes of Camden, S. C.; one daughter, Margie Wilkes of Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y.; two brothers, Henry Monroe of Parkton and G. J. Monroe of Fayetteville; five sisters, Mrs. H. L. Townsend, Mrs. J. R. Neal, Mrs. O. L. Kelly, and Mrs. I. J. Lassiter, all of Fayetteville, and Mrs. W. B. Willis of this county.

Three Weeks Until Car Inspection Law Effective

Motor vehicle owners throughout the State are being warned by State Highway Patrolmen and the Department of Motor Vehicles to get their cars in good shape by January 1, 1948, when the State's Highway safety program and inspection law will go into effect.

One of the most vital provisions of the program is that providing for periodic inspection of all motor vehicles registered in the State. All vehicles must be inspected once during 1948 and twice a year thereafter.

The purpose of periodic inspection is to discover anything wrong with a vehicle that may cause an accident, directly or indirectly, to remove this and to prevent the accident. Motorists in other states with inspection laws say it is cheaper to have their cars checked regularly than to wait until breakdowns occur.

The service will be brought close. 40 "safety lanes" will be established in the State and they will be moved periodically. A fee of \$1.00 will be charged during 1948 and 1949 and 75 cents there after.

After inspection one of three things happens to a car. The first and best is when it gets a blue

Ashford Urges Farmers To Plant More Cotton In '48

SAYS IT IS BEST CROP WITH WHICH TO REPLACE TOBACCO

Cotton is "the most logical cash crop to help Hoke County farmers make up at least some of the approximate \$645,000 income loss they will suffer from the 28 per cent blanket reduction in 1948 flue-cured tobacco acreage allotments," George T. Ashford, Red Springs, North Carolina, President of the Carolinas Ginners Association, declared today.

"Inventories of cotton are more depleted than in many a year," Ashford said. "and less change-over in farming operations will be required to supplement next year's income loss if at least a part of the 1,1317 acres ilted in Hoke County by this reduction is planted to cotton."

"Also favorable to 1948 cotton producers are this year's successful experiments with insecticides to control pests and the raw cotton requirements of the 16 European nations seeking aid under the Marshall Plan. According to the United States Foreign Trade Division, if these requirements are met, total exports of all growths next year will be about 5,000,000 bales or 25 per cent higher than this year."

North Carolina's chief cotton seed company in the Piedmont section have been heavily damaged by adverse weather, Ashford said, and our cotton farmers are now looking to Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia for their planting seed for the coming year.

"The harvesting season in these states," he added, "has been more favorable and if orders are placed early, sufficient seed can be obtained before planting time."

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

The first 4-H Pig Show will be held in Raeford Saturday of this week. Eight purebred gilts will be on exhibit from 10:00 A. M. until 4:30 P. M. in the vacant lot between Raeford Hardware and Home Food Market.

It is expected that these gilts will form the foundation for improved swine in the county during the coming years.

The Progressive Farmer magazine recently carried an article entitled "How Can Eastern North Carolina Farm Prosperity Be Maintained". This article is by Dr. L. D. Baver, Director of N. C. Experiment Station. It shows that eastern North Carolina depends too much on crops for its income.

Hoke County, when compared to other counties in North Carolina, ranks 74th in the number of farms. Of the eleven major crops, Hoke ranks 41st in value of these crops. Hoke County ranks 85th in number of dairy cattle, 71st in number of hogs, and 89th in number of acres in pastures.

From these figures, we can see an unbalance between crops and livestock. A reduction of 28% in the tobacco acreage will mean a reduction of about half a million dollars in income next year. One way to help make up this loss is to put more livestock on our farms. We should establish several small dairies, increase our swine industry, and establish more beef herds. Before we can go very far in livestock production, we must establish good permanent pastures and provide supplementary grazing as well as growing more grain to feed livestock.

Every farm in the county should be put to its best use. During the (Continued on Page 4)