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RAEFORD WILL REACH CROSSROADS TONIGHT

SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

All schools in Hoke county will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 19. All schools will re-open for the new year on Monday, December 29.

The white schools of the county close on Friday at the following hours: Hoke High and Raeford Graded at noon, Ashmont, Mildouson and Rockfish at 12:30 o'clock.

Mildouson will have their Christmas program and tree which is put on by the school on Friday morning. All parents and friends are invited.

The grade mothers of the Raeford Graded school will have Christmas programs at trees for the students. Grades one to three will have their program and tree and grades four to seven will have theirs separately. All of this will take place Friday morning.

The Christmas program at Rockfish school will be given in the school auditorium Friday morning, December 19, at ten o'clock. The program will consist of traditional Christmas carols and special songs by different grades. Also there will be a marionette play, "The Runaway Doll," presented by the fifth grade, using marionettes they made. At the end of the program gifts that surround the large tree at the front of the auditorium will be distributed. Santa Claus is expected to be present in answer to quite a few letters requesting him to come. Each boy and girl has written a letter and Santa is expected to recognize those who have written correct ones. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Raeford Graded school gift boxes for the needy were fairly successful. They took in quite a number of gifts in money and toys. These were turned over to Mrs. Giles and the Boy Scouts helped her put them in shape.

There was a meeting of the principals held in the office of the superintendent on Tuesday afternoon. Plans for the Christmas holidays were made and plans for a county-wide teachers meeting for December 30 were made.

The eye clinic held last week on Wednesday and Thursday through the cooperation of the Health and Welfare departments and the (Continued on Page 4)

GLEE CLUB AND BAND GIVE CONCERT TONIGHT

The Hoke County High school glee club and band will present a joint concert in the High school auditorium tonight at eight o'clock under the direction of Miss Blanche A. Owen and W. O. Melvin, music and band teachers, respectively.

Much well known and inspirational Christmas music will be played and sung by the group, which will consist of approximately 90 instruments and voices. No admission will be charged, but a free will offering will be accepted for the purchase of additional band uniforms.

TO HAVE CHICKEN SUPPER AT PARKER'S

Parker's Methodist church will have a chicken and oyster supper at the Wayside community house tomorrow, Friday, evening beginning at five o'clock. The public is invited to attend this affair which is being held to raise funds to send a delegate to the National Methodist Youth conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Carl H. Hendrix Dies Suddenly; Is Buried Sunday

Carl H. Hendrix, 40-year-old employee of the State Highway commission died suddenly at his home here early last Saturday morning of a heart attack. He and Mrs. Hendrix occupied an apartment in the home of Mrs. Jennie B. Weaver which they had moved into several weeks ago. The deceased was a native of the Wagram section and a member of the Spring Hill Baptist church. He had lived here several years.

Funeral services were conducted at three o'clock Sunday afternoon at Spring Hill Baptist church by the Rev. J. D. Whisnant pastor, and burial followed in the Spring Hill cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Nellie Blue of Hoke County, one brother, Charlie Hendrix of Hoke County, and one sister, Mrs. Luther Odom of Wagram.

Final Rites Held Here Sunday For Wilson McDiarmid

Funeral services with military honors were held here at the Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon at two-thirty for Wilson Hines McDiarmid, son of a Raeford native, who was killed on Normandy beach on June 6, 1944, D-Day in Europe.

He was a son of the late Rev. Hector McDiarmid, a native of this county who went to the ministry from the Raeford Presbyterian church. The Rev. Mr. McDiarmid died last year and was buried here. Mrs. McDiarmid survives her son and lives in Greenville, N. C. Wilson was born in Rocky Mount, N. C., and was graduated from Davidson college in 1943, entering the Army the same year.

In addition to his mother he is survived by one brother, Samuel N. McDiarmid of N. C. State College in Raleigh, and one sister, Mrs. Edwin Strasser of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Service was conducted by Dr. J. M. Boyd, of Laurinburg, a former colleague of the Rev. McDiarmid, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Clark, of Raleigh. Burial was in the Raeford cemetery. Military honors were by Battery A, local National Guard unit.

A - B TIME SHORT

Today, half of next Wednesday and December 31 will be the last opportunities Hoke county automobile drivers whose names begin with A or B will have to get their new drivers licenses before the old ones expire at midnight on December 31. The State department of motor vehicles has announced that spot checks will be made by patrolmen after that time and those A or B drivers found without new licenses will be indicted.

The last figure released by the department showed that only a few over half of the licensed drivers in the state whose names start with A or B had renewed their drivers licenses. All the others will be guilty of misdemeanors if they drive without new ones after midnight December 31.

Walter Yow, license examiner who is at the courthouse each Wednesday and Thursday, is there today and will be there until noon next Wednesday, after which he will not return until Wednesday, December 31.

800 KIDS GREET SANTA TUESDAY



As about everybody around here knows, Santa Claus paid an advance visit to this community on Tuesday afternoon. He stated that he plans to return again on the night of next Wednesday.

On his arrival Claus flew up the Main street a time or two in his snappy Ercoupe and waved to the several hundred of his friends (and we are all his friends at this time of the year) standing in the street below waiting for his arrival there. Shortly thereafter he arrived at the Collins store in the fire truck being escorted by State Highway Patrolman Barnes. A loud speaker was playing "Jingle Bells" loudly and the kids were yelling.

The street between the theatre and Collins was about blocked by that time and Officers McQuage, Meeks and Barnes had their

hands full, what with small two-legged traffic scurrying through large four to ten-wheeled traffic.

After a few well chosen words of welcome by Mayor William L. Poole, Santa Claus addressed the crowd briefly over the public address system following which he proceeded into the store and began passing out his gifts to the children and discussing his next visit with them. Irving Hubbard, Collins manager, states that a few over 800 children received gifts from Santa before he departed shortly before six o'clock.

Mayor Poole thanked the Collins store on behalf of the community for bringing Santa and expressed the hope that the whole community could get together and arrange for him to return next year.

Masons Elect Teal New Master

J. L. Teal was elected master of Raeford Masonic Lodge at the regular meeting last week. He will succeed M. C. Dew whose term as master ends on December 31st. C. P. Kinlaw was reelected Senior Warden, B. B. Cole reelected Junior Warden, and D. H. Hodgins reelected Treasurer. Neill A. McDonald was elected Secretary, and will succeed Lacy F. Clark who has served as secretary for about 15 years. J. W. McPhaul was elected assistant secretary.

The Raeford Masonic lodge originally chartered as Galatia Lodge, begins its 78th year with the installation of the new officers at the first meeting in January.

PRESBYTERIANS TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM

The combined junior and senior choirs of the Raeford Presbyterian church will present the cantata, "The Shepherd's Christmas," by Luvaas, in the church at five o'clock next Sunday afternoon, December 21.

The production will be under the direction of Miss Alice Walker, director of music and young people's activities in the church.

At the service the annual "Joy Gift" offering for aged ministers will be taken.

COURTHOUSE TO CLOSE

The offices at the Hoke county courthouse and the other county offices will be closed next week from Tuesday afternoon until the following Monday, according to a statement yesterday by J. A. McGoogan. The exception to this is the welfare office which will be open until noon on Wednesday.

Support Corporation Buys 16 Percent Of '47 Weed Crop

Over 215 million pounds, or approximately 16 percent of the entire gross sales of the 1947 flue cured tobacco crop, have been purchased by the Flue-cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, L. T. Weeks, Secretary of the Corporation, has announced.

These purchases represent sales from all belts in the five flue-cured tobacco states through November 30.

"After British withdrawal of buying, substantial purchases by the Stabilization were made", Weeks said, "and during the week of December 1, total purchases amounted to over 26 percent of the gross sales."

The Corporation maintained its 90 percent of parity support price from the beginning to the end of the marketing season and in the opinion of Weeks, "if it had not been for the support programs operated through the Stabilization Corporation, market averages would have declined drastically."

By November 30, the Stabilization had paid for over 204,000,000 pounds of tobacco at a cost of \$67,000,000, or an average of 33 cents per pound, Weeks explained that the 90 percent parity support price is prorated on a grade basis "with each grade reflecting its own 90 percent of parity price."

"Practically all tobacco received by the Stabilization to date has been redried, placed in hogsheads and shipped to storage points," he said.

Membership since last year has increased from 80,000 to 297,214 farmers. The purchase of common stock at \$5 per share entitles a flue-cured tobacco grower to become a member of the Corporation and participate in its operations.

"This money becomes capital stock funds," Weeks added, "and is invested in Government Securities. It is not used for the purchase of tobacco or to defray operative or administrative costs of the Corporation."

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

The home of Aaron and Ella Little, colored people who live on the farm of W. A. McLean about three miles from Raeford with their five children, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin in the early morning hours of last Saturday. Practically all the possessions of the family were destroyed.

The Littles have two girls, aged nine and 12, and three boys, aged six, four and two years. The family is in desperate need of anything in the way of wearing apparel or household goods of any kind and Mrs. C. H. Giles, county superintendent of public welfare, has stated that the county welfare office will be glad to receive and deliver any contributions which may be made for them.

Light Session In Recorder's Court

As a result of the nearing Christmas season or the absence of Deputy Crawford Wright last week or for some other unknown reason there was mighty little law breaking in the county last week, resulting in an unusually brief session of recorder's court before Judge Henry McDiarmid Tuesday.

Mr. Stanley Szewczyk, white tourist of New Jersey was pulled for speeding, but did not stick around for trial or to help with the pronunciation of his name. His bond of \$25 was forfeited.

Alexander Armstrong, colored, was found guilty of reckless driving and sentenced to serve three months on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

Howard Linton Graham, colored of Fayetteville, paid \$10 and the costs for speeding.

Robert Atlas Wilson, white of (Continued on Page 4)

Group To Sing Christmas Music

"The Story of Christmas," a Christmas cantata by Ellen Jane Lorenz, will be presented at the Raeford Methodist church next Sunday evening, December 21, at seven-thirty o'clock.

The production is under the direction of Mrs. C. E. Upchurch and is to be rendered by the Senior and Junior choirs of the Raeford Methodist church, assisted by Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin, Robert Gatlin and Martin McKeithan. The church will be appropriately decorated for the season and all are invited to come and hear the Christmas story in song. The offering will be applied to the organ fund of the church.

PUBLIC MEETING TO DECIDE STATUS QUO OR PROGRESS?

Courthouse - 7:45 Tonight

American Wringer Co. Will Locate Plant Here If Community Backs Its Chamber Of Commerce

The American Wringer Company of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and the Raeford Chamber of Commerce have reached a tentative agreement for the company to locate a subsidiary plant here. The Wringer company is ready to sign a contract, but the Chamber of Commerce must have community support and know that the businessmen of the community will be completely behind it before being able to sign for the community.

First Home Games Of Basketball Season Tomorrow

TRIPLE-HEADER STARTS AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN LOCAL GYM

Coach Haywood Faircloth's Hoke County High school basketball teams play their first home games of the season in the High school gymnasium tomorrow night when they meet teams from Seventy-First High school. Three games will be played to-morrow night with the junior varsity teams of boys starting their game at seven o'clock, the varsity girls at eight and the varsity boys at nine.

The local teams have been practicing since December 1. Thirty aspirants for positions on the boys teams have been reporting and the coach is of the opinion that prospects are for a better season this year. He says that the return of Floyd Keith from the Marine Corps and the transfer of Joe Smith from Red Springs will add materially to the outlook. Smith was a first string player for Red Springs last year.

Those returning who saw action last year are Bobby Murray, Joe Guldage, Bill Moses, Jack Lee and Foster McBryde.

An innovation this season is the beginning of a junior varsity boys team and the scheduling of games for this team. This gives the younger boys game experience before reaching the varsity and will add to the strength and experience of the varsity teams in the future. The junior varsity players are from the eighth, ninth and tenth grades.

The prospects for the girls team are also much improved over last year. Among those returning who saw action last season are Marion Lewis, Alice Sutton Matheson, Katherine Blue, Dorothy Calloway, Muriel Davis, and Mildred Clark.

New uniforms for both girls and boys have been purchased and a new electric clock and scoreboard have also been ordered and are expected after Christmas. These will add considerably to spectators enjoyment of the contests. Nineteen games have been scheduled, 12 here and seven away.

BAND CONCERT SUNDAY

At six o'clock next Sunday afternoon the Hoke County High school band will give a concert of Christmas music at the Ephesus Baptist church. The public is cordially invited.

That, briefly, is the reason for the meeting at the courthouse which has been called by Chamber President Crawford Thomas for seven-forty-five o'clock tonight. That is also the reason that Thomas and other Chamber members urge everyone who is interested in the community's future to attend the meeting, as any evidence of lack of interest may quite possibly be fatal to the project.

The full details of the proposition to which the Wringer Company and the Chamber of Commerce have agreed will be revealed to the meeting tonight and action will be taken to close the deal if community sentiment is favorable.

The company already has purchased machinery for the plant and has it in storage. The Carolina Power & Light Company has the necessary transformers, a critical item, on hand and is holding them for the proposed plant here. The plans for the building are drawn and the materials are available. The Wringer company is anxious to get the plant built and in production and the Raeford Chamber of Commerce is anxious for the same thing—here.

This will be possible in a matter of months if the meeting at the courthouse tonight is successful.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

The 4-H Club pig show was a success last Saturday even though the weather prohibited the public from viewing them as they would like. The 4-H Club boys proved that they had done a fairly good job of feeding and managing their pigs. Five of the eight pigs were placed with the boys in July, and the other three placed only two weeks ago. J. C. Tew, Jr. won first place in feeding and management of his pig, and received twenty-five dollars as the prize. J. W. Caddell, Jr. and William Hales received twenty dollars each as a prize. Harold Currie and Thomas McFadyen received fifteen dollars each as their prize. The three boys who recently obtained their pigs received ten dollars each.

The 4-H pig show consisted of the eight pigs that were placed by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation through its store in Fayetteville. The Foundation purchased the pigs and through the cooperation of the Extension Service placed them with 4-H boys and will give them one year in which to repay the purchase price. After the money has been repaid, other pigs will be purchased for other 4-H Club boys. In this way, the (Continued on Page 10)

NEXT WEEK'S PAPER

The News-Journal will appear on Wednesday morning of next week instead of Thursday as usual. News items and advertisements for the issue must, therefore, be in on Monday at the latest, except front page items. Advertisers, contributors and correspondents are requested to cooperate and submit all items on or before Saturday where this is possible. The office will be open all day Saturday of this week.

The News-Journal office will be closed the last four days of next week.