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SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Last Thursday Dr. Richard L. Weaver, program director for the Resource-Use commission and vice-chairman of the Resource committee of the State Education commission, addressed both county-wide teacher groups on Resource-use in education. Dr. Weaver was most favorably received by all who heard him.

Several teachers in the county are participating in the survey of school resource-use that is being made by the resource committee of the State Education commission.

We are glad to report that Miss Mayme McKeithan is able to be back at work after being quite ill last week. Mrs. A. L. O'Brian taught for her while she was out.

We are glad to report that Coach Faircloth's father continues to improve in a Fayetteville hospital where he has been critically ill for some time.

Quite a number of teachers and pupils were excused from Hoke High yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Smith McKeithan.

The Hoke High and Raeford Graded school teachers have completed their Red Cross drive and contributions have been turned in. We hope all schools will act as promptly.

The Shaw University choral club will give a musical program at the Upchurch school auditorium on Sunday, March 7, at 3:00 p.m. All patrons and friends of the school are invited to attend. Special facilities will be arranged for all white friends of the school who wish to attend.

Additional surplus commodities have been received at the county storeroom at the Raeford Graded school. All schools operating lunch rooms should get their allotments at their earliest convenience.

HOKE HIGH

The high school is purchasing the new filmstrip series that show the documents that the Freedom Train carried on display. This brand new series of six black-and-white filmstrips, is based on curriculum units correlated with the great historical documents now on view on the Freedom Train. The new series provides Social Studies and English teachers with dramatic visual aid that will drive home permanently basic lessons in democracy, understanding the world today and history of our freedom.

The high school lunch room is serving from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred lunches daily. The type A lunch together with milk is served for twenty cents. In accordance with President Truman's plan on Tuesdays are being observed.

These warm days have brought the girls' and boys' soft-ball teams out on the field.

Plans are being made by the recreation committee of the P-T-A for another teenage dance to be held in a week or two.

The juniors are making plans for the annual Junior-Senior banquet which will take place in early spring.

OMISSION

In naming community chairman for the Red Cross drive in last week's paper the name of Mrs. Bernice Williamson, Pine Forest chairman, was unintentionally omitted.

Nine Cases Tried Before Recorder Last Tuesday

Willie Willis, colored, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon before Judge Henry McDiarmid Tuesday morning. It was charged that he assaulted his father, George Willis. Plea of guilty of simple assault was accepted and sentence was 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs and a \$10 doctor bill and on condition that Willie be of good behavior and stay off the premises of his father for a period of two years.

Ed Hollingsworth, colored, paid \$10 and the cost for being drunk and disorderly.

James S. Edwards, colored, got three months suspended on payment of \$100 and the cost for driving drunk.

Henry Morrison, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the cost for driving without a license.

Marvin Jones, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Plea of guilty were entered in each of four cases of speeding and each defendant was charged with \$10 and the costs. They were Bertha Shuster and Theodore Carroll, both white of New York, N. Meloccearo, white of Rhode Island and James Davis, colored of Wilson.

Wounded Man Dies; McPhatter Held

Leo Steele, colored man who was wounded in a shooting at Richard McPhatter's place north of Raeford on Saturday night, February 21, died at a Fayetteville hospital last Saturday afternoon. McPhatter is reported by officers to have shot him in the abdomen twice with a .45 caliber pistol.

McPhatter was jailed after the shooting and was not allowed bond until Thursday of last week when he was released under a \$500 bond in view of Steele's improved condition. He was put back in jail Sunday morning pending the outcome of a coroner's inquest.

The inquest was started Saturday when Corner W. L. Roper got a jury and viewed the remains. Plans were to complete the inquest at the courthouse last night. They could either hold McPhatter without bond, allow him bond, or find that it was justifiable homicide and release him.

ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

The monthly orthopedic clinic will be held on Friday, March 5, in the basement of the Agricultural building in Lumberton. Dr. Lenox D. Baker of Duke hospital will be the surgeon in charge and patients are asked to register between nine and eleven o'clock.

CAMERA AWAIT'S YOUNGSTERS AT KIWANIS HALL SATURDAY

This Saturday is the big day for the picture-taking of your youngsters! The News-Journal is having pictures taken of all children who are brought by their parents or other guardian to the Kiwanis Hall between one p. m. and eight p. m. absolutely free of charge. The Woltz Studios, of Des Moines, Iowa, will be in charge. The News-Journal wants a picture of your child to print in its forthcoming feature, "Citizens of Tomorrow," a series of photographic studies of local children. The more we get the better the feature will be, so the cooperation of mothers and fathers are urged.

It often seems to parents that children are little one minute and grown up the next, so fast does a child's growing stage pass. Here is a splendid opportunity to catch a likeness of your child or child-

Must Market Best Tobacco To Keep Advantage

CONVENTION OF TOBACCO ASSOCIATES HELD IN RALEIGH

Raleigh, N.C.—March 3—J. B. Hutson, Washington, D. C. in his annual report as President of Tobacco Association, Inc., March 1, pointed out that in the production of flue-cured tobacco, "if we are to capitalize on the advantage we have in taste and aroma we must equal or surpass foreign producers also in color and smoking qualities."

A Hoke county member of Tobacco Associates is John Parker, of Raeford Route two, who was one of 75 North Carolina Farm Bureau members recently elected by counties to membership in accordance with the constitution of the non-profit flue-cured tobacco export group.

"United States flue-cured tobacco has a decided advantage in taste and aroma, but bright color and good texture are also important in foreign markets," Hutson said. "Many foreign producing areas are doing fully as well as we are in producing uniformly bright colors and general smoking qualities."

Hutson presented his report at the group's first annual membership meeting, attended by more than 300 persons. The membership is composed of representatives of various groups—flue-cured growers, dealers, warehousemen, fertilizer manufacturers, State Farm Bureaus and State Granges in the five flue-cured states. These allied interests banded together last year to form Tobacco Associates to protect and expand the export market for flue-cured tobacco.

Outlining activities of the past year, Hutson said that since returning from Europe last summer, after investigating tobacco and trade conditions overseas, and a later visit to Canada's tobacco-growing area, Marshall Plan developments have occupied most of his time. He has been in constant touch with Congressional and governmental leaders regarding the European Recovery Program and is continuing to follow closely

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ATTENDS CONVENTION

Warren McNeill, of McNeill's Cleaners in Raeford and Red Springs, is leaving this week to attend the convention of the National Institute of Cleaning and Dyeing in San Francisco, California, March 7 through March 11. Mr. McNeill is one of 12 regional directors in the United States, representing the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. He expects to see demonstrations of new cleaning methods and equipment at the convention.

Key Club Fund Grows; Now 895.50

The fund the Hoke High school Key club is raising to be applied on the ball park lighting project has increased considerably since the last report was published and has reached the sum of \$895.50. The club plans an intensive drive for contributions in the next week or two and hopes to reach its goal of \$2,000 in that time.

Contributions not published total \$338.50 and are as follows:

Ira L. Newton	100.00
Edgar Hall	5.00
H. B. Walters	2.00
Lillie McDougald	1.00
W. C. Hodgins	5.00
E. E. Fridell	5.00
Clarence Lytch	7.50
H. L. McMinis	2.00
Hamer Huggins	1.00
Hoke Oil & Fert. Co.	100.00
Hoke Auto Co.	100.00
Raeford Oil Co.	100.00

W. T. Gibson, Jr., high school principal, said this week that the poles are on the field for the lights and that the transformers and other equipment for lighting the park are ready for shipment and are expected soon. Main thing lacking is money and the help of everyone is needed with that item.

Glee Club From Flora Macdonald To Appear Here

On Sunday evening, March 14, the Flora Macdonald college glee club will be presented in a program of sacred music at the Raeford Presbyterian church. The glee club will be heard here for the second time in recent years, having sung here two years ago.

The program will furnish opportunity for a study in contrasts with an out-standing women's choral group appearing soon after the appearance of the UNC men's glee club. Beyond this is the opportunity for worship afforded through hearing the finest in sacred choral music, sung by a well-trained choir of eighty voices in the setting of a church atmosphere.

Alexander V. Ray Is Buried Friday

Alexander Vance Ray, well-known farmer of this county, died last Wednesday night at his home. He was 71 years of age and was never married. He has no immediate relatives. He was son of the late David J. Ray and Mrs. Mary Campbell Ray of Cumberland county.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at three o'clock at old Sandy Grove church on the Fort Bragg reservation by the Rev. H. L. Hemphill. Burial was in the old family burying ground near the church.

NEW MANAGER AT BELK-HENSDALE CO.

W. C. Phillips, manager of the Belk-Hensdale store here since its opening over two years ago, left this week to become manager of the Belk-Hensdale store in Red Springs.

C. A. Gardner, Red Springs manager for the past year comes to Raeford to manage the store here. Prior to his Red Springs experience Mr. Gardner was with the Belk-Hensdale store in Fayetteville for about eight years. He is married and has two sons and plans to move to Raeford as soon as he can obtain living quarters here.

PREACHING AT SHILOH

Morning worship services will be held at Shiloh Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and the Rev. C. M. Gibbs of Fayetteville will preach the sermon. A picnic lunch will be served in the community house afterward. Friends and members are invited to come and bring baskets.

Hoke High Closes Basketball For Year By Winning

EIGHTH STRAIGHT WIN FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TEAM

Coach Haywood Faircloth's Hoke High school basketball teams closed their regular season here last Friday night with two victories over the boys and girls from Philadelphia High.

The girls extended their winning streak to seven straight by turning back the girls from Philadelphia, 34-22. The boys marked up their eighth victory of the season by winning a close one, 22-20. After a slow start this season they finished with about half their games won.

Scoring honors for the whole season went to Joe Gullede for the boys and Marian Lewis for the girls. The good floor play of Keith Murray, MacDehob and Smith made it possible for the boys to have a fair season.

Not showing up so well in the scoring column but coming through with the excellent ball-handling all season that made it possible for Marian Lewis to get the points were Katherine Blue, Hilda Jordan and Mildred Clark. On the other end of the court were such outstanding guards as Alice Sutton Matherson, Dorothy Calloway and Bonnie Kate Blue. Reserves Cameron, Davis, Clark, Gore, Benner, Mary Sue and Betty Upchurch showed up well and are promising replacements for Dorothy Calloway, Bonnie Kate Blue and Katherine Blue who will graduate.

The junior varsity, although playing a very irregular and unmatched schedule, came through in fine form and gave valuable experience to several good prospects for the varsity.

The students of Hoke High wish to express their appreciation to Referees Charlie Daramus and Tommy Macko for their excellent officiating and their encouragement of good sportsmanship in all contests.

Still Operators Sentenced In Federal Court

Operators of the big still captured by Hoke county officers in Puppy Creek township last November were tried in Federal court before Judge Johnson J. Hayes this week. The still operators and those connected with the liquor distribution system involved totaled eight, two white and six colored. The still installation was captured by Sheriff D. H. Hodgins and Deputies J. C. Wright and Harry Dees. It included two 500 gallon stills, one eight h. p. upright boiler, 28 bags of sugar, 42 cases of half-gallon jars, 75 gallons of liquor, 12,000 gallons of still beer (liquor being processed), a 1946 Buick and a 1946 Ford truck. This property was confiscated by the government.

The men got sentences up to 21 months and fines up to \$1500. The two Hoke county men involved were James Monroe and Sam Jackson, both colored. Monroe got 60 days in jail and Jackson was put on temporary probation. All the others involved from Durham and Orange counties and were apprehended through the joint efforts of Hoke, Orange and Durham county officers and Federal officers.

CORRECTION

The Malcolm McNeill listed in the recorder's court write-up in last week's paper was a colored man of the county. This is not the son of Mrs. M. K. McNeill of Raeford, as might have been inferred from the article.

Mrs. D. S. McKeithan Dies Monday P. M.; Buried Yesterday

Mrs. D. S. McKeithan, 78, of Fayetteville died Monday afternoon at eight-thirty o'clock after a long illness. She was buried at the hospital Monday morning.

She was the former Martha Eliza McNeill, daughter of Dr. John N. McNeill and Mary Blue McNeill of Moore county. She had lived here for 40 years.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday morning at the home here by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church of which she was a member. Assisting was the Rev. Harry K. Holland of Marietta, Georgia, a former pastor. Burial was in the Raeford cemetery.

Pallbearers were Neill A. McDonald, J. C. McLean, A. K. Stevens, William Covington, R. L. Murray, J. D. McNeill, Neill James Blue, and John McKay Blue.

Surviving are her husband, two daughters, Annie McKeithan of the home and Mrs. Jonah McCauley of Bisco; three sons, Neill McKeithan of Aberdeen, John McKeithan of Raleigh, and A. S. McKeithan of Red Springs; one sister, Mrs. J. A. Blue of Raeford; and one brother, the Rev. M. D. McNeill of Sanford.

T. O. Moses Will Run For Judge Of Recorder's Court

Talmadge O. Moses, farmer and lawyer of the Ashley Heights section, came to town yesterday to pay his filing fee and enter the campaign for judge of the recorder's court. He was unable to file, due to the fact that there is not at present a chairman of the county board of elections.

It is understood that G. B. Rowland has been recommended for the post by County chairman Walter Baker, but that his official appointment has not yet arrived from Raleigh.

Mr. Moses said that he was going to run for the office and that he would return for the filing. The office is now held by Judge Henry McDiarmid, who has been in office since May 3, 1946. Judge McDiarmid has not indicated whether or not he will seek reelection.

Moses is a native of Franklin county, was educated at the Bunn High school and received his law degree from Wake Forest College in 1921. He practiced law in Tarboro from 1921 to 1943, although he moved his residence to this county in 1940 and began the operation of his farm here.

Since discontinuing the practice of law in Tarboro he has devoted most of his time farming here in Hoke county, although he has done some law practice. He is at present the moderator of the Sancy Creek Baptist association, including 54 churches in Chatham, Moore and part of Hoke county.

Hoke High Wins; Play Semi-Final Game Tonight

In the opening games of the Third Annual Invitational basketball tournament in the Hoke High gym here Tuesday night Hoke High and Stedman defeated Seventy-First and Hope Mills respectively, 28-21 and 35-24. The victories advanced both Hoke High and Stedman to the semi-finals to be played tonight.

The other two teams in the semi-finals tonight will be the winners of last night's games in which West End defeated Laurel Hill and Aberdeen defeated Central High of Cumberland county. Final game for the championship will be played tomorrow night between the winners of tonight's games.

In the Hoke High-Seventy-First game Tuesday night the play of Joe Gullede was outstanding as was that of Lockie MacDonald.

Crowd Enjoys UNC Glee Club Concert Here

EVENT SPONSORED BY PARENT-TEACHERS; MUSIC CLUB

One of the most pleasant musical programs offered here in recent years was the concert given in the Hoke County High School auditorium last Saturday night by the Men's Glee club of the University of North Carolina. The event, sponsored by the Hoke-Raeford Parent-Teachers association and the Chaminade Music club of Raeford, drew an audience which largely filled the auditorium.

A chorus of seventy or eighty men weaved by their leader, Paul Young, into what seemed at times a single instrument, sang selections from opera, oratorio, sacred liturgy and a patriotic cycle, "The Testament of Freedom."

"The Testament of Freedom" composed by a contemporary Virginian, Randall Thompson, is a setting of four texts taken from the writings of Thomas Jefferson. Without being great music, it is splendidly effective and worthy of the words. A sturdy and melodious chorus, "The God who gave us life," opens the cycle and closes it by repetition after the other parts are sung. Second part in somber mood is "We have counted the cost of this conflict."

Rufus Norris, accompanied by William Waters, pianist, revealed a baritone voice of power, sonority and beautiful quality in the only solo of the program, "Eri tu" from the "Masked Ball" by Verdi. Following the instrumental was a folk song group, and the listed program ended with three choruses from Wagner's operas. Encores were the comic folk songs, "Grandma Grunts," "Sally," and the alma mater song of the University.

Among the group were at least three boys who were known to the local audience. They were John McCain, son of Mrs. P. P. McCain, and the late Dr. McCain; Albert Lee O'Brian, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. O'Brian of Raeford; and John D. McPhaul, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McPhaul of the county.

The group was entertained at supper by the sponsoring groups and at a social hour with cake and coffee after the concert. Local young people and girls from Flora MacDonald college attended this affair.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

The forestry school got off to a good start Tuesday with 15 agricultural workers and foresters in attendance. Farm forestry was discussed as it applies to this section. Planning the forest management received quite a lot of attention. It was brought out that the forest should be handled much in the same manner as a crop of corn or cotton. Consideration must be given to the type of soil, the present growth rate and kind of trees. The forest should be harvested as its products can be marketed through a system of selective cutting.

It was felt that effective fire control is one of the greatest needs in this section. It was brought out that a combination of fire breaks, grazing, and community cooperation can bring about a reduction of fires. The fact that most forest fires start as a result of careless burning of brush and grass in adjacent fields was discussed. Grass and other litter in fields should never be burned. This is often equal to 400 to 600 pounds of fertilizer in plant food.

Besides that, it causes the soil (Continued on page 4)