

SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

W. O. Melvin, band director for Hoke High, took his band to Fayetteville yesterday to enter the district music contest. At this writing we have not heard whether the band got a rating or not. They do not play against other bands, but for a high enough rating to entitle them to enter the State Music Contest in Greensboro. We hope that they will get the rating. Mr. Melvin has done wonders with the largely raw material he has had to work with.

Miss Mary Van O'Brian of the State Department of Public Instruction was a visitor in the county last week.

Mr. Griffin, bus driver trainer for the State Safety Division, was in the county this week training drivers at Upchurch. He will be back next week when he will hold classes at Hoke High and Upchurch.

Leon Luck, county bus mechanic, has moved into his new home just completed on Donaldson Avenue.

The pre-school clinics will start in the county on Monday, March 22, and will be completed early in May. A complete schedule will be given in next week's News-Journal.

It is requested that all parents with children who will start school next year for the first time be sure and see that their children get to the clinic most convenient. State law now requires that all children entering school for the first time be immunized for diphtheria, smallpox, typhoid and whooping cough. Parents who have had these things done should send the doctors' certificates with the child to the clinic.

Dr. E. T. Koonce, state school dentist, was in Hoke County during February. Dr. Koonce inspected 569 children at Ashmont, Mildouson, Raeford and Rockfish. He treated 302, filled 169 cavities, gave 486 silver nitrate treatments, extracted 82 teeth and cleaned 299 sets of teeth. In addition to all this Dr. Koonce made a lecture on oral hygiene to all children in each school visited. Schools being closed for 7 days during this time cut down the work he was able to do by one-third. However, we feel fortunate that Dr. Koonce was able to take care of as many as he did. A colored dentist will be in the county during April.

Coach Faircloth has opened spring football practice and at the same time started baseball practice. He has two fairly good squads out.

The concert given Sunday afternoon at the Upchurch school by the Shaw University choral society was very much enjoyed by all who attended. Quite a number of white people attended and all were high in their praise of the music, and were glad to hear that it is expected that this concert will be made an annual event.

The Upchurch Home Economics teacher, Helen Williams, attended a district home economics meeting in Smithfield last week.

The colored eye clinic for all colored children in the county was held yesterday and today at the Upchurch school. The State Blind Commission, the County Health Department and Raeford Kiwanis club are cooperating with the schools.

Mrs. Mary Helton made a nice gift of books to the schools this week for which we are grateful. Mrs. McGoogan and Mrs. McNeill gave magazines that were very much appreciated. It would be appreciated.

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A SACRED CONCERT

will be presented at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, March 14, at 8:00 o'clock by the Glee Club of Flora Macdonald college, pictured below. The organ prelude will begin at 7:45. The members of the Glee Club with their director, Robert Reuter, have been much in demand by churches of all denominations and civic organizations throughout the State, and an evening of musical entertainment is assured. The choir is composed of 80 singers and has been especially noted for its work in sacred choral music. The public is cordially invited to hear them Sunday night at the Raeford Presbyterian church.



County Council Has Meeting Here Monday Afternoon

The Hoke County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs met in the Raeford Kiwanis Hall on Monday afternoon, March 8. Twenty-one people were present. Mrs. Frank McGregor, County Council President, presided. The roll of clubs were called and the minutes read by the Secretary, Mrs. F. K. Watson, Sr. Josephine Hall, Home Agent, and A. S. Knowles, County Agent, discussed the Master Farm Family Program sponsored by the Progressive Farmer and the N. C. Extension Service. Each county is to secure records of five farm families. These records are to be judged and one record submitted for the district contest. Each woman present at the County Council was asked to nominate one family in Hoke County to participate.

Plans for the District meeting to be held in Raeford on May 6, were completed. The Hoke County women will serve lunch immediately after the program. Each Hoke County Home Demonstration Club member will be asked to bring a filled picnic basket. A committee was appointed to prepare tea.

Miss Hall announced that National Home Demonstration Club Week will be observed May 2-8. Each club in the county is asked to take part in some special activity during the week. A special section of the Hoke County paper will also be printed.

Mrs. McGregor checked on the number of clubs contributing to "Seeds for Peace" drive. Six clubs reported having given a total of \$16.50 and others will be contributed this week.

Mrs. McGregor urged the club members to pay their Federation dues and Jane S. McKimmon Loan Fund as soon as possible. \$3.75 from each club should be sent to Mrs. Crowell Almond, R-1, Aberteen, County Council Treasurer.

Several women were given yarn to make Red Cross mufflers, toboggans, and sweaters.

Miss Hall reminded the club members of the furniture refinishing demonstration at the Kiwanis Hall on March 19.

PTA BENEFIT GAME PARTY TOMORROW PM

The Hoke-Raeford Parent-teacher association will sponsor a benefit game party tomorrow night, March 12, at 8:30 o'clock in the high school gymnasium. Light refreshments will be served and a high score prize will be awarded at each table. Guests are asked to bring their own cards. The party is for adults only and the public is cordially invited.

A MESSAGE TO YOU

Your American Red Cross drive is now on and Hoke County's quota has not yet been reached, but we intend to reach it, for this county has always met its Red Cross quota. There is no nobler act of mankind than helping those in need. There is no investment that pays you back so many times over as your contributions to the Red Cross. Again be proud and grateful to give what you can. Give Generously. Israel Mann, 1948 Fund Chairman.

Henry McDiarmid Intends To Remain County Recorder

The implications that Judge Henry McDiarmid might not be a candidate to succeed himself as Judge of the Hoke County recorder's court was not intentional. When this paper announced the candidacy of T. O. Mooses, Judge McDiarmid's intentions were not known and that is what was said, not that he would not run. Judge McDiarmid informed The News-Journal this week that he would definitely be a candidate to succeed himself in the primary in May. By the time of the primary he will have had five years experience as Hoke county recorder, as he was appointed to the position on May 3, 1943, shortly after the death of Judge Willie Brown McQueen.

The date of Judge McDiarmid's appointment was written correctly last week, but through a typesetter's error appeared as May 3, 1946.

BEAT WITH BOTTLE; ASSAILANT JAILED

Robert Kisler feed mill employee, was put in the county jail shortly before midnight last Thursday on charges that he had hit H. L. McMinis over the head with one or more beer bottles at the latter's filling station and beer dispensary out near the ball park. He was released under a \$500 bond on Saturday and trial was postponed until next Tuesday in Recorder's court. McMinis looked like he had been hit with a beer bottle and was reported to have needed several stitches to hold him together. Reports of the affair vary and will probably all be told at the trial.

PTA TO MEET MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Hoke-Raeford Parent-Teacher association will be held next Monday evening at 7:30 in the high school auditorium. All parents are urged to attend.

Presbyterians Plan Series Of Worship Services

A series of services is planned for the Raeford Presbyterian church the week of March 21-28, to be conducted by Dr. F. Crossley Morgan, D. D. Services will be held twice each day at 10:00 a.m. and eight p.m.

Dr. Morgan is a man who has gained a place of great respect in the field of Bible lecturing and is one of the most outstanding Bible teachers in America today. He was born in London, England, the son of Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, and received his early training in England. He fought with the British Forces in World War I and was decorated by King George V before coming to the United States in 1919. He has been pastor of several churches in Indiana, Georgia and North Carolina, including the First Presbyterian church in Augusta, Ga., and the First Presbyterian church in Concord, N. C.

In 1944 Dr. Morgan resigned his active pastorate in order to devote his full time to Bible conference work, and in this field he has been very successful.

The officers of the Raeford Presbyterian church feel that it is an unusual opportunity to have Dr. Morgan and are looking forward to a week of outstanding study and worship, led by a man who is considered by many to be a leading light in his field.

START ON LIGHTS

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., commander of the Ellis Williamson American Legion post, said yesterday that equipment was on hand and that work on the lights for the ball park here was expected to start around the last of this week or early next week. It is expected that the work will be completed before the weather gets warm enough for night baseball. All the necessary money has not been raised, however, and the High School Key Club is still accepting contributions from any who wish to help the community with this project.

M'PHATTER POSTS BOND

Richard McPhatter, who was jailed without bond after the death of Leo Steele as a result of wounds suffered in McPhatter's place of business, was released Tuesday under a bond of \$2000. The bond was set by a coroner's jury at an inquest on Wednesday of last week.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

There will be a meeting of the local Eastern Star next Wednesday at eight o'clock. An initiation will be held and officers urge all members to be present.

Few Cases Take Whole Day In Recorder's Court

COLORED MEN FREED AFTER HEARING ON CAPITAL CHARGE

In recorder's court Tuesday two Hoke county colored men, Jerry Bennett and John L. McLean were given a hearing before Judge Henry McDiarmid on charges of rape. The prosecuting witness was Clara McKeithan, colored. After the hearing Judge McDiarmid ruled that the evidence against the two was insufficient to find probable cause against them and the case was dismissed.

Fred Heath of Monroe and Washington Carlos of Wilson, colored truck drivers involved in an accident in the county, were each charged with careless and reckless driving and found guilty. Each was sentenced to 60 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and a fine of \$25. Both defendants gave notice of appeal to Superior court.

Charged with driving drunk were Andrew Ott and John L. Zumalt, both white of the Army, Warren C. Drummond, white of Cumberland county, and Thomas V. McLean, colored transient. Sentence in each case was 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the cost. Drummond was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon and found not guilty.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly were Timothy W. Deese, white soldier, Leslie Blue, and Maxwell L. Blue, white transients. Sentence was 30 days in each case, suspended on payment of the cost.

Jesse McIver and Mollie Jones, both colored, were charged with assault in separate cases, both having assaulted members of their families, and both having smoothed the disturbances over by the time of trial. Each got a 30-day sentence suspended on payment of the costs.

Charged with speeding were Samuel Hatcher, white tourist, John L. Turner, white of Troy, N. C., and Robert Guyet, white soldier. Each had posted a \$25 bond and failed to appear for trial.

Joe N. Perez, white soldier got 30 days suspended on payment of the cost for driving with improper drivers license.

Ed Hollingsworth, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of the cost for violating the prohibition laws.

John Calvin Ray and William Outen, both white, were charged with careless and reckless driving as a result of an accident they were involved in. They settled the damages and submitted a plea of guilty of violating the road laws, which the court accepted. Each got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs.

GUARD NOW MOBILE

The status of Battery A, local anti-aircraft unit of the North Carolina National Guard was changed recently, according to information released by the office of the Adjutant General of North Carolina. The unit, which has been a semi-mobile battery armed with 40 millimetre Bofors guns, will keep the same weapons but will be classed as mobile in the future and will be equipped with some 25 more vehicles than it has previously had. It will be equipped to move all personnel, weapons and equipment at the same time in its own vehicles. Additional ratings for enlisted men and a larger strength for the battery were also authorized.

The March issue of the HOKE HIGH LIGHTS came out Wednesday of this week.

Hoke High Glee Club To Give Concert Tonight

Miss Blue, director of music in the county, will present the members of the Glee Club in a spring concert Thursday evening, March 11, at 8:15 o'clock. Under the student direction of Miss Owen the Glee Club has made remarkable progress since September. On various occasions the members have sung on civic and church programs. A concert was also given in the fall. This evening's program climaxes the year's work. The public is invited to attend.

The program will include "Sleepers Wake" by Bach, "The Kerry Dancers" by Molloy, "The Heavens Resound" by Beethoven, "Peter Piper" by Whittier, "Come Let Us Go A-Maying" by Gluck, "Nut Brown Maiden" by Goodell, and "My Hero" from "The Chocolate Soldier" by Straus.

Of Rejected Cars One-Half Due To Faulty Headlights

Of 583 cars processed at the motor vehicle inspection lane here since it opened last Thursday afternoon, roughly half have been rejected and one-half of these have been caused by headlights being out of focus.

The lane, which is located on north Main street, takes a car through every five to ten minutes when in operation. It has a staff of five and will remain in Raeford through Friday, March 26. It will return here on May 18 and remain until June 11.

All cars rejected must return to a lane for another inspection within 10 days. It must pass this second inspection to remain on the highway. Every car must be inspected this year and twice yearly thereafter.

The station here is open in good weather from 8:00 a. m. to noon and from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Carolina Power Has 97 Miles Line In County

Carolina Power and Light Company's postwar rural line-building program has brought 21 miles of new rural lines to Hoke County, furnishing electricity to 170 rural homes for the first time.

CP&L now has 97 miles of rural lines in operation in Hoke County alone, serving 465 farm homes. 1947 saw completed 17 miles of these lines, adding nearly 100 farm homes to the list.

The rural line-building program has been one of Carolina Power & Light Company's major undertakings. Since the war, CP&L has built 4,288 miles of line to serve 28,000 farm homes throughout its system, 2,850 miles of these lines being completed during 1947 to bring electric service to 17,000 customers.

The Company now has nearly 2,000 miles of rural lines in operation throughout its territory, serving 70,000 farm homes. Still another 500 miles of rural lines have been completed except for the installation of transformers. These lines will serve an additional 2,600 customers as soon as transformers, which have been on order for some time, are delivered and can be installed.

HORNER TO SPEAK TO METHODIST MEN

W. E. Horner, Methodist lay leader and publisher of the Sanford "Herak," will speak to the men's club of the Raeford Methodist church at their regular monthly meeting and supper at the Upchurch airport tomorrow night (Friday) at 6:30.

The third year home economic girls are planning, preparing, and serving a dinner on Thursday evening of this week. This project completes their unit in cooking.

Shotgun Blast Saturday Kills Colored Man

LUKE THOMAS INDICTED; CORONER SETS \$2000 BOND; STILL IN

Nathaniel Leslie, colored man about 45 years of age, died in a Fayetteville hospital at about one o'clock last Sunday morning from having been shot in the abdomen with a 12-gauge single-barrelled shotgun at about eight o'clock Saturday night.

Leslie was allegedly shot by Luke Thomas, his brother-in-law at Leslie's home after they, according to Thomas, had a scuffle in which Leslie grabbed the end of the gun barrel. Leslie lives on the Lee Maxwell property in Blue Springs township.

Thomas told officers that one of Leslie's children had come to his house Saturday evening to get him to come over and see if he could help get Leslie quiet. Thomas said he went over there, taking his "single-barrel" along, and that Leslie was in bed asleep when he arrived. He said Leslie waked up and that they talked a little during which conversation he said Leslie suggested that Thomas would have about enough to do to look after his own home and that he reckoned Thomas ought to be leaving.

It was then, Thomas said, that he reached for his single-barrel which he had set in a corner and that Leslie grabbed for it and got it by the barrel before the load went into his abdomen.

Coroner W. L. Roper investigated the affair without calling a jury and set a bond of \$2000 for Thomas. He is still in jail.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Fifteen boys and girls of the Hoke High School, who are taking part in the Soil Conservation Contest, made a tour of several farms on Tuesday to study the various practices being carried out to conserve the soil. These students will write an essay and deliver a talk in competition about the first of April. The Bank of Raeford is sponsoring this contest locally and the N. C. Bankers Association is sponsoring the contest on a state basis.

Several farmers have already reported damage by insects to their tobacco plants. The more common plant bed insects and their control are: Tobacco flea beetles can be controlled with 1 percent rotenone dust. Slugs may be controlled with a 3 or 4 inch bank of hydrated or air-slaked lime. If it is necessary to dust the entire bed, apply it when dry in the afternoon. Midge larvae may be controlled with 1 1/2 to 2 pounds of naphthalene flakes per 100 sq. yards.

The efficiency on most farms can be improved by: (1) The use of improved crop and livestock practices. (2) More efficient use of labor and better work methods. (3) Better distribution of labor throughout the year. (4) Cut expenses wherever possible. While some expenses can be reduced on most farms, an increase in expenditure for fertilizer, better seed, some types of machinery, and protein supplement for livestock may hold increased efficiency.

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PREACHING AT BETHEL

There will be morning worship services at Bethel Presbyterian church next Sunday morning. Guest preacher will be the Rev. C. M. Gibbs, of Fayetteville, and the service will start at eleven o'clock.