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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

On Tuesday night the Raeford School Board held a meeting at which time W. T. Gibson was re-elected district principal. At the same time A. S. Gaston was re-elected principal of the Upchurch school. Both elections were unanimous votes of the Board.

The Board is composed of J. H. Blue, chairman, J. E. Gullede and A. H. McPhaul. Both of the men re-elected are principals of the two county-wide high schools. The Board during its meeting spoke very highly of the work they are doing these respective schools.

The Raeford Graded school is doing quite a lot of work on the grounds. The larger boys and Prin. Turlington have set out quite a number of dogwood trees, which will be quite an addition to the grounds if they can be made to live. Some of the younger children are working on the bird sanctuary in the town park immediately behind the school grounds.

A Boy Scout troop has been organized at Rockfish under the leadership of the Rev. E. B. Booker and Wilton Wood. The Rockfish Civic club is sponsoring the troop. The meetings are being held at the school building. We wish the new troop much success.

The Hoke County High School has raised the money and the vocational boys have painted the auditorium, all the halls, and have done some painting in some of the classrooms. They have done a splendid job. The building looks like new. The school has also raised the money and purchased a power lawn mower. This should guarantee that the grounds will look better in the future. The high school folks have really been at work this year.

The Board of Education office force is working hard on the organization statement, which is the report to Raleigh at the end of the seventh month, on which the allotment of teachers is based on the coming year. We hope that it will be better than the report made to the Board of Education and school committeemen at the end of the sixth month. That report indicated a net loss to the county of 4 teachers. We hope that the seventh month attendance will cut this loss, at least, partially.

W. L. Thornburg of the Ashmont school committee has given the poison oak on the Ashmont school grounds a weed killing treatment. We sincerely hope that it will be effective and the menace of poison oak will be removed from the children.

On next Monday afternoon at 2:30 the State Department of Public Instruction will hold a district meeting for science and math teachers at Hoke County High School. Approximately 50 visitors from surrounding counties will be present.

The Hoke-Raeford P. T. A. held its regular monthly meeting Monday night in the Graded school auditorium with Mrs. Younger Snead, president, presiding. A program was put on by the pupils of the first and sixth grades. Mrs. Stephens, music teacher, had charge of the first and a part of the sixth grade that rendered a number of songs. Mrs. Davis' sixth grade put on their playlet, "Grandmother's Dream." All of the program was very much enjoyed by a large audience of parents and teachers.

The president announced the election of a vice-president, secretary and treasurer for the new term, but stated that the nominating committee had been unable

Hoke High Wins One & Loses Two

The Hoke High baseball team beat Red Springs here yesterday afternoon, 9-7, for their first victory in the past week, losing to Red Springs last Friday and to Rowland on Tuesday. Jack Lee pitched the game for Hoke High yesterday and allowed the visitors only four hits while his teammates were getting 10 off of Watson for Red Springs. Hoke High errors accounted for the closeness of the score. Freeman got three for five, Lee two for three and Keith hit a triple for Hoke high.

21 errors piled up a 15 to 2 lead for Red Springs in the game there last Friday. Buoyer, McMillian and Keith took turns on the mound for the Hoke team.

Rowland won a game there Tuesday, 9-8. Hoke held the lead until the sixth when errors and two hits got Rowland three runs and the lead which they kept. McMillian pitched the whole game for Hoke and gave up nine hits. Hall and Johnson for Rowland allowed eight.

Pearl D. Sessoms Dies On Friday

Pearl David Sessoms, section foreman for the State highway commission and widely known in this county, was stricken by a heart attack at his home here last Friday afternoon from which he failed to recover. He was 41 years of age and was born in what is now Blue Springs township of this county. He became ill about three while on the job and died at home shortly before five.

Funeral services were conducted at three o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Raeford Methodist church by the Rev. B. P. Robinson, former pastor. Burial was in the Raeford cemetery.

Mr. Sessoms is survived by his wife, the former Frances McBrayde; two daughters, Mrs. Howard Pope of Camp Lee, Va., and Mary Elizabeth Sessoms of the home; two sons, David and Charles Sessoms of the home and one step-daughter, Joan Ayers, also of Raeford.

He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. W. N. Sessoms; three sisters, Mrs. W. D. Black of Hopewell, Va., Mrs. Minor Davis of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Lloyd Crowley of Raeford; four brothers, Ben Sessoms of King's Mountain, John Sessoms of Norwood, Robert Sessoms of Lillington, and Malcolm Sessoms of Fayetteville.

CANDIDATE HERE

Brandon Hodges, of Asheville, former State senator and candidate for treasurer of North Carolina subject to the primary May 29, was a visitor in Raeford Tuesday in the interest of his candidacy. He was accompanied by George Craig.

NOTICE

The quarterly report of the Hoke county health department was handed in too late for publication last week and was overlooked until too late to appear in this session, for which we are extremely sorry. It will appear in its entirety next week.

In the report were announcements of the following preschool clinics:

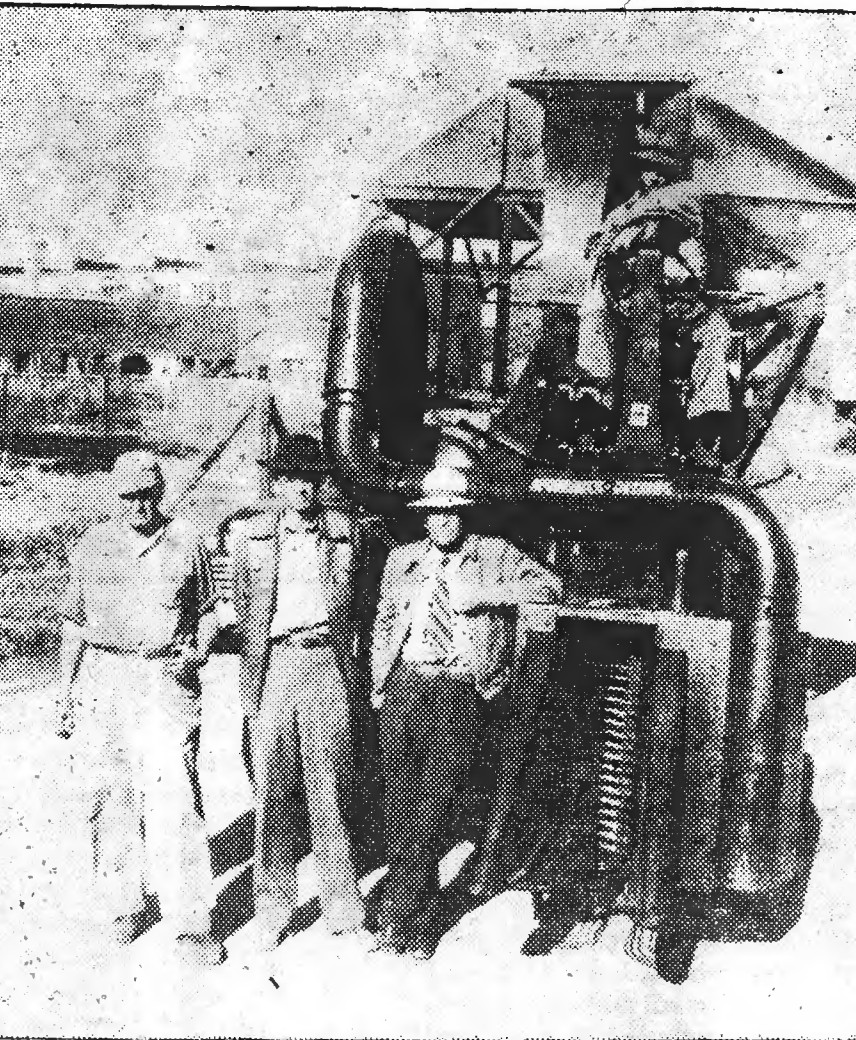
Raeford Grammar school, next Thursday, April 29, at 9:00 a. m. with Raeford doctors examining.

Ashmont school Thursday, May 6, at 9:00 a. m. with a doctor from the Sanatorium examining.

Clinic for Frye's Mission, Little River colored school will be held Monday, May 3, 1948.

Parents of children who will enter school next fall for the first time are urged to bring their children to these clinics.

HOKE MEN BUY COTTON PICKER



Hoke County's first home owned and operated cotton picker arrived in Laurinburg recently and was sold through the Farm Implement and Truck Company to a Hoke Cotton Harvesting Cooperation which is owned by J. L. Warner, J. A. Roper, A. R. Currie and Hallie Blythe. The cotton picker, new in this country, and comparatively new throughout the South, is considered one of the biggest labor-saving devices to farmers since Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin in 1792, for the picker, like the gin, cuts hand labor to a minimum and decreases by months the time needed to harvest a year's crop.

Details of Picker

The picker is a McCormick-Deering M-12-H mounted on the rear of a reversed, modified Farmall M tractor. This permits the plants to be picked before encountering any part of the tractor frame or wheels.

The picking element of the machine consists of a sturdy steel box housing two picker drums, each arranged with fifteen cam-actuated picker bars containing twenty picker spindles per bar, or a total of 600 picking spindles. The picking spindles are spaced so as to pick a high percentage of the open cotton but permit room for the green unopened bolls to remain on the plant. The speed of the drum rotation is timed in relation to the tractor speed, so that the plants pass through the throat of the machine without damage to the green bolls or plants.

A spindle moistening system is

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Labor Saving

The mechanical picker averages about one bale per hour and a half picking from eight to 10 bales of cotton a day. The picker, operated by one man, will take the place of 40 to 50 hand pickers.

The members of the Cooperation estimate they will have about 300 acres of mechanical cultivated cotton this year and, if the picker could operate every single day, the picking job would be completed in about 30 days. They believe that the saving in cost of labor, which would run in the neighborhood of \$8,000 will more than cover the approximately \$7,500 cost of the

picker.

The group feels that the purchase of the cotton picker will not only be a progressive step in farming for themselves, but that it will be a help to the entire community as they hope to be able to use the machine to assist other farmers in harvesting their cotton crops.

WORK PROMISED ON VASS ROAD

The following letter was received this week by J. A. McGoogan from L. E. Whitfield, Division engineer of the State Highway commission in regard to the condition of the Raeford-Vass road about which McGoogan wrote some time ago.

Mr. L. E. Whitfield Division Engineer Asheboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Whitfield:

Reference is made to your letter of March 24, 1948, relative to condition of Raeford-Vass Road.

Maintenance schedule is set up to include the Raeford-Vass road to be bladed and graded once each week. Every effort will be made to keep this road in satisfactory condition.

The present condition of the Raeford-Vass Road is due to weather conditions, heavy firing schedules, preventing road equipment from operating successfully; also there has been a logging and clearing project on the north end of the road which also prevented proper maintenance. This clearing has now been completed and will permit adequate maintenance through the reservation part of the road.

Yours very truly,

L. M. Marris
Captain, AGD
Ass. Adj. Gen.

THREE MORE FILERS FOR COUNTY OFFICES

Before the last minute came Saturday for filing to run for office in the primary May 29 three more aspirants paid their fees to G. B. Rowland, chairman of the county board of elections.

O. L. Townsend of the Rockfish section was the last to file for a seat on the county board of commissioners. His filing brought the total to nine, three of which are on the present board.

Another filer not previously reported was N. McNair Smith, present solicitor of the county recorder's court, who filed to succeed himself. J. M. Andeews had already filed for this office.

A. W. Wood filed for another term on the county board of education. This makes the complete board in line for another term as the other four have filed and no others.

COLLINS NOW SELLING SOME ITEMS UPSTAIRS

Irving Hubbard, manager of Collins Department Store here, announces in this issue that the Ladies and children's ready-to-wear department of the store are now on the second floor. He states that the second floor can be reached by self-service elevator and that it is air-conditioned the same as the ground floor. Piece goods and domestics are also on sale on the second floor.

Court Term Ends Wednesday; Many Cases Continued

Hookano Gets Seven To 10 Years; Thomas 5; Wheeler Acquitted

With the acquittal of James Wheeler, Hoke county colored man, yesterday afternoon, the April term of Superior court came to an end. Only two civil cases, both divorce, were tried, and they were sandwiched in with the criminal cases.

Wheeler was originally charged with rape and this was changed to assault with intent to commit rape by N. McNair Smith, prosecuting for and in the absence of Solicitor F. Eitel Carlyle. After hearing the evidence the jury found Wheeler not guilty. Smith handled the docket for Carlyle on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday.

John Hookano, soldier from Hawaii who was charged with the robbery and assault of a taxicab driver on the night of February 7, was found guilty and sentenced to prison for not less than seven nor more than 10 years. His wife, Margaret Hookano, was also found guilty and sentenced to serve not less than two nor more than three years in prison. Judge Carr wrote a letter to the Cumberland county welfare department asking that they assist in the support of the six-month old child of the Hookano couple who is in Fayetteville with Mrs. Hookano's mother.

A plea of forcible trespass was accepted in the case in which

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Precinct Election Officers Chosen By County Board

G. B. Rowland, chairman of the Hoke county board of elections, has released the names of those who will conduct the Democratic primary at this county's ten precincts on May 29. The first named in each precinct will be the registrar for the precinct and the other two will be judges of election.

The registration books will be open at each of the voting places on Saturdays, May 1, May 8, and May 15 from 9:00 a. m. until sunset. The books will also be open on Saturday, May 22, which will be challenge day.

The list of precinct officers follows.

Antioch W. C. Hodgin, F. C. McPhaul, W. T. Everleigh; Alledale Arch Watson, David Currie, J. W. Hasty; Blue Springs Clifford J. McNeill, Manly Norton, James Hendrix; Little River E. B. Blue, N. A. McGill, C. H. Marks; Puppy Creek John Parker, Hugh Haire, Lacy McNeill; Rockfish W. F. Townsend, J. P. Barber, Clarence Koonce; Raeford No. 1 L. J. Campbell, M. M. Culbreth, Charles Cameron; Raeford No. 2 John K. McNeill, Jr., G. W. Cox, J. A. McQueen; Stonewall N. A. McInnis, J. L. McFadyen, D. L. McGougan; Ashmont R. A. Smoak, L. R. Cothran, Martin A. Robertson.

Grand Jury Makes Recommendations

The Hoke county grand jury in its report to the presiding judge of superior court this week indicated that it had inspected the schools of the county, the county buildings, the school busses and the State Sanatorium facilities, as well as investigating the other cases and reports normally coming up before it.

Complaints and recommendations included the following: Repairs to walls and provision for more bathing facilities in the prison ward at the Sanatorium. It was found that one bath tub was provided for 28 men there.

Repairs to several termite-eaten floors in the county office building.

Cleaning boys rest rooms at Hoke high school and providing more facilities.

The report commented that other schools were in good condition and that Upchurch High school was in excellent condition throughout. The school busses of the county were inspected by Patrolman Barnes and found to be in excellent condition.

It stated that from two to three weeks are required for processing, and that shipment of the cuts would be made immediately on completion. The News-Journal will begin publication of the pictures, as soon as the plates arrive.

Meeting Monday

Officials of the Hoke County Development corporation and the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., announced yesterday that a meeting would be held at the courthouse next Monday night, April 26, at eight o'clock, to which all stockholders of the corporation, members of the Chamber of Commerce and interested persons of the community are invited.

At this meeting they propose to explain fully the whole arrangement with the American Wringer company and to ask the approval of the community for action taken in the matter up to the present time.

It is expected that a representative of a building firm will be present and plans for construction of the building in the immediate future will be discussed.

National Security Is Your Business Colonel Tells Vets

Colonel Norman McNeill, senior Regular army instructor for the organized reserves of the North Carolina Military district, spoke to 180 members of the Ellis Williamson American Legion post and their guests at a fish fry at Clyde's pond last Friday night.

Colonel McNeill's address was prefaced by a short talk on the military situation as it affects veterans by Lt. Colonel A. B. Huff, military district executive officer.

In his talk, Colonel McNeill, a native of Cumberland county and a graduate of West Point, tried to impress on those present the fact that national security cannot be considered an abstract term affecting Washington or the country as a whole, but that it is something that has a direct and felt effect on individuals and in the present situation on young men and veterans particularly. He spoke of the importance to the nation of its being strong enough to be secure and of the personal necessity to each American for that strength.

Following the talk a film was shown in Technicolor. It was entitled "Crossroads," and showed in detail the planning for and execution of the atomic tests in the Pacific some months ago.

Over 100 non-legionnaires were guests of the post at the feed and these were extended a welcome by post commander Clyde Upchurch, Jr., who also invited them to join the post and participate in its civic enterprises.

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Raeford To Enter Peach Belt Loop

Local Group Meets; Elects Officers, Directors; Plan Thirty Games

At a meeting of about 25 interested persons at the town hall last Thursday night it was decided to enter a team from Raeford in the Peach Belt Baseball League this summer. Other teams to be in the league are Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Robbins, Hamlet, and the Beaunt mill of Rockingham. The Raeford club was formed at the meeting.

Harry Greene was elected president of the Raeford club. T. C. Scarborough, vice-president, and Truman Austin, secretary-treasurer. Directors chosen by the group were Clyde Upchurch, Sr., Mike McKeithan, W. L. Foster, John D. McNeill and Benj. Thomas. Harvey Warkie and Buck Blue were elected alternate directors.

The directors held a meeting on Tuesday night of this week and chose John D. McNeill to represent the club on the league's board of directors. One member of this board is from each club in the league. Clyde Upchurch, Jr. was appointed business manager of the club with the handling of the publicity, advertising, and the raising of initial expense money as his duties. Bill Upchurch was appointed field manager of the club.

Under the presently arranged plans for the league, each team will be allowed 25 players on its roster and will play 30 games. 15 at home. The Raeford club is interested in playing more than one game a week here due to the fact that current for the lights in the park here will be progressively cheaper as more is used. The board appointed T. G. Scarborough, a committee of one, to attempt to arrange this with the other clubs.

The lights on the park here are expected to be completed in a couple of weeks and practice is expected to start next week. The schedule for the season will be announced later.

TO CANCER DRIVE

The key charge for persons who forget to bring their keys to the Freezer locker plant has been put into a box for some time now. This box was opened last week and the contents, \$12.20, were given to the county drive of the American Cancer Society.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Most farmers have provided either permanent or temporary grazing for their family cows and hogs. Indications are that several hundred acres of permanent pasture will be seeded this fall. They should apply 1 to 2 tons of lime per acre as soon as possible. The summer crop should be turned under in August. September is the best time to plant pastures.

Grazing animals need dry roughage, obtained from hay, cottonseed hulls, bundle feed, straw or stalk fields. Keeping dry roughage available increases the value of grazing and livestock efficiency. Livestock on good pasture will often eat coarse, unpalatable roughage, thereby saving grazing.

If we are to capitalize on the advantages we have in producing tobacco with desirable taste and aroma, we must find a way to surpass foreign production in color and smoking qualities. Better quality cigarette grades mean larger immediate returns to producers and a definite contribution

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