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## FIRST GAME UNDER LIGHTS SATURDAY P. M.

### PEACH BELT TEAM TO PLAY SOUTHERN PINES

#### N C LEGION COMMANDER TO MAKE DEDICATION ADDRESS

##### Mayor Poole To Catch First One

The first game under the newly installed lights at Armory Park here will be played Saturday night, May 8, between the Raeford entry in the Peach Belt League and the Southern Pines team in the league.

The program will start at 7:45 p. m. with a dedication ceremony, raising of the flag, music by the Hoke High school band and a short talk by Ray Galloway, North Carolina Department commander of the American Legion.

Mayor W. L. Poole is scheduled to catch the first ball at eight o'clock to get the first game underway. He is to catch the ball because he was quite a catcher, not a pitcher. Officials did not release the name of the man to pitch the first ball. Coach Haywood Faircloth of Hoke High school will serve as official umpire for the game.

The opening of the park for night games marks the climax of a long struggle for quite a number of individuals and organizations in the community who have struggled to bring the dream of a lighted park into reality. The local American Legion post has been the constant leader and promoter in the struggle, but considerable assistance has been rendered by others, the High School Key club, and several generous individuals of the community.

The struggle is not over, however, because some credit has been used to complete the job and it is the intention of the American Legion post to raise enough money from games to retire this debt.

### FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

#### Fly Control

Most farm families will undertake to control flies during the next few weeks and months by either swatting or spraying. Swatting is the oldest known method of keeping flies thinned down during the summer months, but swatting has proven too slow and inefficient for modern society.

#### Where to Spray

The best way to fight fly infestation is to begin at the source. In this case, the stables and barns are the important breeding places. All barns should be sprayed inside and outside to kill them before they migrate to the dwelling. The home should be sprayed inside and outside unless the house is well screened and those screens kept closed, except when going in and out of the house. If the house is well screened, it may be only necessary to spray the porches, around the doors and windows making sure that all screens get DDT on them as a spray or brush on. Be sure to spray chimneys, houses and hog houses and shelters.

#### What to Use

A three or five gallon pressure sprayer is most satisfactory for spraying DDT. Keep plenty of (Continued on back page)

### YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Last Friday night Ashemont presented its operetta "Moon Queen" to a large and enthusiastic audience. Teachers and pupils had worked hard on the production. Costumes were bright and colorful and the music catchy. Everyone enjoyed it. The faculty wishes to thank Mrs. Tom Sinclair for her help with the music.

Last night Mildouson gave its operetta "Peter Rabbit." The audience was crowded with an audience of parents and friends that enjoyed the performance to the uttermost. Pupils and teachers had worked hard in preparation and their efforts repaid all who were present. The music was good and it was well costumed. The faculty wishes to thank Mrs. Archie Howard for her help in preparing the music.

Everyone is looking forward to the senior play "Girl Shy" that will be presented Friday night at 8:30 at the high school auditorium under the direction of Miss Miriam Watson. An immense amount of work has been done in preparation for this presentation. An evening of splendid entertainment is in store for all who attend.

W. T. Gibson and K. A. MacDonald are out of town today visiting colleges in and around Charlotte in search of teachers.

The McFarland school is giving a May Day exercise Friday at 1 o'clock p. m. The teacher and pupils have worked hard on this exercise, and they cordially invite all parents and friends of the school to be present.

The regular county-wide colored teachers meeting was held at the Upchurch school Tuesday afternoon. Plans for closing of the schools on May 27 were made.

The gift of a summer encampment grounds to the Negro teachers association was announced. This gift was made by a wealthy New Yorker and comprises about 400 acres of land on the Onslow County coast.

The Bowmore P. T. A. met at the school building Tuesday evening to make plans for the operation of the lunchroom for next year.

The Freedom P. T. A. held its last meeting of the year at the school building on Wednesday night. They also made plans for their lunchroom operation for next year.

At the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday the school budget for 1948-49 as passed by the Board of Education on the first Monday in April was approved as requested. Vice-chairman Robert Gatlin and K. A. MacDonald presented the request. See story in this issue for details.

Standard tests will be given in the white elementary schools on Tuesday and Wednesday May 11 and 12. Parents are requested to make an effort to have all children in school these days.

The Raeford Graded Pre-school clinic was held last week with about 40 pre-school children present. We wish to thank Doctors Murray, Matheson and O'Brian and Mesdames Lewis Upchurch, Lawrence McNeill, Marcus Smith and Younger Snead for their help in putting on the clinic.

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### Democrats Call Precinct Meets Next Saturday

#### Local Districts To Be Organized In County

Democratic precinct meetings in the voting precincts of Hoke county will be held next Saturday, May 8, at 2 p. m. according to W. P. Baker, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee.

Precinct chairmen in the precincts will call the meetings to order promptly at 2 o'clock, and they are urged to take necessary steps between now and Saturday to insure large attendances at the various meetings.

Under the plan of organization of the Democratic party of North Carolina, the voters at a precinct meeting shall elect a precinct executive committee consisting of five active Democrats, at least two of whom shall be women. The precinct committee will then elect from its membership a chairman and a vice chairman, one of whom shall be a woman. The chairman shall represent his precinct on the county executive committee.

At the precinct meeting delegates to the county convention and alternates will be elected and any other questions that arise may be voted upon and so certified to the county convention.

Chairmen who preside at the various meetings are asked to report as soon as possible the results of the meeting to W. P. Baker in Raeford.

The precinct meetings will be held at the voting place in the respective precincts.

### High School Paper Gets Recognition

"Hoke High Lights", the Hoke County High School paper, received the Achievement Award at the Southern Interscholastic Press Association convention held at Washington and Lee University last week. Nine members of the Journalism Club together with Mrs. Arthur D. Gore, faculty advisor to the paper, represented the high school at the convention. Five hundred delegates, representing their school publications, from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Maryland, Alabama, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Texas, Mississippi, Georgia, and Tennessee attended this journalistic event.

Main speakers for the convention were Marquis Childs, Washington columnist, John Scott, chief of Time magazine's Berlin bureau, James Michener, author of "Tales of the South Pacific", and Alex Raymond, creator of "Flash Gordon" and "Rip Kirby".

The recreational activities included a reception, dance, banquet, crew race between Rollins College and Washington and Lee University, and a trip to National Bridge.

The members of the paper staff attending from Raeford were: Miralyn Johnson, Bonnie Kate Blue, Gwen Gore, Alice Sutton Matheson, Anne Gore, Bobby McNeill, Buddy Blue, Neill Adams McNeill, and Alton Clark.

### CLINIC AT LUMBERTON

The monthly orthopedic clinic will be held on Friday, May 7, 1948, in the basement of the Agricultural Building in Lumberton, North Carolina. Dr. Lenox D. Baker of Duke Hospital, Durham, North Carolina, will be the surgeon in charge. Please register at the desk between nine and eleven o'clock.

### Speaker At HDC District Meeting Here



MRS. W. C. PRESSLEY

The annual meeting of the 16th district of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration clubs will have as its guest speaker, Mrs. W. C. (Harriet) Pressley, wife of the president of Peace Junior college, Raleigh, and recently named the North Carolina Mother of the year, when the Home Demonstration club women of Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties gather in Raeford on Thursday.

Mrs. Pressley is the director of women's activities and public service programs for the radio station W.P.T.F. and takes part in numerous civic organizations. She is the mother of five children and states that her interest in many of her activities grew out of the children's interest in them.

Mrs. Pressley is a member of the adult education committee of the State Education Commission, is chairman of the North Carolina section, Association of Women Broadcasters; is vice president of the State School Board's third district, a member of the Raleigh School board and a member of the Community Chest board.

The meeting will be held in the Raeford Presbyterian church and will be presided over by Mrs. E.P. Gibson of St. Pauls, vice chairman, in the absence of Mrs. Marshall Newton, who is ill in the hospital.

Registration will begin at 1 o'clock, luncheon will be served by the food and nutrition leaders. The Hoke county club will be host for the occasion. Mrs. Melvin Honeycutt of the Hope Mills club is chairman of the courtesy committee.

### TOWN BOARD MEETS

At a special meeting of the town board Monday night the resignation of McLaurin Clark from the police force was accepted. A successor will be selected as soon as possible.

The board also voted to raise the town's annual appropriation to the library from \$250 to \$350, as the county commissioners had raised the county library appropriation from \$400 to \$500.

### WATER SHORT

Starr McMillan, town water superintendent, announced yesterday that due to repairs being made on the pump for the town system, water would be in somewhat shorter supply for the next few days. He asks all water users in Raeford to conserve water as much as possible during the several days before the supply gets back to normal.

### Recorder Gives Post Office Thief 4 Years On Roads

#### Two-2-Year Sentences To Run Consecutively; Another Goes For Two Also

Tuesday's session of Hoke County recorder's court was unusual in that seven years of time to be served was handed out by the Judge Henry McDiarmid, four years by one defendant for two offenses and two years by another who had failed to comply with the provisions of an old judgement.

Prentiss Roberson, colored, was sent to the road for two years for breaking into the post office in Raeford and stealing a package. In another case in which Roberson was charged with bigamy, his plea of adultery was accepted and he was sentenced to two years, to be served after the other sentence. Odessa Thomas Ray Roberson, the woman in the latter case, was sentenced to serve one year in jail.

George T. Ray, colored man previously convicted of abandonment and non-support, was brought to court for failing to comply with the orders of the judge at the time. He had been sentenced to serve two years on the road, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$5 weekly toward the support of his family. It was shown that he had not contributed to the support of his family as he had been ordered to do, so Judge McDiarmid sent him off to serve the two years.

Raymond Deberry, colored, was charged with assault with intent to commit rape and found guilty of simple assault. Sentence was 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

James E. Wilkes, white of Hope Mills, got four months for driving drunk and with no driver's license. Sentences were suspended on payment of \$125 and the costs.

Harry Barnett, colored of Baltimore, paid the costs for passing a school bus with the stop sign out.

Other traffic violators were James G. New, white of Fayetteville, Arthur McAllister, white bus driver of Charlotte, Joe Coleman, white soldier, Harry L. Butler, white tourist, and Walter H. Culbreth, white. All these forfeited bonds of \$25 for speeding except Culbreth who appeared and paid the costs. James L. McIntosh, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for driving a car with no brakes.

### BAZAAR CONTINUED

The bazaar conducted last Saturday by the ladies of the Raeford Baptist church in the new section of Raeford Furniture Company will be held again on Saturday of this week in the same place. Cakes, handiwork, sewing, etc., will be offered for sale in the drive to raise money for use for furnishings for the new church.

### WEDNESDAY CLOSING

The offices of the courthouse were granted permission to close on Wednesday afternoons for the summer months by the county commissioners in session Monday. They started doing so at noon yesterday. Exception is the office of the board of education, which will remain open.

### CAMPAIGNER HERE

John T. Armstrong, candidate for Secretary of State of North Carolina in the Democratic primary May 29, was a visitor in Raeford the first of the week in the interest of his candidacy.

### BASEBALL TUESDAY

In the second night game at Armory Park the Hoke County High school baseball team will play Seventy-First High school here at eight o'clock next Tuesday night. The Hoke team has won five games so far this season and has lost four. They have played several games under lights this season, but next Thursday's will be their first night game on the home field.

### County Board Approves School Budget For Year

#### New Request \$12,657.26 Lower Than Current Year; Little New Building

The Hoke County Board of Education asked the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday to approve a budget of \$59,989.33 for the year 1948-49, and commissioners did so in every detail. The new budget is \$12,657.26 less than the amount appropriated for Hoke schools during the current fiscal year.

The budget request was placed before the commissioners by the county superintendent, K. A. MacDonald, and Robert Gatlin of the Board of Education. In the budget a capital outlay of \$13,550 was requested as compared to \$14,600 for the current year. Of this figure \$3,200 is to be spent for two new shops, one at the county high school and one at Upchurch high school. \$3,200 is to be spent for repairs to school facilities in the county. This includes a roof on the gymnasium at the high school, a new toilet at Rockfish, repairs to the roof at Ashemont, and other repairs. The remaining \$6,550 of capital outlay in the budget is to be spent for two additional busses, one colored and one white, and new books and equipment.

Largest item on the budget is a total of \$39,212.33 for current expenses. This is slightly larger than the appropriation for this year, \$36,236. Expenditures under current expenses are divided into six groups. They are 1. General Control, Superintendent's office, etc., \$1,725; 2. Instructional services (teacher's salaries) \$21,261.33; 3. Plant operation (janitor's pay, fuel, etc., of which State pays most) \$1,000; 4. Plant maintenance, \$7,800; 5. Fixed charges, \$4,526; 6. Auxiliary agencies (transportation, health, safety, etc.) \$2,900.

Third grouping of items on the budget is under the heading of debt service. This is to be \$7,227 as composed with \$21,810 for the current year. The total indebtedness of the county school system is \$44,300 and the debt service item on the budget represents a repayment of \$5,400 of the principal and \$1,827 interest.

### CATCHES FINE FISH

Dave Jones and Marshall Thomas went fishing at Black River Monday and Dave caught a carp which is said to have weighed twenty and one-half pounds. This was done using a perch hook and worms.

### EASTERN STAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star will be held at eight o'clock next Monday evening, May 10.

### U. D. C. To Observe Memorial Day Next Tuesday

The members of the Raeford Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy will observe Southern Memorial Day Tuesday morning, May 11 at 10:40 o'clock in the high school auditorium with Mr. Paul A. Reid, comptroller, State Board of Education, as speaker. This program is given in honor of those noble men of the sixties who gave their lives, their health, their wealth to preserve their beloved Southland.

The public is invited to attend these memorial exercises. Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin will preside over the meeting.

### H. R. Baucom Is Buried Wednesday

Funeral services were conducted at two o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Lentz Mortuary here for Harvey R. Baucom, who died Tuesday in Raleigh. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. D. Whisnant, pastor of the Raeford Baptist church. Interment was in the Raeford cemetery.

The deceased was the son of the late R. J. and Martha L. Baucom and was born in Anson county. For many years he was connected with Baucom's Cash Store, well known department store here at that time.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. James Stephens of Raeford and Mrs. Floyd McMillan of Red Springs; one son, Ransom Baucom, student at Campbell College, Buie's Creek; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Weaver and Mrs. Roy Cottingham, both of Raeford; one brother, J. A. Baucom of Raeford; a half-sister, Mrs. J. W. Whittenton, of Benson.

### UNION SERVICES SUNDAY EVENING

Dr. H. H. McMillan, returned Missionary to China, will talk about Missions in China in a union service at the Raeford Presbyterian Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. McMillan needs no introduction here, his home being at near-by Wagram. Everyone is invited to hear him.

### DR. NORTON SITOR

Dr. J. Roy Norton, native of Scotland county and newly-appointed State Health officer for North Carolina who will take office July 1, was a visitor in Raeford on Monday afternoon. Dr. Norton succeeds Dr. Carl V. Reynolds as health officer and was in this section attending the convention of the State Medical Association at Pinehurst.