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## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Miss Ella Stephens Barrett, State Supervisor of Counseling for the State Board of Education spent the day here yesterday checking on the work done in vocational guidance and counseling and in meeting with the Raeford teachers. Miss Barrett was most complimentary in what she had to say about the program. Miss Miriam Watson heads the program at Hoke High. We hope to expand the program in all the schools next year.

Controller of the State Board of Education Paul A. Reid spent part of Tuesday in the county. Mr. Reid came down to make the Confederate Memorial day address for the Hoke County Chapter of the U. D. C. at Hoke High. Mr. Reid made a splendid address that was enjoyed and appreciated by all who heard him. While here he visited a few of the schools and the office of the County Board of Education. Mr. Reid was very much pleased with what he had time to see.

The Rockfish school will present its operetta, "Cinderella" on Wednesday evening, May 19, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. Teachers and pupils have worked hard on the production and a treat is in store for all who attend. Rockfish always puts on a good program and we are sure that this will be no exception. Be sure and attend.

Mrs. Annie W. Maley, State Supervisor of the school health program, will be in Hoke County next Tuesday to visit as many lunchrooms as possible and to hold a meeting with the principals and lunchroom managers that afternoon at 3:30. The meeting will be held at the courthouse in the superior court room.

Standard tests were given in all the white elementary schools on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Jean's Foundation Supervisor Annie A. Pridgen of the Colored Elementary school attended the funeral of the State Jean's Supervisor of Elementary schools which was held in Georgia on Wednesday afternoon.

The Hoke High band under the direction of W. O. Melvin went to Rowland last night at the invitation of the Rowland P. T. A. This is the second invitation the band has had to play at schools out of the county. They were also invited to play at the opening game of the Tobacco State and Peach Belt leagues at Red Springs and Raeford. They also played for the first game under the lights that Hoke High played here. We are proud of the record the band is making.

Last Wednesday night the Mil-ouson school committee held a meeting and re-elected the entire faculty for the term 1948-49. J. M. Andrews, principal, immediately tendered his resignation. The committee, after arguing with Mr. Andrews and trying to persuade him to stay on, finally accepted his resignation with a great deal of regret. Mr. Andrews is a candidate for political office and felt that he could not re-consider. We regret losing him and feel that the school system of the county has suffered a distinct loss.

## SCOTT HERE YESTERDAY

W. Kerr Scott, former North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture and presently candidate for Democratic nomination as governor, was in Raeford much of yesterday in the interest of his candidacy.

## District Meeting Of HDC Clubs Well Attended

Approximately 300 Home Demonstration Club Women from Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland Counties attended the district meeting which was held in the Raeford Presbyterian Church last Thursday. The Robeson County Women received the gavel for having the largest delegation based on miles traveled.

Mrs. Harriet Pressley of Raleigh, who was selected as the "North Carolina Mother of 1948" spoke on the "The New Look," not referring to the new look in clothes, however. She based her remarks around the three "C's"—curiosity, concern and contributions. Those present were urged to take a new look into these "C's". She stated, "We as women, need to develop enough curiosity about local, state, national and world affairs to be concerned enough to keep ourselves well informed so that we may be able to make our contribution by doing all in our power for world peace."

Mrs. E. P. Gibson, Vice Chairman presided over the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Marshall Newton who has just recently returned from the hospital.

Mrs. Mary Lee McAllister, Southern District Home Agent, brought greetings from the state office.

Each of the four counties gave brief reports of outstanding work accomplished during the past year.

New officers elected were Mrs. E. P. Gibson, Laurel Hill, Chairman, Mrs. A. A. McCormick of St. Pauls, Vice Chairman, and Mrs. Carl Jones of Laurinburg, Secretary and Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned after which a picnic lunch was served by the Hoke County Club members with the food and nutrition leaders in charge.

## To Improve Power Plant At McCain

Congressman Charles B. Deane advised this week that the Surgeon General had approved a Federal Grant of \$36,666 through the North Carolina Medical Care Commission for the alteration of and the construction of an addition to the Power Plant at the North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium at McCain.

## WORK TO START ON MILL MONDAY

The Hoke County Development Corporation signed a contract last week with the V. P. Loftis company, general contractors of Charlotte, for the construction of a building on the corporation's property here for the use of the American Wringer company of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Representatives of the Loftis company have stated that they expect to begin preparation of the site on Monday of next week and expect to complete the building in approximately three months after it is begun.

The building to be erected was described in a recent issue of The News-Journal and will be substantially as it was described. Its total cost will run in the neighborhood of \$90,000, but the Loftis contract is not in this amount due to the fact that the type of heating to be used has not yet been determined and will be in a separate contract.

## HOUSE OF DAVID HERE MONDAY



These long-haired, bewhiskered baseballists from the House of David will play the Raeford Rebels of the Peach Belt League at Armory Park Monday night at 8 o'clock.

This bunch of athletes, all bedecked with beards and some with flowing hair, present one of the biggest oddities in the sporting world. Nobody will dispute the validity of their claim of being the most unique attraction in baseball today. The team is an annual visitor in many cities but never do the home fans grow tired of watching them play. The novelty of men looking like fit subjects for an undertaker to work on scampering around a baseball diamond like kids doesn't seem to wear off. As a matter of fact many of the players are not so ancient, in spite of their deceptive appearance. Every member of the squad is a real baseball player, though camouflaged by the hirsute adornments. Many of them have chances to enter organized baseball shaven, but religion as taught to them, forbids and the leagues are the losers.

## Inspection Lane Will Open Here Again Next Week

The State department of motor vehicles has announced that Mechanical Inspection Lane number 26, which was here for several weeks in March and April, will be returned to Raeford next Monday, May 17. The lane is expected to open for auto inspection by Tuesday and will remain open here for two weeks, closing on Saturday, May 29.

The lane will be operated by the same personnel who were with it the first time it was here. The supervisor in charge will be Paul B. Avant, of Whiteville. All cars are required to pass an inspection at some time during 1948 and twice yearly thereafter. Cars rejected at the first inspection are required to return within one week with the deficiencies corrected.

## GARBAGE CANS WILL STAY IN THE BACK

The town commissioners have voted to take the garbage cans off the streets. They will be put in the back and the men have been instructed to collect garbage from there. It is hoped that everybody will cooperate in this to make a cleaner looking more beautiful town.

## CHILDREN'S PICTURES

Plates for the pictures of the children of the community who had their pictures taken March 6 for publication in the paper have arrived and the first of them appear on page 10 of this issue. The feature, entitled, "Citizens of Tomorrow," will be continued until the picture of each of the more than 100 children photographed has appeared in the paper. They are being run in no particular order; the printer just runs the first two he picks up each week.

## Paul Reid Gives Memorial Day Address Here

As has been the custom for many years the United Daughters of the Confederacy sponsored Memorial Day exercises (Confederate Memorial Day, May 10) which was held at the High School Tuesday morning.

"Our forefathers came to America seeking their freedom: Economic freedom, religious freedom and political freedom," said Paul Reid in his address to the members of the U. D. C. and student body of the Hoke County High school. Mr. Reid reviewed the background of American history from the time that the people began to develop new concepts of government of and for the people up to the time of the sectional differences that brought about the civil war. He emphasized the heroic part that North Carolinians took in the war between the States. Then Mr. Reid discoursed on the life and works of Robert E. Lee. "Lee," he said, "was a man of all times, a great general and a promoter of Christian democracy." Mr. Reid closed his address with a few remarks about the United Nations' stand for a peaceful world.

The complete program follows: America; Invocation, Rev. P. O. Lee; Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States; Salute to the Confederate flag; Dixie; Introduction of speaker, Harry Greene; Address, Paul A. Reid; "Tenting Tonight," sextette; Benediction, Rev. J. D. Whisnant.

## CHURCH AT SHILOH

There will be a morning worship service at Shiloh Presbyterian church at 11:00 o'clock next Sunday morning, May 16. The sermon will be delivered by Dr. French, of Northville, Michigan, who is visiting Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Willis at McCain.

## Plan Recreation Program Again During Summer

The Hoke - Raeford Parent-Teacher association has announced by letter this week that it intends to sponsor the supervised recreation program for school-age boys and girls of the community again this summer. The program is to be under the supervision of Coach Haywood Faircloth, who handled it so well last summer, and is to run for eight weeks.

The program was well attended last summer and has been hailed by parents and youngsters alike as a most worthwhile project. It consists of organized recreation morning and afternoon for all boys and girls of school age and is conducted for five days each week. In the afternoons the young folks are taken to the creek where many learned to swim last summer. Their play there is well guarded and supervised. The PTA has advised that a bus has been obtained for the use this summer, transportation to and from the creek having been one of the difficulties encountered last year.

In addition to the daytime activities, supervised recreation is to be made available to the teenagers on three nights each week.

The PTA was able to sponsor this program last summer through the use of generous contributions of persons and firms of the community who were then aware of its importance. These same persons and firms and others are being asked to give again this year and it is expected that they will be glad to be able to do so after having seen the worth of the program proven. Mrs. Tommie Upchurch, treasurer of the PTA, will accept contributions.

## Time Short For C and D Drivers

RALEIGH, N. C. May 10—A report issued today by the Department of Motor Vehicles shows that since January 1, only 38,800 persons with surnames beginning with C and D have received their new driving licenses.

That means, Department officials pointed out, that some 111,200 persons in the State are going to face a lot of inconvenience in waiting in long lines unless they get their new driving permits during May. It is estimated there are around 150,000 drivers in the State with last names beginning with C and D.

The deadline on C and D renewals is June 30, but June is also the month when chauffeurs licenses have to be renewed. The Department said license examiners could not be kept busy during June issuing nothing but chauffeurs licenses, and unless the remaining C and D drivers report to their examiners during the remainder of May, they may have trouble getting their licenses by the deadline.

Officials stated that there will be absolutely no extension to the time, and any C and D who puts off obtaining a new license must suffer the consequences of the law—which means that if he is caught driving on an old license after June 30, he will be found guilty of misdemeanor and will be fined not less than \$25.

The Department also stated that there will be no additional examiners added during the next two months to take care of the expected last-minute "rush," and added that persons who do not get their licenses immediately will have to suffer the ordeal of waiting in long lines.

State highway patrolmen will make spot checks along the highways after June 30, in order to apprehend any C and D drivers who have not obtained licenses.

Beginning with July 1, persons with names beginning with E, F, or G, will be re-examined until December 31.

## CROWDS ATTEND FIRST NIGHT GAMES IN BALL PARK HERE

### Crop Dusting Program Ready

The Dixie-Aero Dusters, operated by the Scotland Flying Service at the Laurinburg-Maxton airport, are ready to begin dusting operations in North Carolina and neighboring states. C. T. Modlin, manager of the flying service announced this week.

Modlin and his associates plan to operate six or more planes in crop dusting work this year and their operations will extend into South Carolina and Georgia and possibly other states.

The Aero Dusters are set to give the farmers the best possible crop dusting service by air plane. Modlin said, and further plans call for the possible addition of a helicopter next year to aid with the dusting operations.

The Scotland Flying Service, operators of the Aero Dusters, have been in operation at the Laurinburg-Maxton airport for some time and are now fixed base operators of the airport for the towns of Laurinburg and Maxton.

### Practically No Recorder's Court

Only five cases came up for trial before Judge Henry McDiarmid in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday. Three of these were for speeding and the defendants forfeited their bonds by failing to appear. These three were Ambrose Taylor of Asheboro, E. H. Moniz, of Florida, and James Elkin, Jr. of Kentucky. All were white and each forfeited a bond of \$25.

Archie F. Bristow, white, tendered a plea of nolo contendere to the charge that he had assaulted his wife and sentence of 30 days was suspended on payment of the costs.

Alfred Chavis, Indian, pleaded guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, and sentence of 90 days was suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs and on condition of two years good behavior.

### SERGEANT IS LUCKY

First Sergeant Franklin L. Manning, colored, of Fort Bragg, went to sleep at the wheel of his 1947 Buick convertible at about 2:00 a. m. last Friday and went over the embankment just this side of the bridge over Rockfish creek on highway 15-A. The sergeant's convertible was badly smashed up but he was uninjured. The State Highway Patrol investigated and made no arrests.

### POISON OAK CLEANUP

The Womam's Club of Raeford is sponsoring a poison oak cleanup campaign at the community park. The club is furnishing 2-4 D Weed Killer and is hiring high school boys to do the spraying. The Extension Service is furnishing technical information about the use of this material.

### CONVENTION SATURDAY

The Hoke County Democratic convention will meet in the court house here on Saturday, May 15, for the purpose of organizing and electing delegates to the State convention, according to Walter P. Baker, chairman of the Hoke county Democratic executive committee. Five persons were elected from each precinct to the county convention at precinct meetings held last Saturday.

### Over 500 Present For First Games Under Lights Last Saturday Night

The opening night with lights at Armory Park last Saturday was a big success in spite of the unexpected absence of Ray Gallo-way, Legion department commander who was to have made the dedication address. Appropriate remarks were made by President Harry Greene of the Raeford Rebels of the Peach Belt League and Mayor W. L. Poole, the high school band played and a big crowd saw a ball game.

The flag raising ceremony was staged by the Raeford troop of the Boy Scouts of America and music was furnished by the Hoke County High school band under the direction of W. O. Melvin.

As advertised, Mayor Poole caught the first ball to get the first night game under way. It was thrown by Harry Greene, who had to use an outfielder's hop to get it to the mayor.

As to the game itself, that didn't turn out quite so well as the other festivities for the home team as Southern Pines came out on the long end of a 4-0 score. Raeford got two hits off of Hardison and Perham. Jimmy Conoly pitched eight innings for the locals and Clyde Upchurch, Jr., relieved him for the last inning.

Team officials report that 520 persons were in attendance at the opening game and that there were 406 paid admissions.

### Hoke High Wins

Hoke High, in their first game under the new lights, beat Seventy-First High nine to seven Tuesday night when the crowd was again good, over 200 being in attendance.

John D. McMillian pitched for Hoke. He was outstanding at the plate, getting a triple, 2 doubles and one single in five trips.

## FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Farmers have become quite concerned with the corn bill bug. This pest is now causing damage throughout the County. A large number of farmers have inquired as to the best way of controlling this insect, but at the present there seems to be no one way of completely wiping out this insect or coping with the situation, except a three or four year crop rotation. According to some reports even that may not be a complete control.

### Things to Do

Place the corn at least 100 yards from infested fields. Winter-plow infested corn fields in order to expose the corn roots where the bill bug usually spends the Winter. In fields completely destroyed by the bill bug the affected plants should be plowed up in order to destroy their source of food.

Farmers should produce better pullets for fall and winter laying. This can be done by the use of range shelters located on lots where grazing crop has been planted. This also helps to reduce the feed bill. Pullets grown on the range where they can get good grazing can be fed up to 25% cheaper than pullets grown in house or lot where no grazing has been provided. This also produces much better pullets. They will be stronger and will go through the winter and laying season in much better condition. Range shelters can be very simple or complicated, but in this section, it is only necessary to have a range shelter that has a good roof as it seldom gets cold enough to need any siding. Pullets should be put on range (Continued on back page)