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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

On Wednesday evening of last week the Rockfish school presented its operetta to the largest crowd in the school's history. Everyone that was privileged to see it was unanimous about it being the best ever presented by the school. One of the nicest parts of the exercise happened as the curtain was falling on the closing scene. The cast, which included practically every child in school, stopped the curtain and requested that the entire faculty present themselves on the stage. When the teachers arrived on the stage beautiful corsages were pinned on the lady teachers and a gift handed to the principal. This was a complete surprise to the faculty and was a spontaneous exhibition by the pupils of their love and esteem for their teachers. It was one of the finest things ever witnessed by the writer.

Attention of all parents is called to the fact that beginning Monday, May 31, the Health Department will hold free typhoid clinics all over the county. Space will not permit the schedule, but if each parent will watch his nearest store or filling station they will see posters announcing the day and hour that the nurses will be at that particular place to give the vaccination. We hope that the parents of all schools will see that their children have this vaccination during the clinic period.

Last Sunday the Upchurch commencement began with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. McKenzie of Laurinburg. The sermon was preached to a full audience that appreciated it to the fullest. Today principal A. S. Gaston will deliver diplomas to the 40 graduates. There will be no address at this exercise, as the faculty decided for the seniors to give the entire program themselves. This, we think, is a very fine idea.

We regret to add the name of Mrs. Lila McDowell to the list of Rockfish teachers who have resigned.

We regret to announce the resignation of Mrs. A. H. McPhaul from the Mildouson faculty.

Both the Hoke County High and Upchurch schools have improved their auditorium by adding drapes for the windows and Upchurch has installed a cyclorama on the stage. Both schools are raising the money for these additions which really add lots to the auditoriums.

The rings for the rising senior class of Hoke High have come. They were purchased through the Kinlaw Jewelry Store.

The Timberland school held its commencement exercises at 1:30 on yesterday. The program was largely a resume of the years work.

The Macedonia school had its commencement exercises last Friday night. The audience filled the school building and overflowed all over the yard. Those who attended were delighted with the performance.

The white principals held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the office of the superintendent. Final plans for the closing of the schools were made.

The Indian schools of the county closed their doors for the year on Tuesday of this week.

The colored schools all close today.

The white schools will finish on next Wednesday, June 2.

41 Will Receive Diplomas At High School Finals

Commencement Program Begins Tomorrow Night; Finals Wednesday

Commencement exercises of the Hoke County High School begin tomorrow evening at 8:15 with class day exercises to be held in the high school auditorium. The senior class has prepared an interesting program, their families and friends should all attend. Entitled, "Beyond the Port," the program will be directed by Miss Mary McInnis.

Sunday at 11:15 Rev. P. O. Lee of the Raeford Methodist church will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class. All local churches are joining in this service. The seniors, their teachers and parents appreciate this courtesy on the part of the churches. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The seventh grade promotion day will be held Monday, May 31, at 10:30 at the high school auditorium. Rev. J. F. Woodson, pastor of the Ashley Heights Baptist church will make the address. At this time all seventh grade pupils in the county will receive their promotion certificates to the eighth grade. Special numbers will be furnished by the seventh graders from the different schools. All parents and friends are urged to attend.

The Hone High graduating exercises will be held Wednesday evening, June 2, at 8:30 o'clock. Dean Guy B. Phillips of the University of North Carolina, former president of the North Carolina Education Association, will make the address. Diplomas will be presented to 41 graduates. In addition 4 veterans will receive diplomas granted on the basis of the G. E. D. tests prepared by the army. Parents and friends are invited to be present to do honor to the graduates.

Ashford Appoints New Secretary For Ginners' Group

Red Springs, N. C., May 25—Louis G. McGill, Anderson, S. C. has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Carolinas Ginners Association, it was announced today by George T. Ashford, Red Springs, President.

McGill, who has been Field Representative for the group, which has members in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, will have temporary headquarters at the Liberty Manufacturing Company, Red Springs, Ashford said. Since his assignment as Field Representative last fall, McGill has been making a survey of equipment, buildings and operations in gin plants.

"As Executive Secretary," Ashford said, "Mr. McGill will put into effect the policies of the Association in an effort to provide the best possible service to ginners and farmers. Through the survey just completed, Mr. McGill and the Carolinas Ginners Association are more adequately prepared to aid ginners in relation with one another and with other cotton interests. The Association is interested in promoting the raw cotton industry in general and the ginning industry in particular." McGill was born on a cotton farm in Anderson County, S. C., and was graduated from Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson, S. C., with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering. Prior to graduation from Anderson Boys High School in 1941, he had served as President of the Future Farmers of America in his senior year and Vice-President in his Junior year.

Group Of Citizens Prepares Petition For Vote On Beer

A petition for a vote on whether or not it shall be legal to sell beer and wine in Hoke county has been circulated in this county since the first of last week. According to leaders in the movement, a sufficient number of voters have already signed the petition and it will be presented—to get the wheels in motion to have the election.

The law requires that 15 percent of those persons who voted for governor in a county in the last general election may petition for an election on the question in that county. Such an election was recently held in Robeson county, which voted not to have beer and wine sold there. The election must not be held within 60 days of any other election.

Judging from general comment since the petition was initiated, the issue is destined to be a lively one here. The petitioners obviously desire to stop the sale of beer. Their expressed reasons are the harm it does individuals who drink it, the example it sets for the younger generation, and the economic waste of sending tremendous sums of money out of the county and state for the purchase of beer.

Proponents of the sale of beer are in several categories, namely those that like beer and do not consider it harmful, those who believe you can't legislate alcohol out, and those who want the government to continue to receive the several thousand dollars year it receives from the sale of beer.

The petitioners say that the people of this county have never had opportunity to express themselves on the question and that after the election is held the will of the people will prevail, beer or not, as in a democracy it must.

All Chauffeurs Must Renew Their Licenses By June 30

Raleigh, N. C.—The Motor Department announced today that all chauffeurs' licenses in the State must be renewed by June 30.

Department officials said there were approximately 36,500 motorists in the State who held chauffeurs' licenses, and the law states that these licenses must be renewed by midnight of June 30. The 100 Drivers License Examiners stationed throughout North Carolina have already been mailed the 1948-49 chauffeurs' application blanks, and can begin issuing chauffeur renewals anytime.

The Department urges chauffeurs to get their renewals as early as possible, preferably during the remainder of May. June 30 is also the deadline for persons with surnames beginning with C and D to have their regular driving licenses renewed, and an unprecedented rush is expected to ensue near the end of June. It is estimated there are around 150,000 C and D drivers in the State, and so far only around 46,000 have obtained new licenses.

Your license examiners will be at the following places and days of each week: Aberdeen, Monday and Tuesday, A & R Building, Raeford Wednesday and Thursday, Court House, Southern Pines, Friday and Saturday, Old Bus Station.

GRILL ENTERED; MONEY TAKEN; ARREST MADE

The sheriff's department reported yesterday that Bill Wright's Grill on Main street had been entered in the early morning hours shortly after midnight yesterday morning. The entry is said to have been made through a back window and about \$50 in cash and checks taken. Curtis Smith was lodged in jail during the night on charges of having done the breaking and released under a bond of \$300 yesterday afternoon.

Legion Auxiliary Plans Poppy Day For Saturday

"A poppy on every coat-remembrance in every heart," will be the goal of the American Legion Auxiliary for the annual observance of Poppy Day here, May 29, the Saturday before Memorial Day.

Complete plans for Poppy Day are being worked out by Mrs. Paul Dezerne, the American Legion Auxiliary's Poppy Chairman. Poppies will be offered throughout the entire day so that everyone will have the opportunity to honor the war dead by wearing the memorial flower.

Poppy Day contributions to the American Legion Auxiliary will be used to support the Auxiliary's work for disabled war veterans and needy children of veterans.

The Memorial poppy is a crepe paper replica of the wild poppy which grew on the World War I and II battlefields in France and Belgium. The red flowers, which will be worn in honor of the war dead, those in service, and the war disabled on Poppy Day, have been made by disabled veterans at the Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville, N. C.

State's Deputy Tax Collectors Lead Those Of Nation

Herbert McKeithan Heads Federal Deputy Collectors In North Carolina

Deputy collectors of federal taxes in North Carolina lead those of the nation with an average monthly take of \$9,712 in delinquent taxes. Herbert McKeithan, collector of internal revenue for the District of North Carolina, said this week. The 109 Tar Heel deputies have maintained this record for the past two years, this veteran collector added.

The field division of the collector's office for the district of North Carolina is under the direct supervision of Chief Field Deputy Herbert McKeithan of Raeford, Mr. Robertson said. Mr. McKeithan has been with the internal revenue department for about 10 years and has been chief deputy for about three years.

The addition of about 50 workers to the collectors state-wide staff beginning July 1, Robertson said, will return the tax force to its 440 quota of a year ago.

Most of the new personnel will be deputy collectors badly needed to handle the collection of delinquent taxes, he said. Delinquent tax collectors in North Carolina have averaged approximately \$12,000,000 annually since 1944.

"We're proud of our record for collection of delinquent taxes than of anything else—anyone can collect when the folks come in to pay," Robertson said.

ROAD TO CLOSE DUE TO ARTILLERY FIRING

Due to artillery firing on the Fort Bragg reservation the Raeford-Vass road across the reservation will be closed to traffic from the Manchester road to the Plank road Friday from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. and from 8 a. m., Monday, May 31, to 8 p. m., Friday, June 4.

All persons have been warned not to use this road during these hours and dates. To do so will endanger their lives.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM ON COURTHOUSE LAWN

The American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a Memorial Day program Sunday afternoon, May 30 from four to five o'clock on the courthouse lawn. Mr. Melvin, bandmaster at the high school, will direct the members of the band in concert of sacred and patriotic selections. The public is invited to attend.

Rebels Finally Begin Rolling In Peach Belt

Take Two Straight Games After Losing First Five Played This Season

BULLETIN

The game scheduled to be played next Saturday in Aberdeen between the Raeford and Aberdeen teams of the Peach Belt League will be played under lights at Armory Park in Raeford, league officials announced late yesterday. The game will be called at 7:45.

With the injection of a little new blood in the form of several players from Fort Bragg the Raeford Rebels got themselves out of that 1000 average for losses we were talking about last week. On Saturday night they swamped a reportedly strong Hamlet team here 14 to 1 and again yesterday afternoon they downed Southern Pines there by a score of five to four.

In last Saturday's game Black, Raeford's new centerfielder, stole the show from whoever had it by getting two doubles, a triple and a home run in four trips to the plate. His homer, inside the park, was the first here this year. His teammate, Andrews, let the Hamlet boys down with three scattered safeties. Andrews is scheduled to pitch again on Saturday night against Aberdeen.

In Southern Pines yesterday Kapushinski for Raeford held his opponents to four hits while the Rebels were collecting nine to win. 5-4. Cooper was the losing pitcher.

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Fred McDonald Dies Last Friday; Funeral Held Sunday

Fred McDonald, well known farmer of this county, died at his home on Route 2 last Friday after a long and lingering illness. He was 68 years of age.

Mr. McDonald was born in Cumberland county, son of the late Ed and Martha Bunnells McDonald.

Funeral services were conducted at Sandy Grove Methodist church at three o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. E. B. Booker of Rockfish. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Lina Matthews; three daughters, Mrs. J. R. Hendrix, Mrs. John Gibson, and Miss Addie McDonald, all of the county; two half-sisters, Mrs. Laura Hicks of Lumberton and Mrs. Fanny McVicker of Shannon.

Two Brothers And Friend Are Drowned

Two brothers, Dewitt Clyde Marks, Jr., 24, and George Edward Marks, 16, were drowned late Monday afternoon near Wilson. They were working with the Cline Construction company and after the day's work they with two other friends went fishing. The boat capsized and only one of the four was saved. The two brothers and a friend from Greensboro were drowned.

Both young men were sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Clyde Marks Sr., of Cameron. RFD 2, Dewitt was born in Hoke county and had lived in Stantonsburg for several years. He married Miss Myrtle Priest of Lakeview who with one son, Kenneth Ray Marks survives him.

George was born in Harnett county and had been living near Wilson for a year. He was unmarried.

A double funeral service was held Wednesday morning at 11 Hoke county with three ministers officiating.

MANY CANDIDATES ON BALLOT FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Large Turnout of Voters Expected

Hot campaigns for State offices with competition as well for county offices are expected to bring the voters of Hoke County to the polls in considerable strength in the Democratic primary next Saturday, May 29.

Nine Defendants In Recorder's Court Tuesday Morning

Drinking and Cussing, Fighting and Speeding Figure in Most Cases

Before Judge Henry McDiarmid in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning John Moulge, colored, appeared for trial for assaulting his wife. On his plea of guilty and promise to do better the judge let him off with 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs and on condition of two years good behavior.

William Katz of Pennsylvania and Ralph B. Shepherd of Lumberton, both white, each forfeited a bond of \$25 for speeding.

John W. Butler, white, was charged with careless and reckless driving, no driver's license and improper brakes. He was found guilty of not having driver's license and fined \$25 and the costs.

James Scurlock, colored, got 60 days for assault with a deadly weapon, sentence suspended on payment of the costs and good behavior for two years.

Beulah Willis McLean and Coot Davis, both colored women, were found guilty of engaging in an affray. Each got 30 days in jail to be suspended on payment of the costs. They had to split the doctor's bill fifty-fifty.

Mary Ruth Dockery, colored, was charged with assault and using profane and indecent language. Plea of guilty to the latter was accepted and sentence of 30 days was suspended on payment of the costs and good behavior for two years.

Paul H. Kinlaw, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

HOKE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

In a recent tennis tournament held at the high school Betty Upchurch and Fanette Gore won championship for girls and Joe Gullledge and Floyd Keith for boys.

On Friday afternoon of last week the members of the Senior class enjoyed an outing at White Lake.

Mrs. M. L. McKeithan's eighth grade enjoyed a picnic lunch at the creek on Tuesday of this week.

Miss Mayme McKeithan's section of the eighth grade had a picnic lunch at the Aberdeen pond on Tuesday.

Nancy Lee Cole is valedictorian of the Senior Class and Miralyn Johnson salutatorian.

Examinations in the high school are scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week and Monday of next.

The members of the band, under the direction of Mr. Melvin, gave a concert on the tennis court on Tuesday evening.

There is competition for judge of the county recorder's court, prosecuting attorney in the recorder's court and for the five seats on the county board of commissioners.

Henry McDiarmid is seeking to succeed himself as judge of the recorder's court and is being opposed by Talmadge O. Moses, attorney of Ashley Heights. N. McNairst Smith seeks to succeed himself as prosecuting attorney of the recorder's court and he is opposed by J. M. Andrews, Mildouson school principal and attorney.

For the five seats on the county board of commissioners F. Knox Watson, E. R. Pickler and Hector McNeill of the present board are seeking reelection. Also seeking seats are Julian H. Wright, Oscar L. Townsend, G. C. Lytle, J. W. Smith, Marshall Thomas, and J. Fulford McMillan, N. B. Sinclair and F. A. Monroe of the present board are not seeking reelection.

Following is a list of the candidates that will appear on the State ballot: For United States Senator (short term), J. Melville Broughton and William B. Umstead; United States Senator (long term), J. Melville Broughton and William B. Umstead; Member of Congress, C. B. Deane and Giles Y. Newton; Governor of North Carolina, W. Kerr Scott, W. F. Stanley, Sr., Charles M. Johnson, Oscar Barker, R. Mayne Albright and Olla Ray Boyd; Lieutenant governor, H. P. Taylor and Dan Thomkins; State Treasurer, James B. Vogler, Z. W. Frazelle and Brandon P. Hodges.

State Auditor, Henry L. Bridges and Charles W. Miller; Secretary of State, Thad Eure and John T. Armstrong; Commissioner of Labor, Donald Boone Sherrill and Forrest L. Skuford.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Smallgrain Meeting

There will be a smallgrain meeting at the T. B. Upchurch Farm located on the Aberdeen highway at the edge of Raeford (near Lonnie Teal's Service Station) Friday, May 28 at 2 p. m. The N. C. Crop Improvement Association is testing varieties of wheat, oats, and barley at this place. The purpose is to determine the variety or varieties most adapted to local conditions. This field study meeting should be most helpful to all farmers who are interested in growing wheat, oats, or barley. H. L. Cooke of State College will be present to explain the work being done. This work has been very helpful to farmers and deserve the close study of all smallgrain farmers.

The Hoke County Agent, along with about fifty other agents, has just returned from a farm study tour in Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky. A number of communities in Missouri were visited that had been working on a program of balanced farming. This program consisted of making a complete plan of the farm and the home and setting up definite practices and improvements that should be carried out on the particular farm. On the farm side, practices were carried out that would tend to improve the soil and at the same time produce as much income as possible.

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