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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Administrative Conference

Tuesday morning an administrative conference was held in the office of the county superintendent. Present from the State Department of Education were Miss Mary Van O'Brian, associate in the Division of Instructional Service, and Miss Eloise Camp, School Library Advisor from Hoke County, in addition to the superintendent, R. A. Smoak, W. T. Gibson, Jr., T. C. Jones and J. W. Turlington. Problems of administration, organization, and instruction were discussed. These administrative conferences are being held by the State Department of Education in all administrative units in the state.

Pre-School Schedule

The following pre-school schedule was arranged at a short principals meeting on Tuesday. Bus drivers meeting, Monday, Sept. 13, at 9:30 a. m., Hoke High building. Principals meeting, Monday, September 13, 2:00 p. m., Superintendent's office. County-wide teachers meeting, Monday, September 13, 8:00 p. m., Hoke High building. Tuesday, September 14, local school faculty meeting, hour and place to be announced by principals. All schools open Wednesday, September 15, at 9:00 a. m. Opening hours for Thursday and following days will be announced by principals on opening day.

K. A. MacDonald, W. T. Gibson, Jr., R. A. Smoak and J. W. Turlington attended a work conference on Resource-Use at Chapel Hill this week. It is hoped by principals and superintendent that a Resource-Use workshop may be organized for the county early this fall.

Coach Haywood Faircloth is carrying on football practice these afternoons and evenings. Looks like he has some good material in the making.

J. W. Turlington, book room manager and principal of Raeford Graded, is here getting the books in shape for the opening of school on the 15th.

Mrs. Jason Barnes has been appointed county lunchroom supervisor. Mrs. Barnes will supervise the lunchrooms in the county and do central buying for them. She will also operate the county store room where most of the supplies for the lunchroom will be carried. It is hoped that through Mrs. Barnes' efforts better meals can be served the children of the county in spite of the rising cost of food.

MULE WALKS, CAR TOWED AFTER COLLISION OF TWO

At about three a. m. Monday a 1940 Oldsmobile owned and operated by T. G. Young, white of Red Springs, hit a mule loose on the highway about three miles this side of Aberdeen. The car was smashed in on the front enough to have to be towed away and the investigating patrolman stated that the mule was still afoot when he left the scene. No arrests were made.

HITS SAND; GETS HURT

At about 4 p. m. last Saturday Jesse James McCaskill, colored, hit a sand bed in the turnpike road about six miles west of Raeford. The 1947 Ford truck of A. B. Tapp which he was driving got out of control and smashed up a bit. McCaskill was also hurt, suffering a broken arm and minor injuries. The State Highway patrol investigated and made no arrests.

Mrs. J. N. Maxwell Dies Thursday At Age Of 84

Mrs. J. N. Maxwell, 84-year-old Raeford woman, died late last Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. W. Burkhead, in Candor. Mrs. Maxwell had been in declining health for about 15 years and her condition had been critical for several months.

She had been making her home with her daughter for the past year. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Maxwell was Miss Alice McKay. She was a member of the Raeford Methodist church and a charter member of the Missionary Society of that church.

Funeral was conducted here at the home of her son, W. S. Maxwell, at 10:30 o'clock last Saturday morning by the Rev. P. O. Lee, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church, and the Rev. B. P. Robinson, a former pastor. Burial was in the Raeford cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, J. N. Maxwell of Raeford, one daughter, Mrs. Burkhead of Candor; three sons, W. S. of Raeford, H. C. of Shannon, and N. A. Maxwell of Red Springs, RFD.; 21 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Two Softball Games At Park Tonight

Last Tuesday night at Armory Field two games were played in the local softball league. In the first game Home Food Market defeated Mack by the score of 8-6 to remain undefeated. Amos defeated Belk 6-5 in the second game.

Tonight (Thursday) Belks will play Home Food Market and Mack will play Amos. Tuesday night Mack plays Belk and Home Food Market meets Amos. Game time 7:30 p. m. Admission FREE.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct
Home Food Mkt.	3	0	1.000
Amos	2	1	.667
Mack	1	2	.333
Belk	0	3	.000

LITTLE CRIME, JUDGING FROM RECORDER'S COURT

In recorder's court Tuesday morning three individuals paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly and two paid \$10 and the costs for speeding before Judge Henry McDiarmid and there was no more.

The drunks were Bud Handon, John Henry Johnson and Albert Collins. The speeders were Woodrow Moses, colored truck driver of South Carolina, and James E. Johnson, white truck driver of Lumberton.

DISCHARGE PAPERS

Washington. — Selective service headquarters Monday advised veterans to bring their discharge papers with them when they report for draft registration.

All men 18 through 25 must register between August 30 and September 18, but most veterans are exempt from the peacetime draft.

Selective Service officials explained that veterans can make it easier for themselves and for their local boards if they bring proof of previous military service.

Under the law, the boards automatically will pass over all men who served:

1. A year or more between September 20, 1940, and June 24, 1948; or

2. Ninety days or more during the "shooting war" from December 7, 1941, to September 2, 1945.

Those who served more than 90 days, but less than a year between September 20, 1940, and June 24, 1948, will be deferred if they join up in a drilling reserve unit of the armed forces.

Registration For Selective Service Gets Under Way

Registration Going On At Five Places In County; Runs Through Sept. 18

After a layoff of something over a year the draft boards got into operation again this week when men between the ages of 18 and 26 began registering under the Selective Service act of 1948. In this county the registration was being handled in five places in the county. At the courthouse 115 25-year-olds registered Monday. Elsewhere in the county the registration was being conducted by Oscar Townsend at Rockfish, Hurley Jones in Little River Township, David Currie for Allendale and Antioch townships, and by Mrs. D. H. Johnson at Ashley Heights.

The registration started with the oldest men in the group and will continue through September 18 with the youngest being registered last. Men born in 1924 register today and tomorrow; in 1925, September 4 and 7; 1926, September 8 and 9; 1927, Sept. 10 and 11; 1928, Sept. 13 and 14; 1929, Sept. 15 and 16; and men born in 1930 before September 19, 1930, September 17 and 18. This registration schedule was prepared to group the men in order to distribute the load and relieve congestion.

State Selective Service Headquarters has announced that, from inquiries received, there appeared to be two questions giving the public the most trouble.

One is whether persons who registered in 1946 and 1947 under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 are required to register again. It was pointed out that no registration under the 1940 Act would have any bearing upon the registration under the Selective Service Act of 1948, and that all males between the ages of 18 and 26 are required to register.

The second question is whether members of the National Guard and active or inactive reserve of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps are required to register. Men of this category are required to register, although in most instances they will not be liable for induction under the Act.

A staff officer, in discussing the registration, placed emphasis upon the ways in which the public could help expedite the registration process. He urged that everyone present himself for registration on the dates provided for registration of his age group. He pointed out that this would distribute the registration load and relieve congestion.

A registrant can speed up his own registration by having the following information in his possession at the time he presents himself for registration:

1. The local board with which he was registered under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

2. If the registrant was ever rejected for service in the armed forces, he should be able to give the date of such rejection.

3. A registrant who served in the armed forces of the United States or a co-belligerent nation since September 16, 1940, should be able to give the branch of armed forces, his service or serial number, the date he entered the armed forces, the name of the last organization he served with, and the date of his separation from the service.

4. If the registrant is at present a member of the National Guard or the active or inactive reserve of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, he should be able to give the branch of the armed forces, his service or serial number, the date he entered the service, and his present grade and organization.

Wreck On Red Springs Road Friday A. M.

Last Friday at about seven-thirty in the morning the Buick automobile in which Bradford Collins was bringing his wife and four others from work in Red Springs was involved in an accident with a truck owned by Jim Watson. The wreck took place near the county line when the truck turned off the highway and was hit from the rear by the Buick, which was largely demolished.

Collins suffered severest injuries, although not being critically hurt. Also injured were Mrs. Collins, Eugene P. Smith and William D. Cothran. Mrs. Collins was treated but not hospitalized. Smith and Cothran were admitted to a hospital but have since been discharged. Collins is still in the hospital. Other occupants of the car were Ransom Baucom and Jimmy Woodhouse, both of whom were unhurt.

The accident was investigated by State Highway Patrolman D. G. Surratt. No arrests have been made.

Lagging Autoists Get New Delay

Raleigh, Sept. 1—Several thousand Tar Heel motorists who failed to meet a mechanical inspection deadline last night can drive for a while without fear of being hauled into court.

Those who failed to meet the deadline will be cited to an inspection lane during the next 10 days instead of being cited to court, Col. H. J. Hatcher, patrol commander, reported today.

Cars of 1936 and prior years and 1947 and 1948 models were due to have been inspected yesterday, but Arthur T. Moore, director of mechanical inspection, estimated that several thousand failed to meet the deadline.

The lanes throughout the state were jammed with long lines of cars during the last few days preceding the deadline.

Moore reminded owners of 1937 and 1946 models that their deadline is coming at the end of September.

He said that reports from over the state indicated the lanes were busy but the lines were not as long as they have been during the last few days.

Superior Court Adjourns Friday

Florence Tate, colored, got a sentence of not less than seven nor more than 12 years for the killing of Elvinia McKay, Indian girl, near the Lumber Bridge road June 19. Her husband, Thomas Tate, Zenias Hanes and Robert Woodcox, were all released and their bonds continued for further hearing at the next term of court on their parts in the matter.

Richard McPhatter, colored, charged with killing Leo Steele, had his case continued again due to the absence of his attorney.

Walter Lee McKinnon, colored, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon on Albert McKinnon. Sentence of 12 to 18 months was suspended on payment of \$600 at the rate of \$25 a month to Albert McKinnon and the court costs.

Eight divorces were granted and the session was adjourned at 1:30 p. m. Friday.

CAMPBELLS BUY MAIN STREET HOME FROM LEES

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Campbell purchased the home at the corner of Main street and the Aberdeen road from W. C. Lee this week and will move into it in the near future. They presently reside on the Laurinburg road.

The Lee family have purchased a home in Fayetteville where Mr. Lee has been in the automobile business for some time.

Beer Voted Out 770 To 283 In Election Saturday

Cumberland Follows Suit On Tuesday Bringing No-Beer Counties To 17

Hoke County was one of nine counties in North Carolina which voted against the legal sale of beer and wine last Saturday, and on Tuesday three more counties voted the same way to bring the total to 17 counties which have voted that way in the State.

Votes in the individual precincts in the county may be seen in a box elsewhere on this page. The total was almost three to one against the legal sale of both beer and wine.

Drys scored one-sided victories in the other eight counties voting Saturday also ranging from a margin of 12-1 in mountainous Madison county to better than two to one in the coastal plains county of Duplin.

Gaston, most populous of the counties voting under the special referendum act passed by the 1947 General Assembly, voted three to one against the legal sale of beer and wine.

Counties voting Saturday were Hoke, Madison, Gaston, Alexander, Macon, Montgomery, Avery, Columbus and Duplin. Those voting Tuesday were Cherokee, Cumberland and McDowell.

Figures in Cumberland county were for wine 4235, against 5617; for beer 4357, against 5506. The city of Fayetteville voted for the legal sale of beer but the margin in the county outside was sufficient to vote it out.

Middle Belt Tobacco Markets Open Today

The fourth round of selling of the 1948 flue-cured tobacco crop begins today with the opening of Middle belt markets.

As the other belts, officials look for lighter sales than last year's, principally because of the 27.52 per cent acreage cut ordered this season by the agriculture department.

On the basis of prices on other belts which exceeded 1947 figures, growers anticipate better returns for this year's crop.

The Middle belt last year sold 162,002,983 pounds at an average price of \$42.65 per hundred pounds. This compared with 1946 when 170,371,049 pounds brought a record average of \$47.20.

Four of the Middle belt markets opening today actually have been selling for two weeks but today they will have buyers from major companies on hand.

The four are Aberdeen, Carthage, Sanford and Fuquay-Varina. Contending they had lost sales in the past to markets which opened sooner, the four started sales with the Eastern belt on August 19. Major companies did not assign them buyers, though, and offerings have been taken by independent buyers and warehousemen themselves.

BEER AND WINE VOTE

Precinct	WINE		BEER	
	For	Against	For	Against
Allendale	32	27	31	27
Ashmont	10	58	13	57
Antioch	34	77	36	76
Blue Springs	30	58	31	60
Little River	9	16	9	16
Mildouson	38	75	38	83
Puppy Creek	5	71	9	68
Rockfish	15	43	16	43
Raeford 1	47	141	53	143
Raeford 2	45	200	47	197
Totals	265	766	283	770

LIFT BAN ON GATHERING OF CHILDREN; SCHOOLS OPEN 15TH

Chamber Requests Investigation Of Phone Situation

State Utilities Commissioner Is Asked To Determine If Service Here Is Satisfactory

The board of directors of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., at a recent meeting directed the secretary to write the North Carolina Utilities Commission a letter on the subject of the telephone service given this community now and for the past few years.

The letter forwarded this week to Stanley Winborne, Utilities Commissioner, is as follows: "Dear Mr. Winborne:

This is a complaint about the service this community receives from the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company. It is the general opinion here that this service is unsatisfactory and that the subscribers are entitled to better.

The dial telephone system here was installed in 1922. Service has been poor and equipment faulty for about 10 years now, and numerous complaints have been made to the company in that time. Some of these complaints have brought excuses, others promises, but there has been little noticeable improvement in the telephone service. During the war the community was sympathetic to the excuse that materials and labor were not available. In the three years since the war the Company's tune has gradually changed from excuses to promises, but results have remained nil. It is estimated that the average telephone is out of order about twenty percent of the time for local and long distance use and that in a higher percentage of cases the long distance service is not good when usable.

This is, therefore, a formal request that your office investigate the telephone situation here and take corrective measures if they are needed.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, we remain, Yours very truly, Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Inc."

Certain Drivers Need New Licenses

All drivers whose names begin with E, F, or G must renew their licenses to drive between now and December 31, 1948. Walter E. Yow, local license examiner, states that these drivers have so far been slow coming in and he advises them to go ahead and have their licenses renewed now and avoid the rush and waiting in line that will certainly occur as the December 31 deadline gets close.

Mr. Yow is in Raeford Wednesday and Thursday of each week. He uses the jury room at the court house for his office.

Kids Freedom Was Effected Tuesday Midnight By Meet At Courthouse In Afternoon

Welcome news to the children of the county was born at a joint meeting of the county boards of health and education at the courthouse Tuesday afternoon when the groups decided to lift the ban on gatherings which had been in effect in the county since the meeting of the board of health on July 27 due to the epidemic of infantile paralysis. Children under 16 had been restricted from attending gatherings of any kind, church, swimming, parties, theatres and all others.

Also undoubtedly happy to hear the news were the operators of theatres in the county. J. B. McIntyre of the Raeford theatre immediately announced resumption of five o'clock matinee at his theatre. They had been discontinued since shortly after the restriction on children's activities became effective.

Along with the lifting of the ban came a decision by the meeting to postpone the opening of the schools a week from September 9 to Wednesday, September 15. This was done by the Board of health after considerable discussion of the matter with other doctors of the county who had been invited to the meeting. This delay was explained by stating that the extra period after lifting of the ban would allow an incubation period for the disease if any is present in the county.

The Board of health yesterday issued a request to all parents of children who are to enter school for the first time this year to be certain that these children's vaccinations have been completed before school opens. These vaccinations may be obtained at the county health office on Tuesdays from nine to 11 a. m., on Fridays from nine to four p. m. and on Saturdays from nine to 11 a. m.

Also attending the meeting and entering into the discussion of what course should be followed for the best interest of the children were the principals of the schools of the county.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Cotton Marketing

There have been several reports recently that farmers are selling their cotton below the government support prices. Cotton farmers are urged to have a sample of each bale at the gin in order to get the classification of grade and staple made through them an unbiased opinion of the grade and staple. It will require from 2 to 4 days to get a report on a bale of cotton to be classified. It may mean the saving of from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per bale to get the report. From now on the reports will not contain the length of staple and grade of cotton but will actually show the support price of each bale. Local warehouses will be in position to make commodity credit Corporation loans.

Saving Seed

Cotton farmers are urged to save sufficient cotton seed of known origin for their own use or more where facilities are available to keep good seed. Based upon the counties experiences during the past few years with respect to getting good stands of cotton, it is advisable to save the cotton seed harvested early in the season or at least until seed are saved of a superior quality later in the season.

Picking and Handling

Hoke County cotton farmers are

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