

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The white schools of the county all opened last week with the following initial enrollments. The 1947-48 beginning enrollments are given in parentheses immediately following this year: Ashe-mont 108 (100); Hoke High 244 (244); Hoke High Eighth grade 80 (78); Mildouson 67 (74); Raeford Graded 407 (392); Rockfish 102 (106); Totals 1008 (989). The in-crease in enrollment was not as great as had been expected by school authorities. It is hoped that if parents have been unable to send children to school that they will enter them the first day possible.

Last night the Rockfish P. T. A. had its first meeting of the year. Rev. B. O. Shannon of the Galatia Presbyterian church was the speaker. Plans for the school year were made.

Rev. Mr. Ewart, pastor of the Shiloh Presbyterian church, conducted the opening exercises of the Ashemont school on Wednesday of last week. Quite a number of parents were present.

Principal R. A. Smoak announces that Mrs. Tom Sinclair has been secured as manager of the Ashemont lunchroom.

The opening exercises at Hoke High were conducted by Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church.

Rev. P. O. Lee, pastor of the Raeford and Parker's Chapel Methodist churches, conducted the opening exercises of the Raeford Graded school. There was an unusually good attendance of parents for these exercises.

The opening exercises of the Rockfish school were conducted by Rev. E. B. Booker, pastor of the Rockfish Tabernacle Baptist church. Principal Jones states that the best attendance of parents in years was had.

James M. Williams, of the firm of Williams and Wall, certified public accountants of Raleigh, is here this week auditing the books of the Board of Education. This is the yearly audit for the term of 1947-48. Mr. Williams' report will probably be submitted to the Board at a meeting in October.

Mesdames A. D. Gore and Rurita Shelton went to Raleigh yesterday to purchase books for the Hoke High and Raeford Graded libraries.

At the last meeting of the Raeford board an order was passed (Continued on back page)

Ingatherings

The annual harvest ingatherings will be held at churches in the county at various times during the next few weeks of fall. Meals will be served, with the main dishes in most cases being chicken salad and barbecue. There will be sales of food, handiwork, produce, cakes, and the like at all of them. For the benefit of these churches and the people who wish to attend these ingatherings we will carry a schedule of those we are told about in this space until they are held.

Ephesus Baptist church—Wednesday, Oct. 6, meal at noon, sale following.

Parker's Methodist church—Friday, Oct. 8, meal at 6:00 p. m., sale following.

Antioch Presbyterian church—Thursday, October 14, meal at noon, sale following.

REA Membership To Hold Annual Meeting Nov. 3

Plans And Specifications For New Office Building In Red Springs Approved

The annual meeting of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, a rural electrification financed cooperative, will be held in Raeford, N. C., Wednesday, November 3, 1948.

According to the president, C. A. Alford, at the last meeting of the board of directors, the following nominating committee was named: F. M. Warwick, Fayetteville; D. D. F. Fay, Wagram; D. H. Wilkerson, Maxton; Lonnie P. Smith, Maxton; R. L. Lytch, Maxton; J. Fulford McMillan, Raeford; Marshall Newton, Raeford; Rodney O. Page, Orrum; and J. H. Brissom, St. Pauls. This committee will meet September 26, 1948 for the purpose of naming nominees to be voted on for directors at the annual meeting of the members.

The present directors are: C. A. Alford, President, Rowland, N. C.; C. L. Ballance, J. R. Caddell, Mrs. Lucy Smith, R. F. Morris, J. E. Morrison, J. McN. Gillis, Perry Leggett, and Ryan McBryde. Many of these directors are charter members and have served the Cooperative continuously since its organization in 1940.

The Cooperative has more than doubled its line mileage since the war and it is hoped that within the year, the Cooperative will be in position to furnish electric service immediately to any applicant who requests electric service. At present, there is approximately 70 miles of line under construction and some 100 more miles of line which will be built during the winter months. The Cooperative has been allocated \$1,984,000 to build approximately 1500 miles of line which it is hoped and planned will furnish electric service to every applicant within the Cooperatives operating area.

Plan Office Building
At the last meeting of the board of directors of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, plans and specifications were approved and Southern Engineering Company of Atlanta was instructed and advised to advertise for bids. The building will consist of office and warehouse space amounting to approximately 7,000 square feet of floor space and will cost approximately \$60,000. The headquarters building will be located just within the city limits of Red Springs on the north side of Highway 21 near Flora McDonald College. Bids are now being received by the Cooperative, and a formal bid opening will be held October 5, 1948 at the Cooperative's office in Raeford.

According to the manager, D. J. Dalton, the Cooperative is now operating over 1200 miles of rural power line in Hoke, Robeson, Scotland and Cumberland counties and serving approximately 4200 members electric service.

GIN COMPANY OFFICIAL HERE

Mr. R. E. Weinmeister, of Atlanta, District Sales Engineer of the Continental Gin Company, visited officials of the Johnson Company on Thursday and Friday of last week. He came especially to see the installation of new ginning machinery made by his company and just installed at Oakdale Gin. This installation is one of six of its kind east of the Mississippi, and includes every kind of cotton cleaning equipment.

LUMBERTON CLINIC

The monthly orthopedic clinic will be held in the basement of the Agricultural building in Lumberton on Friday, October 1. Dr. J. E. Jacobs of Lumberton will be the surgeon in charge.

State Democrats Plan To Open Campaign Monday

RALEIGH, Sept. 22.—North Carolina Democrats will launch their intensive State campaign with a double-header kick-off Monday, Sept. 27, featuring the party's nominee for Vice-President. Senator Alben W. Barkley, and the Secretary of Agriculture of Agriculture, Chas. F. Brannon.

Senator Barkley will speak in Asheville at 8 p. m. Monday in connection with the first of the 12 Congressional District rallies.

On the same day, in Monroe at 11 a. m., the Secretary of Agriculture will address a meeting of Democrats in Union County. Congressman C. B. Deane of the Eighth District will preside over this meeting, and will head a motorcade to Asheville. afterward to hear Senator Barkley.

At the meeting in Monroe the secretary will speak at the high school stadium following which the Union County Farm Bureau, the hosts of the day, will serve a fish fry to the more than 2000 people expected from many sections of North Carolina.

The Union County Farm Bureau has requested The News-Journal to urge Farm Bureau and other farm leaders in Hoke county to stimulate interest in and secure the presence of many rural as well as business people to attend what is expected to be one of the largest gatherings of farmers ever held in Piedmont North Carolina.

Football Team Gets Ready For Lumberton Game

The Hoke High football team is working hard this week in preparation for their first regularly scheduled game with Lumberton High in Lumberton tomorrow night.

In a practice scrimmage Tuesday with Laurel Hill High the local aggregation looked good on offense, the backfield getting some long touchdown runs of 15, 40 and 65 yards. Niven's passing was also good for a tally or two, although no score was kept.

Last year Hoke High got a 13-13 tie with the Lumberton team and Friday night the boys expect to better that outcome, although little is known at this early date in the season of the strength of the team Lumberton will field. The game will start at eight o'clock.

Friday of next week, October 1, Hoke High will play the first home game at army park against Rowland. Game time eight o'clock.

TO HOLD BIBLE STUDY AT ANTIOCH SUNDAY

Sunday afternoon at four o'clock there will be a period of intensive Bible study at the Antioch Presbyterian church. The study will be conducted by Miss Lucy Steele of Raleigh. There will be a picnic supper followed by another session of study.

TELEPHONE COLLECTOR

As of Monday of this week Mrs. Helen S. Barrington is collector for the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company here. Mrs. Barrington's office is on Elwood street in the Bank of Raeford Building.

REGISTRATION

Mrs. Peggy Behrman, clerk for the Selective Service, reported yesterday that a total of 919 men of the county between the ages of 19 and 25 had registered for the draft under the 1948 Selective service bill. Of these she said that there were 390 single, non-father, non-veterans listed. These are to be called first for service in the Army.

BUS DRIVERS of the County High School are shown at their meeting just before the opening of school. Left to right, the drivers are Arnold Monroe, Joanne Hamilton, Russell Pucket, Martha Lee Currie, Archie Maxwell, Donald Wood, Gene McArthur, Edward McGirt, Bobby Gibson, Archie Walters, Duke Marshall, Clifton Dean, Roy Brock and David Jones. Another view of the drivers with their busses appears on page 12.



Gets Year For Cutting Wife & Dresses; Pays Out

14 Others Face Recorder For Bad Checks, Drinking, Reckless Driving, Etc.

Johnny Cunningham, colored, faced Judge Henry McDiarmid in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning on two charges of assaulting his wife. One of the charges was an old one and sentence was 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs. The other, more recent, disclosed that Cunningham had cut his wife and then spitefully cut 11 of her dresses into shreds with the knife. At the time of the trial, however, she was to some extent on his side and indicated her intention to continue living with him. Sentence was one year to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs, replacement of his wife's clothes to her satisfaction and good behavior for two years.

Lewis Cunningham, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for speeding. 30-day sentence was suspended.

John Robeson and wife, Sara Robeson, and Bill McCain and wife Hattie McCain, all colored, entered pleas of guilty using profane and indecent language. Each was fined \$5 and the court costs. John Robeson was also found guilty of giving a bad check to the Dundarrach Trading Co. for \$20. He got 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs and the check.

John Tolar, white of Cumberland county, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

George B. Huggins, white of Cumberland county, got 90 days suspended on payment of the costs for driving drunk.

John Henry Evans, white of Lee County, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving. 90-day (Continued on Page 6)

REPUBLICAN RALLY

Republicans D. C. Cox and Cotton Scarborough have announced that there will be a big speech-making and fish fry at the army next Wednesday night, September 29, to which all Republicans are invited.

GOSPEL SERVICES

The Rev. Wallace M. Ellis, pastor of the Union Baptist church of Richwood, Ohio, has announced that he will conduct Gospel services in a tent on the Turnpike road at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ellis. The Rev. Mr. Ellis is a native of this county and a graduate of Hoke county high school. The public is invited to the services starting Sunday night.

Patrolman Barnes Plans To Leave To Enter Business

Jason Barnes, popular and efficient State Highway Patrolman here for the past seven years, announced this week that he planned to leave the patrol in October and to enter business for himself in Leaksville, his home town.

Mr. Barnes came to Raeford in 1941 from Asheville, where he had been stationed for four years. He has been a member of the Highway Patrol for 14 years. In Raeford he has been known for his efficient, courteous and impartial performance of duty. He and Mrs. Barnes have been active members of the Raeford Presbyterian church.

When interviewed he said that he wanted to thank the people here for their fine treatment of himself and his family and to say that he hated very much to leave, but that he felt it was to his best interest to take the opportunity which has presented itself. He plans to enter the coal and oil business in Leaksville.

He expects to leave about October first, but Mrs. Barnes and their two children will remain here until he locates a place to live in Leaksville.

Red Springs Cops Playoffs In Tobacco State

Red Springs' Red Robins won the Tobacco State play-off Monday night by defeating the Sanford Spinners in the fifth game of their best four-out-of-seven series for the title.

Al Brassler hurled the ten hit, 4-1 victory for the young Robins, striking out five while walking only two.

John McFadyen started out on the hill for the homesters but was relieved in the ninth by Hoyt Clegg.

The victors bunched their hits to score three runs in the fourth to clinch the game. Simmons, Robins, catcher, topped off the rally by singling over second with the bases filled to bring across two runs.

The victory for the Red Springs team was the second time in the three years the Tobacco State league has been operating that Sanford has not won the pennant plus the play-off title. In 1946, the loop's first year, the Spinners won the pennant, but Angier-Fuquay came along to win the post-season title. Last year the Lee county club won both titles and also won the pennant this season.

Final play-offs closed a most successful season for Arthur T. Moore's circuit, which saw both better baseball and larger crowds on the whole prevail.

SQUARE DANCE TOMORROW

The first of a series of square dances to be sponsored by Battery A, local National Guard unit, will be held at the Army tomorrow night, starting at eight o'clock. Music will be furnished by Elmo Stanton and his boys and it is planned to hold a square dance there each Friday night for some time.

WHITE-TEX CLOSED

Bad news of some concern to this community is that the White-Tex cotton mill here has suspended operation for an unannounced period of time due to conditions of the textile market. Mill officials stated that shut-downs or slow-downs were somewhat general in the textile industry at this time and that when the mill opens here depends entirely on the textile market.

Negro Dies In Apparently Cold Blooded Killing

Willie McPhaul Jailed For Shooting Jesse Jackson With .32; Motive Unknown

Willie J. McPhaul is in the county jail without privilege of bond for killing Jesse Jackson at McPhaul's home on a farm rented by Julian Wright in Blue Springs township Monday night. The killing is reported to have been done with a .32 calibre pistol at about eight o'clock. Jackson, shot through the left armpit into the lung, is said to have run about 40 steps before falling dead.

McPhaul has had nothing to say about the shooting since it happened, but officers have a coherent story of the affair from three witnesses.

These witnesses, Isaiah Watkins, Freddie Black and Willie Black are said to have told the investigating officers of the sheriff's department that they drove in Watkins car to McPhaul's home on Monday night to see a woman who lived there about transportation to court Tuesday morning. Jackson is said to have been in the back seat.

They said that McPhaul came to the car and asked Watkins if Jackson was in the car and then asked why he had brought him there. Watkins is said to have replied that he didn't know. McPhaul didn't allow Jackson on his premises and that if he would leave him alone he would take him away at once. At this, the three say that McPhaul remarked, in effect, "He knows I don't allow him here," and opened the back door of the car and shot Jackson, who jumped out of the car and ran until he fell dead. Watkins said that Jackson did not say a word during the conversation.

Officers say by way of background to the killing that McPhaul and Jackson had had a fight about a year ago and another about three weeks ago. They also state that they have received reports that McPhaul had been carrying the pistol for several weeks.

No further motive for the killing has come to light, nor were the causes of the two fights between the two men explained.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Nitrogen for Grazing

Hoke County farmers have been allotted 30 extra tons of nitrogen to apply to small grain and mixtures of small grain and clover as grazing crops. This nitrogen will be available through regular commercial channels after October 1. Four hundred (400) pounds of nitrate of soda or equivalent will be the maximum amount allotted to each acre of grazing crops. The extra nitrogen was made available in order to boost the fall, winter and spring grazing for cattle and hogs. In order for farmers to obtain the nitrogen it will be necessary to get a permit from the County Agents office, at which time the warmer will report the number of acres of grazing crops and the number of cattle and hogs. The closing date for issuing permits for the nitrogen will be November 1.

Cotton Farm Storage

It has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture that farmers can now store their cotton through the government loan on their own farm. Details of the storage program have not been received, but are expected during the week. It is expected that several hundred bales of cotton and perhaps several thousand bales will be placed in storage on

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