

## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Practically all of the Hoke County teachers attended the Southeastern District meeting of the North Carolina Education Association held in Laurinburg on October 15. Miss Margaret McKenzie, former teacher in the Raeford Graded school, was elected district director at this meeting. Miss McKenzie will serve for a term of three years.

Last week Dr. N. C. Newbold, Mr. Ferguson of the Division of Negro Education, State Department of Public Instruction, and Dr. J. C. Dixon of the Southern Education Foundation of Atlanta, Ga. visited Hoke County and especially the Upchurch school. Dr. Dixon came to inspect the work that has been done there. He seemed to be impressed with what he saw and the work going on. We hope that in the not too distant future the school will get some aid from the foundation Dr. Dixon represents.

The annual Halloween Carnival will be held on Thursday evening, October 28, at Hoke High from 6:00 to 9:00 p. m. There will be games, contests, and a cake-walk and lots of other attractions. You can get your fortune told and help elect a king and a queen. There will be eats in the home-ec department. Be sure and be there. This carnival is put on annually by the Raeford Graded and Hoke High schools.

It is hoped that every person interested in education will get a copy of the State Education Commission's report and read and study it.

The Mildouson school is having a chicken supper and Halloween carnival at the school on Thursday evening, October 28, beginning at 6 o'clock. Go and get a good supper, have a good time and take a turkey home with you.

All schools in the county are beginning the Junior Red Cross enrollment. We hope that each school and each class room in the county will join. This is a most worthwhile project for all schools.

The Ashmont school will stage its Halloween carnival tomorrow night (Friday) October 29. Plans are being made to give everybody a good time. Be sure and be there.

The Rockfish school will put on its carnival next week. You will be advised of the date in plenty of time.

Principal Garfield Coleman of the Freedom school is now on the job. He was at home ill during the first 3 weeks of the term.

The Laurel Hill P.T.A. met last Tuesday night and elected officers for the year. Also plans were made for a Halloween party to be held at the school building on the evening of Thursday October 28. All parents and friends are invited to come in Halloween costumes. Laurel Hill has already had two previous entertainments that netted the school \$67.29. We think this is a splendid showing.

Principals A. S. Gaston and James Chalmers, Jeans Supervisor Annie W. Pridgen and county superintendent K. A. McDonald attended a conference on Negro education called by Dr. N. C. Newbold of the State Department of Public Instruction in Fayetteville last week. The conference was held at Fayetteville State Teachers college.

Last Friday a county-wide teachers meeting was held at The Upchurch school. This was the

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## Football Here Tomorrow Night; Lose Last Fri.

In the third home game of the season the Hoke High Bucks take the field at Armory park at 8:00 tomorrow night against the team from Hope Mills High. Coach Faircloth's charges expect to be fairly well recovered from a collection of injuries suffered during the past few weeks.

In last week's game at Fairmont which the locals lost by a one-sided 32 to nothing Niven did not even make the trip and Gullidge and Huff were hampered by injuries. These, and the fact that Fairmont had a heavier and faster team, add up to the big score.

The Hope Mills team comes to Raeford tomorrow with a record no more impressive than the local team's, including losses to bigger opponents and both teams are expected to be aiming for a victory.

## Guard Unit Has Good Inspection; No Drill Monday

Battery A, local automatic weapons unit of the 677th anti-aircraft battalion of the North Carolina National Guard had its annual Federal Inspection at the armory here on Monday night and according to unofficial reports made a good showing.

Officer inspecting was Lt. Col. Archibald B. Barrett, of the Inspector General's department of the Third United States Army with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. Col. Barrett spent the afternoon inspecting the records, administration, equipment and training facilities of the unit at the armory. In the night phase of the inspection he inspected the members of the unit in ranks and later observed the training. He expressed himself as being well pleased with the improvements made since he inspected the battery here last April, and particularly commended Staff Sergeant Clarence M. Willis, caretaker, on the excellent condition of the weapons, vehicles and the armory. Col Barrett went to Red Springs on Tuesday and inspected the battalion's headquarters battery.

## No Drill Next Monday

The local unit will not have its weekly drill at the armory next Monday night, due to the fact that an extra drill was made last week prior to the inspection.

## Scott Asks Raise For Legislators

Support for a proposed pay raise for state legislators has come from Kerr Scott, Democratic nominee for governor.

In a statement issued Monday Scott urged voters to cast ballots Nov. 2 for a proposed constitutional amendment which would boost legislators' salaries from \$600 to \$1,200 per session.

The proposal also includes a raise from \$700 to \$1,500 per session for presiding officers. Scott said "it is unfair to require legislators to dig down into their own pockets to meet living expenses while in attendance upon public business."

He added that it also is "unsound public policy and not in keeping with the democratic principle to restrict membership in the general assembly to representation who not only can afford to donate their time but also pay a substantial portion of their expenses."

"x x x We face the danger," he added, "or making the general assembly a 'rich man's club.'"

## BOWLING ALLEY TO OPEN

Harry Epstein, manager of the Metro bowling alleys has announced that the alleys will be open for business this coming Friday night.

## Group Meets To Discuss Town Improvements

At the call of the mayor, W. L. Poole, the Town was host last Friday night to the members of the board and the heads of the local religious and civic organizations. The group was served a delicious meal by the ladies of the Raeford Baptist church at the Hoke High School lunch room.

The mayor opened the meeting and presided. He gave a history of the recent business and financial activities of the town of Raeford and told the group that the purpose of the town board in holding such a meeting was to get the views of all civic groups on past actions of the town and on future activity to improve the town. He expressed the desire that all groups in the town work together for its good and that some system be employed in bringing about unity of purpose and action.

Following the mayor's remarks a representative from the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis club, the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches were heard from as to what their groups planned and hoped to do or help for the town and community and these plans and hopes were heard and discussed by the town commissioners and the others present. The meeting was considered a great success by all present and a big step in the direction of progress that this town is finally taking through unity.

## John W. Currie To Be Buried Here Tomorrow

Funeral services for John W. Currie, native of this section who died in New Orleans, La., are tentatively set for three o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, depending on whether or not the remains have arrived by that time. Services are to be conducted at the home of D. Scott Currie, brother of the deceased, by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church.

Mr. Currie, who died last Friday, will be buried in the Raeford cemetery. He was a son of the late Hugh McC. Currie and Mary Holt Currie. He was 60 years of age.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Mary Martin of Smithfield, Mrs. Craven Burris, Mrs. Coy Muckley and Mrs. Eunice Chaney, all of Wingate, and seven brothers, Sterling of Fayetteville, Hugh and D. S. of Raeford, Will M. of Farmville, Duncan M. of Columbia, S. C., Edwin H. of Washington, D. C., and Robert of Broadway.

## Raeford Baptist Church Soon To Enter 50th Year, Pastor Writes

Rev. J. D. Whisnant Will Leave Nov. 1; Tells Of Church's Progress Here

"Raeford Baptist Church was organized November 22, 1899 at a point one mile east of the town of Raeford, under the name of Moore's Chapel. The name was chosen in honor of Rev. R. A. Moore, who did the missionary work preceding the organization of the church; and who was at that time Associational Missionary of the Robeson Association." There were twenty eight charter members of the church having as their first pastor Rev. A. E. C. Pittman.

"In the year 1904 it was decided to move the church from its location in the country, to the town of Raeford." On August 14, 1904, the name of the church was changed from Moore's Chapel to Raeford Baptist Church with a membership of sixty five. Citizens of Raeford and other Denominations here gave liberally along with The Robeson Association toward the erection of the new frame building to house the

## Grady Leach Funeral Held Last Friday



F. GRADY LEACH

Funeral services for F. Grady Leach were held at 10:30 Friday from the Presbyterian church in Raeford, of which he was a member. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Heyward, with Masonic Rites and an honor guard from the York Rite Body in Southern Pines.

The pallbearers were L. F. Clark, Arch Graham, Walter Baker, D. H. Hodgins, Israel Mann, Dr. M. R. Smith, Starr McMillan and Douglas McLeod.

Mr. Leach died suddenly of a heart attack in the yard of his home late in the afternoon of Wednesday, October 29, 1948. He had not been in good health for several months, and had not worked as mail carrier since August 18.

He was born in Hoke County, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Leach, on January 13, 1890. He attended Raeford Institute and Tusculum College in Greenville, Tennessee. He was a member of the American Legion, having served in the First World War.

Mr. Leach had been a popular and efficient mail carrier of Raeford for almost thirty years. He had also dealt in real estate and had farming interests.

He is survived by his wife, the former Geneva Seawell of Carthage, and the following children: Eleanor of WCUNC, Greensboro, Hamer of State College, Anne and Bobby of the home; five sisters, Mrs. J. H. Currie of Waycross, Ga., Miss Jane Leach of Pinehurst, Miss Maude Leach of San Francisco, California, Mrs. F. M. Bain of Rose Hill, and Miss Eva Leach, teacher in Mount Holly; one brother, Oscar Leach of Raleigh.

Funeral services were conducted at Center Grove church on Saturday afternoon.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Dezerne are three daughters, Mrs. Vann Poe of Sanford, Mrs. Mae P. Charles of Charlotte, and Mrs. Calvin Lee of Pittsboro; five sons, J. O. Poe of Raleigh, Albert and George of Chapel Hill, L. D. of Bear Creek and Tom Poe of Sanford; one sister, Mrs. Annie Hatch; 25 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## MRS. MCFADYEN HEADS HOKE-RAEFORD P.T.A.

At a meeting of the local Parent Teacher Association Wednesday night Mrs. Neill McFadyen was elected president to succeed Mrs. Younger Snead, Mrs. Mary Blackman secretary to succeed Mrs. W. T. Gibson and Mrs. Neill A. McDonald treasurer to succeed Mrs. Tommie Upchurch. The first activity of the year of the P. T. A. is the carnival they are sponsoring tonight.

## LIBRARY NEWS

A number of new books, just published, have been placed on the shelves of Hoke County Library. They are: The Running of the Tide, Forbes; Lush Valley, Campbell; Roanoke Hundred, Fletcher; Heartstones, Harris; Of Flight and Life, Lindbergh; Remembrance Rock, Sandburg.

Three of these authors are North Carolinians, Mrs. Bernice Kelly Harris, an aunt of Mr. W. J.

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## Hold Halloween Carnival At Hoke High Tonight

The County-wide Halloween carnival, sponsored by the Hoke-Raeford P. T. A., will be held Thursday, October 28, from 6:00 to 9:00 p. m. at the Hoke County High school. The Raeford Elementary School is also assisting in preparations for this festive evening.

You are invited to join in the fun it will certainly afford, and to try the hot dogs, drinks, and ice cream to be served on your arrival. Then bingo and valuable prizes, donated to the cause by Raeford merchants and business men.

Afterwards you may cake-walk to the march and maybe stop where the big prize-cake is yours. Then you may join the turkey raffle and hope for at least one of the big birds awaiting the winners.

Are you a good guesser of how many beans in a jar? What about going fishing inside the building! Try your skill at pitching pennies and rake in the money if you make the correct pitch. Let the Madames tell your FORTUNE!!!!

Get yourself dressed right to win the original costume prize when you step out in the parade. And above all, do not overlook the topnotch stunt when you may vote for your favorite pretty girl and your most handsome Galahad, from which will be chosen the king and queen of the carnival.

You ought to spare at least one evening with your young people, and of course, when you know that what you invest will be for their school equipment, you will cancel other engagements and meet everybody at the CARNIVAL.

## Mother Of Mrs. Dezerne Passes

Mrs. Cora Holder Poe, 75-year-old resident of Chatham county and mother of Mrs. Paul Dezerne of Raeford, passed away at her home near Pittsboro at about nine o'clock last Friday morning. She was the widow of the late J. R. Poe who died about 10 years ago.

Mrs. Poe suffered a stroke over a year ago and exactly one year later, about two weeks before her death, she suffered another. Her condition improved considerably, however, and death came unexpectedly.

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## Nine Defendants Face Recorder Tuesday Morning

In recorder's court Tuesday morning Judge Henry McDiarmid sentenced Buddy Barrett, colored to six months on the roads for assault with a deadly weapon and using profane and indecent language. Sentence was suspended on payment of \$100 and the court costs.

Arvin J. Freeman, Jr., young white man of Raeford, pleaded not guilty but was found guilty on speeding and sentenced to 30 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and fine of \$10. Defendant paid \$10 and costs for speeding in same court on August 3.

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## Raeford People Like Cemetery As Is, Apparently

Judging from the attendance at the meeting on Wednesday night of last week to take some action to keep the Raeford cemetery from being the worst looking and poorest kept cemetery in the state, people in these parts prefer it as it is. About a dozen were present at the meeting, and this dozen deserves credit for planning an aggressive program in spite of the lack of interest of the other several hundred who might have been present.

Ways and means were discussed for practical ways of accomplishing the large job of getting the cemetery into a presentable condition and on a continuing source of income for keeping it that way afterwards. Several good suggestions were heard from members of the legislature who were present and from representatives of the local civic clubs.

Results of the meeting was the decision that a committee of one member each from the Woman's club, the Kiwanis club and the Chamber of Commerce get together and complete plans for accomplishing the job. At the conclusion of this another meeting is to be called to act on the proposals prepared by the committee. Primary long-time method suggested was that the town be petitioned to levy a special tax for cemetery maintenance. It was mentioned also that a special election would have to be held before this tax could be levied.

## Addie McFadyen Buried Friday At Shiloh Church

Funeral services were conducted from her home at Montrose last Friday afternoon at three o'clock for Miss Addie Belle McFadyen, life-long resident of the community who died on Thursday at Moore County hospital. She was 57 years of age and had been ill for two weeks.

The services were conducted by the Rev. S. A. Ewart, pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member, and burial was in the churchyard cemetery.

Miss McFadyen was born in that section when it was part of Cumberland county, the daughter of the late John J. and Mary Graham McFadyen.

She is survived by three brothers, N. A., J. T. and Lacy McFadyen, all of Montrose, and two sisters, Mrs. Mayme Bevan of Montrose and Mrs. W. E. Morris of Gastonia.

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## Frank Jeter Will Address REA Meet Here Wednesday

Co-op To Hold Eighth Annual Meeting, Probably Last To Be Held Here

Frank Jeter, Extension Editor of North Carolina State College, Raleigh, will be the principal speaker at the eighth annual meeting of the members of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation to be held in the court room of the Hoke county court house next Wednesday morning at ten-thirty o'clock.

The general public is invited to attend the meeting and the members of the cooperative are urged to be present.

Business to be taken up at the meeting includes the election of directors and the hearing of reports on the past year's operation by the officers. Prizes will be drawn by members of the Cooperative in attendance.

Special attention will be paid to the problems of the farmers who do not have electricity and are expecting it from this Cooperative. 378 miles of line have been built and 1319 additional members served since the last annual meeting.

## FARM NOTES

**Fruits and Vegetables**  
Here is a reminder about the Rabbiteye Blueberry plants. It's time to get them planted—and we understand there are a few plants still available.

Many pecan trees are being planted this fall. About 30 per cent will die next summer. Here is how to make your trees live—provided, of course, you get good trees that have an adequate and live root system. Thoroughly wet the roots when the tree arrives. Plant immediately if possible, otherwise, keep the roots moist by covering them with moist soil until the tree can be planted. Dig a hole twice as broad and two inches deeper than is necessary to take care of the root system. Place the tree in the hole to its original depth. Use good topsoil to fill in around the plant. Pack this soil thoroughly with your feet or a pick handle. Just before the hole is filled, add a handful of 6-8-6 fertilizer or some rotted manure, then water thoroughly and finish filling hole without further packing. Cover ground around plant extending two feet from trunk with four to six inches of straw or pine needles. Now for perhaps the most important thing—cut the tree back by removing about 1-3 of the top. Keep the tree watered next summer during dry periods, but don't drown the plant.

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