

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Note—County School Superintendent Kenneth MacDonald was called to Norfolk, Virginia, on Monday where his brother is still critically ill, so we do not have his column this week. News from the county high school below was prepared there.—Ed.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

On Wednesday morning during Assembly, the History Club, under the direction of Mrs. Cameron, presented "Thanksgiving Through the Ages," a one-act play depicting how the Greeks, Romans, Indians, and Pilgrims observed Thanksgiving. Jean Cozart and Robert McGirt took the leading parts. Mary E. Lytle led the devotional.

Mrs. M. L. McKeithan's room has a new bulletin board. Mrs. McKeithan's room also has two new books, "North Carolina Counties" by Bill Sharp. There are three pages devoted to Hoke County in these books.

A filmstrip, "Wolfe and Mont-Calm" showing the end and results of French and Indian War was shown to the history classes this week.

The Hoke Raeford P.T.A. membership drive closed last week. Lavinia Wade from Miss Mayme McKeithan's room won the prize in high school for securing most members. In the elementary grades Linnar Sue Gatlin from Mrs. Steven's room won the prize; and Virginia McFadyen from Mrs. Brown's room for primary grades. Miss Cates, Mrs. Steven's and Mrs. Brown's room won special recognition for getting the most members.

Seventy-two new song books have been purchased for Glee Club.

Miss Eloise Camp, State Library Supervisor, visited the high school and elementary libraries on Monday of this week. She was very generous in her praise of the work that both libraries were doing, and spoke very highly of the management.

The first issue of HOKE HIGH LIGHTS came out yesterday. There was a slight delay in the first edition.

Miss Mayme McKeithan's room has a new current events bulletin board. The news is changed every two days so that pupils can keep up with most recent happenings.

Scenes depicting the Thanksgiving season are artistically displayed on a frieze in Miss Mayme McKeithan's room.

In a recent Latin posted contest (Continued on Page 4)

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. and Mrs. Hallie Gatlin have presented a copy of The Bold Gallilean, by LeGhette Blythe, to Hoke County Library in memory of Mrs. J. C. Thomas.

A Guide to Confident Living, by Norman Vincent Peale, has been presented to the library in memory of Mr. W. E. Eremean, by Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Currie.

Among new titles being received are the following: Family Circle, Skinner, The Parson Takes a Wife, Sheerin, Root Out of Dry Ground, Briggs, Kissing Kin, Thane, I Love My Doctor, Barkins, Pine, Potatoes and People, Hamlin, Diary of a Williamsburg Hostess, Campbell, The Old Beauty, Cather, Crysantha, Drake.

The library will be closed Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

American Legion Monthly Meeting Held Wednesday

The Ellis Williamson Post number 20 of the American Legion held its regular monthly supper meeting on Wednesday, November 17, at the High school cafeteria. Alfred Cole, post commander, presided.

After a meal of chicken dumplings several plans and projects and matters of interest to those present were discussed.

The post commander discussed the membership drive for the post for 1949 which is now going on. He stated that the post now had 85 members and expected to reach 150 in the next three weeks. He urged veterans to join the Legion which he said was responsible for getting the G. I. Bill of rights passed.

The meeting voted to sponsor a county fair next fall. Commander Cole told the members that he had talked with many citizens of Hoke county who think the county should have a fair and he said he hoped the people would make plans to have exhibits at the fair in 1949.

The group decided to hold a dance during the Christmas holidays and Buck Blue and Clyde Upchurch, Jr., were appointed to make arrangements and announce the date later.

The next meeting of the post will be held on Wednesday, December 15, at a place and time to be announced later.

Raeford Rebels Nip Seventy-First Here Monday Night

The Raeford Rebels, a newly-organized semi-professional independent basketball team, played their first game of the 1948-49 season in the Hoke High school gymnasium here Monday night. The visiting aggregation was the Seventy-First All-stars of Cumberland county. The Rebels won, 55 to 25. Luke McNeill, former ECTC player, led the winners with 18 points. Bill Clark was second with 12 points.

The Rebels roster included Luke McNeill, Scott Poole, Bill Upchurch, Bill Clark, Pete Sawyer, Jimmy Warner, Joe Gullede, Nat White, Julius Jordan, Floyd Keith and Eugene Currie. Home games will be played in the gym and will begin at eight o'clock.

INSPECTION LANE TO BE HERE SATURDAY

The mechanical inspection lane of the North Carolina Department of Motor vehicles will open in Raeford on Saturday morning, November 27, and will be here through Tuesday, November 30. The lane will be located on North Main street as it has been in the past.

UDC WANT CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME KEPT

A meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy with the directors of the Confederate Women's Home there last week resulted in a resolution in favor of continuing the operation of the home.

GUEST MINISTER SUNDAY

The Rev. Robert Turner, executive secretary of the Concord Presbytery, will occupy the pulpit at the Raeford Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, November 28. Mr. Turner's home is in Morganton, N. C.

NAVY RECRUITER HERE

Chief Petty Officer B. F. Grimes of the United States Navy was here this week and made then announcement that there would be a Navy recruiting officer in the courtroom at the courthouse each Thursday from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

State Official Pays Tribute To John McGoogan



JOHN A. MCGOOGAN

—Editor's note—The letter below was received by The News-Journal from Peyton B. Abbott, Assistant attorney general of North Carolina. It is such a nice and sincere tribute to one of our own county officials that we thought the people of the county would like to see it.

Dear Sir:

It was my pleasure to attend the meeting of the Tax Supervisors Association conducted by the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill on November 16 and 17. The session, with the exception of the banquet session, was held in Gerard Hall on the campus of the University of North Carolina. To my mind, one of the highlights of the banquet meeting and one of the most pleasant features of it was an extemporaneous speech by Mr. John A. McGoogan, Hoke County Auditor and Tax Supervisor.

Mr. McGoogan was moved to make his remarks because of the fact that it was the first time he had ever been inside Gerard Hall since the Commencement of 1911, at which time President Edward Kidder Graham of the University welcomed back to the University survivors of the student body which had left the University in 1861 to enter the services of the Confederacy and awarded those surviving students A. B. degrees from the University. Mr. McGoogan's speech was devoted to extolling the power of President Graham and commenting on the high and moving example of oratory employed by President Graham on that occasion.

Mr. McGoogan quoted from memory the opening sentence of President Graham's talk: "Fifty years ago four hundred gay-hearted boys in answer to the sudden alarm of war left the green shelter of this campus to take up arms in defense of a pleasant land that they loved. Today in behalf of their Alma Mater, who sent them forth with a mother's benediction, we welcome back their precious remnant with sacred gladness."

From there, Mr. McGoogan discussed other parts of the speech and of the lasting impression it made on him; and in so doing he himself reached a height of oratory which must not have been greatly surpassed by Edward Kidder Graham himself. Mr. McGoogan's remarks made a deep impression upon everyone present.

I have been associated with Mr. McGoogan over a number of years in connection with the work of the Tax Supervisors Association and with the County Accountants Association, and I would like to take this occasion to congratulate Hoke County upon having for so long kept in the public service a man of such untiring devotion to the interests of his county.

Very truly yours,
Peyton B. Abbott

Local Boys Enter Soap Box Derby In Fayetteville Today

When the annual soap box derby is run in Fayetteville this afternoon seven Hoke county boys expect to be in it. The Raeford entries in the affair are being sponsored by the Kiwanis club and each entrant is individually sponsored by a firm here. Israel Mann is chairman of the Kiwanis club's committee handling the project, in which there are 110 entrants.

Various trophies and prizes are being offered by Fayetteville firms to the winners of the event and these are on display in Fayetteville and the local boys will compete for them equally with the Fayetteville boys. The winner of the Fayetteville event will receive a bicycle, wrist watch, \$150. in cash and other prizes. The Fayetteville event is being sponsored by the Fayetteville Observer and the M and O Chevrolet Co.

The 114 boys will weigh in and check their cars this morning and a big parade with several bands, including the Hoke High band, is scheduled for one o'clock. Each boy built his own car for the derby, with standard wheels being used by all contestants and certain weight rules being observed.

Local boys entered with their sponsors are: James McNeill Inman by Upchurch Milling Co., Reginald Perkins by T. B. Upchurch, Inc., Richard Inman by Auto Inn, L. Milton Glisson by Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Co., Archie Phillips by Morgan Motor Co., James Millard Baker by Hoke Auto Co., and James Maxwell by McLauchlin Co.

Seven Pay Out; One Goes Away

In recorder's court Tuesday morning Judge Henry McDiarmid fined Roy Moffitt and Everett R. Moffitt, both white, \$50 each and the court costs for killing a doe.

Frank Leach, colored, was charged with non support of his wife and three children and with assaulting his wife. Sentence was two years on the roads to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$10 a week toward their support. He went to the roads.

Harvey Parker, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Pete Gibson and Harvey McDonald both colored each got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Earnest McCall colored paid \$10 and the costs for having improper equipment on his car and Thomas McLauchlin also colored did the same from having bad brakes.

The State took a nol pros in the case in which Will McLauchlin, colored, was charged with assaulting his wife, as she failed to appear.

Leroy Murchison, colored, got 60 days to be suspended on payment of the costs and damages for careless and reckless driving and damage to personal property.

Football Today

Athletic authorities at Hoke High school have arranged a game for this afternoon at Armory park between Shallotte High school and the Hoke High Bucks. The kickoff is scheduled for 2:30 o'clock.

The Hoke team, with a somewhat unimpressive record of two victories, one tie and six defeats in nine starts this season, will be seeking their third victory in their last appearance of the season this afternoon. They were edged by an outstanding team from Massy Hill high last week, 39 to 6.

Upchurch School Pays Tribute To T. B. Upchurch

Portrait Of School's Benefactor Unveiled At Program Held Last Sunday P. M.

A portrait of the late Thomas B. Upchurch was unveiled at a ceremony at Upchurch school north of Raeford Sunday afternoon. Upchurch is the county's colored high school and is named for Mr. Upchurch, its principal benefactor.

The program was introduced by A. S. Gaston, principal of the school, and included the excellent rendition of choral numbers by the Upchurch choral club. Scripture reading was by the Rev. C. J. Cooper, pastor of the Silver Grove Baptist church of Raeford.

The scheduled speaker for the occasion, Dr. J. S. Nathaniel Tross, editor of the "Star of Zion," of Durham was unable to be present.

He was ably substituted by Dean J. C. McLauchlin of A. & T. college of Greensboro. Dean McLauchlin is a native of Hoke county and is one of the outstanding educators to come from this county. He spoke of the large contribution of Mr. Upchurch toward better racial relations here and of the wisdom for all to be found in his autobiography.

A vocal solo was rendered by Seth McKoy, student at A. & T. college. All present agreed that his voice was the outstanding baritone in their experience. A poem, "L'Envoi," was recited by Ver-dell Malloy.

After the unveiling, remarks of acceptance for Upchurch High school and the Hoke County Board of Education were made by K. A. MacDonald, Superintendent of schools for the county. R. B. Lewis spoke for the Upchurch family and expressed their appreciation for the tribute to Mr. Upchurch's memory.

Invocation was by the Rev. H. E. Williams, pastor of Freedom Presbyterian church, and benediction was by the Rev. D. A. McMillan, pastor of Rockfish Baptist church, Raeford.

Potter Urges Farmers To Vote December 2

A final appeal to farmers to attend their local farm-program committee elections was issued today by T. D. Potter Chairman, Hoke County Agriculture Conservation Committee. Elections will be held throughout North Carolina on December 2nd.

AA communities in Hoke County will hold elections Thursday, December 2nd, from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Meetings for elections are scheduled as follows:

Allendale, Allendale Community House; Antioch, Antioch Community House; Blue Springs, Blue Springs Community House; Little River Community House; McLauchlin, Rockfish Community House; Quewhiffle, Montrose Community House; Raeford, Hoke County Courthouse (Court Room); Stonewall, Dundafrach Community House.

Three regular committee members and two alternates will be chosen in each community. A delegate will also be elected to the county convention, who will meet on December 3rd and elect the county committee of three members.

"Farmers have a big voice in national farm programs through the farmer-elected committeemen system," Mr. Jotter said. "A good turn-out will show that they believe in this way of running the program. By casting their ballots farmers can make sure that the men administering the program are the men most familiar with local needs. We hope that every eligible farmer will take the time to vote."

Union Service This Morning

The custom of having a union service on Thanksgiving morning has been followed for some years by the Raeford churches, and the service will be held at ten o'clock today at the Raeford Methodist church.

The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. B. P. Robinson, former pastor of the Methodist church and a popular and respected resident of the community since his retirement. The public has a cordial invitation to join in this service of thanksgiving.

National Guard Retirement Act Now Effective

Information has been released by the Department of the Army advising that members of army civilian components may apply for retirement benefits. Members of civilian components of the army who wish to apply for retirement with pay under the provisions of Public Law 810 and who are sixty (60) years of age, or approaching sixty, may now secure Application Blanks from the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.

A limited supply of the forms designated as NME 108 is available. The Department of the Army will furnish them only to individuals who are sixty or more close to that age, and who are tentatively determined by the Adjutant General of the Army to be otherwise qualified for retirement benefits.

Under Title III, Public Law 810, a minimum of twenty (20) years of satisfactory Federal service in any of the civilian components of the armed forces is required, with some time spent on active Federal duty either during World War I or World War II.

Forms are already being mailed to qualified persons who previously applied. It is not necessary for applicants to submit official statements of service when applying for form. The Adjutant General will verify service claimed from records on file.

The Act of Congress referred to also provides retirement benefits for officers and enlisted men of the present National Guard, and those of the future, upon reaching the age of sixty (60) years, and who have had twenty (20) or more years of service.

Benefits are computed on a point system with set numbers of points for each year of National Guard service and for each year of active Federal service. On the point system a percentage is reached and the monthly benefits are this percentage of the active duty pay in the highest grade ever held, either active or reserve.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE RANKS MISS DAVIS HIGH

Miss Betty Davis, daughter of Mrs. Frances Davis, of Raeford, a sophomore at Greensboro College, has won the distinction of ranking in the upper ten per cent of her class, according to announcement made by Dr. Luther L. Gobel, President of the college. The ranking is based on the number of quality points earned during the second semester of last year.

T. B. BOND DRIVE

Younger Sneed, chairman of the Tuberculosis bond sale committee, announced yesterday that members of the committee would make a canvass of the town on next Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 29 and 30.

He urges everyone interested in stamping out T. B. to buy a bond in the denomination best suited to their means.

Weed Exports, Farm Prices Are Explained

Tobacco Associates Head Speaks At Meeting Of Lee County Farm Bureau

During the 1948 calendar year "flue-cured tobacco used in the United States and abroad will total 75,000,000 pounds above what has been produced this year," J. B. Hutson, President of Tobacco Association, Inc., has declared.

"By the end of December," Hutson told some 500 Lee County members of the North Carolina Farm Bureau at their annual meeting in the Sanford Armory, Friday, November 19, "we will have used more than 700,000,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco in this country, during 1948, while in foreign countries slightly more than 400,000,000 will have been consumed."

Hutson appealed for a strong Farm Bureau because "it is not easy to meet the problems with which agriculture is faced."

"Problems of farmers as well as those of other groups," he said, "require constant attention. You are competing with other groups who are organized, so you will fare less well if you are not organized."

Hutson pointed out that on October 15 farm prices averaged 4 per cent below September prices, about 4 per cent below those of a year ago, and 10 per cent below the peak reached in January, 1948. Prices of wheat, corn, some fruits and some classes of livestock are below those of a year ago, he added.

On the other hand, Hutson said, prices paid by farmers average about 4 per cent higher than a year ago. However, he said many non-farm products have been reduced in price in recent weeks, and reduction in this group in the past 5 months have about offset price advances.

"Index fingers show that although farm prices in general have advanced more than most other prices as compared with prewar years," he said, "they have not advanced as much as farm wage rates. Farm prices are about two (Continued on page 4)

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

December is the time to begin pruning and spraying operations. There are many days of bright sunshine which make ideal weather for pruning and applying spray materials.

Pruning
Pruning the apple - Newly planted trees. Prune off one-third to one-fourth of top of newly planted one-year old trees or "whips". Two-year old planted trees have side branches and usually two leaders. Select several of the strong lateral branches and one of the leaders, the one facing the prevailing winds. Remove all other branches. The selected branches go to make up the scaffold or the frame work of the tree. Remove one-third to one-half of the longest laterals and cut back lightly the leader so that it will be longer than the pruned laterals. The pruning of one-year tree or "whips" the following year is similar to that of the newly planted two-year tree.

The next few years light pruning should be practiced by removing branches that crowd the frame work or scaffold branches. Do not remove the spur like growths as many of these will produce fruit buds.

Pruning the peach - Newly planted trees. Cut back large "June-budded" trees to 24 inches. Very small ones may be left to grow one season before pruning. Cut back one-year old trees to 24 (Continued on Page 4)