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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The Mildouson school lunch-room will serve a special Christmas dinner to all the children in the school tomorrow. The school and PTA will have a Christmas tree for everybody on Monday night, December 14. There will be presents for all the children. The children will have a special program. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mrs. Neill McFadyen, president announces that the Hoke-Raeferd PTA will hold its last regular meeting of the year Monday night, December 20, at the Raeferd Graded school. There will be a special Christmas program given by the children of all grades. They will be assisted by the high school glee club. Everyone is urged to be there.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smoak of the Ashemont faculty will be interested to know that the body of their son, Marine Albert Smoak, arrived home on Wednesday. It will be remembered that Albert gave his life in heroic action on Okinawa during the recent war. The funeral and interment will take place at Shiloh Presbyterian church at Montrose Sunday afternoon, December 19, at 3 o'clock.

All of the colored schools of the county are cooperating in the sale of TB Christmas Seals. Mrs. N. A. McDonald, Jr., seal sale chairman, requests that everybody report before the holidays if possible.

Dr. R. L. Murray, Red Cross chairman, requests that all schools of the county that have not already done so, report on their sign-up before the holidays. Every school in the county should do this. Last year we had 100 percent sign-up of all rooms. It is hoped that we will equal last year's record.

Below is given the total enrollment, membership and percentage in attendance for all white schools for the third month. Ashemont 120, 115, 96.1; Hoke High 8th Grade 85, 84, 91.8; Hoke High 9-12, 258, 249, 93.4; Mildouson 84, 84, 93; Raeferd Graded 466, 445, 93; Rockfish 125, 109, 94. The percentage in attendance indicates that the attendance all over the county is unusually good. This makes two months in a row that Ashemont has lead in this respect. The 8th grade was low. We hope that the 8th grade will strive during the coming month to get out of bottom position.

Friends of Miss Hortense McGregor of the Mildouson faculty will regret to learn that she has had an additional sorrow in the death last week of her brother. We sympathize deeply with her.

Principal A. S. Gaston of the Upchurch school is away this week on account of the critical illness of his wife who is also a member of the Upchurch faculty. We wish for her a speedy recovery and hope that they both may soon return to duty.

Thanks to the recent action of the Board of Education the Christmas holidays have been changed as to include two week-ends. This seems to have been a very popular action and pupils and teachers appreciate it. The only ones affected adversely are those boys and girls who work in stores part time. We hope and feel sure that something can be done to help them out.

The third month of the colored schools will be up tomorrow. Patrons of these schools are urged to

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Bankers Group Has Meeting In Southern Pines

150 Attend; Addresses By State Commissioner Hood Lewis Chosen For State Post

On Friday night, December 10, Group Seven of the N. C. Bankers Association held its annual meeting at the Mid Pines Hotel at Southern Pines. The meeting was presided over by R. B. Lewis, Executive vice-president of the Bank of Raeferd, chairman of the group. After a short social hour dinner was served to the 150 members and guests in attendance.

Ernest P. Mangum, vice president of the National Bank of Commerce, Norfolk, Va., addressed the group on the subject, "The Future of Banking," and declared, "We are going through a period of readjustment. The consumers spending boom has not only leveled off but is falling. Areadythere is softening of prices in some goods and semidurable lines in which many commodities are turning from a sellers market to a buyers market."

He added, however, there is a danger of a fourth round of wage boosts which would tend to heighten the spiral of inflation. The \$64 question is, "Where are we going from there?" He asked the group to reexamine their portfolios of long length loans and sounded a word of caution of the danger of inflated real estate values. He asserted, "We have nothing to fear of socialization of banking." He warned, "That we must serve the public, be honest and understanding and the need of socialization will never arise."

In closing he urged the bankers not to make the mistakes of the past but to be sincere and honest in acquainting the public with problems of modern banking.

John F. McNair, Jr., president of the North Carolina Bankers association, spoke briefly of the advantages of group insurance, especially in the smaller banks.

HOOD SPEAKS

Gurney P. Hood, commissioner of banks for North Carolina, discussed interest rates and advocated a uniform rate and fees for all loaning institutions. Fred W. Greene, secretary of the Bankers association, gave a brief resume of the aims of the state association, first, the association is sponsoring in conjunction with Agriculture department, conservation of the soil. He stated prize awards will total \$10,000 for this year. Second, he spoke of the banking school at the University of North Carolina. The summer schedule will summarize banking operations with emphasis on credits.

Robert B. Lewis, of Raeferd, chairman of Group Seven this year and presiding officer, was elected a member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Bankers association and will be succeeded as chairman by Clyde L. Stutts, vice president and cashier of the Commercial State bank, Laurel Hill. W. L. Bennett, assistant trust officer of the Bank of Wadesboro, is the new vice president; I. B. Creech executive vice president of the Carolina Bank, Pinehurst, was elected secretary-treasurer.

D. A. MacAulay Dies In Chester

Services were conducted at Evergreen cemetery at Chester, S. C. last Saturday for D. A. MacAulay, 60, veteran of the first World War and former well-known merchant of Chester. The service was conducted by Dr. McLeod Frampton, Jr., pastor of Purity Presbyterian church in Chester.

Survivors include his widow, who was formerly Miss Agnes McLeod of this county.

Funeral Held Thursday P. M. For Mrs. D. P. Andrews

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis
Mrs. D. P. Andrews, 55, prominent and beloved citizen of Rockfish, passed away on Wednesday afternoon of last week at a Fayetteville hospital after a brief illness of just one week.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at Galatia Presbyterian church by the Rev. B. O. Shannon, pastor, assisted by the Rev. E. B. Booker and the Rev. Donald McMahon. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Andrews was born in Harnett County, a daughter of J. S. Holder, who survives her, and the late Mrs. Mary McLean Holder. She was a devoted wife and mother, a faithful and loyal church worker, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and relatives as well as her immediate family.

Besides her father she is survived by her husband; by one son, J. Nash Andrews of Charlotte, S. C.; by three daughters, Mrs. C. N. Blue of Laurinburg, Mrs. W. C. Williams of Charlotte and Mrs. B. B. Britt of Fayetteville; by three brothers, A. E. Holder of Apex, Jack Holder and L. B. Holder of Detroit, Michigan; two sisters, Mrs. A. A. Jones and Mrs. Henry Bullard of Lillington and by seven grandchildren.

Plan Funeral For Pfc Smoak Next Sunday

Funeral services will be conducted next Sunday afternoon for Pfc. Albert Smoak, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smoak who was killed in action on the Pacific island of two Jima on March 7, 1945. The service will be conducted at Shiloh Presbyterian church by the Rev. S. A. Ewart, pastor, and the Rev. A. D. Carswell, former pastor. Burial will be in the Shiloh cemetery.

Military honors will be rendered by Ellis Williamson post 20, Hoke county. Pallbearers will be Richard Jones, Guion Eubanks, D. R. Huff, Jr., Alvin Robertson, Harry Thornburg and Rudolph Cothran.

Pfc. Smoak was a graduate of Hoke county High School and attended Louisburg college. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on October 3, 1942 and went overseas in August, 1944. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and the Presidential Unit citation. He was a member of the 3rd Marine Division.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smoak; two sisters, Mrs. Leete Smoak Montague of Raleigh and Miss Mary Ann Smoak of the home.

STUDENTS WHO WORK NEED ACCOUNT NUMBERS

Every Student who is planning to work during the Holiday Season will need a Social Security Account Number—that is if your job is with a business, store, or industrial concern. If you already have an account number, be sure to show it to your employer, so your Old-Age and Survivors Insurance account will be credited with the Social Security tax you pay. If you have not yet gotten an account number, get an application blank from the Post Office and mail it to the Social Security Administration Field Office at Fayetteville, N. C. Information—Write the Social Security Field Office at Fayetteville, N. C.

GUEST MINISTER AT ASHLEY HEIGHTS

Dr. Sankie L. Blanton, dean of the School of Religion at Wake Forest college, will preach at the Ashley Heights Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and next Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Night Hunters Pay \$100 Each In Court Tuesday

15 Defendants Face Judge In All-Days Session Of Recorder's Court

Thomas Taylor and Roger Nichols, white men out of the county, were convicted of hunting deer at night before Judge Henry McDiarmid in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday. It appeared that they had used flashlights and guns: They were each fined \$100 and the costs of the court.

For driving drunk Jessie Bruce Holmes and Johnnie McCrimmon, colored, and Edwin A. Johnson, white, were given 90 days each to be suspended on payment of fines of \$100 each and the court costs.

Roland Watson, colored, was found guilty of driving drunk after his license had been revoked and violating the prohibition laws. He got six months to be suspended on payment of \$200 and the costs.

Lacy Parker, white and Arch Graham, colored, were each found guilty of being drunk and disorderly. Sentences were 30 days each to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Leo Williams, colored, got 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Edgar H. Lawton, white of South Carolina, and Sam Patone, Jr., white of New York, forfeited bonds of \$25 and \$50, respectively, for speeding.

Herman Lee Black, colored, and Chandler L. Graves, white, each paid \$10 and the costs for driving with improper equipment.

James Clayton and Mattie Hollingsworth and Annie Clara Love, all colored, got 30 days each to be suspended on payment of the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Local Ladies' Brother Passes In Charlotte

Leroy Parks Gwaltney, Sr., died suddenly at his home near Charlotte last Thursday night. He was a veteran of both World Wars and was a brother of Mrs. J. P. Smith and Mrs. D. S. Currie of this county.

Mr. Gwaltney was born in Alexander County March 12, 1894. He entered World War I as a private and was discharged a first lieutenant. He entered World War II as a captain and was discharged a major. He was a prominent Shriner, member of the American Legion and deacon of his Presbyterian church. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

Funeral was conducted at Thorsboro Presbyterian church by the Rev. J. L. Griggs, pastor, on Saturday afternoon and burial was in Forest Lawn cemetery in Charlotte. Military graveside services were conducted by members of two American Legion posts in Mecklenburg county.

He is survived by his widow, one son, three daughters, and one sister other than Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Currie.

JUNIOR GLEE CLUB TO SING MONDAY PM

The Junior Glee club of the Raeferd Graded School will present "Christmas In Other Lands" at the Raeferd Graded School auditorium. Monday night, December 20, at 7:45. This play is being directed by Miss Bradley and the teachers of the Graded School. It will consist of Christmas carols of England, Wales, France and Negro.

The public is cordially invited. This will be the first public performance of the Junior Glee club.

Hoke High Cage Opener Tomorrow In Local Gym

Play Laurel Hill; 20 Games On Schedule For Boys And Girls

Hoke High opens the 1948-49 basketball season in the local gymnasium against Laurel Hill tomorrow night. Game time is 7:30. The girls will play the first game and the boys game is set for 9:00 o'clock.

The team has a twenty-game schedule for both boys and girls. Both teams have been working out since Thanksgiving. The boys varsity has only two returning lettermen from last year, Joe Gullede and Bobby McNeill. Doug Clark, returning veteran, and several other good prospects from last year's junior varsity should shape into a fairly presentable five, according to Coach Haywood Faircloth.

The girls team suffered somewhat from graduation, but with good prospects coming up should have the best season in recent years.

The junior varsity opened its season Monday night by splitting a double-header with Aberdeen. The junior varsity will play a separate schedule with games on different nights from the varsity games.

1948-49 Schedule

Dec. 17, Laurel Hill here; Dec. 31, Massey Hill here; Jan. 4, Tar Heel here; Jan. 7, Laurel Hill here; Jan. 11, Massey Hill there; Jan. 14, Tar Heel here; Jan. 18, Red Springs here; Jan. 25, Hope Mills there; Jan. 26, Red Springs there; Jan. 28, Parkton here; Feb. 2, 71st here; Feb. 4, Hope Mills here; Feb. 8, Parkton there; Feb. 11, Clinton here; Feb. 14, Aberdeen there; Feb. 18, 71st here; Feb. 25 Clinton there; Mar. 1 Philadelphia here; Mar. 4, Aberdeen here; Mar. 8, Philadelphia here.

Lt. Col. Monroe Is Now Stationed In Colorado

Lt. Col. Henry S. Monroe, who until recently was a member of the Far Eastern Air Forces in Japan, has been assigned to Headquarters 15th Air Force in Colorado Springs, Colo., according to an announcement from headquarters, there. Colonel Monroe will act as special projects officer of the supply section in the Material Division.

Holding a reserve commission, Colonel Monroe was called to active duty in June 1941. He spent 18 months in the South West Pacific during the war returning to the states in 1946.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Monroe of Raeferd and is married to the former Mildred Moore of Morven. They are making their home in Colorado Springs and live at 821 S. Prospect.

George McGregor Is Buried Friday

Funeral services for George P. McGregor, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Wagram on Tuesday afternoon of last week and who died on Wednesday, were held Friday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock at the home of his brother, B. F. McGregor at Dundarrach. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Mann, pastor of the Antioch Presbyterian church, and burial was in the Raeferd cemetery.

Mr. McGregor was 51 years old and attended the University of Virginia. He was a veteran of World War I.

He is survived by a sister, Miss Hortense McGregor, in addition to his brother, Frank McGregor.

Kids Apparently Enjoy Visit Of Santa Last Thursday

Some several hundred youngsters were on hand here last Thursday afternoon to greet Santa Claus in spite of the fact that it was a dark, damp and cold day. Also in spite of this Santa managed to fly over the crowd a time or two on his way in, which was enjoyed, judging from the shouts of welcome.

Saint Nick arrived at the center of town on a fire truck at about four-thirty and after saying a few words to his many admirers he began the distribution of gifts, having previously promised to bring gifts for everyone. Claus stated before he left that he had given away over 1200 packages of oranges, apples, nuts and candy.

He also accepted letters which were brought to him concerning his expected visit on the 25th of this month and said he would do his best to take care of all requests at that time. He thanked the Chamber of Commerce for inviting him to make the advance trip to Raeferd and said that he hoped to be able to do the same thing next year.

Funeral Held For J. Lonnie Teal, Jr. Here Yesterday

Funeral services for Pfc. J. Lonnie Teal, Jr., who was killed in action in Germany on March 15, 1945, were conducted at the Raeferd Methodist church yesterday afternoon at two o'clock by the Rev. P. O. Lee, pastor, and the Rev. B. P. Robinson, former pastor. Burial was in the Raeferd cemetery and military honors were rendered by Battery A, local unit of the National Guard, who also served as pallbearers.

He entered the military service in October 1943 and went overseas in April, 1944. He was a member of the 79th Infantry Division.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Teal of Raeferd; five brothers, Eugene, Franklin, Cecil and Clyde of Raeferd and Woodrow of Laurinburg; three sisters, Mrs. C. H. Keaton of Randleman, Mrs. M. K. Sessoms of Fayetteville and Mrs. Paul Clark of Raeferd.

Marvin Jones Dies Wednesday; Funeral Today

Marvin Jones, 60-year-old native of Scotland county who had made his home with his brother near here for the past few months, died suddenly at breakfast yesterday morning of a heart attack. His health had not been good for more than a year.

Mr. Jones was a native of Scotland county, a son of the late William M. Jones and Betty Watson Jones. He was a veteran of World War I.

Funeral services will be conducted at Caledonia Methodist church in Scotland county at 2:30 tomorrow by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Diminette and burial will follow in the cemetery there.

He is survived by one brother, Belton J. Jones of this county, and one sister, Mrs. J. O. Veasey, also of Hoke county.

FARM BUREAU DANCE TUESDAY GETS FOOD

The Farm Bureau square dance which was held at the army Tuesday night resulted in a sizable contribution of food for the CROP drive being conducted, according to Richard Neeley, president. A food contribution was taken as admission instead of money.

There will be a candlelight carol service at the Raeferd Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

5-Points Colored Man Denied Bond By Coroner Roper

Uzelle Jones, In Jail; To Be Charged With Death Of Flora Anderson - And Worse

Uzell Jones, colored man of the Five Point section of Quewhiffle township, is lodged in the county jail without privilege of bond following an investigation by Coroner W. L. Roper of the death of Flora Belle Anderson, also colored, at her home there last Friday night.

The coroner, in his investigation, took testimony from Jones to the effect that he had been to the Anderson house during the day Friday and that he had asked Flora Belle for some whiskey and that she had said she had no whiskey, but that she would give him a load of shot if he didn't leave there. He said he left.

Jones said he then went to another neighbor's house and asked for a box of shotgun shells for the purpose of "killing everybody on the Calloway place." He didn't get them, apparently, but he said that shortly after dark he went back to Mark Anderson's house and told him that he had had some words with his wife that day and that he wanted to straighten it out. He said he had his gun and two shells with him at this time. Anderson, Jones said, replied that he knew nothing of the matter. Jones said he then asked Anderson to send her out on the porch to talk to him, and that she came out. He said he shot her and left.

Jones said he came back later and sent a 16-year-old girl whom he found there into the house and told her to get a light on the porch and violated the corpse. He said he then went home and told his wife and that she started hollering. He said he waited there until they came after him.

Officers say that Jones was apparently not sober when he was brought to the county jail. They say that Mark Anderson had gone to the Calloway house nearby to tell of the shooting when Andrews returned. They also say the appearance of the corpse bore out Jones' statement.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

A progressive and permanent agriculture must be in balance with both crops and livestock. For the most part the crop side of picture in Hoke County has been developed to a high degree and the livestock side is lacking. It is true that some progress has been made in this respect but the program is now just ready for expansion. In order for livestock to be included in the farming program it is necessary to have sufficient feed of both concentrates and forage in addition to pastures. Pastures of both permanent and temporary nature are basic to a livestock program.

Corn—Hoke County has made outstanding progress in the production of corn during the past 4 years. In 1937 and up to 1944 the average yield of corn in the county was from 18 to 20 bushels per acre. Beginning in 1945 farmers began to use higher rates of fertilizer and nitrogen as top-dresser along with some hybrid. As a result of this, and the increased good practices from year to year, farmers will make upward of 30 bushels per acre this year. I. L. Newton can be cited as a typical example of improved practices in the growing of corn. In 1948 he planted 6 acres of corn to N. C. 27 hybrid. He put it in 31-2 ft. rows and planted it 14 inches in the drill. He placed about 400 pounds of fertilizer under it at planting time (Continued on page 6)