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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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Merry Christmas!

All schools in the county close for the holidays today and will remain closed until Monday, January 3, 1949. The Board of Education agreed to this change at the request of parents, teachers and pupils.

The Mildouson school had its Christmas entertainment Monday night. Each classroom furnished a part of the program. All the children received a gift. All those who were privileged to attend enjoyed the occasion very much.

Last Thursday night the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades put on "Darktown Strutters Minstrel." The large crowd that attended roared with laughter during most of the show. The production was exceptionally well done. Both teachers and members of the cast are to be congratulated on their work.

Sunday evening at eight o'clock a program of Christmas music was given in the Hoke High auditorium by the Hoke High band under the direction of Bandmaster W. O. Melvin and the Hoke High Glee club, directed by Miss Doris Bradley. The band played an ensemble of Christmas carols and the glee club quite a number of arrangements of carols. A good audience enjoyed the music and were impressed with the work being done by the music department.

The Ashmont school is having their Christmas party today. All the children will be taken care of.

The writer had the pleasure of seeing a Christmas play at the Rockfish school which was written and produced by the children themselves as a surprise for their teachers. The children who took part and the others in the room all enjoyed it.

The Upchurch school had its Christmas party on Tuesday. Practically every student was present for the festive occasion.

Principal John Munford of the Rockfish Colored school, who has seriously ill recently, wishes to thank all those who have joined in a contribution for him during the time he was in the hospital.

Principal A. S. Gaston of the Upchurch school, who has been in Wilson at the bedside of his critically ill son, wishes to thank all those who have joined in a contribution for him during the time he was in the hospital.

MANY STORES WILL CLOSE NEXT MONDAY

Attention of readers is invited to an advertisement on page 10 of this issue in which most businesses of Raeford announce that they will be closed next Monday, December 27, as part of the Christmas holiday. The Bank of Raeford also has an announcement to the same effect elsewhere in the paper.

URGES FIRE SAFETY

R. B. Lewis, chief of the Raeford Fire Department, this week urged everyone to be especially careful to prevent the happiness of the Christmas season being marred by fire. He states that for several reasons fire is more likely, what with Christmas trees, gift wrappings—and in some cases John Barleycorn—being around, and more prevention will be necessary to prevent it.

Recorder Hears Many Traffic Cases Tuesday

Other Three Cases Involve Liquor Violations, Assault; All Defendants Pay Out

Sixteen defendants were on docket for trial before Judge Henry McDiarmid in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning, and of these all but four were charged with traffic violations. Of the four two involved liquor and the other two assaults.

Speeders were Martin Stekert, white of New York; Paul McKoy, colored of Clarkton; Nathaniel Odell Cunningham, colored; Arthur Wilder, white of South Carolina; F. F. Keen, white of Florida. All except McKoy posted \$25 bonds and forfeited them by failing to appear for trial. McKoy paid \$10 and the costs.

Rastus Evans and H. B. Evans, both white, were charged with damage to personal property and assault but the prosecuting witness decided she didn't want to prosecute them so she was taxed with the costs and the case against them was dismissed.

George F. Jones, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Jennings T. Maultsby, white, entered a plea of guilty of being drunk and disorderly through his counsel and sentence was 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs.

For driving with no driver's license Luther Rogers, colored, and Patricia McNeill, white, were each taxed \$25 and the costs.

For having improper brakes W. Stacy Smith, white, William Tate, William W. Lide, and George Jackson, Jr., all colored, each paid \$10 and the costs.

For having improper license plates George O. Finch, white of New York City, paid \$10 and the costs.

Mrs. Hattie Currie Passes Tuesday; Buried Yesterday

Mrs. Hattie Hall Currie, native and long-time resident of this county, passed away Tuesday afternoon at the home of her son, Archie Currie, in Pinehurst. She was 79 years of age and had been in failing health for some years, becoming critically ill the night before her death. She had made her home in Pinehurst for the last 18 years.

Mrs. Currie was the widow of the late Madison Currie of this county who died about 25 years ago. They were residents of Blue Springs township. Before marriage she was Miss Hattie Hall, daughter of the late Nathan and Josephine Hall who lived in the vicinity of Dundarrach.

Funeral services were conducted in the Pinehurst Community chapel at two o'clock yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Roscoe Prince, pastor. Burial was at the old Currie family cemetery in this county.

Mrs. Currie was a sister of former sheriff Edgar Hall of Raeford. Also surviving are two sons, Archie of Pinehurst and William Currie of the United States Army in Guam; two daughters, Miss Margaret Currie of Pinehurst and Mrs. Annie Usher of Rex; two sisters, Mrs. C. J. Bell of Dunn and Mrs. Donnie Currie of Cumberland county; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Battery A To See Inauguration Of Governor

Battery "A", 677th anti-aircraft automatic weapons Battalion, local National Guard unit and first line unit in the State to be Federally recognized after the war, has accepted an invitation from Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts to attend the inauguration of W. Kerr Scott as Governor of North Carolina and to take part in the parade. The ceremony will be held in Raleigh on Thursday, January 6, 1949.

The local battery will carry approximately 70 men and officers to Raleigh for the occasion and will be one of more than 50 units from all over the State to participate in the inauguration. Raleigh units and the Adjutant General's department are preparing to entertain the visiting units at dinner on the sixth.

The unit will go to Raleigh in its own vehicles and will use them and the 40 millimetre Bofors anti-aircraft guns in the parade. Last drill in 1948 for the local battery was held on Monday night. Next drill on schedule is on Monday, January 10, 1949. The armory here is open from eight a. m. until five p. m., Monday through Friday for enlistments.

Cpl. Lacy John Rites Dec. 26 At Philadelphia

RED SPRINGS. — Funeral services for Corporal Lacy John, Jr., have been tentatively set for 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 26. The remains of Cpl. John are being returned to the United States from Tinian where he was killed in action on July 25, 1944.

Cpl. John, a graduate of the Red Springs High School, entered the Marine corps in 1940. After training at Parris Island, he was stationed for some months in Washington and then was assigned to the American Embassy Guard in London. He was returned to the States in 1943 and was stationed for sometime in San Diego, before going to the South Pacific with the Fourth Marines, with whom he served in the Marshall Islands, Saipan and Tinian on invasions forces.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy John of Lumber Bridge, he is survived by his parents and one brother, Cpl. Max John of the Marine Corps, of Washington, D. C.

The services will be held at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church and burial will be in the church cemetery.

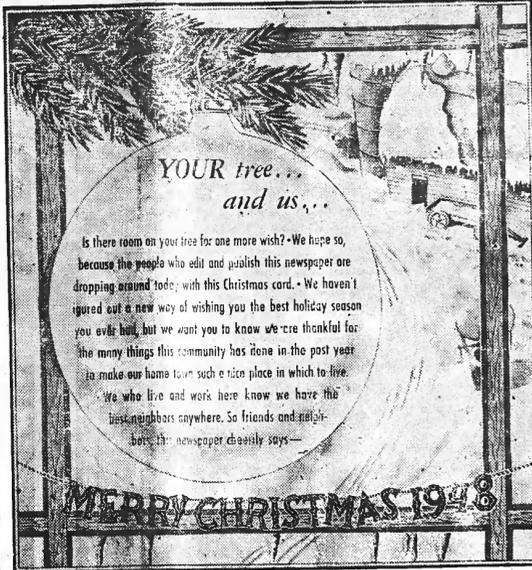
Dance Tonight And Tomorrow Night

The Christmas Dance of the Ellis Williamson American Legion, post is being held in the Armory here tonight and the public is cordially invited. Stephen Lambert and his orchestra of Fayetteville will play for the occasion. This orchestra is well known and popular throughout the section and good music is assured.

The regular square dance held weekly at the armory by the local National Guard unit and featuring the string music of Elmo Stanton and his band of Maxton, will be held as usual tomorrow night and Friday night of next week, New Year's Eve.

GO DUCK HUNTING

Harry Greene, Robert Gatlin, W. J. Coats and Colon Scarborough went to Lake Matamusket Sunday and hunted ducks Monday. They killed 9 geese and 24 ducks and came home Tuesday.



W. Lee Maultsby Dies Suddenly; Funeral Today

Walter Lee Maultsby, farmer and merchant of Montrose, died suddenly at his home there at about four o'clock yesterday morning. He was 49 years of age. He was born in this county, a son of Mrs. Flora Isabel Bethune Maultsby, of Bedford, and the late John S. Maultsby, and had lived in this county all his life.

The remains will rest at the Lentz mortuary here until 11:30 o'clock this morning. Funeral services will be conducted at the home this afternoon at four o'clock by the Rev. S. A. Ewart, pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian church, and the Rev. A. D. Carswell of Manchester, former pastor. Burial will be in the church cemetery at Shiloh church.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Margaret Reaves; one son, John L. Maultsby of Fort Benning, Georgia; two grandchildren; his mother, three brothers, John, Jennings and Bethune Maultsby, all of Raeford; one half-brother, Frank Maultsby of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. A. M. Powell and Mrs. F. J. Wedemeyer, both of Fayetteville.

Junior Chorus Entertains P-TA

A full auditorium of parents and others attended the final 1948 meeting of the Hoke-Raeford Parent-teacher association at the Raeford Graded school on Monday night, and were well entertained by pupils of the graded school.

Mrs. Neill McFadyen, president, turned the meeting over to the program committee for the occasion and a Christmas pageant was presented featuring songs and Christmas scenes from many countries. The production was directed by Miss Doris Bradley, the music teacher, and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

REDECORATE LOBBY

The lobby and Main street entrance of Hotel Raeford have recently been renovated and beautified. The Main street entrance is in a soft grey with black baseboard and yellow ceiling. Draperies and upholstery in the lobby are green and gold; the side walls are paneled in dusty rose with grey woodwork and yellow ceiling. Two large floral prints framed in heavy gilt frames are the only pictures hanging on the side walls. The whole job is in excellent taste and is a credit to the town.

Hoke High Cage Teams Win In Opening Games

Coach Haywood Faircloth's Hoke County High school basketball teams started the season off right in the gymnasium here last Friday night when both boys and girls defeated teams from Laurel Hill High school.

The Hoke High Bucks led the Laurel Hill boys all the way to win their game 33 to 29. Hoke led 23 to 16 at half-time. Gullege was the high scorer and outstanding player in the Hoke victory, accounting for 20 of his team's 33 points. Currie and Gibson were leaders for the losers with nine and seven points, respectively.

Lassies Win Too
The Hoke High girls came out on the long end of a 34 to 28 score to win their game with the Laurel Hill girls in the first varsity game of the evening. The locals led at half-time and both teams played on about even terms during the final quarters.

High scorer for Hoke was Lyda Williams with 18 points. Mary Currie was leader for the losers with 20 points.

Next game for the Hoke team will be in the local gym on Friday of next week, December 31.

Dr. Johnson Pastor At Spring Hill Church

Dr. Elbert N. Johnson, one of the leading ministers of the Baptist church in North Carolina, has been called to the pastorate of Spring Hill Baptist church at Wagram and has accepted the work on full-time basis, it is learned. Dr. Johnson succeeds the Rev. J. D. Whisnant who resigned recently on account of poor health. Spring Hill church has been on a part-time basis for some years, with the minister serving both Spring Hill and Raeford Baptist church, but now goes to full-time, or every Sunday services.

Dr. Johnson is an able preacher and has been pastorate in a number of North Carolina cities. He retired from active work a few years ago and has been living at the Livingston Johnson house at Riverton. He married Miss Frances Johnson, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Livingston Johnson. They have two daughters and a son, Dr. Meredith Johnson, a member of the medical staff at the N. C. Sanatorium at McCain; Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson Thompson, and Dr. E. N. Johnson, Jr., who is an interne at the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

Chaminade Club Has Christmas Musical Program

The Chaminade club was pleasantly entertained with a musical program by a group of local college girls who are home for the holidays at the club's December meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Greene here Tuesday night. Mrs. W. M. Thomas and Mrs. H. R. McLean were hostesses to the club with Mrs. Greene.

The beautiful decorated Christmas tree and other decorations of the Yuletide made an effective setting for the program of Christmas music. Those participating were Misses Katherine Blue and Joan Johnson, of Peace College, Mary Ray Freeman and Mary Stuart Covington of Flora Macdonald, and Doris Keith of Salem. Mrs. A. L. O'Brian of the club gave an interesting discussion of "Ballet Coppelia" by Delibes with record selections.

Mrs. R. B. Lewis, Mrs. H. R. McLean and Mrs. W. M. Thomas sang Dees Taylor's arrangement of Kurt Schindler's "The Adoration of the Shepherds." They were accompanied by Miss Jessie Bright Ferguson.

Delicious refreshments were served in the social hour following the program. Other guests were Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin, Mrs. Roland Covington, Mrs. Julian Blue and Mrs. Adeline Johnson.

Funeral Friday In Red Springs For F. B. Thrower

Fairley B. Thrower, 57, prominent merchant and farmer, died early last Thursday at a Fayetteville hospital, where he had been a patient for three weeks.

Funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church in Red Springs Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Thomas A. Fry, pastor, assisted by Dr. S. H. Fulton of Laurinburg and the Rev. J. W. Mann of Antioch. Burial was in Alloway cemetery.

Mr. Thrower, a native of this section, came to Red Springs a number of years ago. An elder of the Presbyterian church, and a former member of the board of commissioners of the town, he was active in the civic and religious life of the community.

Surviving are his wife, the former Pearl Currie of Allendale, two daughters; and three sons; four sisters; including Mrs. F. F. McPhaul and Mrs. O. B. Covington of this county; and two brothers.

Mrs. Mary C. Pate Buried Saturday

Mrs. Mary Catherine Pate died at her home here last Friday morning. She was a native of Hamlet and was the widow of the late C. C. Pate.

Funeral services were conducted at the Raeford Methodist church at two o'clock Saturday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. P. O. Lee. Burial followed in the Raeford cemetery.

She is survived by four sons, Frank Pate and Jesse Pate and Reuben Pate, all of Raeford, and William Pate of Southern Pines; by one daughter, Mrs. P. R. Priest of Laurel Hill; and by 27 grandchildren.

REMEMBER MR. ROBINSON

The Rev. B. P. Robinson, popular retired minister of the community and former pastor of the Raeford Methodist church, was surprised by the members of the congregation last Sunday when he was the recipient of a Christmas gift offering.

Ryan McBryde III; Quits Position As State Senator

Was State Senator From Hoke Since 1933; Special Election Must Be Held

Ryan McBryde, State Senator from the Twelfth district from this county since 1933, and elected for the 1949 term, sent his resignation to Governor Cherry yesterday. He resigned because of his health.

Mr. McBryde has been a patient in a Fayetteville hospital since Tuesday of last week where his condition has been thoroughly checked. He is expected to return home today or tomorrow, but doctors have ordered him to stay in bed for about six weeks due to the condition of his heart.

He served in the State Senate in 1933, 1937, 1941 and 1945 under the custom of each county in the district sending the senator on alternate terms, Hoke, Harnett, Moore and Randolph make up the district, which has two senators in each General Assembly. Hoke and Moore alternate on sending one of them. While in the Senate Mr. McBryde was chairman of the Finance and Education committees, a member of the budget commission, a member of the State Board of Education, and is still a member of the State Hospitals Board of Control. He has been considered an outstanding legislator and has long been a political power in this county.

The governor will order a special election for the selection of Mr. McBryde's successor. The Democratic candidate for the position will be chosen by the Hoke county Democratic Executive committee. Among those being mentioned in street gossip here yesterday were J. Benton Thomas, G. B. Rowland and Walter P. Baker. While Hoke County will get to nominate the candidate, he will be elected by voters in all four counties in the district.

Cotton Ginnings Show Increase Over Last Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Census bureau reported today that 13,395,401 running bales of cotton from the 1948 crop were ginned prior to December 13.

This compares with 10,628,211 ginned to the same date last year and 7,784,904 to the same date two years ago.

The ginnings this year included 3,032 bales of American-Egyptian cotton compared with 959 last year, and five bales of Sea Island cotton compared with 20 last year.

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE PROGRESSING NICELY

Mrs. Neill A. McDonald, Christmas Seal Sale chairman, wishes to announce that the sale is progressing nicely but reminds those who have neglected to send in their contributions to do so right away as the period of the sale closes December 31. Mrs. McDonald thanks all those who have helped with their time and contributions in making the sale a success.

If you have laid your envelope with the stamps and returned envelope aside please look it up and drop your contribution in the mail today.