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## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

**Happy New Year!**  
All schools in the county will reopen after the holidays on Monday, January 3, 1949 at the usual hour.

Two copies of the full report of the North Carolina Education Commission and two copies of the recommendations of the commission have been received by the office of the Board of Education. These copies of the report will be available to anyone desiring to see them. This study of education in North Carolina is an outstanding piece of work. The report of the commission deserves the study of every person interested in the welfare of North Carolina.

It is hoped that the cold snap during the holidays did not seriously damage the water system and heating plants in the schools. A check is being made at the present time to see that everything is in shape for the opening Monday.

R. A. Smoak and family spent part of the holidays in South Carolina with Mrs. Smoak's mother who has been ill for some time.

R. F. Marsh, principal of Mildwood School, is spending the holidays in Marshville, N. C. with his family.

W. P. Phillips, head of the vocational - agricultural department of Hoke High, will talk to the Raeford Kiwanis Club tonight on the work of his department with both the regular school program and the adult education program.

A. S. Gaston, principal of the Upchurch School, has been spending the holidays with his wife who has been desperately ill at their home in Wilson, N. C. We are glad to report that she is somewhat improved at this writing.

Miss Margaret McKenzie of the superintendent's office spent the holidays with relatives in New Jersey.

It was a pleasure to see all the college boys and girls while they were home for the holidays; and it is an especial pleasure to know that they are all doing so well with their work. Miss Miriam Waston, counselor for the Guidance Department, has been keeping up with them all year and has received good reports from the schools, colleges and nursing schools that are being attended by Hoke High graduates. Miss Waston also keeps up with those who have gone to work and has a good report to make on them. We are proud of our graduates.

J. W. Turlington, principal of the Raeford Graded School, is spending the holidays with his family in Fremont, N. C.

Coach Haywood Faircloth is spending the holidays with his family in Sampson County.

Misses Jeanne Shiel and Arlene Parnell of the Rockfish faculty are spending the holidays at home.

Misses Erma Lee Williams and Doris Bradley of the Hoke High faculty are spending the holidays in Hemingway, S. C. and Kipling, N. C. respectively.

### CUB SCOUT MEETING

Neill McFadyen, scoutmaster of the local Cub Scouts, has announced that there will be a meeting of the boys and their parents at the Upchurch airport tomorrow night at 7:30 and he urges all the boys and their parents to be present.

## COMMITTEE PICKS J. B. THOMAS TO SUCCEED SENATOR McBRYDE

To Be Elected Monday In Special Election; No Republican Candidate

The Hoke County Democratic committee met at the courthouse here Monday morning and chose J. Benton Thomas to succeed to the 12th district seat in the Senate of the North Carolina General Assembly which was vacated last week by the resignation of Ryan McBryde due to his health.

Thomas will be elected in a special election which will be held in the four counties making up the district on next Monday, January 3. His election is certain, as Sim A. DeLapp of Lexington, State Republican chairman, and GOP leaders in the senatorial district have announced that there will not be a Republican candidate for the seat. An election is required by law and will be held, in spite of the fact that the only candidate is unopposed.

The rotation system, under which Hoke and Moore alternate one of the district's two senate seats, brought the seat to this county this year and the nomination of a candidate to succeed Mr. McBryde was left up to the Democratic executive committee of this county. Walter P. Baker, chairman, has certified the selection of J. Benton Thomas as the Democratic nominee to the chairman of the election boards in the four counties. Also considered by the committee for the nomination were T. O. Moses and G. B. Rowland, both attorneys of the county.

Hal Walker of Randolph county has been elected to the district's other seat for the 1949 session. Hoke, Harnett, Randolph and Moore counties make up the district.

Mr. Thomas retired from service with the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer company in 1946, after 30 years with the company over 25 of which he had been secretary and general manager. He is now a farmer and operates the Thomas Brothers gin here with his brother, W. M. Thomas. He served as county Democratic chairman for twelve years and is now secretary of the executive committee. He is past president of the Raeford Kiwanis club and a past president of the Raeford Shrine club. He is a Methodist and a Mason.

**McBryde Re-Enters Hospital**  
Ryan McBryde, who was a patient at a Fayetteville hospital last week when he sent his resignation to Governor Cherry, returned to his home here the last of the week. On Sunday he returned to the hospital, not because of any particular change in his condition but because he just thinks he'll get along better there. Doctors have ordered him to remain in bed for about two months.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JOINS NATIONAL ORGN.

R. B. Lewis, president of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., announced this week that the chamber had been accepted for membership in the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America. This will entitle the local unit to receive all publications and data on government activity from the national chamber, and to keep up with the activities of other chambers of commerce over the country in the promotion of business in their respective communities, Mr. Lewis said.

### APPEARANCES IMPROVED

K. A. MacDonald, county superintendent of education, reported yesterday that full-length mirrors had arrived for the schools here, one for each room. He stated that these were required in all accredited schools by the State Department of public instruction.

## New Growers Can File Until Feb. 1 For Allotments

All eligible producers interested in applying for a "New Grower" tobacco allotment should file an application at the Hoke County AAA office prior to February 1, 1949, Robert J. Hasty, Chairman, Hoke County AAA Committee, said this week.

He pointed out that in order to be eligible for a new grower tobacco allotment, the following conditions must be met:

- (1) The farm operator shall have had experience in growing the kind of tobacco for which an allotment is requested either as a share cropper, tenant, or as a farm operator during two of the past five years: **Provided, however,** That a farm operator who has been in the Armed services shall be deemed to have met the requirements hereof if he has had experience in growing the kind of tobacco for which an allotment is requested during one year either within the five years immediately prior to his entry into the armed services or since his discharge from the armed services.
- (2) The farm operator shall be largely dependent for his livelihood on the farm covered by the application.
- (3) The farm covered by the application shall be the only farm owned or operated by the farm operator for which a Burley or flue-cured tobacco allotment is established for the 1949-50 marketing year; and
- (4) The farm will not have a 1949 allotment for any kind of tobacco other than that for which application is made hereunder.

### NEW YEAR'S PARTY AT SQUARE DANCE FRIDAY

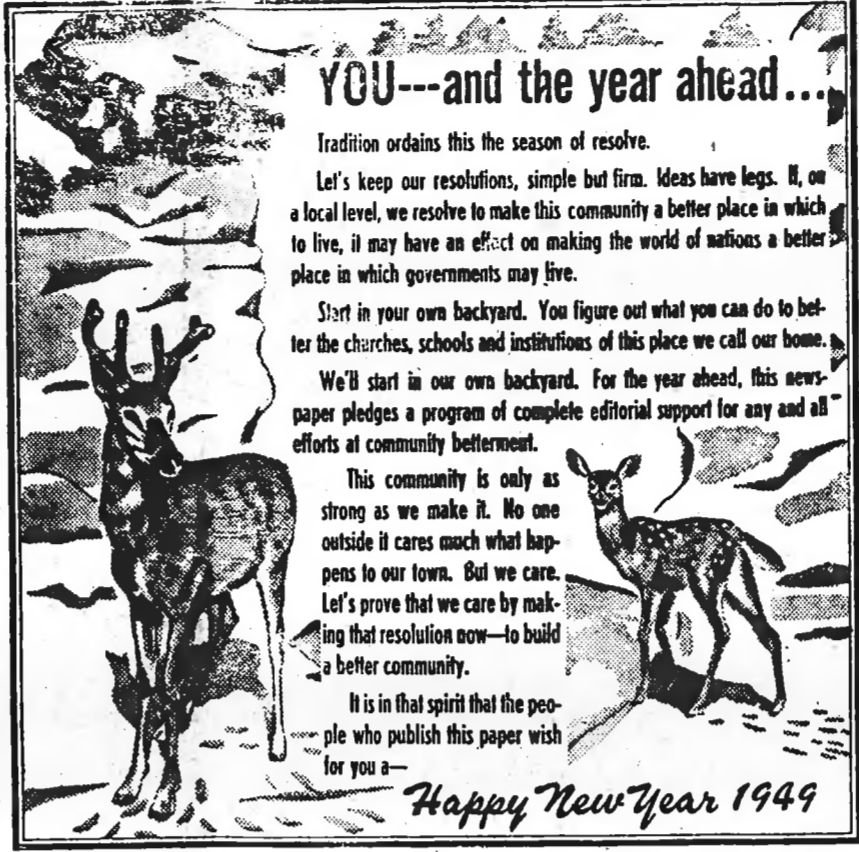
Members of Battery A, local National Guard unit which sponsors a square dance at the armory every Friday night are taking steps to have a real New Year's party at the dance there tomorrow night. Favors such as hors, hats or something similar have been obtained for all and the services of Anson Purdie, well known and popular figure caller of Fayetteville, have been arranged for. Purdie will call the dance and the music will be by Elmo Stanton and his boys as usual.

## N C Tobacco Acreage Yield Largest In History For 1948

North Carolina produced more flue cured tobacco per acre this year than at any previous time in its history and is expected to equal the all-time record in cotton production, the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service said last week.

The flue cured tobacco crop totaled 746,300,000 pounds, actually 17.8 per cent below 1947, but the government had reduced acreage by 27.52 per cent. So the crop averaged 1,236 pounds an acre, better by 91 pounds the previous record of 1,145 pounds set in 1947. The Tar Heel average was two pounds over the national average.

This was the final report for the tobacco crop, but complete figures are not yet available on the cotton crop. The Crop Reporting Service forecast, however, that production will total 680,000 bales of 500 pounds each, an average of 454 pounds per acre, which equals the record set in 1944. This is 10,000 bales below the November forecast.



## Inspection Lane Is Operating This Week

Motor vehicle inspection lane is being operated this week here on Main street, and will remain open through Dec. 31, the state highway patrol office announced.

December 31 will be the deadline for inspection of motor vehicles of all models. After that date persons operating motor vehicles that do not bear the state inspection stickers will be subject, upon conviction in court, to penalties imposed under the new state vehicle inspection law.

## LEGION HAS FINE DANCE

The Christmas Dance given at the armory by the Ellis Williamson American legion post last Thursday and featuring the music of Stephen Lambert and his orchestra was no howling success financially, according to Legion officials. It did make expenses, however, and afforded a very pleasant evening for the young people of the community and surrounding area.

## our POOR schools

From KIPLINGER Magazine

**Editor's note—We've seen much publicity about schools in this country recently, and even more about schools in North Carolina. Most of this has been publicly prepared by people who work in or in connection with the schools and whom some of us are perhaps prone to consider prejudiced and to disregard their statements accordingly. The article which follows is taken from a magazine which is devoted solely to the interests of business and businessmen—no prejudice is involved, just good business reasoning. It is too long for us to print in one issue, so we'll spread it over several. The first is below.**

We Americans have fine automobiles, good roads and lots of them, electric stoves, refrigerators, telephones, milk delivered to the door, laundries that call for and deliver, electric service to the house in the hills, bus service to everywhere, water out of the faucet, soaring office buildings, gorgeous movie houses.

These are the things we pay for. We also have wretched schools. The reason we have wretched schools is that we are not willing to pay for better schools.

Let's not dodge the issue. Let's not be soothed by those who say the problem of school is complicated. Of course it is. But down at the deep roots of the school situation is money—your money, tax money. Let's be honest, or semi-honest: We do not crave excellent school as much as we say we crave them.

Is this observation pleasant and constructive? No, it is most unpleasant, most destructive. It tends to destroy our good opinion of ourselves. But the good opinion is not warranted.

Most public schools are stuffed to the rafters. Too many children to take care of. And too few teachers. Not enough buildings. Too little proper equipment. And all signs indicate that things are going to get even worse.

So you will hear schools, schools, schools for the next ten years, and the hue and cry will not be phony. The present crisis goes back to the recent war years. America had a colossal baby boom. Now the

## YOU---and the year ahead...

Tradition ordains this the season of resolve. Let's keep our resolutions, simple but firm. Ideas have legs. If, on a local level, we resolve to make this community a better place in which to live, it may have an effect on making the world of nations a better place in which governments may live.

Start in your own backyard. You figure out what you can do to better the churches, schools and institutions of this place we call our home. We'll start in our own backyard. For the year ahead, this newspaper pledges a program of complete editorial support for any and all efforts at community betterment.

This community is only as strong as we make it. No one outside it cares much what happens to our town. But we care. Let's prove that we care by making that resolution now—to build a better community.

It is in that spirit that the people who publish this paper wish for you a—  
**Happy New Year 1949**

## Coldest Weather Of The Season

A rainy Christmas Eve and drizzly Christmas morning gave way to clear crisp weather Sunday and Monday and this section came out of the Yuletide in the grip of the coldest weather of the winter to date.

About an inch of rain mixed with considerable sleet fell Christmas Eve. Temperature fell steadily Christmas day as the weather cleared and there was a low of around 20 degrees on Sunday morning and low temperature on Monday morning was about 15 degrees.

## NO RECORDER'S COURT

There was no recorder's court this week, all cases having been continued until next Tuesday.

## METHODIST CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST SUNDAY AT NOON

J. T. Townsend Taken By Death Thursday A. M.

John Thomas (Teddy) Townsend, native of Rockfish, who had been in the tailoring business in Fayetteville for a number of years, died in a hospital there early last Thursday morning. He was 62 years of age.

Mr. Townsend was born in Rockfish when it was a part of Cumberland county, a son of the late William S. and Margaret Blue Townsend. He had made his home at the Millbrook hotel in Fayetteville. He also had lived in Raleigh for a time.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the Rogers and Breece chapel in Fayetteville by the Rev. A. S. Parker, assisted by the Rev. B. O. Shannon, pastor of Galatia Presbyterian church. Burial was in the cemetery at Rockfish. Pallbearers were George Owen, P. McK. Williams, McAdoo Boseman, O. L. Townsend, D. A. Gillis, Glenn Newton, K. P. Ritter and A. L. Maynard. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Elks club of Fayetteville of which the deceased was a member.

Surviving are three brothers, N. E., W. F. and B. P. Townsend, and a sister, Miss Carrie Townsend, all of this county.

Parsonage Saved; Services Planned For Sunday, Probably In Schoolhouse

The Raeford Methodist church burned to the ground in about 40 minutes last Sunday. The fire started shortly before noon and all standing parts had fallen in the blaze by 12:30 p. m. The weather was below freezing and there was a high wind which, luckily, was blowing from the north when the church did not burn.

The courthouse on the south side did not suffer greatly, although about forty windows were broken by the heat and water which was being hosed to the roof by the fire department. Damage to the roof, if any, has not been determined according to John McGoggin. The church loss was covered by six thousand dollars fire insurance.

According to Fire Chief R. B. Lewis the fire started from a flue in a small rear room which had been used for Sunday school classes. When first noticed it appeared to be just a little smoke coming from the wall near a flue, and a hand fire extinguisher was first used. The fire very shortly burst out and engulfed the place, however, and it was too late to do much about it. Church services were in progress when the fire started but the congregation had left the church before it became apparent that it was on fire. All four pianos and a small amount of furniture were saved.

The Rev. P. O. Lee was out of town and the services were being conducted by lay leaders. Mr. Lee said yesterday that a meeting was to be held last night to determine just where services would be held in the immediate future. He said services would be held next Sunday, probably in one of the school buildings.

## Two Inspections Are Required In 1949 And After

RALEIGH, N. C.—The Motor Vehicle Department announced inspection periods for various model vehicles for the first half of 1949. The Mechanical Inspection Law, passed by the 1947 Legislature, provided that all vehicles registered in North Carolina be inspected once during 1948 and twice a year thereafter.

According to a new Inspection Manual, released today by the Mechanical Inspection Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, the first semi-annual inspection period for each year will begin on Jan. 1 and end on June 30. The second semi-annual inspection period will begin on July 1 and end on December 31.

The Manual sets forth the inspection deadlines for all vehicles for the first inspection period as follows:

- All vehicles of the year model up to and including the year 1936 must be inspected by January 31, 1949.
- All vehicles of 1937 and 1938 models must be inspected by February 28.
- Models 1939 and 1940 must be inspected by March 31.
- All vehicles of the year models 1941 and 1942 must be inspected by April 30.
- Models 1943 through 1947 must be inspected by June 30.

The Manual further states that "the operation of any vehicle after the time limit set for inspection, without displaying the official seal of approval, will be a violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws of 1947."

A provision is made that beginning January 1, 1949, the owner of a vehicle will have 30 days from the date of acquisition of a vehicle to have it inspected, provided that pending inspection, the owner shall have with him at all times a bill of sale or other sufficient evidence to show the date and place of acquisition of that vehicle.

Arthur T. Moore, Director of the Mechanical Inspection Division, said the same type of seals, stickers, and tabs will be used in 1949 as have been used in '48. These include the blue seal of approval in the shape of the State of North Carolina; the red diamond seal for

## FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

### Livestock Development

It has been pointed out in this column many times that a forage and pasture program is necessary to the development and growth of livestock. This phase of the program appears to be well under way. Ten years ago there was less than 200 acres of lespedeza grown in the county whereas today there is 10,000 acres being grown. There was very little pasture other than native grasses whereas today there is over 2500 acres of improved permanent pasture. Farmers have given serious consideration to the development of temporary pastures, both summer grazing and winter grazing crops. This program has advanced to the point where livestock can be increased on most farms.

### Swine

Ten years ago there were approximately 800 brood sows on farms in the county, whereas today there are approximately 1300. Hogs fit in well on a large number of farms. Most farmers are now providing their home meat supply and a good many of them sell from one to several dozen hogs per year. Farmers have followed better sanitation practices during the past ten years and thereby have reduced the amount of diseases, particularly cholera.

### Poultry

There has been rapid progress made in the improvement of quality of poultry in county as well as in quantity. Ten years ago there were on farms of Hoke County approximately 17,000 pullets and

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