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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

All white schools have reached the middle of the year. Mid-term examinations are being given today and tomorrow. We hope that parents will make an effort to have their children in school.

Younger Snedg made a talk at the chapel hour yesterday to the Hoke High school students on "Companionship." This was one of a series being given by the American Legion in an effort to promote good citizenship. We think the American Legion is doing a good work in this respect.

The March of Dimes is turning into a "March of Dollars" in the schools. All schools in the county are cooperating in the current campaign. We hope the county will far exceed its quota for this most worthy cause.

Monday afternoon Mrs. C. H. Giles, county superintendent of Public Welfare, put on the program for Dr. Richard Weaver in the Resource-Use class. Mrs. Giles' program dealt with the services of the Welfare department, and especially those that the teachers could call on for aid in their efforts to improve living and learning in Hoke County.

Mrs. Giles was assisted by Dr. H. K. Dorsett of Meredith college and the State department of Public Welfare. Dr. Dorsett is professor of psychology at Meredith. Miss Ella Downing, field representative of the State department of Public Welfare, discussed the child welfare service rendered by the department.

H. A. Wood, executive secretary of the State Blind Commission, told of the services of the commission to children with impaired vision. H. E. Springer, assistant director of the State Vocational Rehabilitation Service, explained how his agency helped with children who need rehabilitation.

O. A. Barbour of the State department of labor, explained the services to be had from his agency. It was a most worthwhile program and both Dr. Weaver and the class appreciated Mrs. Giles' efforts.

R. A. Smoak, principal of the Ashmont School, was drawn on the special venire called for this term of court. He and the school were fortunate in that he was excused.

During this term of court the county superintendent was called before the grand jury for a report on the school buses and school facilities. He was able to give a good report on the condition of buses and buildings. All buses had had a regular inspection last week, in addition all safety devices were inspected Monday and found to be in good condition.

The superintendent was able to report that all buildings were in better than fair condition and that most of them were in excellent condition. District Sanitarian Mills, last week, had made an inspection of

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BALL GAME TONIGHT

The Raeford Rebels, strong semi-pro basketball team, will play the Aberdeen Allstars in the Hoke county high school gymnasium here tonight. The game will start at eight o'clock. It is for the benefit of the March of Dimes and is being sponsored by the Raeford Kiwanis club.

McBRYDE IMPROVES

Former State Senator Ryan McBryde is now at home and able to get out of bed and around the house. He had been confined to his bed for several weeks with a heart condition. He expects to get out of the house in a few weeks.

Plans Complete For Benefit Show Tomorrow Night

Advance Sale Indicates Large Crowd to Attend; Magician, Dancer, Pianist

The benefit show scheduled for the Hoke county high school tomorrow night appears destined to be a financial success for the March of Dimes and one of the more outstanding entertainments in some time as well. Robert Gatlin, president of the Kiwanis club which is sponsoring the affair, yesterday expressed his gratitude to the groups handling the advance ticket sale and to the public for its good response in buying tickets. He also commended and thanked the Business and Professional Women's club for their fine work in selling and collecting for the ads in the program for the entertainment.

From all reports from those who have heard her perform, Mrs. Marie Farolfi Short's talent as a pianist is probably beyond any ever displayed here except on her own previous appearance before the Raeford Woman's club last year. She will headline the 90-minute program and will play six selections.

Adding variety to the program will be numbers by Miss Shirley Jean Rogers, talented tap, toe and ballet dancer of Lumberton, and amusing and baffling tricks by Fay Ridenour, well known amateur magician and professional photographer of Fayetteville.

The program will begin promptly at eight o'clock tomorrow night in the Hoke county high school auditorium.

Northern Lights Seen Here Monday

Unusual for this part of the country was the visibility of the aurora borealis or northern lights in the sky on Monday night. The display was visible for several hours and, according to radio and newspaper reports, was visible over a large part of the south.

The lighting had the appearance of a red glow like that of a distant fire, with occasional white bands like searchlights moving through it. Green and yellow streaks also appeared in it and later it became a pale milky glow. It was visible here until about 11:00 o'clock.

The phenomenon is quite common in the northern states and in the extreme north it takes on very spectacular forms.

Date For Chicken Supper Changed

The date for the chicken stew, oyster supper and play for the benefit of the March of Dimes, which was scheduled to be held at the Rockfish school tonight, has been postponed until next Wednesday night, Feb. 2, the Rockfish committee reported yesterday. The postponement is because of the serious illness of Mrs. A. L. Long.

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Pretty Little Victim Feeds Her Teddy Bear



Pretty little Barbara Sue Maddox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Maddox of Route 1, Sanford, is fast recovering from an attack of polio suffered in last summer's epidemic. Here she is seen giving some of her dinner to her teddy bear at one of the State's convalescent hospitals. Treatment and convalescence is long and expensive and your dimes and dollars in the current March of Dimes will help other little victims like Barbara to get the care they need.

Monday Deadline For Applications

From the office of the Production and Marketing Administration comes the reminder that next Monday is the final date for filing "New Grower Applications" for 1949 tobacco allotments.

Under provisions of the law, a small acreage is set aside each year for allotments to experienced growers who have acquired eligible land and who are qualified otherwise. One of the requirements is that the application for a "New Grower Allotment" must be filed not later than January 31, and public notice has been previously given of this deadline.

March Of Dimes Gets \$15.00 Gift

The March of Dimes fund got a gift of \$15 last week when employees of the State Highway and Public Works commission at a meeting in Lumberton on Thursday night contributed \$50 to the fund.

The fifty dollars contributed was divided into three parts and \$20 of it presented to the Robeson county March of Dimes committee and \$15 each to the March of Dimes committees of Scotland and Hoke counties. Highway employees of the three counties were present at the meeting and contributed the money.

our POOR schools

Editor's note—This is the third part of an article from Kiplinger magazine which we are running because of its unbiased good sense on a subject in which everyone should be interested.

BUILDINGS Old And Jammed

School Buildings, as a rule, are jam-packed. Children often are stuck into portables and other temporary schoolrooms.

Two groups of children sometimes have to share the facilities of the first grade—one group in the morning and one in the afternoon. Out of 220 cities questioned by the NEA, 54 reported that they are holding half-day sessions. Some 75 others said it was impossible to predict whether they would have to turn to this expedient later.

All of this only points up the serious shortage of school buildings in many places. The NEA estimates that the schools now are housing one third more children than they were designed for.

The schools have been triply hit on space. During the war school construction was cut off except for a few emergency buildings. Building since has been hampered by high prices and material shortages. Even with the normal arrival of children the schools would have been in a bad way. Facing the wartime flood, the schools are like the old lady in the shoe. They have so many children they don't

know what to do. The problem of what to do about school space is complicated by uncertainty about how many children will come along in the future. Will births continue at their present high level? Should the schools prepare for a permanent 25 percent increase in children? Most of the population experts are betting that the birthrate will fall again.

In any event, it is wholly unlikely that any new building will be wasted. Thousands of schools are obsolete, structurally and educationally. Many a school built before 1900 still is in use. Only 3.9 percent of city school buildings have been constructed since 1939. In buildings, on the whole, we're about 20 years behind.

The modern school bears little resemblance to the little red school house or to the pretentious Tudor manor-house that many cities built during the 20's and 30's.

The Mission School in San Bernardino, Calif.—an example of modern type—spreads out over a 10-acre site. Classrooms open on to a patio where the children frequent.

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Only Four Days Left For Donors To March Of Dimes

The 1949 March of Dimes campaign ends in another four days. Lewis Upchurch, who heads the drive in Hoke county, said this week that the goal for 1949 may still be reached if citizens of the county put their shoulders to the wheel during the few days left for fund-raising purposes.

"When January 31 has passed," he said, "we will know just how well we will be equipped for the hot polio months of summer time. Let us not forget that this 18-day drive must produce results sufficient to provide care for all those who may be stricken during the next twelve months period."

"A heavy responsibility rests on the shoulders of everyone in our community," Mr. Upchurch said. "That responsibility is to see to it now, that every possible aid can be given to all our boys and girls next summer, should infantile paralysis strike at our homes. We hope we may escape this year. But hope alone is a fool's weapon. We know greater contributions to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis are needed in its fight to help where polio has stricken, to help those who were stricken in prior years and to carry on the important research which eventually will erase infantile paralysis from the list of dangers facing our children."

Only four more days are left to live up to those responsibilities, the March of Dimes chairman pointed out. His appeal to our readers is: "Give to the March of Dimes — this year give 50% MORE to this great cause."

Inspection Lane Is Here Again

Inspection lane number 29 of the State department of motor vehicles returned to Raeford yesterday afternoon and will open for business at eight o'clock this morning at their old stand on North Main street. The lane will be here through next Monday, January 31.

B. H. Hutchinson, lane supervisor, wishes to call the following inspection deadlines to the attention of motorists and to urge those who do not have a nearby deadline to stay away so those who have to be inspected now can do so.

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UPCHURCH AT DUKE

Tommie Upchurch, who has been suffering with a severe headache for several weeks, was moved from Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville last week to Duke hospital near Durham. Mrs. Upchurch said yesterday that he was much improved now and that he planned to come home tomorrow if improvement continued.

There was lots of bad and damaging weather across the nation yesterday. Snow, sleet and rain fell from the Atlantic coast to Southern California.

JUDGE WILLIAMS PRONOUNCES DEATH SENTENCE FOR JONES

Club Women To Visit Raleigh February 1st.

The topic of discussion at Home Demonstration Club meetings in February is "Citizenship" says Josephine Hall, Home Agent. To start this program for the month a group of club women have made plans to visit the State Legislative in Raleigh on Tuesday, February 1st. The trip is open to any Home Demonstration club member in Hoke County.

A chartered bus will leave in front of the Raeford Courthouse at 7:30 a. m. At ten o'clock the group will visit the Hall of History where Dr. Crittenden will talk to them for a short time. The State Museum will be visited and at 11:30 the women will go to the Capitol to visit the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Arrangements have been made for the group to have lunch in a private dining room at the S & W Cafeteria at 1:30. Mrs. Mary Lee McAllister, District Home Agent from State College, J. B. Thomas, Hoke County Senator and Harry Greene, Hoke County Representative, will join the club women for lunch.

The afternoon will be given to shopping and sightseeing with the bus leaving for Raeford around 4:30 p. m.

The following ladies are planning to go on the trip: Mrs. N. F. Sinclair, Mrs. Tom Sinclair, Mrs. Percy Gillis, Mrs. J. M. Andrews, Mrs. Foster McBrady, Mrs. F. L. Eubanks, Mrs. J. H. Plummer, Mrs. D. A. McDougald, Mrs. A. A. McInnis, Mrs. N. A. Maxwell, Mrs. Percy English, Mrs. C. F. Bohann, Mrs. Albert Quick, Mrs. John Glisson, Mrs. Ralph Cothran, Mrs. Lewis Parker, Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Mrs. Herman Koonce, Mrs. Stanley Crowley, Mrs. A. R. Currie, Mrs. Neil Clark, Mrs. Luther Clark, Mrs. Lester McMinis, Miss Bonnie McLaughlin, Miss Maggie McNeill, Mrs. Joe Lovett, Mrs. E. N. McCall, Mrs. T. C. Jones, Mrs. Dick Parker, Mrs. Lucy Smith, Mrs. W. E. Blue, Mrs. Will McBryde, Mrs. Jim Reynolds, Mrs. Portia Bethea, Mrs. Neil McInnis and Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent.

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Laundry Equipment Demonstration Wednesday P. M.

On Wednesday afternoon, February 2nd, at 2:30 Miss Frances Maness, a trained Home Economist, will give a demonstration on the use of laundry equipment. The demonstration will be given upstairs in the Home Economic Department of the Hoke High school. Miss Maness will show the use of the washing machine, the dryer, water softeners and detergents, and other laundry and electrical household equipment. The public is cordially invited to see the demonstration. Josephine Hall, Home Agent, says the Hoke County Home Demonstration club women are urged to be present.

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