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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The total school participation in the March of Dimes campaign as reported to county chairman L. M. Upchurch, was \$830.14. We think this was a fine report by the schools. We appreciate their interest in and efforts for this most worthy cause.

Quite a number of Hoke County people are in Raleigh this afternoon attending hearings on school bills by the appropriations committees of the legislature.

The Raeford Graded school faculty held a meeting Monday for the study of the curriculum. Regular weekly meetings are planned for the spring term for the study of various problems facing the school.

Plans are being made by the Hoke High school faculty for a meeting with representatives of the State Department of Education for a further study of their plan for a revision of the curriculum. It is the desire of the faculty to make the work offered in high school more nearly meet the needs of the youth of today. An extensive study is being made and it is hoped that the plan under study will be ready for presentation to the local school board and the Board of Education before school closes this spring.

We are glad to report that Junior Long, who had his leg broken in an accident at the Raeford Graded school recently, is at home from the hospital and is progressing nicely.

Mr. Strickland and Mr. Foster from the District Office of North Carolina Security Commission located at Fayetteville, visited the high school last Wednesday and presented the picture "Finding Your Life's Work" to members of the senior class.

Report cards go out again next week. This is the first grading period since the mid term examinations.

Miss Peggy Harris, field representative of Flora Macdonald College, visited the high school on Thursday of last week and spoke to the girls of the senior class.

Mr. Melvin is entering his band pupils in the District music contests to be held at the New Hanover High School in Wilmington on March 18.

Mr. Griffin, District Supervisor of School Buses, visited the high school Tuesday morning and spoke to the regular and substitute bus drivers on "Safety."

Jean's Supervisor Annie W. Pridden left yesterday to Tuskegee, Alabama, to attend the National meeting of Jean's Supervisors. This meeting is held by the Southern Education Foundation of Atlanta. The foundation finances the work of the Jean's Supervisors. Dr. A. C. Dixon, executive, secretary of the foundation, was in Hoke County last fall.

SON OF L. E. REAVES SLIGHTLY INJURED

Tommy Reaves, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Reaves of Fayetteville and formerly of Raeford was slightly injured Tuesday by a car driven by Joe W. Temple, of Fayetteville. The accident occurred on Hay street in Fayetteville. Mr. Temple said the lad ran into the fender of his car. He took the child to Highsmith hospital where he was treated for a small cut on the forehead.

Thomas McNeill Of Lumberton Dies Sunday Morning

Thomas Alexander McNeill, 64, prominent Lumberton attorney and former solicitor of the Ninth Judicial District, died Sunday morning at 4:30 o'clock at Pittman hospital in Fayetteville where he had been critically ill with pneumonia for five days.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Presbyterian Church in Lumberton, of which he was a senior deacon, Monday at 4:30 p. m., by his pastor, the Rev. R. L. Alexander, assisted by the Rev. John H. Bonner, Jr., rector of Trinity Episcopal Church of which Mrs. McNeill is a member. Interment will be in the family plot in Meadowbrook Cemetery in Lumberton.

Mr. McNeill was a native and lifelong resident of Lumberton. He was a son of the late Judge Thomas A. McNeill and Caroline Smith McNeill of Cumberland County. He attended school in Rock Hill, S. C., and at Georgia Tech and was graduated from the University of North Carolina, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and a football and track star. Upon receiving his license in 1908, he began practice of law in Lumberton.

For 16 years he was solicitor of the Ninth Judicial District, being succeeded in 1938 by F. Ertel Carlyle, now Congressman from the Seventh Congressional District. He served as president of the Robeson County and Ninth Judicial District Bar Associations was chairman of the Robeson Democratic Executive Committee and was a delegate to at least three national Democratic conventions.

In 1912 he was married to Rosalie Williams of Red Springs, who survives, together with three daughters, Mrs. Caro M. Pugh of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Robert T. Masuengale of Austin, Texas, and Eleanor McNeill of Chapel Hill; two sisters Mrs. James Russell and Mary McNeill of Atlanta, Ga., and two grandchildren.

Methodists Plan Farm Day Service

Having been raised on a farm, the Rev. P. O. Lee, Methodist minister, says he knows what is uppermost in the minds of farmers during the first and second weeks in March. About the only thing farmers can think of during this time is the farm and the soil, he says.

With this in mind Mr. Lee has prepared two sermons especially for farmers. The first is entitled, "God's Gift of Bread", and the second is "Our Sin Against God's Gift-the Soil."

March 13 will be set aside as "Farm Day" at the Methodist church. This day will be observed in cooperation with the County Farm agent and the Soil conservation agent. Mr. Lee invites all farmers to attend these services.

PHONE COMPANIES RATE HEARING NOW GOING ON

Applications of phone companies for rate increases were heard by the utilities commission yesterday and today.

Hearing on an application by the Southern Bell Telephone company began yesterday. Southern Bell is asking that a previous request for rate increases totaling \$2,667,000 be boosted to \$3,429,000.

Today the commission will hear an application from the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company of Tarboro. The Tarboro firm wants a previous request for rate increases of \$700,000 a year upped to \$930,000.

Both firms said that wage increases granted workers made the additional boosts necessary.

Warehouse Head Opposes Tobacco Acreage Increase

Bright Belt President Says There Is No Basis For Any Such Increase

Raleigh, N. C.—Fred S. Royster, Henderson, President of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, has declared that at a Washington conference of flue-cured tobacco interests Thursday, February 24, he "strongly opposed any further increase in the 1949 acreage quotas because there is no basis in fact for any such increase."

Royster said the conference was called by the Tobacco Branch of the United States Department of Agriculture to examine the present situation and decide whether there should be an increase in quotas above the 5 per cent increase already announced. Attending the conference were members of the Production and Marketing Administration state committees from North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, the flue-cured states, and representatives of farm organization and the Loose Leaf Tobacco Exporters Association.

In making known his strong opposition to an additional quota increase for 1949, Royster issued the following statement:

"The 1948 flue-cured tobacco crop totaled 1,352,000,000 pounds, so the recommendation was made that the 1947 quotas be reduced by 15 per cent. The Department of Agriculture, however, insisted that 15 per cent was too much of a reduction and so the quotas were reduced only 2.3 per cent." (Continued on Page 5)

186 Pedestrians Killed In State During Last Year

Raleigh, N. C.—Here are the facts on last year's fatal pedestrian accidents in North Carolina, reported by the Highway Safety Division of the Motor Vehicle Department.

NUMBER — Of the 734 persons who died in traffic in the state last year, 186 were pedestrians. The previous year 227 pedestrians died.

AGE — Fifty-nine victims were under 10 years of age, 40 were over 65.

SEX — Fatalities among men and boys were 157, among women and girls, 29.

ACTIONS — Seventeen pedestrians were killed at intersections, 25 were struck down while crossing between intersections; 19 walked from behind parked cars; 44 were crossing rural highways. Twenty-four youngsters were playing in the roadway. Nine were killed lying in the road, and other pedestrians were fatally struck while working in the road, pushing vehicles, getting off or on vehicles, and walking in roadways.

BAPTISTS TO HOLD SERVICE SUNDAY

There will be a morning worship service at the Raeford Baptist church next Sunday morning. The Rev. H. O. Lanning, pastor of the Walkertown Baptist church at Walkertown, N. C., will deliver the sermon at eleven o'clock.

G. C. LYTLE AT HOME

G. C. Lytle returned to his home at Antioch from a Fayetteville hospital last Thursday. He had an attack of virus pneumonia, had a relapse, and was critically ill for several weeks. He wishes to thank his friends in Raeford and the county for the many kindnesses shown him and their interest in his condition. He and his entire family appreciate it all.

South Carolinian Is Presbyterian Radio Speaker

The Presbyterian Hour will feature as its next speaker the Rev. Dr. William H. McCorkle, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. McCorkle was educated at the Citadel Military College in Charleston, S. C., took his work in theology at Union Seminary, Richmond, Va. and did graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. King College in Bristol, Tenn. conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. He is a native of South Carolina.

He began his ministry as assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tenn., and then served as pastor for five years, resigning to become pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, Tenn.

Dr. McCorkle had a distinguished record as chaplain in World War II, and upon his return from the war, was called to his present pastorate in St. Louis. His topic will be "Time for Decision for Christ as Partner in Business." This broadcast may be heard in this community on Sunday, March 6, 8:30 a. m., over Radio Station WPTF.

Yearly Report Of Red Cross Chapter

The report of Mrs. W. R. Barrington, secretary of the Home Service Committee lists many activities for 1948. Telegrams sent 50, telegrams received 60, long distance calls 40, emergency leaves 15, extensions of leaves, 12. Social histories 16, WDAO Forms 28, Dependency discharges 8. Assisted with burial of the dead 4, death claim compensation 4, VA Forms 8256B 3, Welfare social histories for VA in and out of state 12. Physicians diagnosis and prognosis 25, VA Form P 22- 15 12 loans ranging from one to one hundred dollars have been made to veterans, servicemen, their wives and families due to illness, living expense, rentals, transportation emergency or otherwise. Six of these loans have been paid in full and three partly paid. Total amount of loans \$343.00. Amount paid back \$211.00. At least 25 servicemen and families have been assisted in securing apartments.

The Red Cross office is open daily from 2 to 6 p. m.

The treasurer, Mrs. Belton Wright reports that seven families were given financial assistance to the amount of \$372.31 when their homes were destroyed by fire. She also reports the purchase of a wheel chair to be used by those who need it free of charge.

He's Newspapering At 90

Note—The following article was written by Leonard M. Barnes and appeared in the News and Observer last Sunday. As it concerns one of our best known as well as oldest citizens we believe it to be of general interest. It appears below exactly as it appeared in the News and Observer.—Ed.

Raeford.—David Scott Poole, 90, still writes a column for the newspapers in the Sandhills. This remarkable man was born August 3, 1858, in Montgomery County about five miles above Jackson Springs. He has spent all his life serving the Sandhills area of this State as a teacher and journalist with an occasional bit of legislative representation.

"Poole's Medley" by D. Scott Poole appears weekly in The Sandhill Citizen, published in Aberdeen, and The Hoke County

New Farm Agent Assumes Duties Here March 1st

H. E. Vernon Of Caswell County Takes Over Job Vacated By Knowles

Herman E. Vernon, of Yanceyville, assumed his duties here this week as County Farm Agent succeeding A. S. Knowles, who went to Southport February 1 to become farm agent of Brunswick county.

The new agent is a native of Yanceyville in Caswell county. He went to North Carolina State college and graduated in 1943, taking the degree of bachelor of science in farm management.

Following his graduation from college Mr. Vernon entered the Army and stayed three years. He was overseas in the European theater with the 102nd Infantry Division, receiving two battle stars.

For two and one-half years since his separation from the Army he has been in Nashville, Nash County, as assistant to the county farm agent. The first year he was assistant for tobacco, under the legislative bill as of the State. For the last year and a half he was assistant for farm management. He comes to Hoke county highly recommended by his superiors and the people of Nash county.

He has been married a little over two months, his wife being the former Miss Helen Braswell, of Whitakers, in Nash county. Mrs. Vernon plans to finish this week as a teacher in Nash county and will join her husband here this week end. They have an apartment in the home of N. McL. McDiarmid here.

Mrs. Sallie Webb Passes Tuesday; Funeral Today

Mrs. Sallie Holt Webb, 60, died Tuesday morning of a cerebral hemorrhage at Moore county hospital. Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at two o'clock at Ashley Heights Baptist church. Burial will be in the Ashley Heights cemetery. The remains will be taken to the church one hour before the service.

Mrs. Webb became ill Sunday afternoon and was taken to the hospital that night.

She is survived by her husband, J. A. Webb; six sons, C. C. Webb of Reidsville, Otis, Clarence and Reuben Webb of Raeford, John Allen and Franklin Webb of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Wilson C. Van Houn of Lorain, Ohio, Mrs. G. N. Saunders of Reidsville, and Miss Mary Webb of the home; four brothers, Tyler Holt of Schoolfield, Va., Charlie Holt and Enos Holt of Reidsville and R. L. Holt of Spray; and several grandchildren.

Recorder's Court Patrolman Nabs Speeding Goose

State Highway patrolmen brought in four travellers for passing through too fast last week. Among them was one Mary Goose, wife of New York City. All were called for trial at Recorder's court before Judge McDiarmid Tuesday morning and all failed to appear. Each forfeited \$25 bond.

Ollie Benson and Catherine Benson, colored, each paid the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Neill T. Johnson, white of Cumberland county, was found guilty of non-support of a minor child. Sentence was one year on the roads to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$25 monthly to the clerk for the child's support.

George T. Cunningham, colored of the army, paid \$10 and the costs for having improper license plates.

B. D. Carroll, white of Cumberland county, paid the costs for passing on the crest of a hill.

Walter H. Evans, Indian of the army, paid \$25 and the costs for not having a proper driver's license.

Dave Koonce, white, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving. Judge McDiarmid let him off with the costs as no damage was done.

Dorothy Diggs, Clara and John McKay, all colored of McCain, were charged with the larceny of bed linen from the Sanatorium. Dorothy and Clara Diggs, were fined \$10 each and the costs and judgment was continued on McKay.

Carl Rose, white, was found guilty of giving Julian McKeithan a bad check for \$120. Sentence was 90 days to be suspended on payment of the check and the costs. Defendant appealed to Superior court and posted bond of \$200.

Plan Demonstration For Club Women

Miss Virginia Wilson, Extension Nutritionist, of State College, Raleigh, will give a demonstration on "Simple Entertaining" at the Hoke, High School Home Economics Department on Wednesday afternoon, March 9th at 2:30. Miss Wilson will demonstrate party refreshments and discuss the etiquette of simple entertaining.

The Hoke County Home Demonstration Club women are urged to attend the demonstration and anyone else in Raeford or the surrounding communities is cordially invited to be present, says Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent.

KIWANIS TO CHURCH

The committee on Support of the churches of the Raeford Kiwanis club is planning for the members of the club to go to the Presbyterian church in a body tonight to hear the Bible lecture by Dr. H. Crossley Morgan.

MAKES MATH CLUB

Among the 15 new members received at the February meeting of the Student Math Club at Flora Macdonald college was Mrs. B. B. Cole of Raeford. A high scholastic average is required for membership in the math club.

MURDOCK, YOUNG BROTHERS

Murdoch Young, who has been seriously ill at the Veterans hospital in Fayetteville for the past two weeks, was reported yesterday to be slowly improved. However, he is still unable to have visitors, but would appreciate cards and letters from friends.

Hoke High Girls Go To Finals In Legion Tourney

West End Girls Win; 71st Springs Beat Hoke; Red Boys, Boys Final Winners

The girls' basketball team of West End beat the Hoke High entry decisively here Monday night to win the Fourth Annual American Legion high school basketball tournament. Final score in the game was 42 to 28, the local girls losing their drive when High-scoring Marian Lewis went out early on fouls.

In the boys' division of the tournament the entry from Red Springs High school came out on top, beating 71st High school 45 to 38 in the finals on Monday night. Outstanding player of the tournament was judged by officials to be Beck of the Red Springs team.

In last Thursday night's games the 71st girls beat Parkton, 39 to 33 and the 71st boys beat Parkton 45 to 38.

On Friday night the West End girls beat Wagram, 45 to 30, and the Red Springs boys beat Wagram, 52 to 33.

On Saturday night in the semifinals the Hoke girls won a thriller from 71st, 26 to 25. The lead in the game changed several times with 71st holding it most of the last half. The Hoke girls tied the score just a minute or two before the game ended at 25-all. Then the Hoke team got a free throw and made it to lead, 26 to 25. Then, as the game ended, 71st got two free throws in overtime, but missed them both and Hoke won, 26 to 25.

In the boys' game Saturday night the 71st boys edged the Hoke boys in a close game, 38 to 36. This was a hard-played contest in which each team held the lead several times and in which one field goal was the margin of victory.

4 Hoke Men In State College Engineering School

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 28—The winter term enrollment in the School of Engineering at N. C. State College includes 4 students from Hoke County, a survey of the institution's registration figures indicated today.

Dean J. H. Lampe announced that the School of Engineering now has a total enrollment of 2,609 students, including 1,823 veterans of World War II.

The Mechanical Engineering Department attracted the largest number of students with an enrollment of 743. The Electrical Engineering Department drew 565 students; and the Civil Engineering Department registered 470. Other departments in the College's School of Engineering show the following enrollment: Engineering General 301; Industrial, 202; Chemical, 182; Ceramic, 76; Geological, 26; and General, 18. There are also 86 graduate students.

The following students from Hoke County are enrolled in the School: Alfred G. Eubanks, McCain; Richard G. Jones, McCain; Hamer J. Leach, Raeford; Joseph R. McAnulty, Raeford.

REGISTRATION WILL GUIDE APPORTIONMENT

Current automobile registrations rather than 1940 census figures will be used in the apportionment of rural roads which may be built if the bond issue requested by Governor Scott is approved by the people, according to reports from Raleigh.

The other factors to be used in determining the distribution of road funds will be total highway mileage and the total mileage of unpaved roads in the various counties.

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