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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The Hoke-Raeftord PTA will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Raeftord Graded school auditorium Monday evening, March 21, at 7:45 o'clock. Mrs. N. L. McFadyen, president, urges that all members make plans to attend.

Last Wednesday evening the Rockfish PTA met at the school building with Mrs. P. C. English, president, presiding. Rev. E. B. Booker, pastor of the Tabernacle church made a splendid talk on cooperation. After the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Knight. The largest attendance of the year was had. We hope the interest in the school will continue.

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Members of the NCEA are voting today for both local unit and state officers. Polling places are established at each school. Ballots will be canvassed by the election committee appointed by President R. A. Smoak. Results of the local election will be announced next week.

At the Raeftord Graded school faculty meeting Monday afternoon a discussion was had in reference to the need of certain mal-adjusted students for psychological examinations. This does not mean that the school has mental cases, but it does mean that certain students would progress better if certain problems they are faced with could be solved. The psychological divisions of the State Board of Health and State Board of Welfare have been contacted and have promised their services. Mrs. Giles is handling the contacts with the state departments.

We regret that the wind arose Tuesday afternoon after a large pile of discarded books had been set on fire and scattered the charred remains of these worn out tools of learning over a large area.

Quite a bit of spring cleaning and fixing up is going on at the Raeftord Graded school. Mrs. McPhail's room has embarked on a Dutch project and out of what the children learned about Dutch cleanliness has grown new projects embracing a thorough cleaning and refinishing of their rooms. Mrs. Sneed's room is putting up curtains they have bought themselves. Mrs. Bishop Robinson's room is repainting blackboards with money raised by a program given on the completion of an Indian project worked out by the class. We hope other rooms and schools will emulate the good ex-

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Army Maneuvers Are Scheduled For Next Month

Operation "Tar Heel" Will Bring 10,000 Troops In This Area From 3 States

Operation "Tar Heel", described as one of the U. S. Army's most extensive field maneuvers since World War II, will bring thousands of soldiers into this area next month with headquarters at Fort Bragg and Camp Mackall.

Plans for the field exercises at the two camps were announced by the Army Department at Washington last week.

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Lieutenant General Alvan C. Gillem, Commander of the Third Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia, will command the entire exercise.

Club To Honor N. C. Congressmen

The North Carolina Democratic Club of Washington (D. C.) will honor the State delegation of the 81st Congress at the thirteenth annual banquet of the club, to be held at the Mayflower hotel, Friday evening, March 18th, at 8:00 o'clock, according to John A. Lang, president.

Speakers at the banquet will include the Honorable Clyde R. Hoey, senior senator from North Carolina; Capus Waynack, State Democratic Chairman; and H. Clifton Blue, State President of Young Democrats.

Entertainment will be provided by Winston-Salem's Joe King, ventriloquist, assisted by Dummy Brandy Wine in a program entitled "Brandy Wine Speaks for the People."

A dance and social hour will follow the banquet and King's entertainment feature.

Between 300 and 400 guests are expected to attend, and the North Carolina Democratic Club invites anyone from North Carolina who is or can be in Washington on March 18th to come to the banquet. Tickets may be obtained from Henry Oglesby, Room 1015, New House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Corn Movie To Be Shown To Farmers Here Next Week

Hoke County corn growers will have an opportunity next week to see a corn production movie in full color entitled "More Corn Per Acre."

The movie will be shown at three meetings in the county. On Tuesday night at 7:30 it will be shown in connection with the regularly scheduled veterans class, but the meeting will not be limited to veterans. On Wednesday night the showing will be at the Little River community house at 8:00 o'clock. A meeting will be held on Monday night, March 21, at the Upchurch High school for negro veterans and farmers to see the film.

The sound movie has just been released by the Extension service of State college and was made by Dr. Landis S. Bennet under the supervision of Dr. E. R. Collins, extension agronomist, who has extended the corn production program in the state in recent years.

The movie tells the story of progress in corn production in North Carolina and was filmed in actual fields throughout the area.

All farmers of the county are invited to attend the meeting and see the movie.

Funeral Services For W. G. Smith Held Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for William G. Smith, 45-year-old former Montrose resident who was drown Friday when he fell off a quarter boat into the Gulf of Mexico near Cameron, La.

Services were held at the graveside at Shiloh Presbyterian church cemetery and were conducted by Rev. John Craven, assisted by Rev. S. A. Ewart.

Mr. Smith was working aboard the Almac No. 2 a quarter boat of the J. Ray McDermott company of Harvey, La., engaged in oil operations in the Gulf. His death was pronounced accidental.

He is survived by his wife, the former Kathleen Seaford of Montrose, a daughter, Helen; his mother and a sister, Mrs. Ed Yarbrough of Laurel Hill. Mrs. Smith and daughter have been making their home at Laurel Hill and she has been working for the McNair Investment company.

Mr. Smith was the son of Mrs. Virginia Graham and the late Walter Smith of Montrose and was a member of the Shiloh church.

Tarheel In Washington

By Lester Baker

If Congressmen know the desires of their constituents there are very few farmers who want to be brought under President Truman's proposed Social Security system. Rep. Robert L. Doughton, from North Carolina's Ninth Congressional District, said he had not talked to a single farmer who wanted to be included in the program. He stated further that he is not disposed to take them by the nape of the neck and the seat of their pants and drag them under it.

As the year 1949 trails forward into the month of March the unemployment situation continues to grow more and more severe. Thousands of jobless men and women are crowding into employment offices and going from place to place in search of work.

What a change this is from the situation that began about 1942 and lasted until near the end of 1948. In those years it was easy to pick up a job most anywhere. But it's a different story now.

Supply is rapidly catching up with demand. Thus, one factory and plant after another is cut-

ting down on the number of employees. And in some cases closing shop.

The latest report on the unemployment boom is that the number of jobless rose to 3,210,000 in February. It was an increase of 550,000 over January, and an increase of 1,250,000 since the first of the year.

Employment offices throughout the country are advising people to hold on to the jobs they have and not consider a change until things get better.

The REA and the Agriculture department have put their backing behind a bill to allow REA to finance rural telephone lines for farm families. From the looks of things now, the bill has a good chance of becoming law — although there may be some amendments.

There is growing support for the bill from various farm organizations and individual farmers. And in the Congress there is a good number of both Democrats and Republicans who favor it.

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Presbyterian Hour Features Younger Minister This Week

Following its policy of presenting from time to time the voices of younger ministers of the Church, the Presbyterian Hour will have as its next speaker the Reverend Kenneth G. Phifer of Rock Hill, S. C. Mr. Phifer is a native of Tennessee, was educated at Center College and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, and did graduate work at Vanderbilt University. He started his ministry in the Presbyterian Church of Franklin, Tenn., from which field he moved to his present pastorate.

Mr. Phifer is active in the work of the Presbytery and Synod, having served on committees for Woman's Work, Young People's Work, Home Missions and Evangelism. His topic on the Presbyterian Hour will be "Time for Decision for the Church of Christ" and this broadcast may be heard in this community on Sunday, March 20, at 8:30 A. M., over Radio Station WPTF.

Academy Graduates Thomas R. Saccia

Thomas R. Saccia, who resides with his wife and daughter, at 159-17 Horrace Harding Boulevard, Flushing, Long Island, is a member of the class of February '49 of the Academy of Advanced Traffic, New York, where he completed a two-year curriculum in Traffic Management and Law, and was graduated at exercises held at the Downtown Athletic Club.

Saccia is married to the former Hattie M. Bouyer of Raeftord, North Carolina. During the war he served with the United States Army in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery, Infantry and Adjutant's General Department, he saw overseas service in the Philippine Islands.

Mr. Saccia was working aboard the Almac No. 2 a quarter boat of the J. Ray McDermott company of Harvey, La., engaged in oil operations in the Gulf. His death was pronounced accidental.

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Mr. Saccia was the son of Mrs. Virginia Graham and the late Walter Smith of Montrose and was a member of the Shiloh church.

Kyushu, where he is now serving, is noted for its beautiful beaches and mild climate, which afford pleasant living for occupation soldiers.

Chamber Hears Representative Of National Group

Speaker From U. S. Chamber of Commerce Talks About Education At Dinner

Ed H. Cherry, representing the United States Chamber of Commerce, presented an illustrated program entitled "The Growing Challenge," to members of the Raeftord Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting at the High school cafeteria Tuesday night.

The program being of particular interest to educators, President R. B. Lewis introduced K. A. MacDonald, county superintendent, W. T. Gibson, Jr., High school principal, and Mrs. Neill McFadden, PTA president, to the group before introducing Mr. Cherry.

As a preface to his remarks the speaker explained to the gathering that the U. S. Chamber of Commerce was nothing more than a unification of Chamber of Commerce in individual communities all over the country. "If the U. S. Chamber of Commerce is run by 'Big business,'" he said, "it is the same big business that is present here tonight. The U. S. Chamber is nothing more than a Washington agency for local chambers all over the country," Mr. Cherry said. He said if tries to keep local chambers informed as to pending legislation affecting business and the country's welfare, and it also tries to take any action desired by most of the member chambers to influence the outcome of such legislation.

Mr. Cherry's talk was basically about Education, speaking strictly from his businessman's viewpoint. All facts used in his talk were prepared by businessmen, not school teachers, he said. He showed how the per capita income of any political subdivision is always directly proportional to the degree of advancement of education of the average citizen. In other words, figures prove that people with more education make more money in over 90 percent of the cases. He also showed the position of North Carolina in the nation with regard to educational facilities offered, and the way the amount of money spent for education had not increased in proportion with the increase in national and individual income since 1940. He also showed the percentage of unqualified teachers who are teaching in schools today in the various states. In North Carolina, for example, there are 1200 teachers in the schools who do not meet the state standards. Another interesting point brought out was that in New York State, for example, five years of college are required for a graded or high school teacher, while in some states only a high school education is required.

Mr. Cherry closed his talk by urging the local Chamber of Commerce to take an interest in the schools of Hoke county, to see that they are good, and that the best we can get for our money is provided for our children.

Scouts To Hold Court Of Honor Here March 30

Boy Scouts of the Western District of the Cape Fear Area council will meet at Raeftord March 30th for the March court of honor.

The court of honor will be held at the Raeftord Graded school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. James Mason of Laurinburg, chairman of the district advancement committee will preside.

The public is cordially invited.

Murdoch McDuffie was reported to have been slightly improved yesterday. He has been very ill in Fayetteville Veterans hospital for several weeks.

JURY FREES M. H. GROOMS IN SHOOTING OF FONZO JACKSON

Gets Ten Days For Going Thru Traffic Signal

Judge McDiarmid Also Gives Extra Fast Driver 90-Days: All Pay Out

In Recorder's court Tuesday morning Judge Henry McDiarmid sentenced Henry C. Jordan, Gastonia white man, to 10 days in jail for failing to stop at a stop sign on Main street here. Sentence was suspended on payment of the costs.

John Calvin Shaw, white man of Rex, got a 90-day sentence when it appeared that he had been speeding over 75 miles per hour and couldn't give much reason for his hurry. Sentence was suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs. Roy Long, colored of Lilesville, got 50 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for having no operator's license and improper brakes. For having no operator's licenses W. F. Thompson and Caleb W. Cox, both white soldiers, each got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

Three transient speeders each left bonds of \$25.

George Hollingsworth, colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for driving a for hire car without chauffeur's license.

Lee Shaw, colored, got 90 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for careless and reckless driving. He appealed to Superior court and posted a bond of \$150.

Willie McMillan and Belton Hasty, both colored, charged with giving bad checks, had to pay the checks and the costs.

Henry Willis, colored of South Carolina, paid \$10 and the costs for driving with improper brakes.

C. L. Monk, white of Hamlet, paid \$10 and the costs for speeding.

Mallie Shaw, Jr., colored, got 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs for driving drunk.

HOKE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

A "Preview of Progress" was presented before the student body of the Hoke High School in a lecture-demonstration by H. M. Bruner of the DuPont Company Tuesday. His appearance was arranged by Principal Gibson and the Carolina Assemblies.

Alice Sutton Matheson won first place in a Soil Conservation speaking contest sponsored by the Bankers Association. Anne Gore came out second, and Graham King third. The conservation program in the high school was directed by Miss Miriam Watson. The finals were held Friday morning with Mr. P. O. Lee, Mr. H. E. Vernon, and Mr. Nat White serving as judges. Alice Sutton Matheson will go to Mount Gilead to take part in the District contest.

Dees also said that Grooms told him that when they started back from Parkton Jackson said he had consumed a pint of liquor there and offered him some which he had refused. Grooms elected not to testify before the coroner's jury.

Jackson's body had been entered by two bullets from a pistol, death being caused by one through the left side of his chest. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, and two sons. Funeral is to be held at two p. m. today.

DR. BROWN VERY ILL