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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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The Board of Education met in regular session at 10 a. m. Monday with all members present.

Re-organization and the election of a chairman, vice-chairman, the appointment of the superintendent and the various district committees were deferred until after the legislature passes the omnibus bill appointing the various boards of education. The Board now holds office under a statute that says they shall hold office until they or their successors be appointed and qualified. The complexion of the Board will be the same except for a new member appointed to take the place of the late D. B. McFadyen.

The elementary teachers of the county met at the Raeford Graded school Monday of last week with J. W. Turlington presiding. Miss Mary Van O'Brian of the State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, met with the teachers and discussed rating sheets for elementary classrooms and school. The teachers were given copies of these rating sheets and were asked to study them and see wherein their classrooms and schools could be improved.

Mrs. Mary Roberts of the Raeford Graded school faculty is back at work this week after having been ill last week. Mrs. J. S. Poole substituted for her.

Miss Claudia Cates of the same faculty was out on Monday and Tuesday of this week on account of illness. Mrs. Neil Senter substituted for her.

The Raeford Graded faculty has started the difficult task of selecting the cast for the commencement operetta. The schools all put on delightful productions in the spring that are looked forward to by the parents and friends each year.

Chickenpox and measles are beginning to break out in the various schools of the county. Parents and teachers are requested and warned to be on the lookout for these diseases of childhood and take such measures as indicated. Those who wish may stop by the Health Department in the basement of the County Office Building and get pamphlets on the diagnosis and treatment of these diseases.

We are sorry to report that there is a case of scarlet fever in the Mildouson district. This case is quarantined (by the way, measles and chickenpox are not quarantinable).

The Ashmont PTA has embarked on a school ground improvement project. We hope that this project will be a continuing and growing affair. This school site could be made a beautiful spot. We hope the PTA will make it so.

The NCEA will meet in Asheville tomorrow and Saturday.

On Friday, March 25, the county-wide Negro PTA held its annual meeting at the Bowmore School. A splendid program was put on by various schools showing the different types of school work done. A most creditable display of written and band work was made. The high light of the occasion was the address made by J. R. Larkins, consultant on Negro education, State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, Raleigh. It is a pity his address could not have been heard by everybody in Hoke County.

The pre-school clinics have been started as per the schedule published heretofore in the News-

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HHS Baseball Team Wins Two; Play Here Friday

Coach Haywood Faircloth's Hoke high baseball team opened the season against Wagram high in Wagram on Wednesday of last week. The locals took the game, 5 to 0, behind the pitching of Earl Lisenby. Catchers were George Freeman and Doug Clark. McMillian and Freeman were outstanding at the plate.

On Friday afternoon in the opening home game the Bucks ran roughshod over Parkton high, winning 16 to 0. McMillian pitched and hit a home run inside the park. Leading hitter was Joe Davis with three safeties in three trips to the plate.

The Hoke team went to Red Springs yesterday where they were scheduled to play Red Springs high in Robbins park. Red Springs, reputed to have a strong team, will come to Raeford tomorrow afternoon for a return game with the Bucks.

Coach Faircloth's squad is made up of mostly young and inexperienced players. Uniforms were issued to the following: George Freeman, Doug Clark, J. D. McMillian, Earl Lisenby, Bobby McNeill, Bruce Phillips, Billy Lester, Eugene Teal, Thomas Bobbitt, Carl Fields, Marvin English, Joe Davis, Tommy Cole, Landon Yarborough.

Lumbree REA Co-op Completes Eighth Year Of Operation

The local REA Cooperative completed its first eight years this week. The Lumbree River Electric Membership Corporation energized its first lines on April 5, 1941. The first construction program covered four hundred seventy-five miles of line serving twelve hundred members. Today the Cooperative has more than fourteen hundred miles of lines energized with service to five thousand rural homes.

During this month the Cooperative will complete changing its old 450 KW substation to a new 1000 KW bank. The new substation will have eighteen individual phases leading to all parts of Hoke, Cumberland, Robeson and Scotland counties; as compared to only six phases previously. This improvement will permit better service to all members by decreasing the number of members out in cases of trouble and will also permit the trouble to be located and cleaned up much quicker.

To date the Cooperative has borrowed nearly \$2,000,000; the monthly revenue averages \$17,000 and the wholesale power bill now is more than the total amount of revenue was per month in 1941.

A new home office and warehouse building is under construction in Red Springs. Plans are that this building will be completed and the office will be moved to the new location in July.

The local Cooperative is owned by the members it serves. C. A. Alford of Rowland is president, an office he has held since organization. This is one of the larger farmer owned cooperatives in this section of the state and has contributed much to the rural standard of living in this area.

County Raises Red Cross Quota

Israel Mann, county Red Cross drive chairman, said yesterday he was happy to announce that the county had exceeded its quota as usual. He said complete figures were not yet available as all sections of the county had not yet reported, but he was certain the quota of \$1686 had been exceeded. He promised a complete report next week.

1 Couple Fights, Other Gets Drunk, Both Get Fines

Drunks, Chicken Thieves, Speeders, and One Ice Pick Toter Pay For Mistakes

Almost all the misdemeanors appeared on the docket in recorder's court Tuesday before Judge Henry McDiarmid.

In one case Lue Mattie Hollingsworth colored, was charged with driving the family car while drunk and in a careless and reckless manner, and her husband, Ed Hollingsworth, who was along was charged with being drunk and disorderly. Lue Mattie got a 90-day jail sentence to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs. She appealed to Superior court and posted a \$200 bond. Ed pleaded guilty and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs.

In another case Tom McPhatter, colored, was found guilty of assaulting his wife, Lizzie McPhatter. 30-day sentence was suspended on payment of the costs. Lizzie got the same sentence for carrying a concealed weapon, to wit an ice pick around in her purse.

John Frank Gibson and Eldon Parker, both colored, pleaded guilty to stealing some chickens. Sentence was 30 days each to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$9 for the chickens.

Delmar Herndon, white soldier, was found guilty of driving after his license had been revoked and sentence was four months, suspended on payment of \$200 and the costs.

Thomas Smith, colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of the costs for violating the landlord and tenant act. He also agreed to return and make good his agreement with the landlord.

Four transient speeders forfeited \$25 bonds each. E. M. Edwards, colored, and Lewis A. Smith, white, each appeared for trial for speeding and each paid \$10 and the costs.

Annie Mae Kelly and Hattie McFadyen, both colored, were charged with assaulting the other with a deadly weapon. Each got 60 days to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Gossie McIntyre, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Othello Blue, colored soldier, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for driving without a license.

Charles E. McQueen and Walter Sinclair, both colored, each pleaded guilty of driving drunk and each got 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs.

PMA Group Has Dinner Monday

The Hoke county Production and Marketing administration personnel had a dinner meeting at the high school lunchroom Monday night. The meeting was addressed by Horace D. Godfrey, State chief of Programs Operations of the Production and Marketing administration. He was introduced by J. E. Nicholson, PMA field man.

The group was welcomed by R. J. Hasty, chairman of the Hoke C. A. C. A. and guests were recognized by Miss Louise Blue, secretary of the group. Herman Vernon, county agent, discussed the importance of cooperation between Federal agencies. About 50 persons attended.

DIST MEN'S MEET

of the Raeford Methodist church will hold their monthly meeting and supper at the Upchurch airport tomorrow night at seven o'clock.

Cancer Drive Is Scheduled For This Month

April has been proclaimed as National Cancer Control month.

In 1948, 2,898 North Carolinians died of cancer. But one half of those who develop cancer in North Carolina can be cured by knowledge doctors now have. The Society is expanding its programs of education, service and research. The successful execution of these vital plans depends on the continued and increasing support of the general public.

A door to door solicitation will be made. Various committees have been assigned to make the canvass. It will be possible for everyone in this area to have the opportunity of giving to the cancer drive.

The help of practically everyone in this county is needed. "Cancer knows no bounds of race, color, creed, or economic background." As the slogan this year suggests, cancer can strike anyone. Everyone can have a chance to strike back by working and giving to the American Cancer Society drive.

Annual Meeting Of Presbyterian Men At FMC April 28

The Men of the Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville Presbyterian will have their annual meeting at Flora Macdonald College on April 28th at 7:00 p. m. This will be a dinner meeting and will be held in the dining hall the same as last year.

The Rev. S. Hugh Bradley, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Ga., has been secured as the main speaker. Mr. Bradley is a very forceful speaker and has spent much time in China in recent years.

All Presbyterian men are invited to attend this meeting.

Ford Agency Gets Award

Bernard Bray, manager of Raeford Auto Co., local Ford dealer, last Friday afternoon was awarded the Ford Dealers "Four-Letter Achievement Award," by a district representative of the Ford Motor Company.

The award certifies that the local company has excelled in sound finances, efficient management, competitive spirit and modern facilities. The representative, R. B. Kinsey of Charlotte, said that Raeford Auto was one of a very few in the district to receive the award.

PHILADELPHIA MEETING

K. A. MacDonald attended a three-day meeting of the American Association of School Administrators in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, last week. He reported that there was a good representation from North Carolina, including Superintendent Clyde Erwin. Mr. MacDonald returned by way of Washington, D. C., where he conferred with Congressman C. B. Deane.

BAND TO GIVE CONCERT

The Hoke County High school band will give a concert in the auditorium at the school next Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock. Selections will be varied to appeal to everyone. Overtures, marches, waltzes and a French horn solo by Milton Mann will be played.

NEW BANK EMPLOYEE

A. W. Wood, Jr., of Rockfish, has accepted a position with the Bank of Raeford and will begin work there on Monday. He is a graduate of Hoke High school and a Navy veteran of World War II and has been associated with his father at Rockfish since getting out of the Navy.

Charlie Justice Will Speak At Legion Meeting

All-American Football Player To Attend Meeting Here Next Tuesday Night

Alfred Cole, commander of Ellis Williamson post 20 of the American Legion, announced this week that Charlie Justice, all-American halfback from the University of North Carolina, will be the guest of the post and feature speaker at the next regular meeting at the High School gymnasium next Tuesday night.

The Legion post, which plans to sponsor a Junior Legion baseball team here this year, is inviting all boys eligible for the team to attend the meeting and hear Justice. Boys aged 15, 16 and 17 years are eligible to play on junior teams.

In addition to his talk to the Legionnaires and boys present, Justice will show movies of a football game played by the University of North Carolina last fall.

Cole said that plans had not been completed for the affair and he asks all members of the post to attend a meeting at the gym at eight o'clock tomorrow night to discuss the affair and complete final details. The legionnaires will have tickets for the affair and members are urged to get their tickets early, as it may be possible to offer a limited number of tickets to the public.

Negro Champs To Play Here Friday Night

The local American Legion post announces that the Birmingham Black Barons, negro world championship baseball team, will play the Asheville Blues in Armory park here tomorrow night. Game time is eight o'clock.

The Barons are the outstanding Negro ball club in the country, having won the pennant in the Negro American League last year. This year on the grapefruit circuit in Florida they have defeated the St. Louis Cardinals three times, and the Montreal and Columbus teams of the International League once each. They defeated the New York Cubans last year for the championship.

Four players have graduated from the arons to the major leagues. These are Satchel Paige, Larry Doby, Artie Wilson and Bankhead of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

BETHEL CAKE SALE

The Women of Bethel Presbyterian church have announced that they will have a cake and cookie sale in the front part of the showroom at Raeford Furniture company on Saturday morning, April 16. The sale will start at nine o'clock and last as long as the cakes do. The proceeds will go into the Sunday school room building fund at Bethel.

TERPS PLAN DANCE HERE NEXT FRIDAY

The Terpsichorean club of Raeford has announced that arrangements have been completed with Tommy Cavallo to bring his well-known night-club orchestra here for a dance to be held at the Raeford Armory on Friday night of next week, April 15.

It has been the club's custom in past years to hold a pre-Easter dance for the young people and those who feel young, and arrangements were made with Battery A, National Guard unit, to skip one of the series of Friday night square dances at the Armory. Square dances will be resumed on Friday, April 22, to the music of Elmo Stanton's 5-piece string band. There will also be a square dance tomorrow night.

Spirited Election, Around 30 Vote Here Monday

Mark Twain or somebody said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."

Well, everybody talks about what is done around this town, what ought to be done and what is not done, but mighty few bother to do anything. Only three citizens of the town were interested enough to run for the five seats on the town board and only about 30 were interested enough to vote.

W. L. Poole, present mayor and only candidate, got 24 votes and G. B. Rowland got one write-in.

For commissioner Mitchell Epstein and T. B. Lester got 27 votes each and J. M. McDuffie got 29. Highest among the write-ins were Belton Wright and Archie Byrne with seven votes each. They were elected. Others receiving write-in votes were J. W. McPhaul 4, James Lentz 5, C. L. Thomas 5, J. L. McNeill 4, Clarence Lytch 4, W. J. Coates 5. Several others received one or two write-ins and about half as many got voted for as voted.

MacDonald Goes To Polio Meeting

Kenneth MacDonald, chairman of the Hoke county infantile paralysis committee, attended a meeting of polio workers and foundation members at the Lakeview Hotel in Moore county Tuesday night of last week. Eight counties were represented at the meeting.

Phillip S. Randolph, state director for the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, presided over the meeting and gave the representatives some facts about polio in this area.

The district quota in the March of Dimes drive in 1949 was \$70,660 as compared to a quota of \$49,846 in 1948. This county's quota this year was \$3,000 and \$5335.17 was raised. In spite of this, MacDonald said some counties are out of money and will have to get financial help from the national organization. He said Hoke county has \$1252 at the present time and this will not last if there is one case of polio in the county this year.

Randolph said that not so many cases were expected this year as last, but that the usual incidence of the disease indicated that there would probably be from 100 to 150 cases in the State this year. He expects to be in this county in the near future to confer with local officials.

Maneuvers Delay Sandhills Fishing

Army maneuvers at Camp MacKall from March 20 through May 31 will prevent fishing in the Sandhills Lake of the Camp MacKall area during that period, according to Clyde P. Patton, Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

Lt. General John Hodges, Commanding General of the 5th Corps and Senior Officer of Fort Bragg, in a letter to the Wildlife Resources Commission, stated that "it is not desired or advisable to open the lakes or lands of this area for public fishing until after May 31, 1949."

General Hodges stated that the maneuvers should not interfere with present plans for preparation of these lands and waters for public fishing.

"The Wildlife Resources Commission," Patton said, "had considered opening the Camp MacKall area to fishing April 1, but military necessity must take precedence over the desires of sportsmen in this case. Arrangements are being made to open the Sandhills Lakes as soon as possible after May 31."

Soldier Dies Instantly Sunday In Road Crash

Alone In Small Vehicle, Hits Big Truck Almost Head On; No Others Hurt

Sergeant John Daniel Grainger, 34-year-old Conway, S. C. man, never knew what hit him when his Willys "Jeep" Stator wagon ran into the side of an oncoming produce van about a half-mile north of the Hoke-Scotland county line near midnight Sunday. The truck, driven by Eugene Edward Carter, was of Maryland registry and was enroute to Florida for produce. Carter and his assistant driver who was sleeping in the back of the cab, were both unhurt.

Grainger, who was alone, apparently went to sleep at the wheel of his vehicle, as Carter said the jeep cut over into his truck, hitting just in back of the cab, smashing a wheel and running under the van body. The engine and left front side of the jeep was completely demolished and the right side and rear were unhurt. Grainger's head apparently struck the left front corner post of the jeep which was smashed in. His head was completely crushed and death was obviously instantaneous.

The jeep came to rest in the intersection of the "wire road" with U. S. Highway 15-A. The truck went 60 or 70 feet further down the highway and, turning to the right, turned over and came to rest across the highway on its left side. Damage to the truck was not great.

It took the combined efforts of two wreckers several hours to move the truck from the road. During this time one way traffic was able to get by on the east shoulder of the road, the pavement being completely blocked.

Coroner W. L. Roper investigated the accident Monday and exonerated the truck driver of all blame in connection with the death of Grainger.

FERA Will Help Farmers In Need

Washington, D. C., March 30—Representative Charles B. Deane of the Eighth Congressional District announced today that the House of Representatives took favorable action on a bill to grant Federal Emergency Loans to farmers who experience some disaster or emergency during a crop season.

The Congressman pointed out that the House cleared on March 29 a conference report on HR 2101, which will grant to the Secretary of Agriculture the power to make loans when he finds that a production disaster has caused a need for agriculture credit which is not available from commercial or local sources.

Deane was especially interested in assisting in the promotion of this legislation in view of the serious problems faced by the peach growers within recent weeks when it was felt that a great damage had resulted because of cold weather. The benefits of this legislation will be extended to other fruit and agriculture commodities in the event of a disaster.

The Eighth District Congressman indicated that applications for disaster relief should be filed with the office of the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

DR. BROWN HOME

Dr. G. W. Brown, who has been critically ill for some time in a Fayetteville hospital, is somewhat improved and came home Monday. His condition is still considered quite serious, however.