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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Tomorrow, Friday, June 3, sees the close of all schools in the county. The Antioch Indian school closed for the year on Tuesday, May 31. They operated three more Saturdays than any other school. All white and colored schools close on Friday with Upchurch having its commencement exercises at 11:00 A. M. and Hoke being the last with its finals coming at 8:30 P. M.

The year has been a good one from an academic standpoint. The practically 100% re-election of teachers spoke highly for the work done. Transportation was the best in many years. Better buses and better roads with excellent work by the drivers all contributed regularly and on time.

Some resignations from the faculties of the various schools are causing worry to the principals and local school boards. New regulations by the State Board of Education in regard to certification of teachers may cause additional worry to school officials, not only in Hoke but all the counties in the state.

We are sorry to report that Betty Strother cut her hand badly at Ashmont in an accident on Tuesday. She was given first aid at the Sanatorium and then carried by Mr. Smoak to Moore County hospital where her cut was dressed.

Due to the examination schedule, the seventh grade promotion day, exercises and commencement exercises, the white schools of the county closed at noon on yesterday, today and tomorrow.

The seventh grade promotion day exercises are being held today at 10:30 in the Hoke High auditorium. Rev. P. O. Lee, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church, will make the address. All patrons and friends of the schools are cordially invited. The Hoke High Band will play several numbers just previous to the procession.

W. O. Melvin, Hoke High band
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FARMING

By H. E. Vernon, County Agent

The deadline for entering the 1949 Five-Acre Cotton Contest is July 1. Any farmer, whether landlord or tenant, is eligible to enter and compete for the State prize of \$800 and \$400, district prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100, and also a county prize of \$50. Applications are available in the County Agent's office.

In regard to cotton yields this year, the Boll Weevil situation is of extreme importance. Mr. Bondy of the Pee Dee Experiment Station in South Carolina says that the weevil carried over from last year is larger than any year since 1938. In cage tests where 500 weevils were placed last fall, 325 lived through the winter as compared to only 4 the year before. This indicates that farmers will need to do a lot of dusting this year - particularly early dusting even before the squares have begun to form.

One or two dustings at this time, if practiced over a large area, will reduce the old weevil infestation considerably. Benzene Hexachloride, Toxaphene, Chlorodane can be used for dusting; however, Benzene might be more effective for early dusting because of its quick killing effect during rainy periods. The important thing now is to get ready and be prepared to control the early Boll Weevil.

The Road Bond Election Saturday

Pros And Cons Of The \$200,000,000 Road Bond Election To Be Held June 4

For the benefit of readers of The News-Journal this space is being used to present the pros and cons of the \$200,000,000 road bond election of June 4th.

The arguments for the bonds are presented in one column and arguments against the bonds in another.

Governor Scott Says

"North Carolina is at the crossroads of its transportation destiny. Again we must take the right turn—Better Roads. The bottleneck must be broken so the true potentials of our State—its people and economy—can be released."

Governor Scott proposes paving 12,000 miles of secondary roads and placing 35,000 miles of roads in all weather conditions. When completed this program would bring a paved road to within one and a half mile of practically every North Carolina family, and remove the costly and repeated dangers unleashed by severe winter or summer weather on our secondary road travel.

Isn't There Enough Money Available Now?

No. Only 3,000 of the 12,000 miles of paved roads which Scott proposes could be secured in the next 4 years without the Bond Issue. And if those 3,000 miles were paved, very few, if any, of the 35,000 miles of secondary roads could be put in all-weather conditions. Although the Highway Commission accumulated a surplus during war years, that surplus will be exhausted in the next 6 to 8 months on back-log needs. When this surplus is gone the Commission will be unable to maintain the level of its prewar construction.

That's why the Bond Issue is a necessity if we are to have the Better Road Program.

According to the suggested schedule for sale and retirement of the proposed Road Bond Issue, the average annual cost for principal and interest is estimated at \$10,579,296. (This estimate is based on a 24-year period and an interest rate of 2%. Experts say the interest rate probably will be from 1 1/2% to 2%. This compares with interest rates up to 5% on the Road Bonds issued in the 1920's).

The remaining \$3,579,296 would come from Highway revenue now being used to retire the outstanding bonds issued during the 1920's. The Highway Sinking Fund will be sufficient by 1953 to liquidate all unmatured outstanding bonds.

The Road Bonds will not increase property taxes, income taxes, etc. Repayments on the bonds will be made from Highway funds, not the General Fund. We repeat for emphasis. The only increase in taxation would be 1c per gallon increased gasoline tax.

It is generally conceded that the maintenance of paved roads exceeds the average cost of unpaved roads, but the 12,000 to be paved receive now considerably more than the average cost per mile due to its heavy traffic and constant replacement of its wearing surface of soil or gravel. For these particular roads, therefore, the maintenance should be little more than at present.

And financing the necessary paving for the rural roads by the proposed bond money will release current highway revenue for the maintenance and improvement of the other roads that have been sorely neglected.

Governor Scott has emphasized that the bonds will be issued only as they are needed and only as

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Vote Against Bonds

Road improvements is not the issue in the proposal to float \$200,000,000 in road bonds and increase the gasoline tax to 8 3/4c a gallon. The progress of North Carolina's road system is already assured by the record-breaking road funds available from existing sources and tax rates. All the bond issue referendum can decide is whether it will burden its citizens with unwarranted debt and unnecessary taxes.

Conservative estimates show that North Carolina will have approximately \$331,000,000 available for all highway purposes during the next four years, without any additional taxes or borrowing. After reducing administrative costs and debt service, \$291,580,000 will remain for road construction and improvement. This is 87% of the total amount spent on these same purposes during the past 17 years.

Without counting the heavy interest charges of such a debt, just the principal of the proposed \$200,000,000 bond issue would be equivalent to 51% of the aggregate value of all the automobiles now on the road in North Carolina, and to 94% of the total tax collections of the State from all sources in the fiscal year 1948.

During the campaign for the office he now holds, Gov. Scott opposed as unnecessary a \$100,000,000 road bond issue, suggested by an opponent. He vigorously condemned the idea of "plunging the State into debt" when there is so much money for roads from present sources.

Present State and Federal automotive and gasoline taxes cost North Carolina motor vehicle owners more than \$88,000,000 a year—an average of \$111 per vehicle. This is about \$30 above the national average annual per vehicle tax burden. The tax on each gallon of gasoline in North Carolina is 7 3/4c (6c State tax, 1-4c State inspection fee, 1 1/2c Federal tax). This tax burden adds 38% to the cost of a gallon of gasoline.

The 1c gasoline tax increase, which would automatically go into effect should the road bond issue be approved, would make a total tax of 8 3/4c on each gallon of gasoline sold in North Carolina. This tax increase would cost the State's motor vehicle owners more than \$7-million a year, and would bring their total State and Federal automotive and gasoline tax burden up to more than \$95,000,000—or nearly \$120 annually for each motor vehicle.

Should North Carolina adopt such a patently unsound and reckless measure as this \$200-million bond issue, its national reputation for steady and progressive governmental policies would be irreparably damaged. Industry and business would naturally shun a State that gives such plain evidence of following irresponsible fiscal policies.

WHAT GOVERNOR SCOTT SAID IN 1948

On May 24, 1948, or just a year ago Governor Scott said in a speech in Jackson county:

"It is ridiculous to advocate plunging the State into debt with a \$100-million bond issue, as State Treasurer does, with more than that already in the banks without interest. In fact in all my traveling over the State, the only persons I have heard of who are in favor of a State bond issue are the State Treasurer and his big banker backers."

Again at Salisbury on May 27, 1948, Mr. Scott said:

"There is no need to levy higher taxes to provide the services that are needed. Nor is there need to plunge the State into debt with a bond issue when it has more than \$100 million in the banks without interest."

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NEW PREACHER



Above is the Rev. Judson Lennon, new pastor of the Raeford Baptist church, who moved into the parsonage on Main street this week with Mrs. Lennon and their young son. Mr. Lennon comes to Raeford from the Grace Baptist church in Durham, where he has been associate pastor for the past two years. He is 28 years old and a native of Columbus county.

Guard Completes Firing Practice

Battery A, local National Guard unit, completed the spring small arms firing season at Fort Bragg last Sunday. The unit had fired carbines there for four weekends during May. All of the five officers and 102 enlisted men who are members of the unit fired the carbine and all officers and 97 enlisted men qualified as marksmen. Of these five were expert marksmen and 27 were sharpshooters.

The unit will go to Camp Stewart on July 24 for the annual summer encampment. The 50 caliber machine guns and Bofors 40 millimeter anti-aircraft guns will be fired at Camp Stewart. The unit is losing two men this week to the regular army and will have vacancies for five men to bring the strength to the 105 authorized by the Department of the Army.

Two Local Girls Graduate At WC

Misses Elmira Whitley and Laura McDougald, both of this county, were graduated from the Woman's College of the University in exercises at Greensboro Monday. Miss Whitley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. B. Whitley of Raeford and is the third of her family to graduate from the University and the first whose graduation her father had witnessed.

Miss McDougald is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McDougald.

The graduation address was delivered by Governor W. Kerr Scott.

UNION SERVICE SUNDAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The congregations of all the town's churches will unite with the Baptist on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock to hear Rev. Judson Lennon preach and to welcome him and his family to Raeford. After the services, the congregation will be invited to the basement where they will be given an opportunity to meet the new pastor and his wife and to enjoy an hour of social fellowship. Light refreshments will be served.

SALES EVENT HERE 3 DAYS NEXT WEEK

The Raeford Chamber of Commerce announces in an ad in this issue that the merchants and business houses of Raeford will cooperate next week in three big "88-Cent" days of bargains. The promotion will be similar to the Dollar Days program a month or so ago.

Commencement Exercises Tomorrow

Officers Get 2 Whiskey Stills; Operators Fined

Forgers, Fighters And Traffic Violators Also Tried Before Judge Tuesday

Officers of the sheriff's department and the rural police force hauled in two Antioch township men this week on charges of operating whiskey stills. Both entered pleas of guilty and sentences were 60 days each suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs. The men were Wilford McNeill and Roy Dial, both Indians.

Henry H. Davis, white of the Army, and Nathaniel Ray, colored, were each charged with careless and reckless driving as a result of a collision they had. Both were found guilty and each got 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs. Hubert Cole, colored, also got 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for careless and reckless driving.

Paul Jones, colored, was charged with forging the name of T. B. Upchurch on a check for \$22 and getting Johnnie Hinnant to cash it. Jones is a tuberculosis patient at a Veterans hospital in New York and was at home because of his mother's death. Judge McDiarmid let him make the check good and pay the costs and returned him to the hospital.

Willis Hood, white of the army, paid \$10 and the costs for passing a school bus while it was unloading.

The case against Walter McBryde, white, for driving drunk was dismissed.

George McBryde, colored, was found guilty of violating the landlord and tenant act. He got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs. He appealed and bond was set at \$250.

Three Indians, Highway Henderson, Alfred Henderson and Revel Henderson, were charged with assaulting Lester Collins, Indian. Highway and Alfred were found not guilty and Revel pleaded guilty. Sentence was 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

Three out-of-state speeders left bonds and did not appear for trial. Two of these were \$25 each and one, for going over 70, was \$50.

Semi-Pro Game Here Tonight

The Raeford and Biscoe teams of the newly-formed "Sand-Clay Semi-Pro League" will play a game at Armory Park here tonight. Game time is set for 7:45 o'clock.

The league is made up of eight teams. They are Raeford, Aberdeen, Carthage, Biscoe, Vass, West End, High Falls and Westmore. A complete schedule of games to be played here will be announced later.

BROOM SALE

The Kiwanis sale of brooms made by the Guilford Industries for the Blind started yesterday with Kiwanis President Robert Gatlin sweeping the street with a broom and then selling it to Mayor W. L. Poole. The sale will continue through tomorrow.

RECREATION PROGRAM

Mrs. Neill McFadyen, president of the Hoke-Raeford PTA, said this week that enough money has been raised to assure the recreation program for the children here this summer. She urged all who could to donate to the project and assured that if the project fails through their money will be returned.

Dr. Leo W. Jenkins Of ECTC Will Be Speaker; 46 Will Receive Diplomas

The 1948-49 school term comes to an end at Hoke County High school with commencement exercises at the school auditorium at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, dean of Eastern Carolina Teachers College at Greenville, will deliver the commencement address and 46 seniors will receive diplomas. The presentation of annual prizes and awards will follow Dr. Jenkins' address. Milton Mann is valedictorian and Anne Gore is salutatorian.

Marshals for the commencement exercises will be Freida Moss, Elsie Moss, Elizabeth Sudreth, Melva Deane Brown, Nell Myers and Jean Cozart.

Members of the graduating class are James T. Alexander, Janie McNeill Barbour, Bettie Ella Benner, Julian Hubert Blue, Jr., Frances Hamlin Bowling, Bennie Lee Brock, Frances Jean Carter, John Kenneth Clark, Mildred Clark, Ruby Lee Clark, Dorothy Mae Cox, Martha Lee Currie, Muriel Jean Davis, William B. Davis, Marvin R. English, Robert Legrand Gibson, Dorcas Anne Gore, Joel Ellis Gulledege, Jr., Joanne Hamilton, Beverly Carson Hodgkin, Betty Hannah Holtzclaw, James B. Huff, Macie Jackson, Maggie Jane Jackson, Frederick Paul Johnson, Hilda Ruth Jordan, Delton Groham King, Alfred Kay Leach, Marian Irene Lewis, Allen John Lundy, Jr., Milton Bernard Mann, Marvin Duke Marshall, Jr., Alice Sutton Matheson, Charles Arnold Monroe, Wade Gibson McDougald, James D. McGougan, Sara Neal McKeithan, Bobby Burns McNeill, Patricia McKay McNeill, William T. Niven, For a Katherine Potter, James Archibald Sinclair, John Thomas Sinclair, Effie Isabelle Smith, Mary Ann Smoak, Eugene Teal.

Sandhills Lakes To Be Opened June 1

Seven lakes in the Sandhills Wildlife Area in Richmond and Scotland counties will be opened to public fishing on June 1, according to Clyde P. Patton, Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Present plans call for fishing in the area through September 30.

The lakes to be opened are: McKinney, Kinney Cameron, Gum Swamp, Broadacres, Scotland, Crawford and McCrainie. Fishing hours will be from sunrise to one hour after sunset, and daily fishing permits costing 60 cents will be required. These may be obtained from the Wildlife Resources Commission personnel or their designated agents in the vicinity of the lakes. Size and creel limits in the sandhills lakes will be the same as those in other waters of the state.

The opening of the sandhills lakes to fishing this year was delayed by military maneuvers in the area.

2 Local Students To Finish Duke

Durham, N. C.—Two students from the Raeford, N. C. area are scheduled to receive degrees at Duke University's 98th commencement on Monday, June 6 at 10:30 a. m. in Duke's Indoor Stadium.

Local students who are among over 1000 candidates for degrees at Duke University this year are: Janet Shirley Blue, (A.B.) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blue of Raeford was a member of the Phi Mu Sorority, YWCA and the Dean's List, fall '47.

Zane Grey Norton, (A.B) son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Norton of Route 1, Raeford.

Legion Junior Team To Open Here Tuesday

Play Clinton Under Lights At Armory Park; Team Now In District One

Raeford's American Legion Junior baseball team enters its competitive play with a game against Clinton in Armory park next Tuesday night, June 8. The team is coached by Col. W. L. Poble and boasts several outstanding young players from neighboring communities as well as boys who played at Hoke High under Coach Haywood Faircloth.

The Raeford team, which was in District 2 with Tabor City, Whiteville and Laurinburg, is now in District 1 with Fort Bragg, Clinton and Dunn. The teams will play a six week schedule starting next week, with each team playing two games per week. District winner will then play winner of District 2 for the area championship.

Both Raeford's games next week will be played here, the second being scheduled against Fort Bragg for Thursday night.

Complete schedule and names of all members of the squad will be published later.

Methodists Will Open Curb Market

The Methodist church of Raeford is opening a curb market Saturday, June 4, at seven a. m. The market will be open every Saturday during the summer months in the store front next door to the Post-Office Building, T. B. Upchurch, Inc.

The enterprise is to be a cooperative undertaking of all Methodists of Raeford and the pastor has asked all to cooperate by bringing to the market vegetables, fruit, chickens, cakes, etc. All quantities, large and small, will be accepted, he said, and the money made will be used for church building fund. Mr. Lee expressed the hope that people of the whole community would visit the market and expressed the appreciation of his church for their patronage.

EFFECTIVE CLASS TO HEAR MISSIONARY

Miss Alice Longenecker, Presbyterian missionary to Africa, will discuss certain phases of her work in the Belgian Congo, at the meeting of the Effective class on Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church. Cecil Dew teacher of the class, says there will be no lesson in order to give Miss Longenecker the full class period, and to enable her to answer any questions which the members and their guests may have.

While the class officers are all men, such as Donald Yates, Dr. Marcus Smith and Tom McBryde, they remind all who may be interested, in hearing Miss Longenecker on Sunday morning, that the class is a mixed one, and all who care to come are invited. The class meets at 10 o'clock in the west nave of the church auditorium.

HOW YOU CAN VOTE

Some voters seem to have gotten the idea that the \$25 million school bonds and the \$200 million road bonds are tied together and that in order to vote for the school bonds they will have to vote for the road bonds too. That is a mistaken idea. You can vote for the school bonds and vote against the road bonds. Or you can vote for the road bonds and against the school bonds. Or you may vote for both issues, or against both issues. There is absolutely no strings to the proposition, and the voter is free to vote as he wishes, for or against. Or for one and against the other.