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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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The white schools of the county opened last Thursday with a total enrollment of 1043. This topped last year's enrollment of 1009 by 35. The only school failing to gain was Rockfish with an enrollment of 92 as against 102 last year. Mildouson, made the greatest gain, going from 67 last year to 83 this. Hoke High went from 244 to 249, the 8th grade from 80 to 87, Ashmont from 108 to 115, and Raeford Graded from 407 to 416. The first grades in all the schools failed to show the increase expected from the crop of war babies, so they will probably flock in next year.

Mrs. Chandler Roberts has been substituting for Mrs. A. D. Gore of the high school faculty, who has been out on account of the serious illness of her son, Hal, who underwent a most serious operation in Highsmith hospital last Saturday. We are glad to report that Hal is doing nicely now. Mrs. Younger Snead is substituting for Mrs. Dwight Brown of the Raeford Graded faculty.

Mrs. Nat White, piano teacher in the Raeford Graded and Hoke High school is getting off to a good start. Mr. Gibson reports that her classes are practically full now. He also reports that Mr. Wrenn, band director, is having a good sign-up for the band. Those wishing to take band should see Mr. Wrenn at once before all instruments are assigned.

Our first consignment of pears arrived last week and are being canned at a rapid rate both by the Raeford and Upchurch canneries.

Mrs. B. B. Cole has been appointed treasurer of the Rockfish school. Mrs. Belton Wright for Hoke High. All schools this year are required by law to have a regularly appointed treasurer bonded along with the principal who will have to sign all checks and requisitions along with the treasurer. The Board of Education has assumed the cost of a blanket bond for all school employees required by law to be bonded locally.

The Rockfish PTA held its first meeting of the year last night. Mrs. Cecile D. Osmont, new elementary helping teacher was the speaker of the evening. Mrs. Osmont's subject was "How the PTA May Aid The Teachers in Their Instructional Work."

Rev. W. B. Heyward spoke at the opening chapel exercises of the Raeford Graded school. His topic was "It Goes Down But It Comes Back Up." He illustrated the talk with a "Yoyo". Rev. P. O. Lee was the speaker at the opening exercises of Hoke High and Rev. S. A. Ewart conducted the one at Ashmont.

The Mildouson patrons are fixing up a basketball court at the school. It is presumed they will supply balls and other equipment along with the court. We think this is a splendid undertaking and wish them success.

Stephen Williams, vocational agriculture teacher at Upchurch, attended a pasture demonstration with some of the veteran trainees that was held in Cumberland County yesterday.

A second shipment of pears has arrived. This car will be divided between Hoke County, Moore County and the State Sanatorium.

The Raeford Graded school welcomes the following new students from out-of-town: Patricia Ann (Continued on back page)

Lions To Raise Funds For Blind

The Raeford Lions club will conduct a "White Cane Sale" here next week, September 19 through September 24, President T. B. Lester of the club announced this week. The sale is to be conducted in cooperation with the North Carolina commission for the Blind and with the other Lions clubs in the state.

One-third of all money raised in the drive will be retained by the local Lions club for work for the blind in this community. This work includes rehabilitation of the blind and in aiding various underprivileged persons in securing glasses where needed.

The general public will be asked to contribute \$1.00 or more each to the cause and those doing so will be given a lapel button bearing the distinctive white cane of the blind association and a one year membership in the Association for the blind. Members of the Raeford Lions club will contact citizens of the community next week and will greatly appreciate all donations. Archie McDiarmid is chairman of the Lions Club committee conducting the sale.

120,000 More Horses To Go To Work

Lumberton—60,000 additional horsepower will flow into the network of the Carolina Power & Light Company September 30 when Governor Scott closes a switch to begin production of power at the company's huge new 120,000 horsepower steam electric generating plant here.

Another turbine similar to the one already installed will be added by next year.

Formal opening of the unique "semi-outdoors" plant will take place at 2:30 p. m. and the public has been invited to attend the ceremonies. L. V. Sutton, president of CP&L will share the speaking with Governor Scott, and Rep. F. Ertel Carlyle of the district will preside over the program, which will be broadcast.

After inauguration of production, the CP&L Company will hold open house, with guides to explain to visitors how coal and water are transformed into power.

The new generating station is three miles from Lumberton and is on the Lumber River. Started in May 1948, it is getting into production about three months ahead of schedule. It is part of a multimillion dollar post-war building program of the Company, to serve the thousands of rural customers added since the war, as well as the program of rural expansion now underway.

While the Lumberton station will make primary power abundantly available in this immediate territory, its production will be felt throughout the system of CP&L, which embraces 2 per cent of the area of the two Carolinas. Stepped up to 22,000 volts, current will be transmitted to the local substation, and stepped to 110,000 volts, it will be sent to Laurinburg, Fayetteville, N. C. and Marion, S. C. for further dispatching. At 85 per cent capacity, 750,000,000 kilowatt hours will be produced each year.

Sutton announced that the new facility was added to take care of the anticipated development in CP&L territory.

PLAN HOMECOMING AT PITTMAN GROVE CHURCH

The annual homecoming will be held at Pittman Grove church next Sunday, September 18, and friends of the church are invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch. Revival services will also begin that day with services each night next week.

Recorder Tells Bad Boy To Go To Work Or Roads

Sends Chan Gang Escapee, Also Expert Flamflammer, Back For 19 More Months

In recorder's court Tuesday morning Fletcher Pierce, young Indian, appeared before Judge Henry McDiarmid on charges of assault and using profane and indecent language. The judge accepted his plea of guilty of trespass and ordered him to find some work and go to it. He gave him a 30-day road sentence to be suspended on this condition, on payment of \$10 and the costs and on condition of two years of good behavior.

Chapman Covington, colored, was charged with escaping from a road gang in the county. Evidence disclosed that Covington went to the home of another prisoner here in the county after he got out and talked her out of this prisoner's clothes and \$6.00 after which he threw away his prison garb and came to Raeford and got drunk. Sentence was 18 months for escaping and 30 days for drunkenness.

W. U. Taylor, white, pled guilty of giving Alton McMillan a bad check for \$136.80 for some watermelons. Judge McDiarmid ordered him to pay the costs and to make good the check within 30 days.

The State did not prosecute the case against Leroy McPherson and Betty Lou Melton for immoral conduct.

Howard Shaw, colored, was found guilty of assault and using profane and indecent language in an affair that looked like a family row. He got 60 days to be suspended on payment of the costs, two years good behavior and on condition that he stay away from the premises where the disturbance occurred.

James Collins, Indian, got 60 days suspended on payment of the costs for assaulting Charlie Locklear, also an Indian.

George E. Noles, white, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving and fined \$25 and the costs.

J. J. Andre, white, left a \$25 bond for speeding; Henderson Dupree and Roy Mack, both colored, each paid \$10 and the costs for improper brakes.

FAIR NEXT WEEK

The American Legion Fair will be held at the Armory ball park here next week Monday through Friday with a full scale carnival of rides, shows, concessions, etc. on the midway, and with stock, handwork and other competitions for which there will be premiums paid. Entertainment will be furnished by the Twin State Shows.

Emergency Call For Money For Infantile Paralysis Epidemic

An emergency call for funds to meet current widespread polio epidemics has been issued by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and Sheriff D. H. Hodgins, chairman of the Hoke county chapter is making preparations to carry the appeal to the people of this county.

A coin envelope printed in red ink, with the simple address "Polio, your nearest postoffice," will go into every mail box before the end of the week, and you are asked to place your contribution in this envelope and drop it in the mail box.

It is estimated that it may take as much as \$25,000,000 to meet the needs of the current situation, as polio continues to spread in

Plan Scout Meeting At Antioch Monday; New Troop There

L. B. Singleton, chairman of scouting in the Western district of the Cape Fear Area council, announced this week that the western district meeting and Scoutmasters' round table would be held at Antioch on Wednesday, September 21, at seven p. m.

The committee and scoutmasters will be the guests of the Antioch Presbyterian church for a barbecue supper. The church sponsors a new scout troop with nine boys on the rolls.

Percy McNeill is scoutmaster. Willie Hodgins is institutional representative. Members of the executive board from the western district L. B. Singleton, Roy Sutherland and Hervey Evans of Laurinburg, and Lewis Upchurch of Raeford.

Scotland Ends Jubilee Event

Scotland county returned to normal this week after cramming half a century of achievement into a week-long Golden Jubilee celebration that outdrew and outglittered anything in its history. Interrupted by rain one night, the event officially ended Friday night with the final performance of the historical pageant, "Golden Milestones"; but it reached its climax Thursday as 2,000 or more persons gathered at Legion park to hear an address by U. S. Senator Clyde Hoey and witness the fourth showing of "Golden Milestones."

Senator Hoey was guest of honor at a county-wide civic club meeting of the Presbyterian church grounds prior to his speech. The celebration, observing Scotland's 50th year as a county, featured speeches, pageantry, oratory, and fun into five full days. It featured speeches by Senator Hoey, Lieutenant Governor Pat Taylor and Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine.

Attendance at the pageant ranged from 500 to 2,000 a night, exceeding the fondest dreams of its backers.

Van Wyck Hoke Dies At Age 78

Van Wyck Hoke, 78, died at his home in Yanceyville Monday. He was the son of Major General Robert F. Hoke, confederate hero after whom this county was named. A brother, Dr. Michael Hoke, deceased, was formerly head of the polio center at Warm Springs, Ga.

A retired attorney and businessman, Hoke attended the University of North Carolina and Columbia University. He was a native of Raleigh. He is survived by his widow, the former Annie Johnston, and two sisters, Mrs. Alexander Webb of Raleigh and Mrs. W. D. Pollock of Kinston.

Dove Season To Open Tomorrow

H. R. McLean, district Game protector, called the attention of hunters this week to the fact that the first part of the hunting season for doves opens tomorrow, September 16 and closes September 30. Hunting during this open season will be during the afternoons only and only with shotguns, Protector McLean said. There will be another open season on doves later in the winter.

Other seasons opening soon are squirrel, which is open from October 1 to January 2, and deer, which is open from October 15 to December 15.

Flies Fear Cotton For Some Reason, News Story Says

Raleigh, N. C.—As its single contribution to the health of the Nation, and with a profound bow to good neighbor Virginia, State News Bureau here presents, in full, the following story from the Hamlet, N. C., News-Messenger, C. A. Martin editor and publisher: "Mrs. John Raby of Hamlet has just returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Russell Privett, at Norfolk, and with her she has brought stories of a novel method being used by Virginia housewives to rid their homes of flies. "Around Norfolk and Richmond they are using, believe it or not, (Continued on Page 10)

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MRS. BRALY TUESDAY

Funeral service was conducted in Aberdeen Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Betty Blue Braly, 23, who died in Moore County hospital Monday after a two-day illness. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. W. Worth at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blue, and interment was in the cemetery at Bethesda Presbyterian church. Mrs. Braly is survived by her father, an engineer with the A & R railroad, her mother, her husband, Lt. J. M. Braly of Ohio, a daughter, a brother and a sister.

Ingatherings

The annual harvest ingatherings will be held by churches in the county at various times during the fall. Meals will be served, with the main dishes in most cases being chicken salad and barbecue. There will be sales of food, handiwork, produce, cakes and the like at all of them. For the benefit of these churches and the people who wish to attend the ingatherings we will carry a schedule of those we are told about in this space until they are held.

Sandy Grove Methodist church - Thursday, September, 29, meal at noon, sale following.

Shiloh Presbyterian church. Thursday, October 6, 5:30 p. m., sale following.

Ephesus Baptist church-Thursday, October 6.

Parker's Methodist church - Friday, October 7, meal at six p. m., sale following.

Tabernacle Baptist church - Rockfish, Wednesday, October 12.

Antioch Presbyterian church Thursday, October 13, meal at noon, sale following.

Galatia Presbyterian church - Thursday, October 13, meal at six p. m., sale following.

Bethel Presbyterian church - Thursday, October 20, meal at community house at noon, sale to follow.

Raeford Methodist church - Thursday, October 27, at Raeford Armory, meals at noon and night, sale following supper.

UPPER HOKE PEOPLE GET MAD, GO TO ASHEBORO, GET PAVING

Alcoholics Group Makes Plans To Organize Here

There will be an open meeting at the courthouse next Monday night at eight o'clock at which time representatives of Alcoholics Anonymous, well known organization of chronic alcoholics who have done great work in curing themselves and each other, will make a talk and define the objects and methods of the organization with the view of organizing such a group here. The general public is invited to attend and see just how this group operates.

Fourteen years ago a country doctor, whose career was being wrecked by heavy drinking, found the way out of his "Lost Weekend" through the help of a New York broker, a fellow sufferer who had cured himself through service to others. That meeting resulted in the formation of the national organization known today as Alcoholics Anonymous.

In this 14-year period, AA has done what the Chicago Sun-Times in an editorial calls "one of the most remarkable jobs of our generation." It points out that the rehabilitation of problem drinkers by AA members, each of whom were on call night and day to go to the aid of a victim is of inestimable value. Each victim saved means a family also saved.

1517 X-rays Given In County So Far By Mobile Unit

The Hoke County health department reported yesterday that the mobile x-ray unit had taken a total of 1,517 x-rays in the county in the two weeks and one day it has operated. The first week the unit took 503 pictures, and it took 910 last week. On Tuesday, the first day of operation this week, the unit took 99 x-rays.

All persons in the county over 15 years of age are eligible to have the chest x-rays taken at the unit free of charge. There is no undressing and it takes less than a minute to take the picture. This x-ray shows definitely whether or not a person has tuberculosis and in many cases persons have found to have the disease who did not know it. By means of the chest x-ray they find out in time to cure it rather than wait until it is incurable and makes itself known. All persons x-rayed receive a confidential report of the results.

The unit began operation in this county on August 26 and will be in the county until Thursday, October 6. Remaining stops scheduled for the unit are as follows: today, Freedom colored school; tomorrow, Sept. 16, Lobelia community house; Saturday, Sept. 17, W. A. Black's place; September 20 and 21, Upchurch colored high school; Wednesday, Sept. 22, Hoke county white high school; Friday, Sept. 23 through Thursday, October 6, in front of bank in Raeford.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

KILLED	Sept. 10 thru Sept. 12	7
Thru Sept. 12 this year		560
Thru Sept. 12, 1948		473
INJURED	Sept. 10 thru Sept. 12	79
Thru Sept. 12 this year		6,318
Thru Sept. 12, 1948		4,979

Delegation From County Sees Commissioner Coble Tuesday; Roads Restored

A delegation consisting of Board Chairman W. M. Thomas, Commissioner J. H. Wright, Auditor J. A. McGoogan and Representative Harry Greene from Raeford and Commissioner John William Smith and a delegation of about 15 citizens of Little River township and H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen descended on State Highway Commissioner George Coble in Asheboro Tuesday to take up the question of the roads in Little River township which had been previously requested by the county board but had been left off the approved list of roads to be paved. They got Coble's promise to restore the 4.2 miles of the road from Lobelia to the Cumberland line which had been cut off and to give them an additional 3.1 miles of paving on the road from the Vass-Lobelia road in the direction of Cameron.

The following article from the Sandhill Citizen gives the background of the trip and explains in general how the Little River people felt when the list for Hoke county was published last week. Editor H. Clifton Blue, of the "Citizen" is a native of Little River township.

The people of Little River township in Hoke County are mad. They feel that they have been double-crossed and they plan to find out just who is doing the double-crossing and then be ready for them when voting time comes around next May.

At least this was the impression gained at the Citizen office as numerous members of a delegation which went to Raeford, Tuesday, indicated as they stopped by this newspaper office and related their story.

Little River (Upper Hoke) which is cut off from the rest of Hoke County by the Fort Bragg reservation didn't ask but for 9.8 of hard-surface road. The township now has about 3 1-2 miles of hard-surface road and got this only last year. By asking for a small amount they felt that it would be granted.

J. W. Smith, County Commissioner from Little River seemed to have felt confident that his township's modest request would be granted and the map of the proposed new roads which he had indicated that the roads would be built, but when Hoke County's 70.8 of new hard-surfaced roads were listed in the News and Observer last Sunday, Little River came up with only 2.5 out of 70.8 for the county.

Monday, scores of people converged on Commissioner J. W. Smith for an explanation as to why Little River had again been treated as the county's redheaded step child. Commissioner Smith was just as irate as were his constituents. He had been misled also.

A representative delegation from the Monday's mass meeting went to Raeford Tuesday to inquire of the Board of County Commissioners in regular meeting what had happened. The board seemed just as surprised and angry as were their Little River constituents. According to the delegation stopping at the Citizen office, roads had been approved which the County Commissioners had not requested and roads left off which they had requested. The commissioners agreed to go with the Little River delegation to Asheboro next Tuesday to see just what had happened and to help them get their roads.

Roads which the Little River people had asked and expected (Continued on back page)