

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The Rockfish and Mildouson schools report a great improvement in attendance for the last school month. In the Raeford Graded school Mrs. Turner's first grade had only 3 pupils absent during the entire month. We think this is a splendid record. Attendance in the county as a whole is improving but we still have a long way to go. Parents are asked to cooperate with the principals and teachers in securing good attendance by all pupils.

The veterans' class under the leadership of Horace Walters, is doing wonders with the school grounds at Ashmont. They are clearing, disking and harrowing the grounds, building play equipment and planting shrubbery. Ashmont will look like a new place when they get through. We appreciate their work.

The Rockfish PTA met at the school building last night with a good attendance.

W. T. Gibson, Jr., principal of Hoke High, was at Pfeiffer college yesterday attending a meeting of the city principals association. He had a part on the program discussing and explaining the guidance program carried on at Hoke High. We are proud of the program that is being put on at Hoke High. It is attracting statewide attention. Not only Mr. Gibson is invited to explain the work but Miss Watson, Guidance Counselor, has been invited to various places over the state to explain the program.

A county-wide principals meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon in the office of the superintendent. Hour for closing on day before the Christmas holidays was set for 11:30 a. m. in Raeford and 12:00 in the county schools.

All school buses in the county are being examined by the highway patrol today.

COLORED NEWS

There will be a county-wide meeting of the colored principals held in the courtroom on Tuesday afternoon, December 13, at 4 o'clock. Plans will be made at this meeting for the closing of the colored schools for the Christmas holidays.

On December 1, the Bowmore school faculty was host at the District Annual Boy Scout Banquet. Attendance was better than expected.

The lunchroom workers in the Laurel Hill school have donned uniforms. This is a step forward for their lunchroom.

Piney Bay school was entertained last Friday morning by a representative of the Wildlife Commission. In the afternoon by a visit from the Bridge's Grove school.

The representative of the Wildlife Commission expects to return after Christmas holidays for additional work in the schools.

Thelma Butler, a student of the Upchurch school, was injured last Friday after getting off the bus by a passing car, the driver of which did not see the bus until too late to stop his car before passing. The sheriff's office investigated the accident. We are glad to report that Thelma is able to return from the hospital.

The senior class at Upchurch has launched a movement to establish a band at the school. A Fall Festival was held on Tuesday night to begin the fund necessary

PMA Announces Polling Places For Cotton Quota Vote

Arrangements were completed this week for the establishment of cotton marketing quota referendum Thursday, December 15, in Hoke County's 8 cotton growing communities.

R. J. Hasty, chairman of the County Production and Marketing Administration Committee, also said that notices were being mailed to each known eligible voter advising him where to vote in the referendum. All persons who, as landlord, tenant, or sharecropper, had an interest in a crop of cotton produced in the United States in 1948 are eligible to vote on December 15 to decide if marketing quotas will be used for the 1950 crop. A two-thirds majority of those voting is required to approve the use of quotas.

Mr. Hasty listed the polling places in Hoke County as follows: Allendale at Allendale Community House, Antioch at Antioch Community House, Blue Springs at Blue Springs Community House, Little River at Little River Community House, McLauchlin at Wayside Community House and Rockfish Community House, Que-whiffe at Montrose Community House, Raeford at Hoke County Court Room, and Stonewall at Dundarrack Community House.

Farmers To Vote On Committees As Well As Quotas

Who will administer such national farm progress as Agricultural Conservation, price supports, acreage allotments, and marketing quotas in Hoke County in 1950? The ballot box, traditional bulwark of democracy, will decide.

On December 15 farmers in the county's 8 agricultural communities will be choosing neighbors and friends to represent them as community Production and Marketing Administration farmer-committeemen for the coming year. They will also choose a delegate from each community to a county convention which will name the three-man county PMA Committee for 1950.

A referendum committee will be in charge of the polling place in each community where farmers can cast their ballots from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. on December 15. Cotton growers will vote for or against marketing quotas at the same time and place.

"Any person is eligible to vote or hold office who is an owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper on a farm that is participating in any program administered during the current calendar year through the county and community PMA committees," says R. J. Hasty, present county committee chairman.

"Heavy participation of farmers in their committeemen elections is one of the best methods of demonstrating their support of the farmer-committee system of local administration of national farm programs," the chairman points out.

HDC Club Plans Planetarium Tour

The Ashmont Home Demonstration club is to sponsor a trip to Chapel Hill to the Morehead Planetarium by chartered bus on Saturday, December 10. The bus will stop at Montrose at 11:30 a. m. Saturday and at Ashley Heights at 11:45. Fare to Chapel Hill and return will be \$2.25 or \$2.33 depending on the size of the bus. Admission to the Planetarium demonstration is 38c.

Anyone wishing to take the trip is asked to send \$1.00 to reserve a seat to either Mrs. Tom Sinclair, RFD 1, Aberdeen, or Miss Josephine Hall, Home agent, Raeford, N. C.

William L. Shirer To Speak At FMC Monday Night



WILLIAM L. SHIRER

William L. Shirer, noted author and commentator, will be presented in the Flora Macdonald college auditorium on Monday evening, December 12, at 8:15, when the subject of his lecture will be "Where Are We Going?"

To the millions of Americans who have listened to his broadcast and who have read his best-selling "Berlin Diaries", William L. Shirer is regarded as one of the geniuses of journalism - a close observer and a good reporter who has the facility of being on the spot when anything important happens, and who can impart to his hearers the feeling that they too are participants.

He was born in Chicago in 1903 and immediately after his graduation from college, he worked his way abroad on a cattle boat for the summer - and stayed for fifteen years. For seven of them, from 1925 to 1932, he was European correspondent for the Chicago Tribune, covering assignments in practically all western Europe, and in the Near East and India as well.

Then, following a year of loafing, he became chief of the Berlin bureau of Universal News Service, and at the same time began to broadcast for CBS, and to keep the daily journal that became the basis for the Berlin Diaries, published in 1941 and 1947.

In 1944-45, his assignments took him to London, Paris, Berlin, Aachen, Frankfurt, and Nuremberg. He has reported on the War Crimes trials and on postwar developments in France and Britain, and covered the San Francisco Conference and meetings of the United Nations.

He was in Berlin and Paris again in September and October of 1948 at the height of the East-West crisis, and thus brings to his lecture platform an eye-witness account of international developments.

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Principals Favor Insurance Plan For Children

The white school principals of the county at their meeting with the county superintendent on Tuesday went on record in favor of a plan whereby every school child would be insured against accidents while at school. The principals decided to submit the plan to the parents for their approval and a letter is being sent to parents within the next few days explaining the plan.

The cost to parents for participation will be only 25c per child for the remaining part of the current school year. School officials will consider receipt of this sum from each child as the only valid evidence that the parents favor the plan.

The policy to be obtained will cover children for any accidental injuries sustained while in a school building or on school grounds on school days within one hour before or after school hours or during school hours. Attending afternoon, night or Saturday meetings in connection with supervised school activities will be covered also, as if the school is open for these meetings it is considered a school day for the purpose of the insurance.

The insurance will also include coverage of all athletic accidents and travel to or from athletic contests when in vehicles selected by and under the supervision of the school authorities.

The insurance will pay \$1000 in case of accidental death in one of these circumstances, varying amounts for loss of eyes and limbs and up to \$500 medical expense as a result of such accidents.

W. Lamont Brown Is Census Director

Congressman Charles B. Deane of the Eighth Congressional District announced on Friday, December 2, 1949, that the Census Bureau in Washington had approved W. Lamont Brown of Pinebluff as District Supervisor for the 1950 Census.

Mr. Brown is a graduate of Davidson College and for several years has practiced law in Southern Pines. He has actively participated in religious and civic life in Moore County and currently is head of the Boy Scout movement there.

The District office for the Census will be located in Lexington with the actual enumeration beginning around March 1, 1950.

Serving under Mr. Brown as Assistant District Supervisor will be Sam Eanes of Biscoe and the Chief Administrative Clerk will be Philip Craver of Lexington.

Hoke High Splits With Massey Hill; Here Tomorrow

On Tuesday night of this week, Hoke High opened its 1949-50 basketball season by splitting a double-header with Massey Hill. The Hoke High Girls won their game from the Lady Pirates 26-15. Lyda Williams, sharp-shooting forward, led Hoke High to their victory with nine points. Pat Sherrill was high for Massey Hill.

In the boys game, the Massey Hill Pirates took a 31-20 decision. Massey Hill scored first and was never headed. Landon Yarborough local center, paced Hoke High with seven points. Bryant was the leading pointmaker for both teams with twelve points.

The next game for Hoke High will be played in the local gym Friday night with Hope Mills furnishing the opposition. A double-header will be played. The girls game starts at 7:30.

Sentence Soldier In Scotland For M. C. Dew's Death

Judge Allen Gwynn, in Scotland county superior court on Tuesday, sentenced Corporal Utah Caldwell, Fort Bragg soldier, to serve not less than three nor more than five years in the state prison after a jury had found him guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Cecil Dew of Raeford.

Caldwell's trial began about noon on Monday and was concluded on Tuesday. The jury deliberated for about 45 minutes before returning the verdict of guilty. Evidence at the trial indicated that Caldwell's car was travelling at an excessive rate of speed at the time of the accident and police testified that a bottle of whiskey was found in the car.

The accident in which Mr. Dew, a prominent and beloved citizen of this community, was killed, took place on the night of August 24 at the intersection of South Main street with X-way road in Laurinburg. Mr. Dew was proceeding out of X-way road into Main street when his auto collided with the auto carrying Caldwell and two other soldiers.



buy christmas seals help stamp out TB

"Buy Christmas Seals, Help Stamp Out TB," was the renewed plea made to the people of Hoke county again this week by Mrs. J. A. McGoogan, county chairman for the 43rd Annual sale of Christmas seals.

The good done by the chest x-rays in this county should be a reason to everyone to send back money for the seals they have received. Mrs. McGoogan said. She said she hopes the person who made a joke of the drive by returning a dirty powder puff in the Christmas seal envelope will give the matter more thought and think of the time when they may need help in a personal fight against tuberculosis.

Extension work has become a motive force for greater agricultural production and better rural life in many countries around the world.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GETS READY TO WELCOME SANTA C.



St. Nick Prepares To Make 3rd Annual Visit; Already Left North Pole

The Christmas committee of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., this week reported that plans were about complete for the arrival of Santa Claus on next Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock, the occasion of his third annual pre-Christmas visit to Raeford at the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce.

The first two visits were highly successful, the first being arranged by Collins Department store and the one last year by all the town's business people through the Chamber.

The old gentleman is expected to arrive by air at around four o'clock next Wednesday, and it is hoped that he may be seen flying in by alert youngsters. The fire department has agreed to meet him with a fire truck and bring him to town where he will meet all children in the center of town, about the Bank of Raeford.

The committee expects to have a platform erected in the street where all the children who are present can come by and speak to Santa, and he is expected to bring a small gift for each one, providing there are no little pigs who try to get more than their share.

The Hoke county high school band will be present to add their Christmas music to the color of the occasion.

The affair is being arranged by a committee consisting of Israel Mann, chairman, W. C. Phillips, J. I. Hubbard and Ed McNeill. All children in the county are invited to come, and bring their parents if they so wish to.

School Bus Child Hit By Motorist

Thelma Butler, student of the Upchurch High school, was hit by an out-of-state car on highway 15-A about one mile south of Raeford last Friday afternoon shortly after she had dismounted from a school bus. She suffered a knee injury and was hospitalized for several days. She was brought to a Raeford doctor for first aid by the motorist.

The bus had stopped to let her off, investigating revealed, and a large van stopped behind the bus while she got off, completely obscuring the bus from the car which hit her. It had started stopping on getting far enough by the

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TO PRESENT PLAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Christmas play, "They That Sit In Darkness," by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, will be presented at the Raeford Baptist church next Wednesday night, December 14, at 7:30. The young people of the church are presenting the play under the direction of Mrs. Clyde Christopher and the public is cordially invited.

TOYS COMING IN

The Raeford Lions club reports that the broken toys to fix up business is getting better and that people around here are getting more thoughtful and generous toward their less fortunate brethren. They report that one person brought in some toys so far. That's right. ONE.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

An independent girls basketball team has been organized and practices at the High school gym on Monday and Wednesday nights at seven o'clock. Girls interested in playing with the team may come to practice or contact Ruth Ivey at Howell Drug co.

Banquet For Scout Leaders Tomorrow

The annual banquet for Boy Scout leaders, Scout officials and Scouters for the western district of the Cape Fear council will be held in the dining room of the Raeford Presbyterian church tomorrow night. The western district is made up of Hoke and Scotland counties and Red Springs and Maxton in Robeson County. The banquet will be served at seven o'clock by the ladies of the Raeford Methodist church.

The principal item of business for meeting will be the election of district officers for 1950. Present district officers are L. B. Singleton, Laurinburg, chairman; F. C. Froetick, Maxton, vice-chairman; W. C. Covington, Wagram, commissioner; Lewis Upchurch, district representative to the Cape Fear area council.

Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. I. G. Greer of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Greer is former superintendent of the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville and is manager of the business foundation at the University.