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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Patrons, pupils and teachers of the Ashmont school really appreciate the work that has been done on the school grounds by the Veteran's Agricultural class under the leadership of Horace Walters. The PTA raised the money and turned it over to this class. The class then graded and cleaned up the grounds. After this was done, playground equipment consisting of slides, swings, bars, see-saws and a merry-go-round was built and installed. This is one of the finest pieces of school improvement that has been done in Hoke County.

The Christmas program given annually at the Raeford Graded school will put on the evening of Monday, December 19 at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Doris Bradley, music director, with the cooperation of the faculty, is putting on the program. The junior chorus with other pupils are taking part. The same program will be put on at 1:15 p. m. for the benefit of the pupils and such parents who find it impossible to attend in the evening.

The Rockfish PTA has decided to purchase a film-strip machine for the school. To help with this purchase they will give an entertainment at the school Friday evening at about 7:30 o'clock. The entertainment will be in the form of a "Mock Trial." All friends of the school are cordially invited.

Mrs. Brown's second grade in the Raeford Graded school has organized a Wildlife Club and has begun the study of deer in connection with their Christmas unit.

The total enrollment, membership and percentage in attendance for the third month of the white schools is as follows: Ashmont 134, 130, 95.3; Hoke High 8th grade 91, 89, 89.9; 9-12 grades 267, 258, 92.8; Mildouson 89, 88, 85.8; Raeford Graded 446, 418, 92.8; Rockfish 118, 109, 96.

You will note that Rockfish leads the county in the percentage of attendance. The Hoke High guidance and physical education programs are making a name for the school all over the state. We are glad to report that the instructional program is not lagging behind the others. All pupils who enrolled in the various colleges of the state are doing well. We are especially proud of those who made the deans lists for scholarship.

The international meeting of the Childhood Education Association is to be held in Asheville next spring. This is the largest and most important educational meeting ever to be held in North Carolina. Plans are being made for representatives from the Hoke County schools to attend.

A 300 piece composite orchestra or high school players is being organized for this occasion. There will be places in this orchestra for members of the Hoke High Band if they wish to enter.

At a county wide meeting of the colored principals held Tuesday afternoon it was decided to offer the same insurance scheme to the patrons of the colored schools as was adopted by the white principals last week. This will make it a county-wide affair. We heartily recommend that every parent in the county send in to the principal of the school that their children attend the 25 cents requested for each child. This will insure each child against accident at school for the balance of this school year. It is a very little (Continued on Page 6)

Opening Service To Be Held At Parker's Sunday

The congregation of Parker's Chapel Methodist church will have the first worship service in their newly completed church building next Sunday at 12:15 p. m. This is quite an occasion for the members of the church and they have issued an invitation for the many friends of the church to come out and join them in this first worship service.

The sermon will be preached by the Rev. B. P. Robinson, retired Methodist minister of Raeford, who was for several years pastor of the Parker's church at the same time he was serving the Raeford Methodist church.

Hoke High Pupils Visit Planetarium; Also Visit Duke

(Contributed)

On Sunday, December 11, under the direction of Mrs. Arthur D. Gore, faculty adviser, the Journalism Club sponsored a trip to both Duke University and the University of North Carolina. After all the places were taken on the chartered bus. Major Lee Kirby and James Lentz volunteered their cars to take care of all the pupils who wanted to go.

The group left Raeford at 8:00 o'clock and arrived at Duke University Chapel in time for the 11:00 o'clock worship service. Professor James T. Cleland, preacher to the University, delivered the sermon. The Duke choir, composed of two hundred voices sang, "The Shepherds' Story" and a selection from "The Messiah".

In the afternoon the entire group visited the exhibit galleries and the Rotunda of the Morehead Building in Chapel Hill. They also listened to the Cathedral Chimes of the Rotunda Clock.

The highlight of the day came at 2:30 when all the pupils and their chaperones saw "Star of Bethlehem" at the Morehead Planetarium. The Christmas music, Scripture reading, and showing of the skies of Bethlehem approximately nineteen hundred and forty nine years ago were very impressive.

After seeing the show at the Planetarium the high school pupils all agreed with recent newspaper comments that to see the Planetarium was worth more than a day in school to any pupil.

Mesdames Herbert McKeithan, M. L. McKeithan, Israel Mann, Arthur D. Gore, and Miss Doris Bradley served as chaperones.

Daniel McDuffie, Raeford Native, Dies In Penna.

Daniel Gilbert McDuffie, 58-year-old civil engineer of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, died suddenly Monday morning of a heart attack at his home there at 2728 North Lawrence street.

Mr. McDuffie was born here, a son of the late John G. and Belle McDuffie, and he lived in this community until he was about 25 years of age. He was a veteran of several years service in the Navy during World War I and was a member of the American Legion.

Funeral service is being conducted in Philadelphia today and the remains will be taken to Arlington cemetery for interment.

Surviving are the widow, the former Elizabeth Bankhead of Philadelphia; one daughter, Mrs. Walter Tudor of Philadelphia; two grandchildren; two brothers, John D. and Paul A. McDuffie, both of Washington, D. C.; one sister, Mrs. Lottie Thomas of Washington also.

Post Office To Work Overtime

Postmaster Lacy Clark said this week that the post office would be open all day on Saturday, December 17 and Saturday, December 24 for the convenience of patrons.

The postmaster also urged Raeford residents to start mailing their Christmas packages right away if they haven't already done so. He said all out of State greetings should be mailed this week at the latest and thinks that local greetings should be in the post office by next Thursday.

The postmaster again warned that Christmas cards mailed with 1 1/2 cent stamps are being returned stamped "Insufficient Postage." The rate for unsealed third-class mail is now 2 cents.

Cards sent third class may not be forwarded or returned, without payment of additional postage. The postmaster stated that large numbers of 1949 cards are liable to end up in the Dead letter office due to incomplete or incorrect addresses.

If you're not sure of the address a 3-cent stamp entitles your Christmas greeting to first class postal service. The card will be forwarded from one address to another, or if the envelope bears your return address, the card will be returned to you if the addresses cannot be located, without additional charge for postage.

Christmas Music By Clee Club And Band Next Sunday P. M.

Under the direction of Miss Bradley, public school music teacher, and Mr. Renn, band director, the glee club and band will give a program of Christmas music Sunday evening, December 18 at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Recorder Hears Light Session Tuesday Morning

Less than a dozen cases were disposed of in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning before Judge Henry McDiarmid, in an unusually light session. There were quite a few cases continued, however, for trial at a later date.

James McLauchlin, colored, paid \$25 and the costs for driving without a valid driving license.

George Pierce, 16-year-old colored boy, was found guilty of peeping and got 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs and on condition of two years good behavior.

Edmond Johnson, colored, and Carl Boahn, white, each paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Jim F. West, white, was charged with disposing of mortgaged property. He entered a plea of nolo contendere and sentence was two years to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$666 to Dundarrach Trading company, holder of the mortgage. He was given until the end of 1950 to complete payment.

John W. Ellis, Jr. was found guilty of driving drunk, improperly equipped car, and carrying a concealed weapon. He got a total of five months suspended on payment of \$125 and the costs. S. S. Raymond, and L. A. DeAngelous, transient white, left bonds of \$25 each for speeding. J. W. Biggers, also white, paid \$10 and the costs for speeding.

John D. Willis and Chester McLaurin, both colored, each paid \$10 and the costs for driving improperly equipped cars.

PAGEANT AT PHILIPPI

The congregation of Philippi Presbyterian church are planning a Christmas tree and a Christmas pageant at the church on the night of next Thursday, December 22nd, at seven o'clock. The public is invited.

Still In State Of Uncertainty About Cotton Marketing Quotas

The question of marketing quotas and a drastic cut in acreage is still plaguing cotton growers of the county and many of them seem to think their problems will increase rather than decrease in the next several months.

The one problem that is a source of greatest concern is what is to become of a large number of families who make up that class of the people who are known as tenants and sharecroppers. The mechanization of farms has been tending to displace farm labor for several years, but machinery never created a situation so acute, or precipitated the same amount of concern, as the present situation is attended with.

Whether cotton quotas are to be approved or not is not likely to change the picture very much. For the cotton grower knows that without price supports and soil conservation practices he would be in a bad way for sure. In any case the prospect is not so good.

It is good argument to say that one acre of cotton grown and sold at 30 cents the pound is better than two acres sold at 15 cents, but that still leaves the question of idle lands and displaced families up in the air. It also leaves the landowner with farm equipment on his hands, and certain obligations which he must take care of regardless of how little cotton he will be permitted to plant next year.

By this time it appears that repercussions of the sharp cuts in acreage are being heard as far north as Washington and it is being predicted that some effort will be made to modify the law even for 1950's planting.

Many farmers are questioning

the uniformity and equality of the acreage cuts. Based on a crop-land formula and not a "historical" formula, the acreage cuts have run pretty deep for many growers. They are saying that the folks who made the "history" in cotton production are being penalized, and that many who did not make or who did not pressure it are getting the breaks.

What Has Happened to Cotton?

It would be well for everyone at this time to consider what has happened to cotton in the last ten to twenty years. For one thing it has been meeting fierce competition from man-made fibres, and efforts to find new uses for cotton have not kept pace with the losses to competing products.

Another thing is that crop control and price supports in the United States have had the inevitable effect of encouraging a greater production of cotton in other countries. And since American grown cotton is an exportable commodity and has always depended on the export markets, any restriction of those markets is bound to be felt in the cotton states.

And still another factor is the movement of the cotton production industry into the western states, and even as far as California where dry climate and growing conditions seem to favor cotton production of a high quality.

All in all the situation boils down to a case of having to do something about it. But to have one's acreage cut in half at one stroke is pretty severe medicine, and that is what is happening to

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Hoke High Wins From Hope Mills

Last Friday night at the local gym, the Hoke High boys and girls basketball teams defeated Hope Mills High school in two thrilling games of a doubleheader.

The girls game started the excitement with a 30-29 victory over the Hope Mills lassies. Lyda Williams, high scoring forward, shot 17 points to lead her team to victory. This was their second win in as many starts.

In the boys game Hoke High overcame a 17-12 halftime deficit to forge ahead in the last quarter emerging with a 33-31 victory. This was their first win in two starts. Billie Lester paced the boys to their victory with 10 points. Landon Yarborough and Joe Davis had 8 and 7 points respectively for runner-up. Harris paced Hope Mills with 8 points.

LOSE TWO TO ABERDEEN

On Tuesday night of this week Hoke High lost a doubleheader to Aberdeen. The Hoke High girls could not match the "dead-eye" shooting of the Aberdeen forwards. Mary Baker, sharp-shooting Aberdeen forward hit the hoops for 17 points to lead her team to a 32-24 victory. The Hoke High girls came back strong in the second half, but just couldn't match the shooting of the Aberdeen forwards. Aberdeen led at half-time, 26-6.

In the boys game again the deadly shooting accuracy of the Aberdeen boys was the downfall of the Hoke High boys as they went down in defeat 48-39. Baily Lawrence, Aberdeen center, hit the baskets for 17 points as he led his team to victory. Joe Davis led Hoke High with 11 points, while Landon Yarborough and Billie Lester had 10 and 9 points respectively. Aberdeen led at the half, 22-18, only a four point lead, but the boys just couldn't seem to overcome the lead.

Grady A. Burns Dies In Veterans Hospital Monday

Grady A. Burns, 29-year-old Raeford man, died in the Veterans hospital at Fayetteville Monday night after an illness of less than three weeks.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Burns of Raeford and was a veteran of over five years in the Army in World War II. He was overseas twice during the war, being sent to Trinidad with the 252nd C. A. in 1941 and later to India. He was overseas for over three years altogether. He was a member of the American Legion.

Military funeral is to be conducted at the Raeford Presbyterian church at a time to be announced later, depending on the arrival of a brother of the deceased from Japan.

Surviving are his parents, a brother Clarence A. Burns of the Army in Japan; and a sister, Mrs. Edward J. Webb, of Raeford.

2 Duke Students Held On Federal Hunting Charges

Two Duke University law students (by their statement) were caught by a Fort Bragg ranger sergeant, several game wardens and Heston Rose and his bloodhounds last Saturday night. They were Edwin T. Grabowski, home address not given, and Elmer Gilpatrick, Bangor, Maine.

Grabowski, who gave his age as 21, was charged on a Federal complaint signed by Sgt. John W. Dunlap, army ranger, with killing and having in his possession two doe deer, driving 75 miles an hour on the reservation, running through stop lights, having illegal firearms in his possession, hunting without license, careless and reckless driving, trespassing on military reservation, and attending.

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Chamber Plans Meeting Tonight On Bond Vote

R. B. Lewis, president of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, announced this week the Chamber would sponsor an open meeting to which the public is invited at the courthouse at eight o'clock tonight for the purpose of discussing the three issues on which the people of the town will vote in the election scheduled for December 27.

Mr. Lewis said that it was planned to have the mayor and members of the town board present and that these men would try to explain to those present just what the town wants to do with the money and that those present would be given a chance to ask questions about the proposed bond issues, where the money is going and get the opinions of the present town administration as to where the money will come from to pay off the bonds if they are issued.

The Chamber and the town administration are anxious to have those who are not in favor of the issue of the bonds to attend the meeting as well as those who favor it, and everyone present is promised a chance to speak his piece, whether for or against.

Cotton Crop Is Ahead Of 1948

The 1949 cotton crop (believe it or not) is bigger than the 1948 crop. Latest ginning figures prove it, if that is considered sufficient proof. Up to December 1 the cotton states had ginned 13,975,926 bales of cotton as compared with 12,742,152 bales in 1948.

North Carolina fell far behind in the procession, however, with a total of only 447,153 bales this year as compared with 599,939 bales in 1948. However, in 1947 the Tar Heel state had ginned only 343,396 bales up to December 1st.

Here are the figures for the several states as prepared and released by the Census Bureau at Washington:

	1949	1948
Alabama	839,019	1,076,539
Arizona	347,648	213,668
Arkansas	1,516,724	1,570,626
California	1,031,361	647,476
Florida	9,308	7,750
Georgia	584,068	688,130
Illinois	2,015	1,965
Kentucky	7,962	7,773
Louisiana	612,767	702,543
Mississippi	1,425,378	1,992,477
Missouri	429,408	395,283
New Mexico	204,731	202,735
No. Carolina	447,153	599,939
Oklahoma	503,614	335,765
South Carolina	545,047	812,523
Tennessee	545,047	555,903
Texas	4,863,982	2,915,924
Virginia	15,493	17,133

Cotton consumed during the month of October 1949, amounted to 725,602 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on October 31, was 1,130,457 bales, and in public storage and at compresses 8,365,778 bales. The number of active consuming cotton spindles for the month was 20,215,000. The total imports for the month of September 1949, were 55,889 bales and the exports of domestic cotton, excluding linters, were 211,372 bales.

TO HAVE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR PTA

A special Christmas music program will be featured on the Raeford-Hoke PTA meeting Monday evening, December 19 at 7:30 at the Raeford Graded School. Under the direction of Miss Doris Bradley the junior chorus will sing several selections. Mr. Turlington and other members of the Graded School faculty will present pageantry of Christmas scenes. The public is invited to attend.

Deane Hopeful About Getting Vass Road Paved

Understands Army Taking Steps To Pave Road Thru Reservation; Not Definite

Congressman Charles B. Deane was approached by some citizens of the county on the occasion of his recent speaking engagement here about the possibilities of getting the Raeford-Vass road paved through the Fort Bragg reservation. He has also received letters from several individuals and organizations in the county about this.

Mr. Deane made the following statement on the matter in a letter this week:

"Since several of the good citizens of Hoke County have advised with me, I have been working very diligently on ways and means by which the highway from Raeford to Little River township in your county, across the Fort Bragg reservation, may be paved. Today the Third Army headquarters in Atlanta has advised me that they are making progress on getting up a plan by means of which this highway or road may be paved."

"It appears that these are the facts in the case. The Army had granted an easement to Hoke County to use this road with the exception of days on which maneuvers are in progress. Under such conditions, the Army could not pave the road. However, the Army is now proceeding to take back the easement from the county, and as soon as this is done, it will be in position to pave the road."

The Army takes the easement back. It will still grant the public use of this road except on those days during which firing or maneuvers are in progress."

"It is my feeling that a complete Army report should be available in the early future, and (I) further promise to stay right in behind this matter until it is cleared and I have been pledged the Army's full cooperation to the end."

FARMING

By H. E. Vernon, County Agent

The North Carolina Farm Bureau, by a telegram from R. Flake Shaw, Executive Secretary, is urging the Farm Bureau in Hoke County and all cotton farmers to support the Cotton Referendum on December 15. He says that a vote against marketing quotas will not do away with acreage allotments. He further states that efforts are being made by the State organization to amend the laws immediately upon Congress renewing. In the event the cotton referendum is not carried price supports on cotton will be only 50% of parity. The Grange is likewise working to change some of the flaws in the laws that discriminate against a lot of our farmers who are depending on cotton for a living. As bad as a cut in the cotton acreage for Hoke County will be, I think if we kill cotton control on December 15 cotton farmers will be in much worse condition than they would otherwise.

The Sears Roebuck Foundation sponsored Pig Chain will hold a pig show Wednesday morning, December 21st in Raeford. Four 4-H Club boys have purebred Spotted Poland China gilts in this chain and will compete for a round \$85.00 in prize money that will be awarded at that time. The best managed and finished pig in the show will be awarded a \$20.00 prize. The 4-H pigs will be penned near the County Agent's office on that day.