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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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All schools reopened on Monday, January 2, after the Christmas holidays. All teachers and principals were in places with the exception of one Upchurch teacher who was sick. Attendance in all schools for the first two days of the New Year was good.

Most of the schools cooperating in the Christmas Seal Sale have reported. It is requested that those that have not do so at an early date.

The March of Dimes begins in January and all the schools in the county are planning an intensive campaign. The Hoke County chapter is now supporting one sufferer from polio in the Central Carolina Convalescent hospital at Greensboro. Besides this patient there are 3 others in the county receiving help. We hope that every child will make a contribution.

All schools are working on a plan for insuring all pupils while at school against accident. This insurance costs 25 cents per pupil. It is hoped that all parents will send in the 25 cents per child right away so that the insurance may go into effect. This insurance pays up to \$500.00 for medical expense; \$1000.00 for accidental death; \$5000 for total dismemberment and \$1000 to \$2500 for partial dismemberment.

The town has installed a street light on the school grounds at the Raeford Graded School. All the folks at the school and especially the faculty and PTA wish to thank town authorities for doing this.

The Hoke-Raeford PTA at a recent meeting passed the following resolution in regard to Federal Aid to Education. "Be It Resolved, by the Hoke-Raeford PTA: 1. That we believe in education; and believe it to be one of the first and most important functions of government, both local, state and federal. Therefore, we believe in the participation of each and all levels of government in the support of public education, so that, every child everywhere in these United States may have an equal opportunity to burgeon out all that is within him.

2. Now be it further resolved that we forward a copy of these resolutions to our representatives in Washington with the request that they study and seriously consider Federal Aid to Public Education without Federal control."

The Freedom PTA met at the school building Wednesday evening. The main business of the meeting was the consideration of the school insurance plan.

HIGH HOT SHOTS PLAY TOMORROW

The Hoke High Hot Shots, stellar string music making organization of Hoke High students, have been secured to play for square dance at the armory tomorrow night, Roger Dixon, dance manager for Battery A, local National Guard unit, proudly announced yesterday. The Hot Shots are headed by Landon Yarborough.

NEW MANAGER AT ELK RESTAURANT

Anthony G. Drake took over management of the Elk Restaurant here from Virgil A. Dedas first of this week. Mr. Drake, from Linden, in Cumberland county, and has had several years experience in the restaurant business.

Miss Flora Currie Buried At Bethel Monday Afternoon

Funeral services were conducted at Bethel Presbyterian church at three o'clock Monday afternoon for Miss Flora L. Currie, 87-year-old resident of Blue Springs township who died Sunday morning after a short illness. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. A. Ewart, pastor, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward and the Rev. P. O. Lee, both of Raeford. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Miss Currie was a daughter of the late Jack and Christian McKoy Currie and was a native of the Blue Springs section. She had made her home with her niece, Mrs. Etta Currie Clark.

Surviving are a brother, Jim Currie of Raeford, route one, and a number of nieces and nephews.

John H. Currie Buried Here Sunday Afternoon

John Hector Currie, native of the Antioch section of the county, died in the Atlantic Coast line hospital in Waycross, Georgia, last Friday and was buried in Raeford cemetery at three o'clock Sunday afternoon. He had been ill for several weeks.

Mr. Currie was 62 years of age and was a son of the late Dr. Angus Currie and Mrs. Ida McPhaul Currie of this county. He was a conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad for about 40 years and had lived in Waycross since he was a young man.

Funeral services were conducted in Waycross Saturday afternoon by the Rev. F. M. Bradwell, pastor of the deceased, and a short graveside service was held here Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Thomas Fry of Red Springs, Dr. Louis LaMotte of Maxton and the Rev. W. B. Heyward of Raeford. Pallbearers were cousins of the deceased.

Surviving are his wife, the former Corrie Currie, of this county; two sons, Robert Moore and John Currie, and relatives out of the state attending the service were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chambless, W. G. Conolly, James Conolly of Waycross, Agnes McConley of Columbia, C. J. A. McPhaul of Richmond, and Miss Maude Leach of York city.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE

A. McGoogan, chairman of the 1949 Christmas seal sale in this county, said yesterday in response to the sale of seals and bonds had been good and that over 100,000 individual contributions had been received. She said the sale was excellent, but that business contributions for bonds was somewhat lower than last year. Funds will continue to be accepted through January 15 and Mrs. McGoogan asks that all who may intend to contribute to do so before that date. She also expressed her personal appreciation to all who have responded to the appeal.

SENIOR MISSIONARY TO LEAVE SUNDAY NIGHT

Everyone is cordially invited to the departure of Dr. Hudson McMillan next Sunday evening at 7:30 at the First Church. Dr. McMillan has been a missionary to China for a number of years, and was forced to come home on furlough because of Communicative pressure. He is coming home Dr. McMillan has been kept very busy filling missionary speaking engagements throughout the Southern Baptist convention territory. Dr. McMillan will be speaking at 6:30 to the Adult Training Union.

Bruce's Going; Landmark Doomed

Walter Duncan "Preacher Man" Brown owner and operator of the Raeford Hardware company, said this week he planned to move the hardware store into the building being vacated this week by the Bruce 5 & 10c store, which is closing.

Preacher said he was going to move as soon as he could get around to it to the store building between Amos Furniture company and the Raeford Barber shop, and that when he did get moved he was going to tear down the old Raeford Hardware company building he is now in, oldest building on the Main street, having been built in 1902. He says he hasn't planned any further.

Recorder Hears 16 Cases Tuesday In Light Session

In Hoke county recorder's court Tuesday morning Judge Henry McDiarmid sent the case in which Marion Blue, Jr., colored, was charged with peeping to Clerk of the Court J. B. Cameron for trial in juvenile court, when it appeared that Blue was only 15. When the prosecuting witnesses were not interested enough in trouble to appear at the trial Cameron dismissed the charges and let young Blue go with a good talking to.

Willie F. Dobbin, colored, was charged by his wife with assaulting her by shooting at her foot with a .22 rifle. They had patched it up by court time, however, and she wanted to "take up the papers." Judge McDiarmid let Dobbin go on payment of the costs.

Cleveland Farmer, colored, was charged with selling property on which C. J. Benner held a mortgage and for which he held a check. The court let Farmer's 30-day sentence be suspended on payment of the costs and for the property. It cost him about \$25 altogether.

Prince B. Parrish, Jr., white, got 90 days suspended on \$100 and the costs for driving drunk. Oscar Leslie, colored, was charged with carrying his shotgun off his premises on Sunday (Christmas Day) and with discharging it where he shouldn't have. Evidence indicating that little or no harm was done, the judge let him go on payment of the costs.

Jim Arnold, colored man who claimed to be a preacher and who vigorously denied his guilt, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and sentence of 30 days was suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs.

Edwin Cox, white, was found guilty of stealing wood from the land of B. P. and Frank Townsend. 30-day sentence was suspended on payment of the costs and \$15 for the wood.

Sherman McRae, colored, was charged with parking on the highway and Sandy McRae, who ran into him, was charged with careless and reckless driving. Sherman had to pay the costs and Sandy got 90 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

Four speeding tourists left bonds of \$25 each and one left only \$15, that being all he had to leave. Another, for passing in the face of oncoming traffic, also left \$15. For having improperly equipped cars Jimmie Locklear and John S. Pierce, both Indians, paid \$10 and the costs each.

BUY GROCERY STORE

Robert Currie and Rex Bullock have bought the stock and leased the building where the Walter Parks grocery has been operating. They are running a grocery store and gasoline station there and William Clark is at present serving as manager.

SPEAKER



BALMER H. KELLY, Th. M. The Raeford Presbyterian church announced this week a series of sermons to be delivered on Sunday nights by Professor Balmer H. Kelly, Th. M., associate professor of biblical interpretation at Union Theological seminary in Richmond, Virginia. The subject of the series will be "The Apostles' Creed," and Professor Kelly will speak on each Sunday night remaining in January. The hour on Sunday evenings is seven o'clock.

Mr. Kelly has been a member of the seminary faculty since 1943. He studied at King College, Union Seminary and Princeton Theological seminary, serving at the latter for a year as a teaching fellow. He holds a temporary appointment as director of public relations for the seminary and was recently elected editor of the seminary's new quarterly, "Interpretation."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The amateur girls basketball team which was organized here recently will play a like team from Barnesville here Monday and one from Parkton here next Wednesday. Both games will be in the gymnasium.

Traffic Fatalities Drop In Month Of November

Raleigh, N. C.—For the first time since May, traffic fatalities in North Carolina took a downward turn in November as compared with the same month last year, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

Seventy-six persons were killed on the highways last month as compared with 79 for November, 1948, a three per cent decrease. Injuries and accidents showed an increase over last year but were less than the record high month of October of this year. A total of 894 injuries were reported, a 23 per cent increase over the 735 of November, 1948. Accidents numbered 2,023, a 24 per cent increase. October's statistics showed 83 killed, 980 injured. In 2,287 accidents.

November's fatalities brought the total for the first 11 months of the year to 762, an increase of 15 per cent over the 662 recorded last year. Injuries totaled 8,802, up 2,139 over last year, and accidents, 18,906, up 4,480.

Thirty persons died when the vehicles in which they were riding ran off the roadway, representing an 11 per cent increase over the 27 killed in this manner in November of 1948. Twenty-one pedestrians were killed, an 11 per cent increase over the 19 killed in the same month last year. Collisions of vehicles accounted for 14 deaths, a 30 per cent decrease under the 20 killed last November. Train-car collisions killed four persons and two bicyclists were traffic fatalities.

Chowan and Durham counties led the State in fatalities with four persons killed in each county.

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Car Hits Pole; No Serious Injuries

At about eleven-thirty last Saturday night the car in which four Hoke High school students were riding up Main street hit a telephone pole about Starr McMillan's house. Car was a Mercury, property of Oscar Maxwell. Driver was Robert McGirt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edison McGirt, and passengers were Archie Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Maxwell, Mary Sue Upchurch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Upchurch, and Daisy Dean Morris, niece of Mrs. Carson Davis who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Miss Morris suffered a slight brain concussion and has been a patient at Moore county hospital where she is expected to be discharged today. Other injuries were not serious, except Miss Upchurch suffered somewhat from shock and had to stay in bed several days.

The telephone pole was a casualty and had to be replaced and the car also took a pretty bad beating.

Farm Specialist Gives His Idea On 1950 Prospects

QUESTION: What is the general agricultural outlook for 1950?

ANSWER: M. S. Williams, farm management specialist, says that for the country as a whole, farm prices probably will decline about 10 per cent. For North Carolina, the decline may be slightly less. Cost of most production items will remain high. There are little prospects for price declines in machinery and equipment, fertilizer, and other major cost items. Consequently, North Carolina farmers in general can expect lower net incomes in 1950 than in 1949, unless steps are taken to adjust to the changing price picture. The post-war rise in agricultural prices has been lost. From the peak in January, 1948, farm prices in the U. S. have declined nearly 20 per cent and are now back to about the level of July, 1946. This decline has been cushioned in part by price supports.

The average farmer, says Williams, will not need to retrench but should be sure of markets before expanding production. Long-time plans should be made on the basis of conservative prices for products to be sold.

The support price for tobacco will be slightly higher in 1950, due to the new parity formula, and prices will probably be about the same as in 1949. Other crops and livestock prices will no doubt be lower than in 1949. In 1950, the support price will determine the price of major crops and livestock and livestock products. The price of tobacco, cotton, peanuts, corn and wheat probably will be at or near support level, assuming a normal crop year.

The present government acreage control program on cotton, peanuts, corn and wheat seems sure to continue and probably will be expanded to include other crops. Control of livestock production may be in the picture in the next few years.

The present price support program, enacted into law in 1949, seems almost certain to be changed in 1950. Long-time plans must be based on efficient production rather than on anticipated price support level. It seems probable that some kind of support prices will be continued, but sooner or later at lower levels.

TOWN GETS ENGINEER

Mayor W. L. Poole said yesterday that Paul M. Van Camp of Southern Pines had been employed by the Town of Raeford as engineer to lay out the work to be done on water and sewer lines with the bond money the town recently voted.

Mrs. W. H. Ellis Buried At Bethel Last Thursday

Funeral services were conducted last Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Catherine Ellis, who died in Moore county hospital on Wednesday after an illness of about two weeks following a fall in which she broke her hip. The service was conducted at her home by the Rev. P. O. Lee, assisted by the Rev. W. L. Maness of Gibson and the Rev. W. B. Heyward. Burial followed in the cemetery at Bethel Presbyterian church. Pallbearers were all grandsons of the deceased.

Mrs. Ellis was the widow of the late William Henry Ellis who passed away last June 15 at the age of 85. Mrs. Ellis was 80 at the time of her death. She was born in this county, daughter of the late Jack and Margaret Caddell Currie.

She is survived by two sons, Wallace and Clifton Ellis of this county; five daughters, Misses Margaret and Eunice of the home, Mrs. Harvey Ennis and Mrs. Barton Hardister of Durham, and Mrs. Martin McKeithan of Raeford; a brother, J. C. Currie of Route one; several grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A half-sister, Miss Flora Currie survived Mrs. Ellis but died Sunday morning.

Boys Win Prizes In Pig Competition

Leon Cameron, Jr. and Billy Black were Blue Ribbon winners in the Hoke County pig chain and show, sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. Each of these 4-H club boys received \$20 in prize money for raising and fitting their purebred Spotted Poland China gilts to win this class. The Red Ribbon winner was Laverne Mays, who received \$15 in prize money. Bobby McBryde's gilt pig placed in the White Ribbon class for \$7.50 in prizes.

The Sears Foundation lends the money to 4-H boys to purchase purebred pigs of the same breed and size which are later brought together for judging and awarding prizes. According to the County Agent, all of these boys received pigs of the same size and from the same litter. Leon and Billy were awarded the larger prizes for their better feeding and management indicated by the size and quality of their gilts. Leon and Billy are from the Raeford 4-H club, Laverne from Ashmont, and Bobby from the Hoke High club.

Changes At Bank First Of Year

A. B. Hamilton left the Bank of Raeford the first of the year to accept a position as cashier of the Security Bank and Trust company in Kannapolis. This is a branch of the same bank in Salisbury and will open soon. Mrs. Hamilton and daughters plan to join him there as soon as quarters are available.

Replacing Mr. Hamilton at the Bank of Raeford is James Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander. James is a graduate of Hoke high school and a veteran of several years navy service.

APPRECIATION

Many parents and others in the community wish to express their appreciation to Ben Hurley of the Carolina Power and Light company and Teacher W. P. Phillips and his agriculture class for their efforts toward making the community Christmas tree a great success.

Production of frozen concentrated orange juice has increased rapidly during the last few years and reached a total of 10 million gallons last season.

Farm Agent Plans To Leave Work Here February 1

Herman Vernon Submits His Resignation Tuesday; To Return To Nash County

County Farm Agent Herman E. Vernon submitted his resignation to the Hoke county board of commissioners at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, and it was accepted to be effective on February 1st. Mr. Vernon will have been here only eleven months when he leaves, but he has become very popular with the farmers and other people of the county in that time, and his leaving will be learned of with regret by many.

Mr. Vernon's reason for resigning is to take over the management of the estate of Mrs. Vernon's father, the late Henry A. Braswell. The estate consists primarily of farming interests in Nash and Edgecombe counties, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon and son will return to Whitakers, Mrs. Vernon's home town.

Mrs. Vernon has one sister. Her only brother died during the war when a prisoner of the Japanese. He was being carried to Japan on a ship that was destroyed by American action.

Mr. Vernon expressed his regret at having to leave this county after having been here such a short time, and said that he had liked Hoke county and the people very much.

No news as to who his successor would be was available yesterday.

Local Lawyers Attend Meeting In Lumberton

Four attorneys of Raeford were among those present at the annual Christmas dinner meeting of the Ninth Judicial District Bar association which was held in Lumberton recently. They were H. W. B. Whitley, G. B. Rowland, N. McNair Smith and Charles Hostetler. Hostetler was elected secretary-treasurer of the association for the coming year. Frank McNeill of Lumberton was chosen president and James Nance of Fayetteville vice-president. J. M. Andrews of Hoke county was named a member of the executive committee.

Special guests presented included Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell of the State Supreme court, Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle and former Congressman J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville. Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh was the toastmaster and Richard E. Thigpen of Charlotte was the speaker.

Prior to adjournment the assembly stood in silence in memory of the late Thomas A. McNeill, Ninth district solicitor for many years.

Hoke High Cage Teams Take Two From Rowland

On Tuesday night Raeford swept a twin-bill from Rowland. The Raeford girls took their game from Rowland 29-13. Lyda Williams, high scoring forward, paced Raeford with 10 points. Sarah Cole had 6 for runner-up honors. Knight lead Rowland with 11 points. Raeford led at the half 17-3.

In the finale game of the night the Raeford boys trounced the Rowland boys 30-19. Billie Lester led Raeford with 10 points. Davis and Phillips had 8 points each for runner-ups. McPhail and Brake had 6 points apiece to pace Rowland. Raeford led at the half 20-9.