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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

At a principals meeting Tuesday afternoon some of the commencement dates for the white schools were set. Graduation exercises were set for Wednesday evening, May 31, Skip Day, May 31; Seventh Grade Promotion Day, Tuesday, May 30; Baccalaureate Sermon, Sunday May 28. Dates for other closing exercises will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements were made at the principals meeting for a county-wide spelling match for elimination previous to a spelling match that will be broadcast from station WEWO about the last of April.

A great deal of interest in spelling is being evidenced by the pupils in the various schools as the various interschool matches indicate. Matches have been held between Rockfish and Mildouson, Mildouson and Ashemont, and Ashemont and Rockfish. Next Friday Mildouson will come to the Raeford Graded school for a match and the following Friday Ashemont will be here.

Miss Lunette Barber of the State Wild Life Commission came to Ashemont to take pictures of the bird houses made by the pupils. She also expected to get pictures of the beaver dams and houses discovered by the pupils in nearby creeks and branches. Owing to the bad weather she didn't get the last mentioned pictures and will return at a later date for them.

Last Monday Mrs. Shelton's room of the Raeford Graded school went to Ashemont for a meeting with the Ashemont 5th grade under Miss Thornburg. The purpose of the trip was to exchange ideas with the Ashemont Wild Life club. A most profitable meeting was held. Both clubs got new ideas that could be put into practice in their local club work.

Yesterday Mrs. Ruria Shelton, Miss Hilda Priest and J. W. Turlington went to Lumberton to a science meeting sponsored by the State Department of Public Instruction. Discussions were held as to the teaching of science both in the elementary and high school.

Mrs. R. A. Matheson, teacher in the Raeford Graded School and Mrs. C. S. Osment, Elementary Supervisor, attended the school clinics at Duke University hospital yesterday.

The final phase of the school health program for the year, which will deal largely with corrections, has been worked out. There will be the closest cooperation between the schools, health department and welfare department. With all of these agencies working in cooperation a great deal should be done before June 30.

The final meeting of Group 4 of the Colored schools was held at the Laurel Hill school. A resume of the work done in reading was given. A great deal of progress both in methods and in results was shown.

Below is a schedule of the preschool clinics to be held this spring. It is suggested that parents clip this schedule and keep it so that they may be ready to take their children to the place indicated for their school. It is hoped that all parents will cooperate and that every child who will enter school for the first time next fall will attend.

Attention is called to the fact that according to law only children who are 6 years old on or before October the first are eligible. (Continued on Page 4)

Bill Horner Is After Seat Now Held By Deane

W. E. Horner, publisher of the Sanford Herald and former member of the North Carolina General Assembly, is a candidate for Congress from the Eighth District, and will oppose Congressman Charles B. Deane of Rockingham, who is a candidate for another term.

Horner ran in 1946 for the seat in Congress then held by Miss Jane Pratt, who was appointed to serve the unexpired portion of the term of Congressman W. O. Burgin, who died April 11, 1946, after having announced that he would not be a candidate for another term.

Horner was defeated in the primary by the present Eighth District Congressman, Charles B. Deane in a close contest by less than 400 votes out of 37,000 cast. Mr. Deane had no opposition in 1948.

Horner describes himself as a middle-of-the-roader and as being opposed to big government and too much taxing and spending.

Rev. Ben Houston, Former Pastor Here, Dies At Weldon

The Rev. Benjamin Herriott Houston, 60, died early last Thursday morning at his home in Weldon after an illness of a year. He was pastor of the Raeford Methodist church from 1932 until 1935.

He was a native of Brunswick, Ga., but grew up in Wilmington and graduated at Duke. He studied theology at Emory University in Atlanta and obtained his B. D. there in 1926. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a veteran of World War I and was for a time a missionary of the Methodist church in Brazil.

Funeral services were conducted at the Weldon Methodist church at two o'clock Friday afternoon by Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the Rocky Mount Methodist district, and burial was in Riverside Park, Smithfield.

He married the former Laura Crump of Wilmington, who survives with three children, Laurie Houston Barlow of Alfred University, New York; Ben, Jr., of the Dental school of the Medical College of Virginia; and Bob Houston of Davidson college; one grandchild; two sisters and two brothers.

PTA SEES FILM

The Hoke-Raeford PTA held its March meeting Monday evening, March 20 in the Raeford Graded School auditorium, with Mrs. Neill McFadyen presiding.

During the business session the following officers were elected: Mrs. Robert Gatlin, president; Mrs. Tommie Upchurch, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Greene, treasurer and Mrs. Chandler Roberts, secretary.

Mrs. Thomas Cameron had charge of the program. Mrs. Cameron explained the film "Our Challenge," which was then presented on the screen. Mary Sue Upchurch read the script and made necessary explanations. This filmstrip was prepared under the direction of the United States Chamber of Commerce and gave an over all view of the way business looked at and valued education.

PRESBYTERIAN HAVE ANNUAL CHURCH NIGHT

The congregation of the Raeford Presbyterian church had its annual "Church Night" at the church last Wednesday night. The program included reports from all the various departments of the church on their activities during the year and was followed by a supper for all members of the church and Sunday School in the basement.

Lions Club Show Today And Friday

"It's A Date," the local talent show being sponsored by the Raeford Lion's club for the benefit of the girl scouts, will be presented tonight and tomorrow night in the auditorium of the Hoke county high school. Curtain time is 8:11 p. m.

Rehearsals have been underway for about 10 days under the direction of Miss Shirley Mahoney and the show will have a cast of about 75 local people who will impersonate famous radio characters.

Lead parts will be played by Miss Martha Ben Gullede and Bill Kibler, and stalwarts in the cast will include such funny men as Starr McMillan and Ed Smith.

Senate Told A & P Makes Only 1c Lb. On Coffee

The great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company has made only slightly more than a penny a pound profit before taxes on its coffee sales the past two years, a senate subcommittee investigating coffee prices was told.

Francis M. Kurtz, president of A&P's coffee division and its affiliated American Coffee corporation, informed the committee that in the two-year period ended Feb. 25, the food store chain had an identical net profit in each year of .0105 cents per pound before taxes.

The period covered included the last few months of 1949 and the early part of this year when sharp rises in coffee prices caused the committee to undertake the current investigation.

Kurtz told the committee what A&P "has done to keep the prices of its coffee at relatively low levels, often 20 cents or more per pound lower than the retail price of other coffees."

The coffee official, a veteran of 28 years in the industry, said the company's one-cent margin "is the total profit A&P receives for procuring and processing the green coffee, importing, roasting, packing, transporting, grinding, retailing it to the American consumer who buys it in our stores."

"To my knowledge," he said, "this is the first time A&P has ever divulged its profit per pound of coffee, and I am personally sorry that it has been done before as it is an accomplishment of which any company in any country can rightfully be proud." A&P's coffee is "priced much lower than other brands" for two reasons, Kurtz said.

"The first lies in A&P's business philosophy—that we should sell the best possible food at the lowest possible prices," he said. "The second is found in our method of buying, processing and retailing coffee."

By distributing its own coffee in its own stores which have built up a steady day-to-day demand, he said, A&P is able to schedule its buying and processing operations in an orderly, efficient manner. "We do not take a speculative position at any time, he said. "Nor do we do any hedging, or have any transactions on any coffee exchange. We simply buy green coffee, import it, roast and pack it, and supply our stores with enough to take care of the demands of our customers."

When prices began to soar, he said, A&P had two alternatives. One was to sell its coffee without increases until stocks were exhausted and then boost prices as much as 25 cents a pound overnight on the basis of the higher replacement costs.

"The second alternatives was to move up in price to a level still well below replacement cost, he said, and hold that price until any abnormal pickup on our inventory was entirely handed back to the consumer."

Kurtz said A&P chose the second method and thus was able to (Continued on page 4)

SPEAKER



DR. JOHN A. MACKAY

FMC Seniors To Hear Mackay

Dr. James Alexander Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the 54th graduating class at Flora Macdonald college on May 28, Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson, president of the college has announced.

Born in Inverness, Scotland, in the place so closely associated with Flora Macdonald's traditions as the birthplace of the Scottish heroine for whom the college was named, Dr. Mackay began his education at the University of Aberdeen, from which he received his M. A. degree in 1912, with first class honors in Philosophy. Awarded the Fullerton Fellowship in Philosophy, he came to the United States and entered Princeton Seminary, receiving the B. D. degree in 1915.

In 1916, he went to Peru as a pioneer educational missionary from the Free Church of Scotland and founded the Anglo-Peruvian College, which has become one of the leading Protestant institutions in Latin America. In 1936, he was elected president of Princeton Seminary, the oldest and largest Presbyterian Seminary in the United States.

Of significant interest is the fact that in addition to his many other degrees, the degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred on Dr. Mackay by Princeton University, Aberdeen University in Scotland, the University of Hungary, and Presbyterian College in Montreal, Canada.

Benson H. Tuttle Dies In Hamlet

Funeral services for Benson H. Tuttle, 54, who died in Hamlet of a heart attack Saturday night, were held Monday morning at the Hamlet Presbyterian church. The services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. I. Howell. He was buried with military honors in Hillside cemetery in Laurinburg.

Mr. Tuttle was a veteran of World War I, and worked for a furniture store in Hamlet. He was a brother of Mrs. C. R. Suddreth of Raeford and his wife was a sister of Mrs. Roland Covington of Raeford.

He is survived by his wife, the former Annette Gordon, two daughters, five brothers and two sisters.

GRADUATES AT STATE

Kenneth McNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. McNeill of Raeford, has finished his work at North Carolina State college for his degree of B.S. in Agriculture. He will return in June to the regular commencement exercises at which time the degree will be presented to him.

Flue-cured tobacco prices last year averaged 47.2 cents a pound, 2.4 cents per pound less than in 1948. Burley prices averaged nearly 45 cents a pound, down a cent from those of the previous season.

Hoke High Students To Get Instruction In Driving Safety

Students of Hoke High school will have an opportunity at 1:30 p. m. Friday, March 24th to see for themselves how the false impression and sense of security that a driver of a modern automobile gets, can and does, often lead into the danger zone and trouble, when they participate in a series of driving tests, W. T. Gibson, Jr., principal has announced.

The tests, which will be in two parts, will be given under the direction of George M. Tewksbury, Jr. safety engineer, of the Farm Bureau insurance companies.

The first section will be a lecture and movie in the Hoke High School auditorium, while the second will be a demonstration on the North end of Main street, one block East of the school. Mr. Tewksbury will also demonstrate the correct and incorrect driving habits.

High point of the demonstration will come, however, when driving tests are made with various students and faculty members in the specially equipped car of Tewksbury. Three revolvers which are mounted on the front bumper of the car will fire yellow paint bullets to indicate the distance required to stop the car in an emergency.

The driver being tested will be signalled to stop by a red light mounted above the radiator. The first paint bullet will be fired automatically at the same instant the stop signal is flashed. The second will be fired automatically when the brake is applied and the third when the car halts. Distance between the spots of paint will then be measured to determine the reaction and braking distances.

Tests will be limited to 20, 30 and 40 mile per hour speeds because of the danger in making emergency stops at higher speeds. Police officers will be used as drivers in the high speed tests.

As part of a program for safety on the highway, the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies have presented the driving demonstration and test before the student bodies of more than 3000 high schools and colleges in 12 states. The program is being brought to Raeford under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club.

The public is invited to attend the lecture as well as the demonstration.

Dr. Morgan In St. Pauls

Rev. F. Crossley Morgan, D.D., who is well-known to Presbyterians and others in this section as a Bible student from his lectures in the Raeford Presbyterian church, will conduct a series of lectures in the St. Pauls Presbyterian church next week, the pastor, the Rev. R. H. Poole, has announced.

Dr. Morgan will speak at the morning and evening service on Sunday and will hold services at 10 a. m. and each evening Monday through Friday of next week. The general theme of the morning conferences starting March 26 will be "Bird's Eye Views of the Gospel According to Matthew." Theme for the evening conferences will be "Christ in the Presence of Human Need."

TO ORGANIZE CLUB AT ROCKFISH FRIDAY

There will be a meeting at the Rockfish schoolhouse on Friday, March 24, at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of organizing a Ruritan club for the community. All businessmen and farmers in the community are invited to participate. The club is for the purpose of community betterment and must have at least one-third farmers.

Phone Company Reports On Its Progress In 1949

In an advertisement in this issue the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company reports on its progress in 1949 and concludes that it is "catching up."

The ad states that the company installed 28,286 telephones last year and that 7,224 of these were rural telephones. It also says that \$4,394,183 was spent on equipment and material in its system during 1949.

In a more detailed breakdown for Raeford and vicinity, R. M. Gupton, the company's manager for the Red Springs district of which Raeford is a part, said that the company had spent \$36,878.49 in adding to its plant investment in Raeford since 1945 and \$20,776.49 in 1949.

Mr. Gupton said that 164 telephones had been added to the local exchange since 1945 and that 66 of these were in 1949. He said that 22 rural telephones were added to the Raeford exchange last year and that there were now a total of 461 telephones on the exchange.

Within the past two weeks workmen of the company have rewired all telephones in the business district of Raeford.

In its advertisement, the company pledges to continue to expand its service as rapidly as possible.

J. Arthur McRae Passes Sunday In Red Springs

James Arthur McRae, 61, died at his home in Red Springs at about nine o'clock last Sunday night.

He was born in Robeson county September 14, 1888, son of the late Lucius and Carolina Purcell McRae. He attended Davidson college where he was prominent in athletics. He came to Raeford in the fall of 1912 and taught school for two or three years and was for a time bookkeeper for the Hoke Mercantile company. He was elected Superintendent of Hoke county school in 1917, but resigned the position after a few months. He is also remembered by some as having been quite a baseball player while he was here.

In Red Springs he was senior elder of the Presbyterian church, and was for 26 years clerk of the session. He was cashier of the Scottish bank for 16 years and at the time of his death was office manager for the J. F. Blue Lumber company.

Funeral was held at the Red Springs Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Thomas A. Fry, and burial was in Alloway cemetery. Surviving are his wife, the former Lina Ruth Beck of Durham, and one son, James A. McRae, Jr.

IN SPEAKING CONTEST

Mary Sue Upchurch, Hoke county winner in the contest sponsored by the North Carolina Banker's association on "Social Aspects of Soil Erosion in North Carolina," went to Carthage last Friday where she competed with the winners from six other counties in the district. The contest for the district was won by Lee Scarborough of Mount Gilead.

CLASS AT ANTIOCH

A Presbytery Officer's Training class will be held at the Antioch Presbyterian church next Wednesday, March 29. The class will be for all the Presbyterial officers, local officers and general members of the church throughout the Presbytery. All members are urged to attend. Registration will begin at 10:00 o'clock and classes will start at 10:30 o'clock.

Miss Maude Poole of Belmont was at home for the week end.

16 Speeders Payoff; Fighters, Liquor Violators Do Same

Six colored people of Stonewall township appeared in recorder's court Tuesday before Judge Henry McDiarmid on charges of participating in a free-for-all fight in which knives, axes, fists and teeth were used. The State took a nol pros in the case against one of them, Lester Scriven. Sam, Ed and Margaret Scriven and Maggie Richardson all pled guilty and Tom Smith pled not guilty but was found guilty. Smith apparently got the worst of the affair and had a doctor to pay, so the judge gave him 60 days to be suspended on payment of the costs. The others got 60 days each to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs by each. Some paid and some are out getting up the money and some are in jail. Ed Scriven also paid the costs for carrying his rifle off his premises on Sunday.

Willie Foster Hunt, Indian, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws in two cases. He had been brought here from Scotland county on a capias, having failed to appear for his trial when he was previously called. He got 4 months to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs. He paid part of the money and the judge let him go on promise to pay the remainder by April 1.

Richard and Worth Jones, Indians, got 4 months each on the roads for violating the prohibition laws, and sentences were suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs by each. Alvesta McGregor, Willie J. McGregor and Brooks Thornton, all colored, each paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly. Thelma Lowery, Indian, and William E. Thomas, colored soldier, each paid \$25 and the costs for driving without driver's license.

The 16 speeders who either paid \$10 and the costs or forfeited \$25 bonds were J. J. Weisbrad, J. R. Charette, Louis Trammontin, J. N. Aquilino, Earl S. Wood, Raymond H. Danboise, Ruth Appleton, John T. Cash, Clement Cluz, W. A. Byrne, Carla Stoop Dockerell, Roy E. Geise, Milton Rowe, W. C. Wright, Jr. and John Shakinian, all white, and Hull Morrison, colored.

B. B. Currie, 79, of the Shannon community, died at his home Saturday night after an illness of four months. Mr. Currie had been a resident of the community for about 60 years and an elder in the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian church for a number of years.

B. B. Currie, 79 Dies At Shannon; Funeral Monday

Funeral was conducted at the church at four o'clock Monday afternoon by the Rev. W. A. Brown, pastor of the Parkton Presbyterian church, assisted by the Rev. Graham Eubank, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church of Red Springs. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Bertha Hardesty, of the home and of the faculty of Raeford Graded school, Kate Currie and Lina Currie of Charlotte, Mrs. Isabelle Leonard of Rahway, N. J.; one son, A. B. Currie of Great Falls, S. C., and seven grandchildren.

NAVY QUOTA UNLIMITED

The quota for U. S. Navy enlistments is now unlimited it was learned this week from Lt. Com. P. C. Brown, Jr., USN, Officer in Charge of the Navy Recruiting Station, Raleigh, N. C. This unlimited quota was due to an increase of 1,000 enlistments for the month. Brown said, "All men who can pass the mental and physical examinations will be enlisted."