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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The Ashmont School is giving their yearly spring exercises tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, barring further cases of mumps and measles. This school has had the worst epidemic of these diseases in the county.

The program will consist of a playlet given by Mrs. Smoak's room, "Helen's Dream." Miss Womble's room will give "When the Pie Was Opened," and Miss Thornburg's room will give "Trial of the Birds". This one grew out of this room's extensive wildlife study this year. The script was furnished by the State Wildlife Commission.

These three rooms will be assisted in their production by the larger students in Mr. Smoak's room. Everyone is cordially invited.

Band Concert Tonight

The Hoke High Band, under the direction of J. B. Renn, bandmaster, will give their spring concert tonight in the Hoke High auditorium at 8 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Raeford Graded school is putting on its "May Festival" tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. If the weather is fair the show will be given in the yard in front of the school building. It is suggested that parents and friends who attend bring their own chairs or stools. The production will last from 45 minutes to an hour. In case of rain the exercises will be held in the auditorium. Everyone is invited.

The yearly eye clinic will be held in the County Health Department next Wednesday and Thursday, May 10 and 11. This clinic is being put on by the schools, health and welfare departments with the assistance of the State Blind Commission, and the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. The Wednesday clinic will be for white and Indians, the Thursday one for colored.

The McFarland school is putting on its regular May Day program tomorrow at 1:00 p. m. All parents and patrons are invited.

The Indian schools of the county are having educational day tomorrow, beginning about noon. An educational program will be given followed by a spelling match. Later in the afternoon a ball game will be played. All parents and friends of the schools are invited.

A reading meeting for beginners in the 19 elementary colored schools of the county was held at Shady Grove Saturday and 61 pupils participated. 89 pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th grades met at Bowmore recently to take part in a written spelling contest. Friendship won first place, Burlington second and Fry's Mission third. 250 words were spelled and there were six perfect papers.

PRESTON KELLY, JR. DIES IN TROY MONDAY

Funeral services for Preston Kelly, Jr., 42, who died in a Troy hospital early Monday morning, were held in Mt. Gilead at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in the family cemetery in Mt. Gilead.

Mr. Kelly had operated one of the largest turkey farms in the state up until last December when ill health forced him to discontinue this work.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Bennie McFadyen of this county, a son, Pat, aged 10 and a daughter, Gail, aged 5, and several brothers and sisters in Mt. Gilead.

HOKE COUNTY GIRL QUEEN OF MAY AT FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE



May Day at Flora Macdonald college was held Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Pictured above is the May Queen and her court. Reading from left to right around the circle, are: Elizabeth McGoogan, Judith Powers, Eleanor Lanier, Lois Kinlaw, Jacqueline Adele Blackwell, maid of honor; Betty McLean, May Queen; Mary Raye Freeman, Lois Brown, Martha Landis, Margaret Powell. In the center, left to right, are Anne Brinn, Mary Hamilton Heyward and Sandra Blythe, train bearers; Angus McDonald, crown bearer, and Patricia McRae. Misses McLean and Freeman, Little Misses Heyward and Blythe and Angus McDonald are all of Hoke County. (Photo by Alton McNeill, Jr.)

Commissioners Have Monthly Meeting

The Hoke county board of commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the courthouse on Monday. Items on the agenda were largely routine.

The surface treating of the road in Stonewall township from Ed Jordan farm to Sandy Grove church was approved. This amounts to 1.2 miles of road.

The board approved a contract with John Murdoch McDuffie in the amount of \$2265 for the extension to the county office building. This extension, to provide more office space for the Production and Marketing administration, is to be in the west side of the building, twenty by thirty feet.

The board approved welfare items on the budget for next year as follows: aid to the blind, \$1503.60 (about 20% of total Federal, State and county funds spent) aid to dependent children, \$3600, same as previous year; Old age assistance raised to \$10,800 from \$9,000.

The board unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the action by the precinct meetings in the county last Saturday in asking for use by the registrars of the old registration books to get a complete new registration of voters in the county for the primary May 27.

The board also approved minor repairs to the Allendale community house.

HORNER NAMES COLE CAMPAIGN MANAGER

The News-Journal apologizes to any who may have gone to Mildouson school on last Thursday night to hear a speech by Candidate for Congress Bill Horner, because Horner made his speech on Wednesday night. Correct notice was given in the paper week before last but last week's paper said Thursday night instead of Wednesday.

Horner, who is now running against C. B. Deane for the eighth district seat in Congress now occupied by Deane, last week announced his appointment of Alfred Cole as his campaign manager in this county. Cole says there was a good crowd out to hear the candidate and his music at Mildouson, and that they heard a good speech.

AT CONVENTION

Local doctors attended sessions of the North Carolina Medical Society which met in Pinehurst the first of the week.

MAIL SCHEDULE

Some talk of people still not knowing just what the local mail schedule is since the jitney quit carrying it caused us to get it from Postmaster Lacy Clark and it is reprinted below. Mr. Clark says that the times given are actual departure times and that the mail has been made up a few minutes then and letters brought at the last minute will not usually make it.

Mail comes from Fayetteville and leaves to Aberdeen at 8:00 a. m.; from Aberdeen to Fayetteville at 10:30 a. m.; from Fayetteville to Aberdeen at 3:00 p. m.; from Aberdeen to Fayetteville at 5:00 p. m.; from Laurinburg at 11:30 a. m.; to Laurinburg at 4:00 p. m.

Rain Finally Comes Ending Dry Spell

A substantial amount of rain fell in this section over the past week end and on Monday and Tuesday. It was still cloudy yesterday but there was little precipitation. The water was welcomed by farmers with thanksgiving as the ground was generally in a parched condition and crops were mostly needing it to get out of the ground.

Many farmers, with tobacco plants large enough to set out, had been waiting for a soaking rain to begin planting.

Rainfall was also needed to make the cotton and corn and other seeds germinate and come up. Small grain and home gardens had been hard hit by the dry spell. Forest fires were quite prevalent during the drought and danger of these will also be considerably diminished since the rains.

They'll probably be hollering for it to stop in a few weeks, though.

CENSUS NEARS END

Mrs. Neill A. McDonald, county crew leader for the 1950 census, said this week that counting had been finished in all of Hoke county with the exception of a part of Blue Springs township. She said that final figures were being compiled and that anyone in the county who had not been counted should get in touch with her right way. She said that missing one person in each district of the country would make an error in the total figure arrived at which would equal the population of the state of Nevada.

25 Defendants Face Judge In Court Tuesday

Traffic, Liquor Violations, Liquor, Fighting, Totin' Pistols—All Cost Money

Of the 25 defendants listed on the books for trial before Judge Henry McDiarmid Tuesday in Hoke county recorder's court most were there for traffic violations.

Cleveland Jones, colored of Mc Cain, was charged in one case with driving drunk. He was found guilty and got six months to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs and \$98 to the owner of the car he was driving and damaged. He pled guilty of being drunk and disorderly in another case and got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs.

Thomas Carpenter, colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs and doctor bill for assaulting his wife.

Jasper Pate and Leonard Baker, white, and Floyd Galbraith, colored, each got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Sherman Jackson, Indian, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for assaulting Donald Shaw. Jim Hillingsworth, colored, was found not guilty of assaulting Shaw.

Betty Brigman, white, was found not guilty on a charge of using indecent language. William Brigman was found guilty of assaulting Shelton Baxley. He got 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs. Lilly Brigman was found guilty of assaulting Betty Brigman and got 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs. She appealed and posted \$25 bond.

R. T. McPhatter, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of stealing chickens.

Junior Huggins, white, paid the costs for assault.

Albert Kirk, colored, went to the roads for six months for carrying a concealed weapon, and resisting arrest.

Nathaniel Williams, colored, paid the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Those caught speeding or with improper brakes or lights included W. A. Blackwell, E. W. Seger, T. A. Lynch, Billy Shoemaker, William Philbeck, Raymond Sandt, all white, James Russel Love and Malcolm Patterson, colored, and Henry Dial, Indian. All either paid \$10 and the costs or forfeited bonds of \$25 each.

Charles E. Johnson Buried At Antioch Tuesday Afternoon

Charles Edward Johnson, 68, died at his home near Red Springs Monday after, an illness of one week.

He was a son of the late Harvey and Katie Currie Johnson of this county and he is survived by his wife, the former Harriet Campbell of the home; one daughter, Lucille Johnson of Fayetteville; three sons, E. Dewey Johnson of Red Springs, C. Douglas Johnson of Shannon RFD, and J. Henry Johnson of Raeford; three sisters, Ida and Lucille Johnson and Mrs. Junior Bounds of Red Springs; two brothers, McQueen and Sidney Johnson of Red Springs.

Funeral was conducted at the home at four o'clock Tuesday by the Rev. J. W. Mann, former pastor of the Antioch Presbyterian church of which the deceased was a member and burial was in the cemetery at Antioch.

J. H. TADLOCK DEAD IN SOUTHERN PINES

Julian H. Tadlock, 41, deputy collector of internal revenue and well known in this county and that capacity, died unexpectedly at his home there Monday. Funeral was in Southern Pines Tuesday and burial was in Greenville, S. C.

He is survived by his wife, two children, three brothers and three sisters.

POST OFFICE WANTS BIDS ON STAR ROUTE

Postmaster Lacy Clark said yesterday that the Post Office department had asked for bids on a star route to run from Raeford to Laurinburg daily and return. He said schedules on the proposed route are available at the post office in Raeford and that he will be glad to show them to any interested persons.

VISITING PREACHER

The Rev. C. M. Gibbs, of Fayetteville, executive secretary of Fayetteville Presbytery, will preach at the morning service next Sunday at the Raeford Presbyterian church in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Heyward, who will be off on vacation for two Sundays.

BULLETIN

Hoke High defeated Massey Hill yesterday afternoon behind the pitching of Phillips, by the score of 8-5. Edge was the losing pitcher for Massey Hill. Teal led the Raeford attack with 2 for 3.

ELECTIONS BOARD RULES ALL MUST REGISTER ANEW TO VOTE

State Board Says Old Books Cannot Be Used By Registrars; Convention Saturday

G. B. Rowland, chairman of the Hoke county board of elections, received a letter yesterday from Raymond C. Maxwell, executive secretary of the State Board of Elections, in regard to a request from this county that registrars be allowed to

44% Hoke's Part First \$50 Million Road Money Spent

T. G. Poindexter, State Highway division engineer of Ashboro, reported this week that of the \$285,300 that was Hoke county's share of the first 50 million worth of bonds sold by the state for roads, \$126,649.56 had been spent through the month of March. This amounts to a little over 44 per cent.

\$30,000 was allotted for county roads not programmed for hard surfacing, and \$16,527.49 of this had been spent, leaving \$13,472.51.

\$156,500 was the allotment for grading and base course on county roads to be hard surfaced. \$71,264.64 has been spent, leaving \$85,235.36.

\$68,800 was the allotment for hard surfacing, sand asphalt and other surface treating. \$23,600.78 has been spent, leaving \$45,199.22.

\$30,000 was set up for bridges and large diameter pipe lines. \$15,256.65 has been spent and \$14,743.35 remains.

Bailey Is Named Patrol Captain

W. F. Bailey of Fayetteville was appointed a new captain of the State Highway Patrol by James R. Smith after Smith had been sworn in as patrol commander to succeed C. R. Tolar, resigned.

Also named captain was F. H. Mitchell of Greensboro, Named lieutenants were D. G. Lewis of Rocky Mount and A. W. Welch of Ahoskie.

Promoted to sergeants were J. B. Boyd of Monroe, L. B. Howell of Elizabeth City and Harold E. Minges of Raleigh. Promoted to corporals were Louis B. Lane of Wallace and W. D. Tinsley of Whiteville.

The promotion was announced after Smith, formerly in command of Troop B at Fayetteville was sworn in as commander, and D. T. Lambert, also formerly with the patrol at Fayetteville was sworn in as executive officer. Lambert more lately has commanded Troop A at Greenville.

Speaking to the patrolmen at the ceremony, Governor Scott told them that the State Highway Patrol faces the greatest challenge in its history.

HODGINS GREET VEEP AT ROWAN CELEBRATION

Sheriff and Mrs. Dave Hodgkin attended the Boone-Barkley celebration held at historic Thyatira Presbyterian church in Rowan County Monday.

Mrs. Hodgkin was one of the numerous Tar Heel cousins of Vice-President Barkley who went to Salisbury Monday to greet the Veep and his wife.

The Vice-President spoke briefly at the picnic which was held under the oaks at the 187 year old church. His main speech was made later on at Catawba College Campus. He visited the old Cowan Home near Bear Poplar. The home was built in 1779 by Thomas Cowan who married Mary Barkley (great grandparents of Mrs. Hodgkin.) Mrs. Hodgkin's uncle, Scott Krider, lives in this home now.

transcribe names of voters they knew to be eligible from the old registration books to the new books up to and including the day of the primary.

This resolution was passed at most Democratic precinct meetings in the county at their meetings at the voting places last Saturday with the intention of making it possible for all persons who have been registered on the books of the county's precincts to vote in the primary May 27 without having to register again before Saturday of next week as the law provides in a new registration.

Maxwell's letter said, in part. "I know of no legal authority for permitting registrars to use the old registration books. Such use would arouse suspicion and give opportunity to question the legality of the new registration. The legal effect of the call for a new registration is to wipe out the old registration, therefore the old books could be no useful benefit to the registrars during the registration period."

Therefore, as the matter now stands, if voters have voted for 50 years, they will not be able to vote in the primary on May 27 unless they register again with the registrar of their precinct on or before Saturday, May 13, as has been previously announced by the Hoke county board of elections. Democratic leaders of the county had favored the use of the old books because of the great importance to the county of getting out a sizeable vote on May 27, and the probability that many otherwise good citizens will not bother to register before May 13.

County Convention Saturday

Walter P. Baker, chairman of the Hoke county Democratic executive committee, yesterday urged all Democrats in the county to see their registrars before the end next Saturday, May 13, and see that they and all eligible members of their families are registered and that they vote in the primary May 27. Baker also urged all precinct officials, delegates and all good Democrats in the county to attend the county Democratic convention at the courthouse at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, May 6. He also announced that the county Democratic executive committee would meet there at two o'clock, before the convention, and elect the new chairman who will then preside over the convention.

DECORATOR TO TALK TO LOCAL WOMEN WED.

Miss Frances Pleasants, well known interior decorator of Pinehurst, will speak to the annual spring open meeting of the Raeford Woman's club in the auditorium at the Hoke county high school at three-fifteen o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, May 10. All interested women of the community are invited to attend and hear her.

REBELS START PRACTICE

The Raeford Rebels, independent semi-pro baseball team, started practice sessions this week and workouts are in the local park from five-thirty to seven p. m. daily. A complete list of persons and firms contributing for this team's uniforms and supplies will appear in next week's paper.