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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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Schools have closed!

All white, colored and Indian schools have closed for the school year 1949-50. The process of checking in all these schools has been largely completed. This is a much more detailed job than most people realize as all schools have to check in a minimum of 28 items. Some of the larger schools run a much greater number. The Board of Education office force then has to compile all of this mass of materials into reports to the various divisions of the State Board of Education and the State Department of Public Instruction. After this is done all books and records on the county level have to be closed and prepared for an audit by a certified public accountant. This audit is required each year by the County Board of Education.

On Monday evening, May 29, the Milhouson school held its closing exercises. The primary grades gave an animal show that was as cute and attractive as could be. The grammar grades gave a playlet "Old Wives for New" that also pleased the audience. A large and most appreciative audience attended.

Through an oversight a spelling prize that should have been delivered at commencement was not presented. This was the prize for first place in the county elementary spelling contest which was won by Jean H. Cox of the Milhouson School. Her prize will be delivered to her right away. We are sorry that this occurred.

Miss Catherine Shepherd, teacher of special education in the county, has gone to Chapel Hill where she is taking special training in this work.

County Elementary Supervisor Cecile D. Osment of the White and Indian elementary schools, expects to attend workshop at Carolina and one at Duke during this month. Then she will leave for Harvard University where she will take a six weeks course in reading under one of the outstanding authorities in the field in this country.

Principal W. T. Gibson of Hoke High will leave for the University of Virginia shortly. He is going there for special work in secondary administration. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Gibson and Susan.

Miss Miriam Watson expects to take a special course in counseling at the University of North Carolina and will assist one of the professors there with some of the work. Miss Watson is considered quite an authority in this field.

At the request of state authorities, several of the teachers and the elementary supervisor have prepared some of the projects carried on in the classrooms this year for submission to the State Department of Public Instruction for possible publication in pamphlets issued in the various fields by this department.

The supervisor and the Welfare Department are also working on a report on the special education project to be published in the magazine put out by the League for Crippled Children.

In the account of commencement in last week's paper the list of the bus drivers who got "Good Bus Driver's Certificates" and bonus checks was omitted. We would like to include the list here as we feel that a good bus driver is one of the very important cogs in the educational wheel.

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Three Indicted On Kidnapping Charge Here Tuesday

Two white men and a white woman of New Bern were charged here Tuesday afternoon by Willie Parks, white, with kidnapping him at the point of a pistol. They were all under bonds of \$500 each and are to appear for preliminary hearing before Judge Henry McDiarmid in recorder's court next Tuesday morning.

Parks came to the courthouse Tuesday afternoon and said that his wife and two men had taken his son and had gone toward Fayetteville after having had Parks in the car at pistol point and later throwing him out. A call was made to the State Highway patrol in Fayetteville and the three were apprehended on their arrival at Fayetteville and brought back to Raeford where they were charged.

Story as officers and others heard it is that Parks was at work on the Robert Gatlin house on Fulton street when his wife drove up with the story that she was going south and had brought some clothing for their son. Parks then met her at his residence in the country where the trouble is said to have taken place.

Complete details will doubtless appear in court Tuesday.

Peeling Licenses Will Be Replaced

Raleigh, N. C.—Motorists having on their vehicles two 1950 license plates on which the paint is peeling today were asked by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles to exchange the old for new ones.

The exchange will be made without cost to the motorist either by mail from the Raleigh office or upon application to any branch office in the State. Where paint is peeling on the front plate only, the Department did not request motorists to make an exchange. However if the motorist wishes new plates in such cases, the exchange will be made free of charge. Where the back plate remains legible, motorists may use the plates throughout the remainder of the year. Only one plate was used during the war, it was pointed out.

The plates which are peeling all have an aluminum base. Since other states have used aluminum successfully, Department officials stated that the manufacturing process was believed to be responsible for the defective plates. A shortage of steel brought about by the steel strike of several months ago made it necessary for the Department to use aluminum for 100,000 sets of 1950 plates.

The Department was hopeful that all 100,000 sets would not have to be replaced since steel allocated to manufacture of 1951 plates would have to be used, delaying production of next year's plates.

GREENE ON COMMITTEE

Representative Harry Greene last week was appointed to a special committee on Motor Vehicles by the governor and will attend a meeting in Raleigh on June 27.

ASKS SECOND PRIMARY

Runner-up Willis Smith announced yesterday that he would ask the State Board of elections for a run-off primary between himself and Senator Frank Graham. The primary will be held on June 24, according to the state election laws.

Vacation Bible school was conducted at the Church of God this week with a total enrollment of 19 children and three adults participating in the program of prayer and song.

Couple Sent Up Two Years For Knife Assault

Judge McDiarmid Hears Short Docket Tuesday A. M.

Sherman Jackson, Indian, and his wife, Irene Jackson, white, each appeared before Judge Henry McDiarmid in Hoke county recorder's court Tuesday on a charge of assaulting Edith Jackson, colored, with knives. Edith Jackson is the wife of Sherman Jackson's brother. They were found guilty and he went to the roads for two years and she went to the State prison for two years.

Cattie Ray, colored, was found guilty of trespassing and got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs.

Sam Spencer, white, got 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs for operating a small still and 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Neill A. McNeill, white, paid the costs for driving with improper license plates. Buck Roper, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for the same offense when it appeared that McNeill had made an effort to get proper plates and Roper had not.

Alex Brigan, white, was charged with assaulting his wife for the second time in two weeks. Sentence was one year to be suspended on payment of the costs and on condition that he be of good behavior for two years and support his family.

Alexander McRae, colored, got 90 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for careless and reckless driving.

Lester Ammons, Ralph Cox and Bertha Cox, entered pleas of guilty of possession of non-tax-paid liquor and were taxed with the costs.

Meeting Of HDC County Council

The Hoke County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs met in the Lions Club room of the County Office Building on Monday afternoon, June 5th. Mrs. B. F. McGregor presided in the absence of Mrs. John Baker, County Council President. Mrs. B. L. Williamson served as secretary.

After several items of business were transacted Mrs. Mary L. McAllister, District Home Agent of Raleigh, was presented and talked on the 1951 Program of Work. Eighteen Council members were present.

BAPTIST BIBLE SCHOOL EXERCISES FRIDAY NITE

The Bible school of the Raeford Baptist Church will have its annual commencement exercises Friday night, June 9, at 7:30. The Bible School has had an attendance of a few more than a hundred each day this week. The commencement will consist of a demonstration worship program by the entire school and then each department will present some phase of its work. Bible School certificates will be awarded at the close of the exercises.

GIFT SHOP TO OPEN SATURDAY MORNING

Ad-an-Arah's Gift and Novelty shop will open Saturday morning at nine o'clock in the store building between Raeford Furniture company and Farmer's Furnishing company. The shop will be operated by Mrs. Addie Mae Crumpton and Mrs. Arah Stuart and will carry a complete line of gifts for all occasions, stationery, visiting cards and hosiery. A drawing will be held Saturday and several pairs of "Vision" 60 gauge 15 denier nylon hose will be given away.



RAEFORD BAPTIST CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

FINAL CENSUS FIGURES

Here are the final figures for the 1950 census for Hoke county and the town of Raeford.

W. Lamont Brown, supervisor for the 8th congressional district, says he believes these figures are substantially correct and are subject only to the final approval of the Bureau of the Census.

The Hoke county figure is 15,609. In 1940 the total was 14,937. This indicates a net gain for the 10-year period of 672.

The amended figure for Raeford now shows 2,024, as compared to 2,044 several weeks ago. This figure indicates a gain in town of 396 during the 10-year period.

The foregoing figures are not official and Mr. Brown says the official count will be announced at a later date by the director of the Bureau of the Census in Washington.

Club Women To Sponsor Mountain Tour Next Month

Hoke County Home Demonstration Club women are sponsoring a three-day tour to Asheville. Blowing Rock, Chimney Rock, the Great Smoky Mt. National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway and Cherokee Indian Pageant "Unto These Hills". The tour was originally set for July 10, 11, 12 but has been changed to July 11, 12 and 13—because the pageant is not shown on Monday and Tuesday nights.

The group will leave by bus from the Raeford courthouse at six a. m. on Tuesday morning, July 11. They will travel by way of Salisbury, Hickory, Statesville to Blowing Rock. Two nights will be spent in Asheville. The return trip will be made by Lake Lure, Chimney Rock and Charlotte.

The price of the tour is approximately \$26.00 which includes all expenses except meals. Those interested in going on the tour are asked to see Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent, before June 21. Bus capacities are 29, 33 and 37 passengers.

LEE NAMED HEAD OF ABERDEEN SCHOOLS

Robert E. Lee, athletic coach at Aberdeen high school, has been appointed principal of the Aberdeen district schools for the next year, the chairman of the district school board announced last week. Mr. Lee has taught and coached in Aberdeen for the past four years. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. P. O. Lee of Raeford.

REBELS HERE TONIGHT

The Raeford Rebels will play the Robeson county All-Stars at eight o'clock tonight in Armory park here.

Commissioners Ask Cancellation Of Court In July

The Hoke county board of commissioners in their regular monthly meeting Monday asked the governor to cancel the regular civil term of court scheduled for July. This will make the regular mixed term of court in August the next Superior court in this county.

At their meeting the board also went on record as disapproving the present deer season for next winter. As set up by the Wildlife commission there will be a split season in this county from October 16 to December 2 and from December 25 to December 31. The board favors a season from November 1 to January 1.

They asked the State highway commission to provide a smooth shoulder at Bethel Presbyterian church to allow parking for church services, funerals, etc.

An increase of \$100 for forest fire protection in the county was approved. This brings this item to \$1350 in the budget and will allow the county to be equipped by the state with a forest patrol truck with 2-way radio.

The board also took notice of the fact that the ratio of total debt with in the counties of the state to total assessed valuation for general property tax ranged in 1948 from .9% in Hoke county to 32.7% in Buncombe county for a state average of 6.9%. Since that time Hoke's debt has reduced to where the figure is now less than .3%.

Employers Asked To Let Guardsmen Attend Encampment

Lieutenant General Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., Commanding General, Third Army, reiterated today his annual suggestion that employers give their employees time off in order to attend military training camps this summer.

The statement by General Gillem follows one issued recently by Defense Secretary Louis Johnson, who urged all employers of members of Reserve Components of the Armed Forces to be liberal in granting special leaves of absence so that the employees could participate in annual periods of military training.

General Gillem pointed out that the Third Army would have many training camps operating in the Area this summer, enabling members of Reserve and National Guard to be brought up to date on military developments.

"Many of these Reservists have been diligently devoting their spare time to various military training programs with and without pay," General Gillem said. "However, in order to achieve the maximum effectiveness of such programs, short annual periods of active duty training in contact with the Regular Forces are very necessary, and I heartily commend the employers who in the past have cooperated so willingly and urged that all employers take favorable action on requests by their employees for military leaves of absence in order to increase the strength of our national defense and the security of our country."

National Guardsmen in Hoke county will take their annual summer training at Camp Stewart, Georgia from August 5th to August 20th. Approximately 100 men will attend with the Raeford anti-aircraft battery.

LEGION TO MEET WED.

Commander Julius Jordan of the Ellis Williamson American Legion post this week reminded all members of the regular meeting and supper at the high school cafeteria next Wednesday night at seven o'clock. He urged all to be present and said that new officers would be elected at the meeting.

Brawl Results In Serious Wreck Early Saturday

3 Suffer Severe Injuries In Unique Wreck Here At 2:30 A. M.; Three Indicted

Fighting broke out in and around Bill's club, nightclub, roadhouse, cabaret, cafe, or what-you-may-call-it in the early morning hours of last Saturday, not the first time in recent years the place has been a scene of violence. Several soldiers are reported to have been involved, along with Blondy Wilson, current manager, and possibly others.

The fighting is reported to have started in the place and to have moved down the hill to a point near Mrs. Taylor's residence and then back up to the starting point. The soldiers are then said to have got in their car, three of them and a girl, Lucille Myers of Dillon, and headed for Raeford. The car, a 1947 Plymouth, was reported to have been owned and operated by James W. Mann, white soldier of Fort Bragg.

When the soldiers headed for Raeford they later told officers they were heading that way to get an officer of the law to protect them and that when they drove off from Bill's, Bill Wright (the Bill of Bill's Club) was sitting in his car, a 1947 Pontiac, in front of the place. They said he took off right behind them and rammed them at a high rate of speed several times before reaching the residence of Mrs. B. R. Gatlin on Central avenue, where they said the last and biggest ram occurred. This, they said, threw both cars out of control and the soldier's car hit a power pole near the Gatlin home and Wright's car hit a tree in front of Mrs. J. S. Johnson's home.

Raeford night policeman Cook said he was standing on the sidewalk at the hotel and saw the climax of the affair. He measured tire marks and found that Wright's car had skidded 65 yards before turning over and Mann's 55 yards. Both cars were demolished.

Bill Wright suffered a broken leg and nose and facial lacerations and bruises and is hospitalized. He was alone in his car. Miss Myers suffered a broken shoulder and a back injury and she is also in a hospital. Two soldiers, Mann and Raymond Baker, suffered minor injuries and were not hospitalized. A third suffered broken ribs, collarbone, leg and internal injuries and is in the Fort Bragg hospital.

Wright and Mann were each charged with careless and reckless driving and exceeding the speed limit. Baker was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

FARM ITEMS

By E. M. STALLINGS
Hoke County Farm Agent

Five-Acre Cotton Contest

July 1 is the deadline for entry into the N. C. Five-Acre Cotton Contest for 1950. All that is necessary in entering this contest is to sign an entry blank and state what variety and strain of cotton is being grown.

This is simply a production and quality contest and the contestant who produces the highest yield per acre will be the winner, provided he used seed normally producing lint of one-inch or more average length.

There will be two State prizes of \$800 and \$400. The State will be divided into three districts with three prizes each in the amount of \$300, \$200, \$100.

Any county having 10 or more contestants will receive an award of \$50 to be presented to the county winner.

The purpose of this contest is

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