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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald
Next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be a county-wide principals meeting held at the courthouse. At this meeting there will be teacher representatives from each school to help plan the program for the year. The hour for opening, the length of the short-day schedule hour, dates for the pre-school county-wide teachers meeting and local faculty meetings will be set. Other details preparatory to opening schools on Thursday, September 7, will be attended to. All principals and teacher representatives are urged to attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jones of the Rockfish and Mildouson faculties will return this week from High Point College, where they both have been taking work this summer.

Miss Miriam Watson appeared on the program of the Superintendents Conference, held at Mars Hill last week, and described the guidance work in the Hoke County High School. Miss Watson made a splendid impression on her audience and we believe furthered the cause of guidance in the state.

The school health program last year, we feel, was very successful. This program was put on jointly between the schools, health department and welfare department.

The Health Department has just finished a compilation of the corrections done during the year covering teeth, tonsils, eyes, ears, intestinal parasites and miscellaneous ones. In the Indian schools there was a total of 34 done, white 529, colored 435, or a total for the county of 988. These corrections were just one phase of the work. Every pupil in the county was screened by teachers. Those showing any signs of need were then screened by the nurses. Those found to need attention by the nurses were directed to their family doctor by teachers and nurses. Follow-up work was done in these cases where necessary. Follow-up work was done in cases where the pupils were never taken by parents to their family doctor and where the need was indicated the Welfare Department assisted with the case work and making appointments with hospitals and specialists.

Work by the State Health Department in nutrition was done at the Rockfish and Bowmore schools on a survey basis. This year a nutritionist from the State Health Department will be here for several months work. All high school pupils, both white and colored, had a thorough physical examination by a physician. Our local doctors assisted in this work. This year pupils from the 9th through the 12th grades will have this complete examination. Pre-school clinics were held for all schools with the largest enrollment.

Miss Alice Walker, who recently left Raeford after being director of music and the young people at the Presbyterian church for several years, has accepted the position of Receptionist-Secretary in the office of the Dean of the Faculty at Davidson college.

Funeral At Home Tuesday Afternoon For Mrs. McDiarmid

Funeral service for Mrs. Caroline Thomas McDiarmid was conducted from the home three miles west of Raeford at five o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. McDiarmid, widow of William James McDiarmid who died in 1945, died unexpectedly of a heart attack early Monday morning at her home. She was 71 years of age. She was the daughter of the late William Jackson Thomas and Mary J. Covington of Richmond county. She came to Raeford in 1904 when she married Mr. McDiarmid, who had large farming interests in Hoke county. She was a sister of the late James C. Thomas of Hoke county. She was an active member of the Raeford Presbyterian church. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor, and burial followed in the Raeford cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews of Mrs. McDiarmid.

Mrs. McDiarmid is survived by a sister, Miss Mary Thomas, and a brother, Walter L. Thomas, both of Rockingham, and several nieces and nephews.

Grand Jury Hits Liquor Dealing Here In Report

The Hoke county grand jury in its report to Judge J. Paul Frizzelle at Superior court this week recommended that Bill Wright not be allowed to operate a night club or similar business in Hoke county for a period of five years, and also recommended that peace officers try to break up liquor selling in Raeford and other sections of the county. The approved reports of the mayor and justice of the peace and found the court house to be in good order. Other portions of the report follow.

We inspected the County Office Building and found it to be in good condition, except the janitorial service and the floor in the new addition. We recommend that the contractor be required to fix this at once. We inspected the jail and found conditions improved since our last report. We found one toilet out of order and we recommend that this be repaired. We also recommend that the heating system at both jail and court house be checked before cold weather to see that it is in good condition.

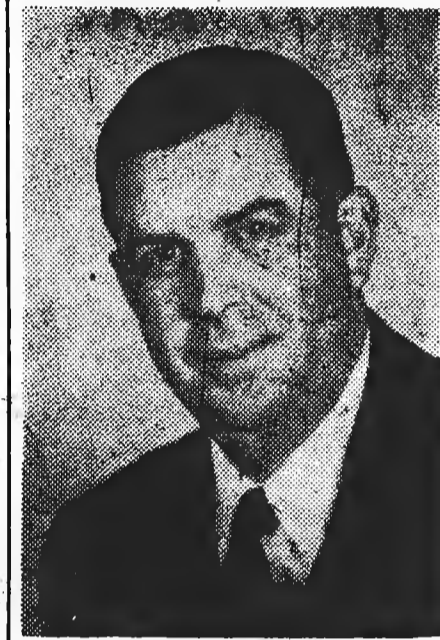
We have heard numerous complaints about the Night Club operated by Bill Wright, and we recommend that he not be allowed to operate this or any similar business in Hoke county for a period of five years.

We had a report from Patrolman Surratt that all school buses were checked on August 18, 1950, and were found in good condition. Superintendent K. A. MacDonald gave a talk on the condition of school buildings and buses, and reported everything in good condition for the opening of schools.

We have had numerous complaints about the sale of liquor in and around Raeford, also in the other sections of the county. We recommend that the officers keep a close check on this and try to break it up.

W. M. Monroe, Foreman, W. T. Jones, Clerk.
Mrs. C. P. Trexler and children are spending this week with relatives in Greensboro.

Knox Watson Is New President Of Commissioners



F. KNOX WATSON

F. Knox Watson, Hoke county commissioner and former chairman of the county board, was elected president of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and County Accountants at the three-day meeting of the associations at Wrightsville Beach last week. He succeeded Clarence P. Parks of Rutherford county as president and became the second Hoke county man to head the association in its short life, the other president from this county having been N. H. G. Balfour, who was again elected to the board in the spring primary. Other officers of the association are John F. Long of Statesville, vice-president, and J. L. Skinner of Littleton, secretary-treasurer.

Watson, who lives in this county near Red Springs, has served two terms as chairman of the Hoke county board, one other term, and was re-elected to the next term in the June primary. He is the son of Mrs. Fulton K. Watson and the late Mr. Watson of Red Springs and he has been active in the work of the association of commissioners and accountants since his first term in office. He was a member of the original state group and was on the group's committee which prepared its constitution. He has served on several other important committees of the association and has been its vice-president for the past two years.

In his speech of acceptance of the presidency Watson expressed his appreciation of the honor and expressed his faith in the Association as one which he hoped would use its position and influence to retain those portions of local independence of government which are so great a part of the American heritage as opposed to an all-powerful, all-inclusive government from Washington. He emphasized the importance of the legislative committee of the association and said that he was going to take 30 days to consider the appointment of the members of this committee before announcing it.

Also attending the convention from this county were John McGoogan, Marshall Thomas, Fulford, McMillan, N. H. G. Balfour and Harry Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Niven had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Taylor and daughter of Kannapolis. They were en route to their home after a trip to Carolina Beach.

Local Guardsmen Return From Camp Saturday Night

Battery "A" 130th antiaircraft automatic weapons battalion, N. C. National Guard, returned late Saturday night from their 16-day summer field training period at Camp Stewart, Georgia, tired but (presumably) happy.

The men reported that they had a good but tough encampment and that the training was conducted and carried out more seriously this summer than any since World War II. After their firing the first week the battery went with other units of their battalion out on the large Camp Stewart reservation and practiced movements and selection and occupation of gun positions, combat fortifications and combat manning of their weapons.

The Battalion commander, Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr., said this week that he and other officers at Camp Stewart had expressed themselves as highly pleased with the showing made by the local battery and other units of the battalion and that it was the most profitable summer training period in his experience.

The local unit received no information whatever as to when or if it will be called into Federal service, although Georgia units were arriving for active training during the last week the local boys were at Camp Stewart.

Hugh O. Norton Dies In Georgia; Buried Here Tuesday

Funeral services for Hugh Oscar Norton, 47, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Raeford Presbyterian church. The Rev. B. P. Robinson officiated, assisted by the Rev. P. O. Lee. Burial was in the Raeford cemetery. Surviving are five sisters: Mrs. J. E. Townsend and Mrs. M. M. Culbreth, both of Raeford; Mrs. J. T. Johnson of Wilmington; Mrs. R. A. Whitaker of Enfield; Mrs. J. A. Doggett of Greensboro; and two brothers: W. L. Norton of Selma; and Bradley Norton of Greensboro.

Mr. Norton, a native of Hoke county, had made his home in Georgia for about 25 years. He died at Raymonth, Ga., Sunday morning. He was a son of the late William M. Norton and Harriet McInnis Norton of Hoke county.

S. P. Trawick Passes Sunday; Funeral Monday

S. P. Trawick, farmer and former merchant of Lumber Bridge RFD died at his home in this county Sunday morning. He was 89 years of age in July and he and Mrs. Trawick, the former Lizzie Covington, had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last summer.

Mr. Trawick was a native of near Gibson and had lived in this county for over 25 years.

Funeral service was conducted Monday afternoon at four o'clock at Sandy Grove Methodist church by the Rev. I. J. Strawbridge of Parkton, pastor, assisted by the Rev. W. L. Maness of Gibson and the Rev. C. R. Hester of St. Pauls. Burial was in the cemetery there.

He is survived by Mrs. Trawick and two sons, Paul and Otto of Wilmington. A deceased son, the late Rev. W. F. Trawick, was pastor of the Raeford Methodist church from 1929 to 1932.

Saunders Announces Work Beginning Now On Mammoth Plant

Superior Court Finished Tuesday In Quick Session

Rapists Get 15 Years Each; Bud Johnson Confined At Sanatorium

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill convened the regular August term of Hoke county Superior court here Monday morning for the trial of criminal and civil cases. The court got right down to business and by Tuesday afternoon the judge and jury were gone.

Bethune Mauldsby, local white man who was convicted in recorder's court of driving drunk and being drunk and disorderly and who had appealed, got his case continued to the next term because Dr. A. L. O'Brian, a witness for the defense, could not be located.

Robert R. Greene, white soldier who had appealed a speeding conviction from recorder's court, changed his plea to guilty and prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$100 and the costs. In connection with this case Edwin (Bud) Johnson and Bennie Hargett, also white, were indicted on charges of speeding and careless and reckless driving and are to be tried in recorder's court Tuesday. They were indicted by Patrolman B. T. Walters on the basis of evidence which appeared at the hearing Greene got.

Edwin (Bud) Johnson, white, was charged in two cases with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, victims being Heston Rose and Howard Taylor. Judge Frizzelle ordered that Johnson be confined in the criminal department of the State Sanatorium for tuberculosis, there to be held in custody pending further order of the court.

McKinley Virgil entered a plea of guilty of careless and reckless driving and driving drunk. Sentence of 90 days was suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs.

Film flam charges against James Redmond, Charles Stanley and Mabel Green, all colored, were continued, pending outcome of charges against them elsewhere.

Dannie Ford and Floyd Maynor, colored, were each charged in separate cases with rape and found guilty. The judge sentenced each to 15 years in Central Prison and ordered that they be given mental examinations on arrival there and sent to the mental hospital at Goldsboro if necessary and then, if competent, returned to serve their sentence. Maynor, the record showed, had previously been in the Goldsboro hospital.

The case of assault against Lillie Brigman was continued.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carney of Wilmington were week end guests of Mrs. T. B. Lester. Their daughter, Lucy Ann, who spent last week with Pat Lamont, returned home with them Sunday.

Plan To Employ 900

William P. Saunders, president of Robbins Mills (N. C.), Inc., announced yesterday that construction will start immediately on a spun rayon plant in Raeford for making men's and women's suitings. He said that the plant would be similar in many respects to the company's plant in Aberdeen, although somewhat larger.

Engineering and designing for the project is being done by the firm of Biberstein and Bowles, architects and engineers of Charlotte, and construction will be by C. M. Guest and Sons of Greensboro and Anderson, S. C. The plant will be located on the tract of land here on which the company now operates a throwing plant in the building of the old White-Tex mill. This tract now consists of about 170 acres, 110 of which were acquired as the White-Tex property and 30 acres of which the Raeford Chamber of Commerce got for the company. The remainder has since been acquired in small parcels. The mill site is bounded on the southwest by the main line of the Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad, on the northwest by the turnpike road and on the east on a line running north to the turnpike road from where the A & R railroad crosses the Aberdeen road. It is triangular in shape.

Since getting the property here in February the company has set up a throwing plant where they now employ about 125 persons. The total installation here is eventually expected to employ about 900 persons. The Aberdeen division employs 600 persons at the present time. W. H. Fann is manager of the throwing plant here.

To Let Contract Next Tuesday For Paving In Raeford

A new road project will get under way shortly in Hoke County, the State Highway Commission announced today.

The project, to be let to contract on August 29, calls for the paving of 1.45 miles on Donaldson Avenue, Campus Avenue, West Edenboro Street, West Elwood Avenue, Stewart Street, Magnolia Street from US 15-A to NC 211 and Magnolia Street north from NC 211 in Raeford.

Specifications were also advertised for August 29 on 29 other road jobs throughout the state, some on the primary and others on the secondary road system.

More road projects are under construction at the present time than at any similar time in the Highway Commission's history, according to Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan. "If weather conditions continue to be good, 1950 will be North Carolina's greatest year of roadbuilding," Dr. Jordan said.

About 20 percent of the \$200-million secondary road program was finished as of July 1, 1950 and some 500 projects under this program are in various stages of construction throughout the state.

CANADIAN MINISTER TO PREACH NEXT SUNDAY

Reverend J. A. Koffend, pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian church at St. Lambert, Quebec, Canada, will preach the sermon at the Raeford Presbyterian church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Koffend and his wife, who is the former Mabel Currie of Maxton, are vacationing in this section.

During World War II Rev. Koffend was a Chaplain in the Canadian Air Force. Both of the Koffends have served as missionaries to Manchuria.

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