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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The white schools of the county will open today at 9:00 A. M. Tomorrow the schools in the county will close at 12:00 noon. The schools in Raeford will open at 8:30 A. M. and will close at 11:30 A. M. This schedule will run through September 29. Beginning Monday, October 2, the schools will go on regular day schedule. During the time of the short day schedule the teachers will engage in professional workshops in the afternoons, making special studies in art, remedial reading, visual aids, guidance and nutrition and other subjects.

A county-wide teachers meeting was held at Hoke High on Tuesday evening. The Rev. P. O. Lee conducted the devotional exercises and made most inspiring talk on "Interpreting God and Life to the Children."

J. W. Turlington, retiring president of the local NCEA Unit, held a short meeting at which time T. C. Jones was elected president, Mrs. Ruria Shelton, Vice-President, and Mrs. A. W. Wood, Jr., secretary-treasurer for the year 1950-51. Mr. Turlington and Mr. Jones reported attendance on the Leadership Conference held by the NCEA in Salisbury last week end.

Routine matters pertaining to the year's work were discussed by the county superintendent.

Mrs. C. S. Osment, elementary supervisor, returned yesterday from Durham where she had gone for treatment of injuries received in a fall just before reporting for work last week. We are glad she is so much improved.

L. R. Hendrix, principal of the Mildroun School, will make his home this year in the teacher's apartment in the school building.

Robert Rockholtz, new teacher and assistant coach at Hoke High, and Mrs. Rockholtz have taken an apartment in the home of Mrs. Paul Dickson, Sr.

The Board of Education held a called meeting last Saturday night.

W. D. Harper and Sam Harper of the firm W. D. Harper & Sons, architects and engineers of Florence, S. C. for the school building program for Hoke County, were visitors here Wednesday.

We call the attention of patrons and the public to the auditor's statement of receipts and expenditures of county school funds during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, which appears on page eight. Next week a comparison of county with state funds used in the county will be made.

Hoke Man's Nephew Killed In Korea

J. H. Plummer received word that his nephew, Lieut. Allen Frank Plummer of South Carolina, had been killed in action in Korea with the 1st Cavalry Division on July 25.

Lieut. Plummer was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wright Plummer of the Red Bluff section of Marlboro county, S. C., and was a veteran of three years World War II service in the Air Force. He was a graduate of Presbyterian college, Clinton, S. C.

NOW IN KOREA

Pvt. Thomas R. Inman, son of Mrs. O. C. Sanders, is now with an infantry unit in Korea. His mother learned by letter this week that he had arrived on August 25. Pvt. Inman is a former member of the local National Guard unit.

Sheriff Catches Bootlegger At Bolton's Place

Close on the heels of the grand jury recommendation that he take action to reduce the selling of liquor in Raeford and other sections of the county Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin, accompanied by Officers Cook and Dees of the Raeford police force raided the Bolton Service station on the Laurinburg road just outside Raeford Monday at noon.

The sheriff said Bolton was not in the place when they arrived. James West, white, was in charge and when they found 21 pints of liquor in a car near the station West said it was his and that he had been selling it, according to the sheriff. Bolton came forward from his residence on the back of the lot and the officers searched the whole place but could find no more. Bolton said he knew nothing of the liquor or that West was selling it. Bolton himself was found guilty of illegal possession of liquor in April of last year and fined in recorder's court.

West entered a no defense plea in recorder's court Tuesday and prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$100 and the costs and on condition of two year's good behavior. While he did not order it, Judge McDiarmid suggested that West find some other type of employment as soon as he could.

Road Fatalities Drop In July

Raleigh—For the first time in six months, highway fatalities took a slight downward turn during July, as compared with the same month last year, the Department of Motor Vehicles reported today. The drop occurred despite a disastrous Fourth of July week end in which 23 persons were killed.

A total of 77 fatalities were reported last month, a decrease of six per cent over the 82 recorded during July last year. The last time the fatality figures showed a downward turn was in February, when the toll was 55 as compared with 68 during February, 1949.

July's total brings the figure for the year to 500, as compared with 447 for the same period last year.

Through July, Mecklenburg County was leading the State in fatalities with 25. Guilford was second with 20 and Wake a close third with 19. Other counties high on the list are Robeson, 15, Davidson, 14, and Cleveland and Nash, 13 each. Counties with no fatalities through July are: Clay, Gates, Hyde, Jones, Macon, Martin, Mitchell, Swain, Tyrrell, Watauga and Yancey.

In addition to the 77 persons killed in July, 1,102 were injured in 2,480 accidents. Compared with July, 1949, injuries were up 161 or 17 per cent, while reported accidents increased 626 or 34 per cent. Total accidents through July numbered 14,688 with injuries reaching 6,544.

TO REMODEL THEATRE

J. B. McIntyre, operator of the Raeford Theatre, said this week that the owners of the building had decided to enlarge and remodel it in the near future and that plans are being designed for a building about 60 feet longer than the present house and completely modern in every respect.

YATES WITH ROBBINS

M. D. Yates, who has been with The Johnson Company for several months as manager, went to work for Robbins Mills this week. His duties are in the construction office of C. M. Guest and sons on the job here.

Mr. and Mrs. Colon Scarborough and daughters, Lillian and Lynda, are spending this week at their home at Tilghman Beach, S. C.

Bible Teacher Is Employed For Hoke High School

A committee from the Raeford Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches announced this week that Mrs. T. N. McLaughlin had been employed to teach Bible in the Hoke county high school two days each week during the coming school year. Mrs. McLaughlin, who taught Bible here four years ago and is considered an outstanding teacher, will teach in the Seventy-First high school two days each week also.

The steering committee for the project consists of the three ministers, Judson Lennon, P. O. Lee and W. B. Heyward, and layman from each church, C. P. Kinlaw, Mrs. L. M. Upchurch and H. R. McLean.

The cost of the project will be divided between the two schools using Mrs. McLaughlin's time and the cost to this county has been set at \$1500 for the year. Each pupil attending Hoke high school will have an opportunity to take Bible.

Committee has been set up for a drive to be conducted next week all over the county. General chairmen are H. L. Gatlin, Jr. and F. B. Sexton. Community chairman are as follows: Ashley Heights, L. R. Cothran and Mrs. D. H. Johnson; Montrose, Warren Phillips and Mrs. Duke Marshall; Buchanan, Lee Moss; Pine Forest, Dr. Julius Jordan; Wayside, Mrs. Ralph Plummer; Philippi, Smith McInnis; Rockfish, Mrs. Mary McInnis; Arabia, Mrs. Dave Hendrix; Dundarrach, Pete Canady and Mrs. Jesse Gibson; Antioch, Mrs. Willie Hodgkin; Allendale, David Liles; Blue Springs, John Frank Chisholm, Mrs. Halley Blythe and Mrs. Lucy Smith; Five Points, Mrs. Horace Walters, Mrs. H. W. Ellis and Mrs. Reuben Webb; Raeford, T. B. Upchurch, Mrs. Younger Snead, Mrs. H. C. Roberts, Mrs. Jesse Gullede, Mrs. Virgil Dedas and Clarence Lytch.

These and other solicitors in each community will attempt to raise this \$1500 next week, September 10 to 17 and anyone wishing to contribute to this cause may give the money to any of them.

LIBRARY NEWS

Schedule Hoke County Public Library:

Monday through Saturday — 10 to 12; 2 to 5:30; Closed from 12 to 2 for lunch; Closed on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Younger Snead have presented two books as memorials to the library, Cry, the Beloved Country, by Paton, in memory of H. A. Cameron, and The Natural Bent, by Dr. Paul B. Barringer, of Chapel Hill, in memory of Cecil Dew.

Among the new books received in the library are the following titles:

World Enough and Time, Warren; Never Marry a Ranger, McConnell; Hunt With the Hounds, Eberhart; Bowery to Bellevue, Barringer; Deepwood, Perrin; Eye Witness, Cox; Here's your Hobby, Zarchy.

Beginning Monday, September 11, notice of overdue books will be sent out every Monday. It will be appreciated if every one having overdue books will return them to the library.

Miss Evelyn Mullen, Supervisor of Rural Libraries, from the North Carolina Library Commission, Raleigh, spent two days in Hoke County Public Library last week making plans for the bookmobile. A school bus which is being converted into a bookmobile for county wide service is undergoing repairs and it is hoped will be ready for service in about two weeks.

Judge Hears 12 Cases Tuesday In Recorder's Court

Judge Henry McDiarmid sent two colored men, to the roads for a year in recorder's court Tuesday in a drawn-out session of recorder's court that lasted into the afternoon. The two were Bonnie Campbell and John Henry Johnson. They had apparently worked each other over with knives and each was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Ed Moser, white, was found guilty of assaulting Arthur McCall, colored. He was taxed with the costs.

James West, white, pled nolo contendere on a charge of having whiskey for sale. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs and two years good behavior.

Buddy Clippard, white, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Alex Brigman, white, paid the costs for assaulting his wife.

Leroy Murchison, colored, paid the costs for having an open pint of liquor off his premises.

William H. Rose, white, charged with passing on a hill in the face of coming traffic, failed to appear and forfeited a \$25 bond as did Sam Coleman and Maritime Locklear, Indian, charged with speeding.

Daniel J. Goins, Indian, paid \$10 and the costs for careless and reckless driving.

John Liles, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for driving with improper brakes, and Glenn Pittman, white, paid \$25 and the costs for driving without a driver's license.

Flora Macdonald Opens Term Friday

The doors of Flora Macdonald College will be opened to its 54th student body on September 8, when the first arrivals will be the officers of the student Christian association and student council. During the week end, the two groups will make plans for the welcoming of new and returning students on Monday and Tuesday, and for social activities for the new comers. Cabinet members will greet all new students who come either in cars or by bus.

Week end activities for the cabinet members will begin with supper at the home of their faculty adviser, Mrs. Elbert McPhaul of the Bible department, on Friday evening. Introduction of the new students to faculty members will be conducted by President Woodson on the front veranda at 6:45 Monday evening. Tuesday evening, Mrs. McPhaul will give a resume of the college history "From 1896-1950", in the college auditorium.

Registration will be held on Monday and Wednesday, and placement examinations on Tuesday. Classes will begin Thursday, September 14, and the formal opening will be held at the chapel period, 10:20, Friday morning, when Dr. J. M. Godard, of Atlanta, Georgia, secretary of the commission of higher education, will address the faculty and students. Pastors of all the town churches will take part in this service, which will be conducted by Dr. Woodson.

RURITANS TO MEET

The Hoke Ruritan club will hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday night, September 13, at the Rockfish community house. A splendid program has been arranged and all members are urged to be present.

Pfc. Claud T. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Locke Campbell, is now at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss. He writes this week. He has been in the Air Force since early summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Harris and sons spent the week end in Roxboro with relatives.

Ingatherings

The annual harvest ingatherings will be held by churches in the county at various times during the fall. Meals will be served, with the main dishes in most cases being chicken salad and barbecue. There will be sales of food, handiwork, produce, cakes and the like at most of them. For the benefit of these churches and the people who wish to attend the ingatherings we will carry a schedule of those we are told about in this space until they are held.

Philippi Presbyterian, Friday, September 15, noon and evening.

Parker's Methodist, Thursday, September 28, noon and evening.

Sandy Grove Methodist, Thursday, September 28, noon.

Raeford Methodist, Thursday, October 5, noon and evening.

Shiloh Presbyterian, Thursday, October 12, evening.

Bethel Presbyterian, Thursday, October 19, noon.

Bankers Believe Farmers In Good Shape For Future

The plant and equipment of North Carolina farms have never been in better condition, and the state's farmers are prepared to meet any emergency that may lie ahead, according to R. B. Lewis, Exec. Vice Pres. of The Bank of Raeford, who represents the North Carolina Bankers Association as a county key banker.

"One of the best indications of this is the large amount of bank credit which North Carolina farmers have put into new equipment and other improvements during the postwar years," Lewis said.

Reporting on the results of the ninth national survey of agricultural lending made by the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association, Lewis noted that there was a slight increase in both the number of loans and the total amount borrowed from banks by North Carolina farmers last year. "This increase is healthy", he said, "in view of the present uncertainties. It reflects the tremendous expansion that is taking place in North Carolina agriculture, as well as the desire of farmers to keep the agricultural plant in top condition. The small size of the increase and the rapid rate of repayment show that farmers are, however, wisely avoiding excessive debt."

Mr. Lewis stated that "in 1949, the last full year of operation, the 214 North Carolina banks serving agricultural communities loaned \$70,799,000 to 85,368 farmers. This is an increase of 31,743 loans and \$9,589,009 over 1948. Of the total amount loaned last year, \$55,396,000 were borrowed by 77,796 farmers to finance production and operational requirements. Of these loans, only \$12,925,000 were outstanding on January 1, 1950. "The total bank-held farm debt in North Carolina on January 1, 1950, was \$33,574,000."

"With the unusually large demand for equipment caused by World War II apparently satisfied," Mr. Lewis said, "a larger and larger percentage of farm borrowings have been going into other long range improvements. These improvements, along with the growing trend of North Carolina farmers to practice modern conservation and land management, will assure a growing importance for the state in the agricultural picture for years to come."

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Suddreth and Miss Libby Suddreth left Sunday for Western N. C. Miss Suddreth went to Boone where she will enter her freshman year at Appalachian, and Mr. and Mrs. Suddreth are visiting relatives in Lenoir.

Pair Sues Wright For \$30,000 As Result Of Wreck

Damages totalling \$30,000 are being sought in Cumberland county superior court in two civil actions filed Friday against William O. Wright of Hoke county.

Plaintiffs in the action are Irene Shankle Hawkins, 19, represented by N. H. McGeachy, Jr., and Thomas F. Mangrum, Fort Bragg soldier.

The civil suits grew out of a series of collisions on the morning of June 2 here in Raeford between cars operated by James W. Mann and Wright. Plaintiffs allege they were riding in the Mann car when Wright ran into the rear of the vehicles several times, finally causing the Mann car to go out of control and overturn. The vehicles came to rest on the Fayetteville road just one block from Main street in Raeford.

Damages of \$20,000 are sought by Irene Hawkins, while Mangrum seeks \$10,000. Both allege they suffered permanent injury in the wreck of the Mann car.

Charges of careless and reckless driving were preferred against both parties involved in the affair, but have never been tried. Judge McDiarmid has ordered all parties notified to be in recorder's court next Tuesday for trial.

Termination of Wright's operation of night clubs in the county was recommended by the grand jury at the last term of Superior court, although he has not been personally involved in court action resulting from difficulties beginning at his place. In 1946 a soldier was shot in the stomach there reportedly by Wright, but no action was ever taken about it, and this year "Blondy" Wilson was fined for having illegal gambling devices and liquor there.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. FitzSimons and children of Macon, Georgia, were week end guests of Mrs. FitzSimons' mother, Mrs. Ryan McBryde.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis and daughter left for their home in Columbia, S. C. Monday after spending the past week with Mr. Davis' mother, Mrs. Christian Davis.

Mrs. J. A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis and son spent the week end at St. Pauls. On Sunday they visited Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. Henry Marsh in the Grays Creek section in Cumberland County.

Mrs. J. T. Ross of Washington, N. C. was a week end guest of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Gatlin and family. She left Raeford Tuesday for Long Beach, California, for a visit with another daughter, Mrs. Sam Riddle and Mr. Riddle.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tapp and Marilyn were away on vacation last week. They saw the pageant, "Unto These Hills", visited in the home of Mr. Tapp's sister, Mrs. H. E. Stinchcomb at Black Mountain, and spent one day with Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Poovey at Newton. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Tapp's father, H. M. Williams, and her sister, Miss Maude Williams, who are spending this week here.

Miss Flora Boyce of Fayetteville visited friends here over the week end.

Miss Gwen Gore had as her guests Sunday Misses Rosalind Weinstein, Nora Dean Parker and Eunice Sanders, all of Lumberton. Miss Gore and Miss Weinstein were roommates at Carolina this summer.

Mrs. Aganora Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lester and daughter spent the week end in Newberry, S. C. with Mr. Lester's mother, Mrs. T. B. Lester, Sr.

Arch K. Currie Dies Friday Night; Funeral Sunday

County Native, Church Leader, Raeford Citizen Passes After Short Illness

Archibald Keahey Currie of Raeford died in a Fayetteville hospital at eight o'clock last Friday night after having been a patient there for four days. He suffered a heart attack at his home here Monday night and was taken to the hospital Tuesday morning.

Mr. Currie was 68 years of age and was born near the "Pike", near where the turnpike road crosses Drowning creek into Scotland county. He was one of eight children of the late John Calvin Currie and Mary McLean Currie and was a member of one of the old and prominent Scottish families in this section. His birthplace now in this county, was at that time in Cumberland county.

He lived in Maxton for a time and came to Raeford from there. He was in the automobile business here for a while and later was associated with The Currie Co., a store located where Belk-Hensdale Co. now is. For quite a few years before his death he was a roofing contractor.

He was quite active in the Raeford Presbyterian church, being an elder and treasurer of the Sunday school at the time of his death and having been church treasurer and commissioner from Fayetteville Presbytery to the General Assembly in 1949. He was a charter member of the Raeford Kiwanis club and a Mason.

Funeral was conducted at 3:30 Sunday afternoon at the Raeford Presbyterian church by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor, assisted by the Rev. P. O. Lee, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church. Burial was in the Raeford cemetery. Pallbearers were Tom McBryde, T. B. Upchurch, Devoe Austin, Neill A. McDonald, Dr. R. L. Murray, Neill James Blue, N. B. Sinclair and Dr. M. R. Smith.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Ella Mae Poole; a daughter, Miss Leonora Currie; a brother, Chalmers Currie of Laurinburg; two sisters, Mrs. E. J. Bethune of Hamlet and Mrs. Howard Hasty of Maxton.

Mrs. Eva Cummings Dies Last Sunday

Mrs. Eva Pate Cummings died at the home of her father, W. N. Pate, last Sunday morning at 10:15 following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Rosendale Baptist church in Moore county and she was buried in Lakeview cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Woodrow Cummings, her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pate; three brothers, Raymond, Vernon and Fred Pate of the home five sisters, Mrs. Edward Miller and Mrs. Harrison Miller of Shannon, RFD, Mrs. Clayton Wilson, Mrs. Johnnie Wilson and Mrs. John Wilson of Vass, RFD 2, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hampton had as their week end guests, Mr. Hampton's sister, Mrs. Myrtle Arnold of Norfolk, Virginia, and Mrs. Horace Faires of Greensboro.

Mrs. Paul Dickson, Sr. and Pete Dickson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gatlin at Topsail the first of the week.

Misses Ruby Clark and Maggie Jane Jackson left Tuesday for Raleigh where they will attend the Raleigh School of Commerce.

Ms. and Mrs. Ray Muench spent the week end at Myrtle Beach. They joined a party of relatives from South Carolina.