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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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The following schools have completed their Junior Red Cross Drive: Hoke High, Rockfish, Macedonia, Millside, Timberland, McFarland, Peachmont, Burlington, Lilley's Chapel, Friendship, Freedom, Frye's Mission, Bowmore, Edinburg, White Oak, New Hope, Bridges Grove, Buffalo, Piney Bay and Sandy Grove. We hope that those schools that have not finished will complete their drives and report not later than December 5.

Hoke High and McFarland schools have turned in their contributions to the Memorial Fountain at the United Nations Center in New York that is being placed there by the school children of the United States. We hope that the rest of the school will turn in theirs right away as this money is to be in Raleigh by December 8.

The Teen-age Book club of the Raeford Graded School composed of pupils of the 6th and 7th grade rooms, has received their first shipment of books. They are enjoying them immensely.

The Happy Valley Quartet gave a program of the Rockfish school Tuesday night to a good audience and at Hoke High last night.

The church basketball season starts next Tuesday night. The locals playing a strong Lumber Bridge team.

The Colored and Indian schools ended their second month last Friday. Their total enrollment, membership and percentage in attendance is given below.

Upchurch Elementary 656, 654, 92.6; High 321, 320, 96.4; Freedom 79, 79, 84; Bowmore 153, 152, 93; Friendship 53, 53, 94; Shady Grove 70, 69, 91; Peachmont 40, 40, 83; Timberland 39, 39, 96; Buffalo 52, 51, 79; New Hope 58, 58, 82; McFarland 36, 34, 75.8; Rockfish Col. 27, 26, 70; White Oak 88, 88, 92; Laurel Hill 135, 135, 94; Burlington 157, 155, 90; Millside 66, 65, 92; Piney Bay 44, 40, 66; Bridges Grove 41, 41, 87; Lilley's Chapel 36, 36, 97; Frye's Mission 60, 60, 92; Macedonia 55, 55, 90; Antioch Elementary 149, 149, 97; High 5, 5, 97.5. The percentage of attendance in most of these schools is good, but a few of them are still too low. We hope that the schools in the lower brackets will work hard to improve their attendance.

The two elementary supervisors were out of the county part of the time last week. One attending a meeting in Raleigh, the other a meeting in Rocky Mount. The county superintendent is now in High Point attending a meeting of superintendents.

The parents of James Blue, pupil at Upchurch school, who was killed in an accident on the way to school, wish to thank their friends both colored and white, who were so kind to them in their bereavement.

CONCERT HERE TONIGHT

The Bailey Brothers and their Happy Valley Boys will play at the High school auditorium here tonight, sponsored by the Raeford Camp No. 118, Woodmen of the World. The proceeds will go to the Woodmen's Orphanage Christmas fund and the public is invited to come out and enjoy the fun and aid a worthy cause.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Parnell of Louisville visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Morris Wednesday of last week. Little Sarah Frances Morris returned to Raeford with them after spending several weeks in Louisville with her grandparents.

Mrs. W. M. Blue Dies Sunday P. M.; Funeral Tuesday

Mrs. Christiana Catherine Blue, 74, widow of the late W. M. Blue, died suddenly at her home here at six o'clock last Sunday night. She was the daughter of the late Samuel J. Cameron and Margaret McKeithan Cameron, one of the oldest families of this section. She was born in what is now the Fort Bragg reservation near Blue's mountain and was a member of Sandy Grove Presbyterian church in the early part of her life and later a member of the Raeford Presbyterian church. She spent her entire life in this section. Her husband, a real estate man, preceded her to the grave in 1936.

The funeral was conducted at the Raeford Presbyterian church at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning by the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Heyward. Pallbearers were John McKay Blue, John McKeithan, N. B. Sinclair, Neill James Blue, John Cameron, Sam Morris, James Morris and Harold Keith. Burial was in Raeford cemetery.

Mrs. Blue is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Shaw McEachern of Hendersonville, Mrs. James Wilson of the home and Mrs. Ed Lee of Dunn; two sons, J. H. Blue and Marvin Blue of Raeford; one brother, Frank Cameron of South Hill, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Bruce Morris and Mrs. Angus Keith of Raeford; several grandchildren.

One Life Taken By Traffic Accidents In Hoke Through Oct.

Highway accidents have taken one life in Hoke county during the first nine months of 1950. President Coleman W. Roberts of the Carolina Motor Club announced today on the basis of figures compiled by the State Division of Highway Safety.

In the county, 59 have been injured in 72 accidents during the same period. For the third quarter, ending October 1, 1950, there were 660 persons killed and 8,701 injured as a result of 19,601 traffic accidents on the streets and highways of North Carolina.

These totals represent an increase of nine per cent in deaths, 27 per cent in reported injuries and 34 per cent in total reported traffic accidents over the corresponding period of 1949.

Traffic accidents during the same period of 1949 totaled 14,597 with 604 persons killed and 6,928 persons injured.

Of the 19,601 accidents reported for the three quarters of the year, 556 were fatal, 5,433 were non-fatal, and 13,612 resulted in property damage.

Leading counties in accidents reported are Mecklenburg, 1,462; Forsyth, 1,397; Durham, 1,243; and Guilford, 923.

Interesting facts revealed by the report include:

More persons are killed and injured from 25 to 34 years of age than any other group. More commercial drivers are involved in accidents than any other occupational group. More accidents occur on Saturday than any other day - fewer occur on Tuesday. More fatal accidents occur at speeds of 31 to 40 miles per hour than in any other speed range. More accidents occur between five and six o'clock in the afternoon than any other hour of the day.

Pat Ipock of Vanceboro accompanied Mr. and Mrs. George Wood to Raeford for the holidays, which they spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Guller. They all returned to Vanceboro Sunday.

H. W. Ellis has returned home from Richmond, Ohio, where he visited his son, Rev. Wallace M. Ellis and Mrs. Ellis. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dull and children of Jonesboro Heights stayed with Mrs. Ellis while he was away.

Cotton Crop Is A Colossal Failure

"North Carolina's cotton crop this year is a colossal failure and up to November 14 the Tar Heel State had ginned only 163,000 bales. Big cotton counties like Cleveland, Johnston and Robeson, as well as other counties which have been producing much cotton, simply did not make cotton this year.

The Census Bureau reports on ginning statistics for the several states up to November 14 as follows:

	1950	1949
Alabama	510,394	797,366
Arizona	255,540	252,655
Arkansas	785,905	1,278,277
California	581,815	740,639
Florida	7,991	9,288
Georgia	456,679	541,671
Kentucky	2,541	6,375
Louisiana	394,462	560,637
Mississippi	1,185,762	1,281,278
Missouri	149,499	348,797
New Mexico	118,366	156,363
North C.	163,000	387,064
Oklahoma	154,563	361,810
South C.	398,285	505,992
Tennessee	289,962	514,264
Texas	2,110,722	3,982,984
Virginia	2,015	12,496
Total	7,567,942	11,746,638

The statistics in this report includes 25,996 bales of American Egyptian for 1950, 2,103 for 1949, and 2,304 for 1948; also included are no bales of Sea-Island for 1950, none for 1949, and 5 for 1948.

The statistics for 1950 in this report are subject to revision when checked against the individual returns of the ginners being transmitted by mail. The revised total of cotton ginned this season prior to November 1 is 648,794 bales.

Cotton consumed during the month of October 1950, amounted to 835,155 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on October 28, was 1,469,660 bales, and in public storage and at compresses 6,375,051 bales. The number of active consuming cotton spindles for the month was 20,758,000. The total imports for the month of September 1950, were 22,732 bales and the exports of domestic cotton excluding lint were 372,381 bales.

Sergeant Huggins Killed In Korea

The family of Sergeant Horace Waklon Huggins, 28, of Fayetteville, received official notification last week that he had been killed in action in Korea on November 4. Sergeant Huggins was serving with a combat medical unit assigned to the 24th infantry division. He had been overseas since August 16. He was the husband of the former Deane Matheson of Raeford.

During World War II he served in the Navy. He was stationed at Fort Bragg for over two years in the Army before going overseas. Surviving are his wife and two children, Bobbie and Waklon Huggins of Fayetteville; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Huggins of Hope Mills; four brothers and three sisters.

Union Service Is Well Attended

The Union Sunrise Thanksgiving Worship service at the Raeford Methodist church last Thursday morning was well attended. The message was brought by Dr. Walker Healy of Fayetteville and music was by the High school sextette.

Following the service the senior young people's group of the Methodist church invited the young people from the other churches and boys and girls home from college to the church dining room. Here, from a table attractively arranged and centered with yellow chrysanthemums, coffee, doughnuts, cakes and buns were served and a period of fellowship was enjoyed.

Fire Department Goes To Jail Last Sunday Night

The Raeford Fire department was turned out in the cold at about 11:00 o'clock last Sunday night when a blaze and some smoke developed at the county jail.

It appeared that inmates of the place, who were not confined to cells but were free in the "run-around" which goes around the cell block and which has access to the windows, had become a little discontented with their situation and were trying to wreck the place.

Officers said that the radiators in the run-around were broken off at the floor, and that wood and mattresses were gathered and lit, as if the boys were cold. The windows available were broken out and the sashes added to the fire. The fire department with the 16 who answered the alarm had no trouble in disposing of the blaze, and between water, steam and smoke the place was a sight to behold when things quieted down.

Bill Gordon and John Leonard Maulsby were charged with generally wrecking the place and with setting fire to the jail. They were released under bonds of \$500 each, and are to be given hearing next Tuesday. A third man was incarcerated with these two but officers say their statements clear him. He is Claude A. Gates who paid or obligated himself for \$100 and the costs in court Tuesday.

Former Resident Killed In Korea

A telegram from the Defense Department arrived here Saturday for Mrs. Carroll M. Eastman saying that her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Eastman, had been killed in action in Korea. Mrs. Eastman, who had lived in an apartment with Mr. and Mrs. Younger Snead since her husband went overseas in the early fall, had gone to California about three weeks ago and the information was forwarded to her there. Warrant Officer Eastman was in the Air Force.

Mrs. Eastman is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. E. Snyder, 1333 St. John St., San Jose, California. The Eastmans lived here during the time he was stationed at Pope Field and made many friends who will be saddened to learn of his death.

New Type Rural Mail Boxes To Be Shown

If RFD Tarheels know a good bargain when they see one, they'll take the Highway Commission up on its proposition about rural mailboxes. In cooperation with the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association, the Commission has selected a neat looking portable mail box with a concrete base as a model for state wide distribution.

If rural citizens will install such a mail box at their front gate, the Commission will have its forces provide an all-weather approach. This helps everybody: the rural mail carrier (who can reach the mail box without endangering his life), the highway maintenance department (which won't be knocking over mailboxes when it scrapes the road) and the resident (whose property will be made more attractive and pleasing). Models of the new mailbox will be on display in each county courthouse soon, and your mail carrier or postmaster will have information about where to procure them.

Bill Garrett and Basil Riley of Roxboro were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Niven Thanksgiving Day.

Recorder Hears Few Cases Tues.

Only a dozen defendants were disposed of in Hoke county recorder's court before Judge Henry McDiarmid Tuesday morning.

Claude Austin Cates, white of Tennessee, who was jailed along with others charged with damaging and setting fire to the jail Sunday night, entered a plea of guilty of driving drunk and violating the prohibition laws. He got 90 days suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs. He made a partial payment and got terms on the remainder.

Clonnie Rogers, colored, was found guilty of driving drunk.

Willie Graham and Roxanna Little, colored, got 90 days on the roads and in jail, respectively for immoral conduct, sentences suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

Clarence Stubbs and Bertha Allsbrook, colored, were also charged with immoral conduct. Stubbs was found guilty and got one year on the roads. He appealed and posted a \$250 bond. The female defendant did not appear for trial due to a misunderstanding and will be tried next Tuesday.

Roy Wallace, colored, was found guilty of violating the road laws by speeding when a car was starting to pass him. He got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs.

Charles B. McRae and Stephen Swerdson, both white, each left a \$25 bond for speeding.

George N. Lambos, white, paid \$10 and the costs for careless and reckless driving.

Jerry Evans, colored, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Donnie Lee Locklear, Indian, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon by shooting at a house and got six months suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs.

Examiner Gives License Records For October

Driver's license examiner's records for October showed a 20 per cent failure among applicants in the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles said today.

Of the 39,353 applications, 7,102 were disapproved. A total of 27,251 road tests were given and 27,418 operator's licenses, 16,083 learner's permits, 3,147 duplicate licenses and 1,686 chauffeur's licenses were applied for and approved.

A total of \$59,781.50 was collected by driver's license examiners. Persons who had previously held licenses failed to pass the examination for the following reasons: Signs, 693; eyes, 588; rules, 877; road test, 599; equipment, 51; miscellaneous, 23.

Persons applying for licenses for the first time failed for the following reasons: signs, 717; eyes, 356; rules, 1,052; road test, 1,742; equipment, 71; miscellaneous, 28.

Chauffeurs applying on old licenses failed because of the following reasons: Signs 20; eyes, 28; rules, 55; road test, 8; equipment, one; miscellaneous, one. Chauffeurs applying for licenses for the first time failed to pass because of the following reasons: signs, 16 eyes, 19; rules, 50; road test, 18; equipment, three.

Mr. and Mrs. William Black and children and Mrs. C. L. Black of Greensboro were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dickson last Thursday. Mrs. Black remained for a longer visit.

Eugene Smith, son of Mrs. Lucy Smith was one of the 26 members of the student body of ECTC, Greenville, who have been selected to appear in the 1950-51 edition of the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

19 Men Examined, 6 Pass; 35 More To Go For Exams

Mrs. J. M. Baker, clerk of the Hoke county draft board, this week received a report on the 17 men from this county and two transfers who were given pre-induction mental and physical examinations at the Fayetteville induction station last Friday.

Of the 13 colored men from Hoke who went only four passed and of the four white only two passed. Both the transfers failed to pass.

Mrs. Baker has also received a notice to the effect that 35 men would be called up for pre-induction mental and physical examinations from Hoke county during December instead of the 25 originally scheduled to report. These are scheduled to report to the Fayetteville induction station on December 15.

PERSONALS

Sgt. and Mrs. Bill Marlar spent the week end with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Tommie Upchurch and Eloise Upchurch went to Dawson, Ga., last Wednesday to attend a celebration in honor of Erle Coker, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion who is a cousin of Mrs. Upchurch. Commander Coker is a native of Dawson, is 29 years old, a veteran of World War II and the youngest National Commander of the American Legion.

Decorated with the Silver Star, the Purple Heart with lusters, the Bronze Star and other citations, he has received national acclaim as a business and agricultural leader in his home state of Georgia.

Mrs. B. L. Miller and Miss Donnie Lytle spent Thanksgiving and the week end in Columbia, S. C. with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Davis joined them there for the week end.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. John McPhaul and Sgt. and Mrs. Melvin Rouse the past week end were Mrs. Eunice Rouse, mother of Mrs. McPhaul and Sgt. Rouse, Talmadge Rouse, Misses Annette and Fannette Rouse, Mrs. Bruce Crews and Linda Crews, all of LaGrange. Mr. and Mrs. McPhaul had all the family for dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Upchurch and Joe Upchurch were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCleskey in Gainesville, Ga. from Wednesday till Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Deaton and family of Spartanburg, S. C. visited Mr. and Mrs. Berder Niven Sunday. They were en route to their home after a trip to Richmond, Va.

Mrs. J. M. Norton and Alex Norton spent Thanksgiving Day in Sneads Ferry with Mrs. Norton's daughter, Mrs. L. W. Midgette, Mr. Midgette and their new son.

Bobby Murray of Davidson spent Thanksgiving and the week end here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Murray.

Miss Alice Sutton Matheson of Duke University and a classmate, Miss Jean Stillkirk of Tulpelo, Miss., were guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Matheson for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Harris and sons and Mrs. Carlton Niven spent the week end in Roxboro. They attended the funeral of an aunt, Mrs. Ida Whitt, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greene and Frances Ward spent Thanksgiving in Salisbury with Mrs. Greene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Haseel.

Coble Says Hoke Road Building To Be Increased

Commissioner Says Hoke To Get Share Of Money From Surfacing Costing Less

The nine counties of the Sixth Highway Division stand a good chance of getting considerably more roads surfaced than were originally contemplated under the 200 million dollar bond program, according to District Commissioner George S. Coble. Coble made a progress report to a group at a meeting near Lexington recently in which he showed the roads which had been paved under the program and other roads on the schedule.

In the Sixth division, \$21,238,000 was allocated to the nine counties as follows:

Moore, \$2,322,000; Hoke, \$1,268,000; Lee, \$1,100,000; Scotland \$1,340,000; Randolph, \$3,244,000; Robeson, \$4,218,000; Harnett, \$2,540,000; Chatham, \$2,354,000; Davidson, \$2,852,000.

Under the bond program 1274 miles were to be paved in the district. As of October 1, 1950, Commissioner Coble stated that 864.9 miles had been paved. This is 67.9 per cent of the scheduled program. But Commissioner Coble stated that only \$6,560,925.73 of the \$21,238,000 had been spent as of October 1. This shows 67.9 per cent of the division's original mileage paved with only 34.3 of the money spent.

Commissioner Coble indicated that it now looks as if the division would be able to get almost double the amount of hard-surfaced roads as promised in the road bond campaign. In some of the counties they are already mapping additional roads to be paved.

Hoke County will receive \$1,268,000 under the bond program. 10 per cent may be retained as an Equalization Fund, leaving \$1,141,200 for the general county road improvements in Hoke. As of October 1, \$374,169.36 had been spent for paving and stabilizing Hoke County roads. This expenditure represents 32.3 of the \$1,141,200 which Hoke will receive.

Based on 12,000 miles of paved roads for the entire State, or 1274 miles to the division, Hoke County's proportionate part of road work completed is 75 per cent complete. Yes, Hoke like the other counties of the district will receive a much larger mileage of paved roads than originally programmed. Commissioner Coble said that he would be in Hoke County in December to program more roads for hard-surfacing.

In Little River township of Hoke County additional roads have been mapped for hard-surfacing, giving that township a total of 17.8 miles of pavement under the bond program.

Little River roads mapped to be paved are as follows:

1.8 mile from Lobbella to Morrison's bridge.
6.7 miles from Lobbella to the Cumberland County line near the Lower Power Plant.
3.3 miles from the Moore-Hoke-Harnett line at the Cameron-Johnson home to Cypress Church.

2.4 miles from Cypress Church to the intersection of the Lobbella-Overhills road at the old Hector Smith place.

3.1 miles from the Vass-Lobbella road to the Hoke-Harnett county line road at Cam Johnson's.

1.5 mile from Modnt Pleasant Church to the Harnett county line.

2.1 miles from the intersection of the Mt. Pleasant-Johnsonville road to the Harnett county line near the old Jim Marks place.
Heretofore Little River has had only 3.5 miles of hard surface road in the entire township.