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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The elementary supervisor, representatives of the Rockfish School, the Rockfish PTA, the Ashmont school and the Ashmont PTA are in Raleigh today selecting books for their respective libraries. Both schools are putting special emphasis on building up their libraries.

Clubs have been organized in the Rockfish school, literature and choral reading clubs in Mrs. Wood's room, a dramatic club in Mrs. Monroe's room and a wild life and citizen's club in Mrs. Cole's room. All of these clubs have started functioning.

The Raeford Graded school held their regular fire drill Tuesday and cleared the building in one minute and 16 seconds. We think this is a most excellent performance. We hope that the other schools in the county are doing equally as well. All schools are required to have periodic fire drills and fire inspections. The Board of Education files a composite report each three months with the State Fire Bureau.

We hear that cupid has struck again in the Hoke High faculty. We hope to be able to name the stricken member soon.

There will be a barbecue supper at the Rockfish school tomorrow night from six till eight for the benefit of the school. The Tabernacle church is doing this for the school. We think this is a splendid thing for them to do and it indicates the regard in which this school is held.

The white schools will close for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, December 19. The Indian and colored schools are to close on Friday, December 22. All schools will reopen on Monday, January 1, 1951.

Only Upchurch school, in addition to the two listed last week, have made their report on the U. N. Memorial collection. We hope that all schools will report by tomorrow as we have to report to Raleigh on that date.

The Upchurch school has been suffering from a water shortage this week. Desperate efforts have been made to get the well in working order and we hope that by the time this goes to print the situation will be remedied.

The teachers in the colored schools are putting into practice in the various schools the health and nutrition practices that they have learned in the classes in these subjects attended this fall. Various projects have been instituted that we will give accounts of as soon as practical. We feel that the teachers are to be commended for the progress shown.

We are glad to report that the school health work is going forward with splendid results. Both the Health Department and the Welfare Department are cooperating with the schools 100%.

SUPPER AT ROCKFISH

Tabernacle Baptist church will sponsor a barbecue and chicken supper at Rockfish school on Friday night, December 8, from five to eight o'clock. The proceeds will be for Rockfish school and smaller plates will be served for children. The public is invited.

Mrs. Ruth Bridges returned the first of the week after spending the past four weeks in Van Nuys, California, visiting her niece, Mrs. Larry Seamans.

Teachers Expect To Get \$30,000.55 Back Pay Soon

Santa Claus pays his visit to the teachers of Hoke county a little earlier this year, about next Monday, to be exact, for that is the day when the checks for back pay for the school year, 1949-50 under state law passed two years ago. At that time a fund was created to increase the teacher pay on a retroactive basis if treasury surplus allowed it.

The amounts have been figured out and sent to Raleigh for approval and teachers may expect to receive their checks some time next week.

Production Credit Association Has Its Annual Meeting Here

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Laurinburg Production Credit association was held in the courthouse here yesterday morning with 177 stockholders and 25 guests present.

N. H. G. Balfour, president of the association, was in charge of the meeting and gave the group a most interesting report on the activities of the board of directors during the past year, stating that they have seven meetings and that the executive committee had met 20 times.

Mr. Balfour and A. M. McLean were unanimously re-elected to the board of directors.

H. L. Morgan, secretary-treasurer of the association, gave a report on the operations of the association during the year.

Phil Johnson had charge of a part of the program that was of much interest to all present, the drawing of the cash attendance prizes. The grand prize of \$20 went to W. R. Adcox.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Neeley have as their guests Mr. Neeley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neeley of Lamar, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fann had as their week end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fisher and son of Albemarle.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Upchurch went to Sanford Friday night to hear Erle Coker, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion who addressed the Legion in Sanford that night.

A card from Lt. and Mrs. Arthur Bond, who have recently been transferred to Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, says that it is really cold there, and they mean it, as it was seven below zero when they wrote.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Benner and family visited relatives in Clayton and Raleigh Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Upchurch were guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Willis Thursday evening for the buffet supper and Open Forum Lecture at the Pinehurst Country club. They heard Inglis Fletcher, well known author speak.

Mrs. W. T. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Peter McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Yarborough attended the wedding of Robert Covington and Miss Patricia Cansler in Charlotte Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James McBryde and family have moved to Raeford from Fayetteville and are living in one of C. L. Stephens' houses. Mr. McBryde will do construction work here.

Farmers Will Vote On Committeemen Next Thursday

Farmers of Hoke county on December 14 will have an opportunity to elect the committeemen who will administer the Agricultural Conservation Program, price support, acreage allotments, marketing quota and other production programs in 1951.

Elections will be held from 9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. at the following places:

Allendale, Community House; Antioch, J. A. Hodgins' Store; Blue Springs, Hoke Trading Co.; (Mitchell Epstein's Store); Little River, Community House; Wayside, Marshall Newton's Store; Rockfish, A. W. Wood's Store; Queniffle, Montrose Community House; Court House; Stonevale, Dundarrach Trading Co.

At these elections farmers will be voting for three members of a community committee and a delegate to the county convention where a county committee will be elected.

According to R. J. Hasty, chairman of the Hoke County Production and Marketing Administration committee, no farmer who is eligible to vote should pass up the opportunity to "voice" his choice of the three farmers in his community best qualified to administer farm programs in 1951.

In the chairman's words, "The coming year can be expected to call for decisions and actions which will demand the most able leadership available. This places the responsibility of electing able committeemen on the shoulders of the farmers in each of the 8 communities in Hoke county."

"With mounting defense activities, problems having to do with obtaining fertilizer, seed, construction materials, transportation, etc., can be expected to increase. At these elections, the farmers in each of the 8 communities in Hoke county will have the responsibility of electing committeemen who will help to make the local decisions on these matters."

"These elections put it squarely up to the farmers of Hoke county."

Men To Hold Union Meeting

The Men of the Raeford Methodist church will entertain the men of the Raeford Baptist and Presbyterian churches at a supper at the Methodist church tomorrow night at seven o'clock. Around 200 men from the three churches are expected to be present.

The speaker will be Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University. Dr. Childs is Lay Leader for the North Carolina Methodist conference and has been chosen to be a representative from this country to the international meeting of Protestant churches to be held in Belgium.

N. C. Sanatorium Cows Top Producers

The pured Ayrshire dairy herd of N. C. Sanatorium, McCain, N. C. has achieved top recognition during a recent month for outstanding production. The Sanatorium producers are credited with averaging 739 lbs. 4% milk and 30 lbs. of butterfat, for the respective testing month, which places them among the nation's top Ayrshire herds in the Ayrshire Herd Test Division of 75 to 100 cows.

With 15,000 Ayrshire cows on test, the Ayrshire breed holds the record among all dairy breeds as having the highest percentage of its cows on test.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Amos and son visited in Asheboro last Friday.

WANT BUSINESS

The Merchant's committee of commerce this week took action to make buying in Raeford a little more pleasant for the people who ride in to do it.

They have asked all business houses on Main street to have their owners and employees not to park their cars on Main street during working hours from now until Christmas, but to save this space for the general public which comes to town. The committee is of the opinion that more people would stop on Main street and be potential buyers there if there is a place to stop. Cooperation in this will mean much to the town and be a gesture of politeness as well the committee believes.

On the other hand, the committee asks people in Raeford to take a minute before running to the willie or Red Springs if they can't get it here and probably cheaper, and they'll save a trip. It would be about as bad to see a man who sells beans buying shoes somewhere else as it would to see the man who sells shoes buying his beans out of town.

Lions Will Make Christmas Toy Drive Sunday

Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock the town's big red fire truck will sweep the streets of Raeford, marking the beginning of a complete canvas of the town for old toys by the Raeford Lions club. After the noise of the siren has quieted down four big trucks loaded with eager Boy Scouts will make a door-to-door canvas, to pick up every toy possible.

The Lions club requests the people of Raeford to cooperate in the following manner: 1. Bring all toys to the front porch and leave light burning; 2. Those not planning to be at home please leave toys with a neighbor; 3. Those overlooked please call 6611 and the toys will be picked up.

Business firms having soiled merchandise of any sort, shop-worn or broken toys, or anything of value which may be made into a gift are asked to call 6611 or get in touch with H. D. Harrison, T. B. Lester or Haywood Faircloth, the Lions committee for the project.

Arrangements are also being made through the elementary school principals for the toy drive to cover the whole county through the school children. Inasmuch as the toys will be distributed to underprivileged families all over the county, the Lions club expects a good response from rural families also.

The club is working with the Welfare department in distribution of the toys and gifts. However, those who may know of needy and deserving family not on the list may call H. D. Harrison, chairman, at 6611 in Raeford.

In making their appeal to the public for help with the drive the Lions club called attention to the fact that without help an unhappy and disappointing Christmas is in store for a great many families in this county this year. They propose to furnish the help and all they ask is the cooperation of the people in the county. They do not ask money or new goods, but will repair old toys which will mean much to those who receive them.

MUSIC AT MILDOUSON

The Mildouson school will present the Highland Valley Boys of Fayetteville in a musical program for the benefit of the school on Monday night, December 11, at 7:45 o'clock.

Hoke High Opens Cage Season Here Friday Night

Locals Will Play Wagram In First Game; Join Cumberland County League

Hoke county high school's boys and girls basketball teams have been working out for about three weeks under the tutelage of Coaches Haywood Faircloth and Bob Rockholtz and are all set for the 1951 season which opens in the local gym tomorrow night when the boys and girls will play teams from Wagram high.

This year the Hoke High teams have joined the Cumberland county league and will play most games against the seven Cumberland county teams. This move was made to promote a more competitive spirit on the teams and to allow the teams to participate in the Cumberland county tournament at the end of the season for the championship of Hoke and Cumberland counties. Twenty games have been scheduled for the Hoke boys and girls.

The girls will have the same players as last year except for the loss of two guards. They are expected to be another strong team. At forwards are Lyda Williams, Sarah Cole, Fannette Gore, Betty Jane Ashburn, Peggy Thomas, Betty Jean Clark, Pat Ritter, Anne Leach, Jennelle Snead and Joyce Conoly. The guards include Florence Cameron, Mary Sue Upchurch, Ellen Kate Koonce, Mary Guin, Betty Upchurch, Betty Jo Lovette, Eloise Davis and Helen McDougald. All have been showing up well in practice.

The boys have four left over from last year. These are Billy Lester, John McLaughlin, Bobby Lundy and D. B. Parker. The squad will consist of 15 boys and they have not been selected yet. After losing three from last year's starting five the team has been rebuilt around Bobby Lundy, reserve center from last year. The boys varsity is being coached by Bob Rockholtz.

The schedule is as follows: Dec. 8, Wagram here; 12, Rowland here; 15, 71st here; 19, Rowland here; January 2, Massey Hill here; 5, Central here; 9, Massey Hill here; 12, 71st here; 16, Laurel Hill here; 19, Hope Mills here; 23, Gray's Creek here; 26, Red Springs here; 30, Stedman here; Feb. 2, Gray's Creek here; 6, Central here; 9, Laurel Hill here; 13, Stedman at Central; 26, Red Springs here; 27, Hope Mills there.

1951 Chevrolet To Appear Saturday

Detroit—New 1951 Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks will go on display simultaneously at 7,690 dealerships on Saturday, December 9.

Announcement of the showing by W. E. Fish, general sales manager of the company, was coupled with an estimate that more than 10,000,000 people will inspect the latest series during the introductory period.

"Reports from the field indicate one of the most successful showings in our history," said Fish. "Not only have we found widespread interest in the new model features, but dealers are working on elaborate programs in connection with the event. In many centers the showings will take on all of the aspects of a civic celebration."

"For the Chevrolet retail organization the presentation of the 1951 series will come as a climax to its greatest year. Sales during 1950 will establish a new record and once again will top all competition by a substantial margin."

Mrs. Lillian Oliver is visiting friends in Shallotte.

Bud Johnson Is In Jail Again

Edwin (Bud) Johnson, 25-year-old white man who was out under \$15,000 bond for trial in Superior court on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was picked up again at Bolton's place on the Laurinburg road by Rural Policeman J. C. Wright and put in the county jail on charges of being drunk and disorderly and carrying a concealed weapon, a pistol.

Johnson obtained a two-weeks continuance of trial on these charges at the Tuesday morning session of recorder's court.

Bond for carrying a concealed weapon is normally \$100, but this has not been asked for as Johnson is still in jail in default of the \$15,000 bond. On Monday six of the bondsmen withdrew their bonds in the amount of \$1,000 each and Johnson has not been able to post the \$15,000 since that time. Bonds still in the clerk's possession are in the amount of \$3,000 each and are signed by John Leonard, Bethune and Jennings Maulsby. Bonds were withdrawn by T. B. Austin, Mitchell Epstein, R. W. Posey, Lawrence Conoly, J. H. Wright and B. D. Wright.

To Sell McDiarmid Farm Next Monday

The farm lands of the late Mrs. Carrie McDiarmid will be sold at auction at the residence at 10:00 o'clock next Monday, December 11. The farm contains about 786 acres and is considered one of the finest in the county. It is located about three miles west of Raeford on the turnpike road. It has 524 acres under cultivation and a 31 acre tobacco allotment.

The farm has been subdivided into eleven tracts or farms ranging in size from 12 to 165 acres which will be sold individually to the highest bidder for cash. In addition to the residence of the late Mrs. McDiarmid there are 17 other dwellings, tobacco barns, and outbuildings.

Some personal property and farm equipment will also be offered for sale at auction immediately after the land is sold.

The farm lands also include the farm near the Laurinburg highway about two miles south known as the "P. H. Wright farm."

On Tuesday, December 12, at 2:00 o'clock the 26 lots in Raeford on Fulton street and Fifth Avenue will also be sold at auction. Eight of these lots face Fulton street and the others, including one with a two-apartment dwelling on it, face Fifth Avenue. This property has been known variously as the John Moore property and the Maulsby property.

Christmas Lights Are On The Way

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's committee on Christmas lights, said yesterday that his committee expects to have lights strung and switched on by next Monday night.

The delay was caused in the first place by the late start but the fixtures are all ready to go up now and the bulbs, which must be in before the wires go up, are on the way. As soon as they arrive the lights will go up.

REVIVAL AT PHILIPPI

A series of revival services will be conducted at Philippi Presbyterian church from Sunday thru Friday of next week. The Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor, announced yesterday. The services will be conducted by the Rev. R. H. Poole, pastor of the St. Pauls Presbyterian church, and will begin at seven o'clock each evening. There will be special song service at each service.

County Officials Are Sworn Into Office Monday

Two New Faces On Board Commissioners; Others Same

The Hoke county board of commissioners took their oaths of office for a two-year term before Superior Court Clerk J. B. Cameron in a brief and informal ceremony at the courthouse Monday. Those sworn in were W. M. Thomas, J. F. McMillan and F. K. Watson of the retiring board and New Members N. H. G. Balfour and Marshall Newton.

The old board had previously held its last meeting of which resolutions of respect and appreciation for the faithful service of Retiring Members Julian Wright and John William Smith were passed and at which they made remarks of appreciation to the other members of the board for the pleasure of working with them and promised friendship and cooperation with the board in the future.

Other officials sworn in by the clerk were Sheriff D. H. Hodgins, Recorder's Court Judge Henry McDiarmid, Solicitor J. M. Andrews and Coroner James C. Lentz. Judge McDiarmid then administered the oath to Cameron as clerk of the Superior court.

At their first meeting the commissioners selected John McGoogan temporary chairman for the purpose of organization. Commissioner N. H. G. Balfour stated that there were three ex-chairmen of the board now on it and that he thought F. Knox Watson, president of the State association of county commissioners and a director of the national association, certainly merited the honor of being chairman of the board in his own county. The board apparently agreed with Balfour, as Watson was elected by acclamation on the motion of W. M. Thomas. Thomas was then chosen vice-chairman of the board in the same manner.

The board heard a petition for a public road by the residence of Cliff Brown. It was filed for action at a later date.

County Accountant J. A. McGoogan was ordered to write J. W. Spruill, district highway commission engineer requesting that the C. J. McNeill road be built as early as possible.

County School Superintendent K. A. MacDonald appeared before the board with a request of \$550 more dollars in the school budget to take care of salary increases. The board granted this request, making the school budget for the year as follows: Current expenses, \$52,358.50; Debt service, \$3,370; Capital outlay, \$29,030.90; Total \$84,759.40.

FARM ITEMS

By E. M. STALLINGS
Hoke County Farm Agent

According to Tom Cameron of Raeford and Herbert Blue, tenant on Mr. Cameron's farm, it is a better practice to plant soybeans in 2 1/2 ft. rows than in 3 ft. rows. At least this has proven true for them in 1950.

Seventeen (17) acres of Roanoke Soybeans were planted on the Cameron Farm on May 1, using 1 1/2 bushels of seed per acre. Fourteen acres were planted in 3 foot rows and three acres in 2 1/2 ft. rows. The soil was the same throughout the seventeen acre field and was fertilized the same. They were planted on heavy land which was in high state of cultivation. 300 lbs. of 2-12-12 fertilizer and 500 lbs. of lime were used per acre in the drill and mixed. Mr. Cameron uses this liming practice on soybeans every other year.

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