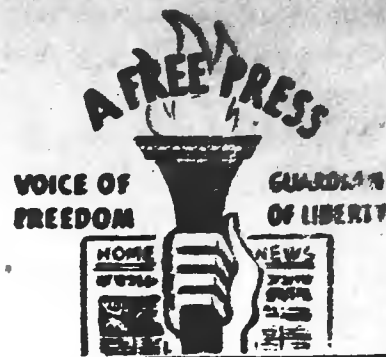




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## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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For the fourth consecutive year, the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina announced its Essay Contest open to high school students in North Carolina. The Society is offering a six hundred (\$600) dollar college scholarship, and other prizes, as awards to the successful contestants. This contest is sponsored by the Public Relations Committee of the Medical Society, and has the approval of the State Department of Public Instruction.

In addition, the three winning papers, as determined by the final judges, will be forwarded to the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons for competition in their national contest. Prizes offered by this Association are first, \$1,000; second, \$500; third, \$100; fourth, \$25; fifth, \$25; and sixth, \$25.

It is hoped that quite a number of high school students will enter this contest. Full details have been sent by the Medical Society to principals.

Below is given the enrollment, membership and percentage in attendance of the white schools for the third month of school. Asheboro 138, 127, 89.8; Hoke High 8th grade 87, 86, 90.3; Hoke High 9-12 264, 255, 92.3; Mildouson 85, 84, 97; Raeford Graded 496, 479, 91.2; Rockfish 116, 113, 92. You will note that Mildouson leads the county in percentage in attendance. We hope that the other schools will be able to narrow the gap during the fourth month.

The Tabernacle Church at Rockfish gave a barbecue supper last Friday night and gave the proceeds to the school. This is a very unusual procedure and the school and everyone connected with it greatly appreciated this generous action. About \$50.00 was raised and turned over to the school.

The white schools of the county will close for the holidays on Tuesday, December 19. The colored and Indian schools will close on Friday, December 22. This letter is by request of the schools in order to allow them to finish third month before Christmas. We think this is a wise move on their part.

All schools will reopen on Monday, January 1, 1951.

The Hoke-Raeford PTA will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday evening at 7:30 in the Graded School auditorium. The program will be the yearly Christmas Pageant given by the junior chorus and the primary grades. Those who have attended before know that a treat is in store for those who attend. This program will be a little more varied than usual in that the primary grades are taking part. The junior chorus is made up of children from the grammar grades. We hope a large number of parents will attend.

Miss Marie Pfunder, nutritionist with the State Health Department, visited Mrs. Shelton's fifth grade at the Raeford Graded School last Friday and explained vitamins to the class. This was in connection with their health work. In connection with their geography, studying New England, Miss Pfunder talked about New England as a whole and Connecticut in particular, as she is a native of this state. The children were most interested.

Charles M. Spencer, Director, Division of School Health, State Department of Public Instruction, was a visitor to the county Tuesday afternoon. He not only visited the school office, but the offices of the welfare Department (Continued on back page)

## REA Directors Elect New Officers At Recent Meeting

At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Lumbie River Electric Membership Corporation, C. L. Balance, farmer of the Saint Pauls section of Robeson county, was elected president of the Corporation. Mr. Balance has been a director of the corporation for a number of years and held the office of vice president of the corporation part of this time. He succeeds C. A. Alford, retiring president, who lives in the Rowland section of Robeson county.

Mr. Alford served as president of the two and one-half million dollar corporation for the past ten years. Mr. Balance as newly president, made a brief talk to the directors expressing his appreciation for the honor and he assured them of his interest in the cooperative and that he had the cooperative at heart.

He also commended the retiring president for the interest he had shown in the cooperative and he assured Mr. Alford that the Board of Directors and the members of the corporation wished to commend him for services rendered in the past ten years.

J. McN. Gillis, charter member and farmer and county commissioner of Cumberland county was elected vice-president.

J. R. Caddell, farmer of the Maxton section, was re-elected treasurer. Mrs. Lucy Smith, a charter member and well known former school teacher of Hoke county, who has some farming interest and is at present connected with the Hoke County High School lunch room program, was re-elected secretary. Mrs. Smith has served as secretary since 1942.

Other directors of the corporation are, Marshall Newton, farmer and county commissioner of Hoke county; J. E. Morrison, dairyman and farmer of Robeson county, and two newly elected directors, J. R. Lassiter, of Scotland county, who resides near Wagram, and Wade H. Powell, farmer of the Fairmont-Rowland section of Robeson county.

## New Record In Polio Cases For One Week

New York, Dec. 13—The number of polio cases reported in the United States for the week ended Dec. 2 set a 23-year high, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis announced yesterday.

The foundation also reported that 31,989 cases of polio since Jan. 1 had made 1950 the "second severest polio year in the nation's history." Last year, with 41,442 was the worst.

The foundation listed 598 new cases for the week ended Dec. 2. It said that this figure was the highest in the 48th week of any year since 1927, when weekly polio reports were first started.

## CANTATA AT SHILOH

The choir of the Aberdeen Presbyterian church, under the direction of Mrs. C. H. Story, will present a Christmas Cantata at Shiloh Presbyterian church at four o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 17. The public is invited to attend.

## CAROLS AT PARKER'S

The choirs of Tabernacle Baptist church, Galatia Presbyterian church and Parker's Methodist church will unite in a program of Christmas music at Parker's church next Sunday, December 17, at 7:00 o'clock. The public is invited.

Marines—Virginia Colonials—were first called to North Carolina during the Proprietary Governor disputes and Indian uprisings that occurred during the reign of Queen Ann, and in the early part of the 18th century.

## McDiarmid Lands Sold This Week

Some idea of prevailing real estate values may be gathered from the sale of the farm lands of the late Mrs. Carrie McDiarmid on Monday and lots in Raeford on Tuesday, although sales made by auction on those days were not final and are subject to upset bids for 10 days after sale.

The farm, containing 786 acres in all and 524 acres under cultivation, was sold in 11 tracts ranging in size from 12 to 165 acres. The McDiarmid home was sold as tract number seven contained 33 acres. High bid for this at the sale was \$7,500.

Bids on other tracts were as follows: No. 1, 97.5 acres, \$11,000; No. 2, 87.5 acres, \$8,500; No. 3, 105.4 acres, \$6,700; No. 4, 60.9 acres, \$6,600; No. 5, 53 acres, \$2,300; No. 6, 102.6 acres, \$9,200; No. 7, 34 acres, \$2,300; No. 9, 44 acres, \$6,100; No. 10, 12.8 acres, \$1,350; No. 11, the P. H. Wright farm, 165 acres, \$24,000.

Lots in Raeford on Fulton Street and Fifth Avenue and part of Mrs. McDiarmid's estate were sold at auction on Tuesday afternoon on the same conditions as the farm lands on Monday. High bid on the lot at the corner of Fulton street and Fifth avenue, 100 feet on Fulton street and 200 on Fifth avenue, was \$1,350. The other lot facing Fulton street the same size was bid in at \$1,150. The lots on Fifth avenue, 25 by 200 feet, were bid in at from \$125 to \$225 each. The two-apartment dwelling on this street was sold for \$2,600.

## Long Distance Calls Heavy On Christmas

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company expects to handle a record number of long distance calls during the Christmas week end, according to R. E. Dixon, Fayetteville manager for the company.

The Fayetteville toll operators handled 2,473 calls last Christmas day, and company officials estimate that more than 3,000 long distance calls will be handled by local operators this Christmas day. Mr. Dixon pointed out that the Christmas season is the busiest time of the year for telephone company employees handling long distance calls. Servicemen unable to get home for the holidays will be the chief users of long distance especially in this area.

The Fayetteville toll operators, Mr. Dixon stated, have been handling an unusually large number of long distance calls for several months. The company installed four additional toll switchboard positions during the early fall, but the increasing number of calls has made some delays inevitable. Unfortunately, there is no room for additional switchboard positions in the present toll office.

Mr. Dixon said that work is progressing on the new toll building in Fayetteville, which, including equipment, will cost \$800,000. Most of the equipment has arrived and installation will begin shortly after the first of the year.

However, since the new toll building and the additional circuits will not be ready for service until next year, the company will have to handle the Christmas season calls on existing equipment. Every available switchboard position will be used during the busy periods, but the large number of calls to be handled will mean some delays.

Mr. Dixon requested all long distance users to be patient with delays they may encounter on their calls and to make their conversations as brief as possible. "If everyone complies with this request," he said, "the company will be able to handle more calls and to handle them more quickly."

By June 1945, 665 North Carolinians serving in the U. S. Marine Corps were commissioned officers.

## Chamber To Hold Annual Meeting Next Thursday

The Annual meeting of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., will be held at the courthouse next Thursday night, December 21, at 8:00 o'clock. The approximately 100 member firms and individuals were advised of the meeting this week and any who may have been overlooked by the secretary in mailing notices are urged by the president to not be mad and come anyway.

Reports on the activities of the past year will be presented and other important matters in the present activities of the group will be discussed and acted upon. These include mainly the housing development, "Robbins Heights", which the Chamber is trying to get under way on its property on East Prospect avenue in Raeford. Full details on the status of this development and actions taken by the board of directors will be presented to the membership at the meeting.

Four members of the 12-man board of directors will be chosen for a three-year term at the meeting, following which the directors will elect the officers of the body for the year 1951.

## Post Office Open Next Two Saturdays

Postmaster Lacy Clark announced this week that the Raeford post office would be open the last two Saturdays before Christmas in order to help the public get rid of their Christmas mail.

He also said that the post office would begin closing at 5:30 p. m. daily instead of six o'clock until Christmas. He said this was being done in order to allow the extra mail to be processed daily without causing excessive overtime for employees.

## Secretary Of State To Address Kiwanians

North Carolina Secretary of State Thad Eure will be guest speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis club at the High school cafeteria tonight. He will be the guest of Kiwanian and State Senator J. Benton Thomas.

This will be the first time in quite a few years that a member of the Council of State has appeared in Raeford and President Younger Snead has urged all members of the club to be on hand to greet Eure at six-thirty.

## Tar Heel Draft Call To Be Increased

Raleigh, Dec. 13—Tar Heel draft calls will be stepped up considerably in January and February—probably doubled.

This was indicated yesterday by O. S. Slaunwhite, state procurement officer, following a selective service announcement in Washington that the draft calls for the two-month period were being increased nation-wide by 70,000.

North Carolina's original January quota called for 1,210 draftees, and the February figure was 1,500.

## Dr. Murray's Nephew Is Rhodes Scholar

Dr. Arthur Aydelotte, American secretary of Rhodes trustees, this week announced the names of 32 Rhodes scholarship winners. Among these is Joseph James Murray, Jr., of Lexington, Virginia, a student at Davidson college and a nephew of Dr. R. L. Murray of Raeford.

This year's winners of the coveted awards represent 26 states and 23 colleges. The scholarships carry expenses to study at Oxford and other universities in England, and are probably the most sought after educational awards.

## Hoke High Off To Good Start In Basketball

Boys And Girls Win First Two Games; Play 71st High Here Tomorrow Night

Hoke County High School's basketball teams played Wagram High on the Raeford court last Friday night to open the 1951 season. Both boys and girls looked good in taking both games in this first encounter.

The girls won their game impressively, 61 to 28. Lyda Williams and Sara Cole got 25 points each to lead the scoring and Mary Guin and Mary Sue Upchurch were outstanding defensively.

The boys took their game by almost as good a margin, 59 to 39. Lester scored 25 points and Lundy 15. McLaughlin looked good on defense.

In Rowland, Tuesday night the girls won by a score with 28 points scored by Lyda Williams making the difference. The boys won a closer one, 36 to 33. Lester sank 8 and McLaughlin 7 to lead the scoring for Hoke High. The Hoke boys had a hard fight to win and never had a comfortable lead. Joe Culbreth, transfer from Red Springs, showed up well defensively and is a promising player.

Games Tomorrow Night  
The local teams will play 71st High here in the high school gym tomorrow night with the junior varsity boys getting the affair started at 6:30. Varsity girls and boys will follow in the first games of the season in the Cumberland-Hoke league.

Next Tuesday night the Rowland boys and girls will come to Raeford for a pair of games with the Hoke high teams. This will be the final engagement for the locals before Christmas.

## Carolinians Will Attend Meeting Of Cotton Council Soon

Lincolnton, Dec. 14—Twenty-two delegates comprising the North Carolina-Virginia unit of the National Cotton Council will represent the cotton interests of these states at the Council's 13th annual meeting in Biloxi, Miss., January 22-24. B. C. Linberger, unit chairman, said today.

These state representatives are part of the Council's 244-man Beltwide delegation which is selected by the nation's cotton farmers, ginners, warehousemen, merchants, spinners, and cottonseed crushers through their own state organizations.

Delegates from these states include: T. B. Upchurch, Jr., Raeford; Fred P. Johnson, Raleigh; Geo. T. Ashford, Red Springs; L. M. Upchurch, Raeford.

## Band And Glee Club Concert This Evening At High School

The band and Glee Club of the Hoke County High school will give their annual Christmas concert Thursday evening, December 14 in the high school auditorium.

The band, under the direction of Mr. Renn, will play several marches and traditional Christmas songs. Hal Gore will play two saxophone selections.

The Glee Club, with Miss Doris Bradley directing, will sing familiar Christmas carols and Fred Waring's arrangement of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." The sextet composed of Iris Thomas, Florence Cameron, Betty Jane Ashburn, Joan Sinclair, Sue Gull-edge and Irene Andrews will sing several songs. The eighth grade girls will also be featured on the program. Florence Cameron and John Davis will do the soloists parts, and Betty Uphurh will serve as accompanist.

## Plan Longer Hours Before Christmas

The stores in Raeford will remain open until eight o'clock on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of next week, December 21, 22 and 23. The dry goods and ten cents stores have definitely made this announcement and it is possible that the grocery and hardware stores will follow suit, although a definite announcement as to their plans will be made next week. The dry goods and ten cents stores are taking the step for the convenience of their customers on the last three shopping days before Christmas.

There has also been some talk of the stores being closed on December 26, Tuesday, but most opinions seem to be that Sunday and Monday will be enough, and unless there is some activity to the contrary, most will be open December 26. A definite announcement will be made next week as to this also. The Bank of Raeford is to be closed on December 26.

## Farmers Will Vote For PMA Officials In Election Today

Farmers of Hoke county will have an opportunity today to elect the committeemen who will administer the Agricultural Conservation Program, price support, acreage allotment, marketing quotas and other production programs in 1951.

The voting places in this county for the three committeemen and a delegate to the county convention where a county committee will be elected are as follows: Allendale, Community House; Antioch, J. A. Holgin's Store; Blue Springs, Hoke Trading Co. (Mitchell Epstein's Store); Little River, Community House; Way-side, Marshall Newton's Store; Rockfish, A. W. Wood's Store; Quewhiffle, Montrose Community House; Raeford, Court House; Stonewall, Dundarrach Trading Co.

"These elections put the issues squarely up to the farmers of the county," said R. J. Hasty, chairman of the county PMA committee, "and no farmer should miss the chance to exercise his voice in the running of his farm affairs."

## Plan Family Day At Methodist Church

Next Sunday is Family Day at the Methodist Church. The pastor is asking every family of the Methodist church to make a special effort to be present at the Church School hour. He wants and expects every member of the family to come to the 11 o'clock Church service and sit together. The pastor will bring a Family message—"Is Your Home Christian?"

At 7 o'clock in the basement of the church they will have Family Night. They will have refreshments for all members of the family and hope it will be an hour of fellowship and worship. A picture will be shown for the children. Rules regarding the care of the church family will be read to the church family. The pastor will lead the devotion using the theme: "Parental Evangelism." "Let every one who makes the Methodist church of Raeford their church home make their plans to be present for these services Sunday, Dec. 17th." Mr. Lee said.

## SQUARE DANCE FRIDAY

The local National Guard unit is starting a new series of square dances at the armory tomorrow night. Impresario Roger Dixon states that the battery has been fortunate to secure the music of Dewey Sessoms and his well-known string band for the affairs and assures all comers that they will have a good time. Dances will be held each Friday night until further notice.

## Maultsby, Gordon Offer No Defense In Court Tuesday

Pay Total Of \$500 & Costs For Damage & Setting Fire To Jail; Other Cases Tried

John Leonard Maultsby and Bill Gordon, white, came before Judge Henry McDiarmid in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning on charges of destroying personal property and damaging and setting fire to the Hoke county jail with felonious intent to burn down the jail. They made a motion to have the felonious intent stricken from the charge and the judge allowed it. They then entered a no defense plea. Judge McDiarmid sentenced each to 12 months on the roads. Maultsby's sentence to be suspended on payment of \$300 and the costs and Gordon's on payment of \$200 and the costs, damages to be paid from the fines. No condition of two years good behavior was made by the judge in suspending the sentences. Maultsby then pleaded guilty of being drunk and disorderly and paid \$10 and the costs. The state took a nol pro in a case charging him with illegal possession of liquor, as Gordon had paid \$10 and the costs the week before for having it.

Other cases tried Tuesday were: L. D. Dukes, colored, assault on Bessie McKoy with a deadly weapon, 90 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. Grover Brown, white, assaulting H. K. Ivey, costs. Fred Johnson, colored, attempting to pass on hill, costs. John H. Walters, white, speeding, \$10 and the costs. Aaron McFadyen, colored, assault, costs and \$5 doctor bill.

## Tuesday, December 5

Claude Scott, white, giving Goldie Melvin a bad check for \$25; paid costs and check. Bill Gordon, white, illegal possession of liquor and being drunk and disorderly, \$10 and the costs in each case.

Claude Tyler, white, drunk and disorderly, costs. Dan Odum, white, assault on wife, costs; non-support, six months suspended on payment of costs as long as he stays away from wife and children. Ed Morris, colored, no driver's license, 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs; couldn't pay, went to roads.

George H. Freeman, white, careless and reckless driving, not guilty. Ethel Mae Ray, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, six months suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs. Bertha Allbrook, colored, immoral conduct, one year in jail, appealed, posted \$250 bond. June Breedon and Neil Richard Blue, both colored, \$10 and costs each for having improper brakes on cars.

Benjamin Franklin Bohannon, white soldier, speeding 80 miles an hour, \$50 and costs. James Edward Collins, white, improper license plates on truck, costs.

## Orphanage Head To Preach At Baptist Church Sunday Night

The Baptist are privileged to have the Rev. W. C. Reed, Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, to preach at the regular Sunday evening worship service at 7:30 this Sunday night, the Rev. Judson Lennon, pastor, announced this week. Mr. Reed is well known in Raeford and many will want to come to hear him at the Raeford Baptist church.

Mr. Reed will stay over until Monday morning when he will go deer hunting with some of his Hoke county friends.