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Telephone Co. Plans To Install Rural Facilities

Official Also Explains Steps Already Being Taken To Improve Local Service

In a letter to Harry Greene, Hoke representative in the General Assembly, last week, J. F. Havens, assistant to the president of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company, explained some of the things the company is doing to help local telephone service and other steps they plan to take soon. Among these he mentioned that the company plans to establish additional rural facilities from Raeford during 1951.

Greene has been working on the matter for some time and a complaint was made some time ago to the State Utilities commission by the Raeford Chamber of Commerce. Greene and Havens had a conversation about the matter on December 15 and the letter confirming the conversation appears below.

"As stated on my visit, the Company made a detailed inspection of its telephone plant in Raeford at the request of the North Carolina Utilities Commission and found upon such investigation some troubles in the central office equipment and minor troubles in the outside plant. The adjustments required to the equipment have been made and our plans include a further rehabilitation of portions of the equipment as are required. With regard to one of the major complaints registered with the Commission—the long distance service provided through our Fayetteville office—I advised you that a building was under construction at Fayetteville to house a new toll switchboard which would enable the Company to better handle the increased long distance business now offered at Raeford and other points served by the Fayetteville toll switchboard. I also advised you that plans were being made by our engineers to establish additional long distance circuits between Raeford and Fayetteville to handle the expected business which would originate in Raeford. I have learned since my return from Raeford that installation of the switchboard is scheduled to begin in January or February and barring unforeseen difficulties is expected to be ready for service during July of 1951.

We are most appreciative of your interest in this matter and assure you that it is the desire of this Company to provide the best possible communication facilities for the citizens of Raeford and Hoke County. In this connection we have scheduled the establishment of additional rural facilities from Raeford during 1951 which will further enhance the value of the service both to the rural and urban subscribers of Raeford.

Yours very truly,
Jack Havens, Ass't to the President.

Deer Season Is To Close Jan. 1

County Game Protector H. R. McLean calls the attention of all hunters to the fact that the open season on deer will end in this county on January 1. The squirrel season will also close on that day and the duck season will close on January 5.

The dove season will reopen on January 1, however, and will be open until January 15 with hunting being allowed with plugged guns in afternoons only. Bag limit on doves is 10 per day.

Quail, rabbit and turkey season will close January 31 and raccoon and opossum hunters will have until February 15, McLean said.

Members Of Weed Co-op Will Get Over \$4 Million

More than 265,000 grower-members of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation from Virginia to Florida will receive \$4,195,416.15—the net gain from 1947 crop loan operations, General Manager L. T. Weeks, Raleigh has announced today.

Distribution of the dividend from operations covering 232,000,000 pounds of tobacco, Weeks said, will begin early in January and run for a month or six weeks. He added that this is the first such dividend paid since operations began in 1946.

"Deliveries on 1947 tobacco taken under loan were completed in November," the Stabilization official said. "The \$4,195,416.15 represents approximately five and one-half per cent of the amount paid for the tobacco when received by the Stabilization Corporation.

"More than five percent of the amount paid to growers will be distributed to them in cash, while about one-half of one percent has been authorized by the Board of Directors for a revolving fund, allocated to individual growers on the corporation's books."

Weeks said distribution will be made on a dollar-value basis of tobacco received by the corporation. Due to address changes, he said, many checks will probably be returned, so all growers who have had an address change since 1947 are urged to notify the Stabilization Corporation, 522 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, N. C., to assure receipt of their check.

The General Manager said a statement of 1947 crop loan operations, showing total amounts of money involved, and a letter with general information about the corporation will accompany the checks.

"In addition," Weeks said, "new plastic Identification Cards will be sent to growers to replace those issued when the producers paid their \$5.00 membership fee and received a certificate for one share of common stock. The new card will prove more serviceable and all growers are urged to keep it as its proper use will insure correct identification for any future distribution of net gains."

Weeks pointed out that any distribution from 1948, 1949 and 1950 operations would have to be determined when the handling of tobacco from each of those years is completed.

The Stabilization Corporation began operations on August 12, 1946. Since that time it has received under loan—at 90 percent of parity—more than 580,000,000 pounds of flue-cured leaf grown in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The operations of the corporation have been financed largely through funds advanced through Commodity Credit Corporation which was made possible through agricultural legislation, enabling the corporation to advance 90% of parity support price for members' tobacco on the auction warehouse floor. The loan program of Commodity Credit Corporation is administered through the Tobacco Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Officers of Stabilization include: Carl T. Hicks, Walstonburg, N. C., president, H. G. Blalock, Baskerville, Virginia, Joe Blount, Loris, S. C., and D. F. Bruton, Adel, Georgia, vice-presidents. The Board includes: T. W. Allen, Creedmore, N. C.; W. W. Eagles, Macclesfield, N. C.; George L. Pate, Rowland, N. C.; George Sockwell, Elón College, N. C.; J. E. Winslow, Greenville, N. C.; and E. Y. Floyd, Raleigh, N. C., Public Director. In addition to being general manager, Weeks is secretary and treasurer.



Here's to new plans, new hopes, new dreams... and the fulfillment of old ones! May 1951 bring courage for a fresh start... spirit to succeed in our endeavors... a measure of peace to our troubled world. And may we take this opportunity to wish all of our friends as full a share as possible of personal success and happiness from each of the busy and eventful months to come.

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Local Boys Hurt In Wreck Monday

Wilbert Stanton and A. J. Lundy, Jr., are both patients in a Hamlet hospital as a result of a wreck they were in between Hamlet and Rockingham at about nine o'clock Christmas night.

Young Lundy, who is said to have been driving the car, was thrown through the windshield when the car failed to take a sharp curve. He suffered severe cuts on his head and face and several broken bones and was considered to be in critical condition, although last reports are that he is expected to recover.

Stanton suffered a displaced hip and cuts on one foot. Another passenger, Wallace Lundy, was thrown out of the car and suffered cuts and bruises on his head. Both he and Stanton are still in the hospital also.

The car, the property of L. W. Stanton of Raeford, was a 1950 Chevrolet coach and it was totally destroyed when it turned over several times on the pavement and then crashed down a fill. No charges were preferred by Richmond county police.

This Year Third Worst In State's Polio History

This year has been the third worst polio year for North Carolina in the State's history. Mrs. Phillips Russell, Director of Organization for the March of Dimes, said recently.

"I don't believe it is realized by the general public," she said, "that through November of this year North Carolina had 717 new cases of polio, and that the terrible epidemic year of 1944 (Miracle of Hickory) had only 861 for the entire year. The next worst epidemic came in 1948." The 717 cases for this year are listed with the State Health Department.

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Rites Sunday At Antioch For J. W. McPhaul

Funeral services for James William McPhaul were conducted at the Antioch Presbyterian church at three o'clock last Sunday afternoon by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Roberts, Baptist minister of Shelby. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. McPhaul, who was 72 years of age, died early Saturday at his home near Antioch. He was born there in the same section, son of the late Hugh W. McPhaul and Margaret Biggs McPhaul of what was then Robeson county.

He is survived by his wife, the former Nettie Currie of Robeson county; two daughters, Mrs. Ade H. Leggett of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Sherwood Baldwin of Red Springs; three sons, James L. McPhaul of Red Springs, H. W. McPhaul of Raleigh and Graham C. McPhaul of Winston-Salem; one brother, F. F. McPhaul of Hoke county; three sisters, Mrs. Sally Miller of Hendersonville, Mrs. Evaline Walters of Raeford and Mrs. Delle Currie of Red Springs, seven grandchildren.

PRESBYTERIANS TO HAVE STUDENT NIGHT

"Student Night" will be conducted at the Raeford Presbyterian church next Sunday night by several of the college students of the church who are home for the Christmas holidays.

The theme of the program is to be "My Life, His Plans. Our Mission." Program leader will be Bob Murray and talks are to be given by Bonnie Kate Blue, Elmira Whitley and Lauchlin MacDonaid in which they will tell of their work at their colleges.

H. L. Gatlin, Jr. New Chamber Head Succeeding Lewis

About 50 members of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce met in the courthouse last Thursday night to wind up the third year of the chamber's existence, with the annual meeting.

The group heard reports from its officers on the activities during the past year and on the financial situation of the chamber.

Four directors were elected to serve for three years on the chamber's 12-man board. These were C. L. Thomas, R. B. Lewis, W. H. Fann and Charles Hostetler. At the directors meeting following the annual meeting H. L. Gatlin, Jr., was elected president of the Chamber for 1951, succeeding R. B. Lewis who had served two terms as president after C. L. Thomas was president for the first year.

W. H. Fann was elected vice president, Charles Hostetler treasurer and Paul Dickson, secretary.

After a brief discussion of the group's activities the meeting was adjourned so that the new corporation, "Raeford Betterment, Inc." being sponsored by the Chamber, could be organized. This is the second such corporation to be sponsored by the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, the other being the Hoke Development corporation, which owns the building here which the Para Thread company occupies.

COTTON GINNING REPORT SHOWS 2400 BALES LESS

Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce in its report of December 14, 1950 shows that 5,499 bales of cotton were ginned in Hoke county from the crop of 1950 prior to December 1, as compared with 7,347 bales for the crop of 1949.

CORPORATION ORGANIZED TO CONSTRUCT 130 HOMES HERE

Arctic Cold Wave Sweeps Over Nation

Cold Arctic air, left behind by Santa Claus as he sped back to the North Pole, hit wide areas over the eastern half of the nation yesterday.

The cold covered all parts of the country east of the Rockies to the Atlantic seaboard — but Florida escaped the chill.

The winter-weary Midwest reeled under the icy blasts which brought the coldest weather of the season—deep into sub-zero levels—to many areas. Not much warning was in prospect immediately for the Midwest which has had little relief from cold weather for nearly two months.

The frigid weather followed snowstorms over much of the Midwest on Christmas and over eastern states Tuesday and Wednesday.

The forward edge of the cold air mass pushed southward into the Gulf states and shoved temperatures below freezing over parts of Dixie.

But below zero blows landed across the mid-continent, the Great Lakes region and in parts of the New England states. Temperatures dropped sharply as the cold air mass moved out of the Red River valley and fanned out over the Great Lakes area.

The North Central states got the real biting cold. It was -30 degrees below zero in Rochester, Minn.; -23 in Mason City, Iowa; -22 at the twin cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul, and -18 in Madison, Wis., and -15 at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Ohio got the first sub-zero weather of the season. Findlay reported a low of -12 and it was -9 in Columbus and -8 in Toledo. Three deaths were attributed to the cold in Ohio.

Chicago—Digging out of a nine-inch Christmas snowfall—shivered in eight below, the coldest day of the year. It was the lowest reading for the date since 1886 and the coldest December day since 1933.

In New England, Caribou, Me., reported a low of -16. New York City's early morning low was 12 above, but at Massena, in northern New York, it was 11 below.

The cold front centered in Georgia and it was below freezing as far south as central Texas, northern Alabama and Virginia. Parts of Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee also had sub-freezing marks. No immediate relief was in sight.

The Christmas snowstorm that moved into the east Tuesday brought falls ranging to as much as 12 inches in Utica, N. Y. The fall was from the New England States westward to Ohio. Chicago still was digging out of a nine-inch fall with 2,500 men utilizing 1,000 pieces of equipment to clear the streets.

New York City got its first heavy snowfall of the season Tuesday, 2.8 inches. It was three years ago the record 25.8-inch snowfall hit New York City.

While the eastern half of the country was cold, temperatures were around seasonal levels over the far western states.

ATTEND CONVENTION

Three young people from the Raeford Presbyterian church left yesterday for Auburn, Ala., where they will attend the quadrennial Presbyterian Youth Conference on the World Mission of the church. They are Miss Elmira Whitley, John McLaughlin and Bobby Alexander.

Mrs. E. T. Brock and Mrs. Mary McInnis visited Mrs. Jack Davis and Miss Bennie Lee Brock at Pittman's hospital Monday.

"Raeford Betterment, Inc." Is Chartered To Handle Building "Robbins Heights"

Following the Chamber of Commerce meeting at the courthouse last Thursday night the group of about 50 local business people organized a corporation to be known as "Raeford Betterment, Incorporated." The new corporation had been partially organized previously and its charter has been granted by the Secretary of State. Officers are J. L. McNeill, president, Tom McBryde, vice-president and Jake Austin, secretary-treasurer. Others on the eight-man board of directors which the meeting Thursday night picked are R. B. Lewis, C. L. Thomas, Younger Snead, Mitchell Epstein and Robert Gatlin.

The new corporation has purchased the 50-acre Neill McNeill tract of land in Northeast Raeford from the Chamber of Commerce and has assumed the indebtedness for expenses in the matter already incurred by the Chamber of Commerce.

Houses to be built will all be constructed by one contractor to FHA specifications and inspections and all will be approved for FHA loan guarantees. They will all be leased by Robbins Mills, Inc., for a period of five years from delivery. The lease will be for a rental of 10 percent of cost annually payable quarterly in advance. Loan payments will be on a 20-year basis with payments of slightly less than five percent.

There will be 25 four room houses, 85 with five rooms and 20 six room ones. The four room houses will have two bedrooms, kitchen, living room and bath. The five room ones will have a dining alcove added and the six room ones will have this and three bedrooms. Plans for the homes have been prepared by Leif Valand, architect of Raleigh, and have been approved by FHA. There are enough different ones so that the most there will not be over three houses alike in the 130.

The corporation has a committee this week soliciting promises to take stock in the venture and so far about half the 130 houses have been subscribed. It is expected that the down payments including cost of lot and all expenses will be about \$500 on the four and five room houses and \$800 on the six room houses. Stock will be issued in Raeford Betterment, Inc. in these amounts to persons wanting to finance the houses and when the corporation is dissolved at the end of the construction the certificates will become down payments on the homes. The committee getting the promises is headed by Crawford Thomas and includes R. B. Lewis, Younger Snead, Mitchell Epstein and Tom McBryde. Any of these is able to explain the whole matter to anyone interested. The corporation expects to issue the stock at one time in about a week when the whole 130 houses have been promised. As many different owners as possible are wanted, so it will be possible to get a house in the development up until the stock is issued if there are not as many as 130 subscribers. Persons wishing more than one house in the project may get it but not at the expense of keeping someone else from getting any.

Officials working on the project expect to have the houses ready for delivery in six months or slightly less. The contractor will do the complete job to include grass and shrubbery and a tree on each lot. The town is expected to provide the necessary water and sewage facilities and to maintain the streets in the subdivision. No paved streets are contemplated.