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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Last Thursday evening the "United Forces" for education met at Hoke High and saw at film-strip produced for the United Forces showing the needs of the schools and what the advisory budget recommendation would do for the schools in the yaw of curtailed services, increased teacher load and decreased teacher salaries. It showed what the State Board of Education's request would do and what the proposals made by NCEA. Miss Watson read the script with the film-strip and W. T. Gibson and K. A. MacDonald discussed the school situation. T. C. Jones, county president of NCEA, was in charge of the meeting.

The Hoke Vocational agriculture department has installed shades in the classrooms of the new building. They will now be able to use their visual aids for class work in the daytime.

The Raeford Graded School has received a shipment of new film-strips for instructional purposes. They are getting their strip library built-up to good proportions.

All schools with lunchrooms may call for Irish potatoes on the regular schoolroom days. A new shipment has been received.

W. D. Harper and Sons, architects for the Board of Education, were at work on Tuesday with preliminary sketches for a proposed addition to the Raeford Graded School.

New rooms will have to be added or a new school built to accommodate the additional pupils that will come in on account of the new housing project. The principal reports that new pupils are enrolling now every week and that the total enrollment is the largest in history of the school.

The town is placing the pile of dirt at the Raeford Graded school this week. We appreciate this service.

The county-wide colored PTA will hold its yearly meeting at the Laurel Hill school tomorrow afternoon, Friday, February 23, at 1 o'clock. Superintendent P. R. Brown of the Hoffman Training School, will talk about the work at the Training School and also what is expected to be done there.

A large crowd is expected and it is hoped that every school will be represented.

The Puppeteers with the "Little Jack" show from the State Board of Health will show in the county today and tomorrow. Today they are at Burlington, Laurel Hill and White Oak. Tomorrow they will be at Antioch Indian, Mildouson and Rockfish.

This show will be remembered with pleasure from its previous visits. It stresses oral hygiene.

Spring is here! Birds are singing and spelling bees are humming. Get out your spelling lessons, children, and beat the old folks and your whole neighborhood in a battle of words. Later, go to Washington, D. C., and in the same way, beat the whole nation so you can win from \$50.00 to \$500.00 and a trip to New York City.

Follow this schedule and be prepared: County-wide spelling match at Raeford Graded School, Monday, April 9 from 2:00 - 2:30; at WFNC Broadcasting Station on Tuesday, April 10 from 2:30-3:00.

Winston-Salem contest will be held on Saturday, April 28. The champion will go to Washington, D. C. with all expenses paid with a chaperon May 11-15.

Masonry Association Meets Here Wed.

The winter meeting of the North Carolina Concrete Masonry association was held here yesterday in the basement of the new Methodist church.

The meeting began at 11:00 o'clock and was presided over by President P. L. Barnes of Winston-Salem. The group was served a luncheon by the Hoke Concrete Works, hosts for the meeting, following which an afternoon session was held.

Feature of the program was a membership open forum, in which all those present were invited to participate in the discussion of trade problems. This was the first program of this type to be conducted at a meeting of the association and was planned to enable officers to better schedule the activities for the year.

4-H Club Week To Be Observed

National 4-H Club Week will be observed throughout the United States during the period March 3 to 11, according to L. R. Harrill, 4-H leader for the State College Extension.

The 1951 theme, "Working Together for World Understanding," will be stressed in all special activities to be held during the week.

Accomplishments of the nation's club members last year set a new record, with 77.8 per cent completing projects in farming or homemaking, says Harrill.

Club boys and girls produced 100,000 acres of garden, raised 9,000,000 chickens, and 1-million head of livestock, grew 900,000 acres of food crops, and canned 16-million quarts of fruits and vegetables. They made their home more attractive and livable by improving 650,000 rooms, making 350,000 arts and crafts articles, beautifying the grounds of 120,000 homes, making 2,200,000 articles of clothing, and planning, preparing, and serving 20,000,000 meals.

Some 310,000 members kept personal achievement records, 510,000 participated in fire and accident prevention, 360,000 conducted soil and wildlife conservation practices, and 150,000 carried out forestry projects.

Nearly three-quarters of a million 4-H'ers carried on special health activities and 300,000 had periodic health examinations. Many served as junior project leaders, conducted recreational activities, and served their clubs and communities in other ways.

MARCH OF DIMES DANCE NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Mrs. E. C. Smith, Jr., and Miss Margaret Gainey announced this week that the March of Dimes committee for Blue Springs township would hold another of the popular square dances for the benefit of the drive in the community house next Wednesday night, February 28.

WAGRAM LEGION POST TO HAVE SQUARE DANCE

There will be a big Square Dance in Wagram tomorrow night, February 23rd at eight-thirty, in the Wagram School Gym. The music will be furnished by Dunc Sinclair and his String Band. The dance is sponsored by the Wagram Community Post, Number 449, of the American Legion.

STORES PLAN LATER HOURS ON FRIDAY

Israel Mann, Collins Department Store and Belk-Hensdale Co., announce in an advertisement in this issue that starting tomorrow they will remain open until 6:30 p. m. on Fridays in order to allow workers who are paid on Friday afternoon to get their checks cashed and do their shopping.

Two Are Charged With Stealing Polio Money

Also Accuse One Of Same Pair Of Looting Drink Box; Recorder Hears Dozen Cases

The Aberdeen Coca-Cola Bottling Co. advertised recently for information leading to arrest of persons looting their dispenser at Upchurch High school. As a result of an arrest on another charge a young colored man, Weldon McDonald, was charged in one case with breaking into the machine and taking the money from it and also with taking the coin changer with a quantity of money in it. Trial of the case was postponed until next week by Judge Henry McDiarmid in Hoke county recorder's court Tuesday.

McDonald and John Lewis McLean, also colored, was charged with breaking and entering Willie McNeill's store and stealing some money there for the March of Dimes. Trial of this case was also put off until next week. McDonald's bond was set at \$500 for both cases and he is in jail. McLean was released under a \$200 bond.

Luther Allen Taylor, white, came to court on a charge of driving drunk with his father as his attorney. He was found guilty and sentenced to 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs. He appealed and bond was set at \$200.

J. T. Maulsby, white, entered a plea of guilty of giving a bad check for \$127.47. He made the check good and was taxed the court costs.

Noble V. Miller, colored, also had a bad check to make good in the amount of \$47. He also had to pay the costs.

Case against Thomas McLaughlin, colored, for speeding was dropped by the state.

Freddie Lee Gilchrist, colored, was found not guilty of driving without driver's license.

J. T. Baker, colored, was charged with stealing \$10 worth of wrenches from A. S. McInnis. When it came to trial McInnis did not wish to prosecute, so Baker was allowed to return the wrenches and pay the costs.

William Vernon Melvin, colored, paid \$25 and the costs for speeding 75 miles an hour. Ferdinand Walton, also colored, paid \$10 and the costs for going 55 in a 35 mile zone.

Lawrence Gilchrist, James McCall, James Archie Bethea and John Jr. Leslie, all colored, each paid \$10 and the costs for driving with improper brakes.

Sanatorium Has Need For Nurses

Miss Emily P. Nesbitt, superintendent of nurses at the North Carolina Sanatorium at McCain, this week announced that there were openings in the Sanatorium staff for inactive professional nurses who would again like to serve. She said the need was great and that positions as staff nurses, supervisors, and other positions were available to qualified personnel.

Interested persons were invited to contact the superintendent of nurses at McCain.

STORES PLAN DOLLAR DAYS NEXT WEEK-END

Several stores in town have announced that they plan a town-wide dollar day promotion next week in which all the participating firms will offer special bargains to the public. The event will be on Friday and Saturday of next week and a fairly good indication of the bargains to be offered will be in next week's paper.

Mrs. A. R. Morris visited her sister, Mrs. Ellen Russell, in Troy Sunday.

Chamber Plans Meeting Wed. On Bond Election

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., president of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that the Chamber would sponsor an open meeting to which the public is invited at the courthouse at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, February 28. The meeting will be for the purpose of discussing the issues on which the people of Raeford will vote in the special election scheduled for Tuesday, March 6.

Gatlin said that it was planned to have the mayor and town board present and that these men would try to explain to all present just what the town wants to do with the money and that those attending will be given a chance to ask questions about the proposed bond issues, where the money is going, and the opinion of the mayor and commissioners as to where the money will come from to pay off the bonds if they are issued.

The Chamber of Commerce and the town administration are anxious to have those who are not in favor of the issue of the bonds attend the meeting as well as those who are for it, and everyone present is promised a chance to speak his piece.

Mad Dog Scare; Ben Ray Available

Indications are that the wave of mad dogs which has been moving across Robeson and Scotland counties is now getting into this county with the news that there have been persons exposed to rabies in this county who are now taking the inoculation series.

Persons having dogs are advised by health authorities to take care of them and to beware of strange and stray dogs. Dog owners may have their animals vaccinated against rabies by Ben Ray at any time. Mr. Ray says that he has plenty of serum and that he will be at home all day on Saturdays for the purpose.

Capital Reporter

Scott Summers

As predicted here the 1951 General Assembly has degenerated into a pro and anti fight. The issues have become so clouded that it is hard for a legislator who is honest in his aim to do what is best for the State to get a clear picture of proposed legislation and needs. Other lawmakers—jockeying for position in the 1952 election are putting out propaganda and misstatements, to say the least. They tell partial truths and repeat vicious rumors.

One interesting thing was brought out in Senate debate on the Powell bill—which the governor in his speech said was "born in desperation and out of questionable parentage." Senator Julian Allsbrook of Halifax was speaking against the bill. He charged that it completely ignored the findings of the Municipal Roads Commission, created by the 1949 General Assembly to study the municipal street problem and to make recommendations.

This commission prepared a lengthy, factual report after 16 months of study. Every legislator was sent a copy of this report, which—among other things—recommended providing new revenue if the State was to accept responsibility for city and town streets.

Allsbrook asked how many of the senators had read the report. Only six raised their hands. That report, incidentally, cost the State approximately \$8,000.

This \$8,000—which would have paid a year's salary to three or four A-certificiate teachers—apparently was wasted.

One of the battle cries when the Legislature convened a month and a half ago was "we've got to do something about the slaughter on the highways." Bills by the score on highway safety have been tossed in the hopper with gay abandon.

But the only thing done about any of them to date is to kill 'em. They buried motor vehicle inspection. And this week they embalmed a measure that would have made it mandatory to put all drunken drivers in jail or at least five days.

Apparently some of the imbibing members of the General Assembly were afraid they might get caught behind the wheel with an alcoholic breath.

Speaking of alcoholic breath, it is amazing how many legislators who staunchly vote dry are not averse to a little nip for themselves.

Back in 1943, a representative from one of the western counties made a powerful speech against the "devils of liquor". He turned on the volume, too, so that his roars of rage against drink rattled the windows.

The effect of his speech on his colleagues was not as potent as it might have been, however, due to the fact that he was so drunk that he had to hold on to his desk to keep from falling down.

Hoke Girls Win Last Home Game Here Tuesday

Boys Lose Close One; "B" Five Bests Red Springs Too

The girls basketball team at Hoke County High school made their last regularly scheduled home appearance here Tuesday night and did so in fine style as they beat the Red Springs High girls 41 to 30. Lyda Williams had a high score as usual, coming out with 24 points. Sara Cole got 10 points and Betty Jane Ashburn 7. Coaches were high in their praise of the work of the Hoke guards in holding the usually high-scoring Red Springs girls to 30 points.

One game remains at Hope Mills for the girls and then they along with the boys will play in the Cumberland county tournament and then in the American Legion Invitational tournament here. They have been chosen champions of the Cumberland county league on their regular season play, winning 10 games and losing only one.

The Red Springs boys were a little too much for the Hoke lads in a close contest which the visitors won 54 to 46. Beck was high man for the winners with 23 points while Lundy led the locals with 15.

The boys "B" teams in the opener played a good game with the Hoke boys taking the contest, 34 to 29. Miller was high for Hoke with 13 points. Sidney Lovette got 8 points and Johnny McPhaul 7. Dunn got 11 points and Coley 8 for the losers.

MARCH 1 LAST DAY FOR WAR PRISONER CLAIMS

The War Claims commission announces that March 1 is the last legal date for ex-prisoners of war or their survivors to file claims for the \$1 a day allowance to which they may be entitled. Official claim forms and full information may be obtained from Mrs. Graham Clark at the sheriff's office in the Hoke county courthouse.

Local Girl Travels With College Choir

Miss Bonnie Blue, Raeford, is student manager of the Queens College Choir which will begin its tour of West Virginia on March 6. The choir, directed by John A. Holliday, head of the department of music, will give seven concerts while on tour.

Soloists with the choir are Jane Tipton, coloratura-soprano, Charlotte; Roberta Jones, mezzo-soprano Orangeburg, S. C.; Catherine Edgerton, contralto, Concord; and E. Lindsey Merrill, violinist. The vocalists are students at Queens College, and Mr. Merrill is assistant professor of music. June Faulk, Charlotte, is accompanist.

Plan Demonstration Of Tobacco Variety And Fertilization

A Tobacco Variety and Fertilization Demonstration will be conducted on the farm of H. T. Hine of Dundarrach this year, according to E. M. Stallings, County Farm Agent.

The varieties to be tested are 402, Virginia Gold, Hicks, Dixie Bright 101, and Yellow Mammoth. There will be three plots in the demonstration using the five varieties under three different rates of fertilization, 1000, 1400 and 1800 lbs. per acre. Two rows of each variety will be planted for each rate of fertilizer, all in one solid block so that the entire demonstration can be viewed along one end of the field.

The tobacco will be kept separate by priming, varieties and plots throughout the season, and each variety will be sold separately for each fertilizer rate. The records of yields and sales will be kept and made available to the farmers of the county.

All interested people are invited to visit these demonstration plots at any time during the growing season.

N. C. Bankers Return To School

The N. C. Bankers Association will sponsor ten Agricultural Clinics over the State to discuss financing livestock production in North Carolina, it was announced today by Joseph H. Wolfe, Executive Secretary of the Association. The Clinics will be held in conjunction with the annual Group meetings, beginning February 21.

Dean James Hilton of the N. C. State College of Agriculture has named C. B. Ratchford, E. R. Collins, and D. W. Colvard from the College staff to prepare the program on technical agriculture, and Garland Johnson, President of the N. C. Bankers Association, and President of The Bank of Elkin, will handle the banking aspects of livestock production.

The Clinics are designed to (1) help the banker appraise whether a particular farm or farmer can successfully produce livestock; (2) give bankers the material they need to advise their borrowers on technical agricultural matters; and (3) inform bankers of the need for and opportunities in financing livestock production.

The Clinic for this section will be held at Pinehurst, March 24.

DONKEY BALL GAME AT HIGH GYM TONIGHT

There will be a donkey basketball game at the Hoke county high school gymnasium at eight o'clock tonight. Players will be High school boys and a funny show is expected. The game is sponsored by the High School athletic department.

TO HOLD CLINIC

The monthly orthopaedic clinic will be held Friday, March 2, 1951 in the armory. Dr. Lenox Baker of Durham will be the surgeon in charge. Please register at the desk between eight and eleven o'clock.

Red Cross Drive To Begin Here Next Thursday

County Has Goal Of \$2561 As Services Are Increased

The 1951 Red Cross Fund Campaign will begin Thursday, March 1st. The slogan for 1951 is "Mobilize for Defense".

The Hoke County Red Cross Chapter has set a goal of \$2561 to obtain funds for military, home front defense, and continuing community services during the coming year. This is a 50% increase over last year's quota and is due to sharply increased demands on Red Cross services because of the national emergency. 55.8% of the funds raised will be retained by the local chapter for its needs.

The Hoke County Chapter's increased goal represents a proportionate share of the \$85,000,000 National fund objective, the latter being an \$18,000,000 increase over the 1950 goal.

June 25, 1950, changed the tempo of American life. The explosion in Korea placed the nation on guard. The American Red Cross has now been asked to assume greater responsibilities. The nation's armed forces are being greatly increased. The Red Cross must be prepared to serve them.

Nationally the Red Cross is giving top priority to the following programs:

(1) Blood program: Procuring blood for meeting whole blood needs for fighting men and for possessing into plasma and other derivatives for military and civil defense requirements. This blood has saved many lives of our boys in Korea. The blood program is now collecting more than a million pints per year.

(2) First Aid: Taking a leading part in training millions of people in first aid, including treatment of atom bomb injuries.

(3) Nurse's Aides and Home Nursing: Training 250,000 Nurse's Aides and hundreds of thousands of housewives in home nursing to help meet the critical shortage of professional nurses, which would probably occur in event of a national emergency.

(4) Disaster Service: Through its extensive disaster experience—assist Civil Defense authorities in the provision of food, clothing and shelter during an emergency period, and the training of volunteers to assist with mass feeding and sheltering. In the past year the Red Cross served in 390 disaster operations in this country, and 223,400 persons received Red Cross assistance at a cost of more than \$5,000,000 to the National organization.

(5) Service to the Armed Forces: Rapid expansion of Red Cross services to the armed forces to meet the needs of a fighting force to be greatly increased in line with needs of the national emergency. A principal Red Cross task is to provide communications between service men and their families. During the last fiscal year more than 160 paid Red Cross workers served the men and women in our armed forces. The line of communication between troops in the field and their families at home has its other terminal in Home Service in Red Cross chapters. Together, field workers and chapter Home Service workers handled thousands of cases during the past year and made available more than \$5,000,000 in financial assistance.

The Red Cross has a continuing interest in our service men when they become veterans. Home service in chapters assists them and their dependents with personal and family problems, with claims for government benefits and financial assistance pending receipt of benefits.

If the worst should happen, if atom bombs should fall with all

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