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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

On Monday night the Board of Education held another meeting in reference to the site for the Raeford Graded School addition. The deadlock between the County Board and State Division of School Planning seems to be as tight as ever.

As has been reported, the chairman of the Board and State Representative made a trip to Raleigh for a conference with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. So far, these gentlemen have not heard from him. Last week the superintendent had a long conference with a representative of the Planning Division, but got nowhere. The chairman was instructed to continue efforts to work through the state Superintendent and try to get the deadlock broken. At this meeting it was decided to advertise for bids for the Indian school and the Upchurch addition, as these projects have had state approval for some time. It was felt that by trying to let these projects the Board could get a fair estimate as to the probable cost of all three jobs. It was also felt that the longer these projects were held up that greater difficulty would be encountered in securing the necessary materials and the possibility of encountering a price rise.

The Board also set a date for a meeting with the director of the Division of Insurance, for the purpose of canvassing the amount of insurance carried on all school property.

This week the schools are having their Halloween Carnivals. They seem to be generally well attended and very profitable to the schools. Large crowds have attended and enjoyed themselves in hilarious fashion.

Last week the Raeford Graded School seventh grade took its annual trip to Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh.

At Chapel Hill the students visited the Planetarium in Durham they visited places of interest including Duke Chapel and in Raleigh the usual rounds were made with an addition to the itinerary that included seeing and hearing a Kingan Scott radio broadcast.

The buses left Raeford at 8 a. m. and returned at 10 p. m. with a tired but happy group of pupils. We won't mention the teachers in charge. Mr. Turlington reports exemplary conduct on the part of the pupils. We are proud of this as we have seen school groups in Raleigh that were not any credit to their school.

G. E. Crawley, State Bus Route Engineer, was in the county on Monday and Tuesday working on school bus routes. He did not finish and will return to the county next Monday. We hope that he will be able to finish on that day. Bus routing has become a very complicated job, especially when you try to serve every family the best that the law will allow.

We wish to thank the Robbins Mill Corporation, the Raeford Fire Department and the Town of Raeford for their assistance during the critical water shortage at the Upchurch school.

The Junior Red Cross Drive starts today. All schools are enrolling their rooms and we hope to have a 100% enrollment.

The first month's total enrollment, average daily attendance and percentage of attendance for the colored schools follows:

Upchurch Elementary 549, 429, 78.8; Upchurch High 307, 242, 80.6; Fries Mission 53, 42, 87; Freedom 69, 43, 62; Bowmore 116, 71, 61; Leadership 35, 20, 71; Timberland 30, 19, 72; Peachmont 36, 15, 42; Shady Grove 44, 33, 76; Buffalo 46, 33, 73; New Hope 54, 38, 89; (Continued on back page)

G. W. Parks Funeral Held Monday A. M.

Funeral services were held at Bethel Presbyterian church at 11:00 o'clock Monday morning for George William Parks, who passed away at his home here Saturday after a long illness. Conducting were the Rev. S. A. Ewart, pastor, the Rev. A. D. Carswell of Manchester, a former pastor, and the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church. Pallbearers were nephews of the deceased and burial was in the Bethel cemetery.

Mr. Parks was a farmer and was 86 years of age. He was born in Randolph County and came to this section to live when he was a boy of twelve. He farmed in Blue Springs township for many years and was a member of Bethel Presbyterian church. He moved to Raeford several years ago.

Surviving are his wife, the former Fannie Blue of this county; three daughters, Mrs. Rex Currie, Mrs. C. J. McNeill and Mrs. Roscoe Currie, all of this county; four sons, William and Alton of Raeford, Arthur of Norfolk, Va., and George Parks of Sanford.

State College Club To Hear Professor Next Tuesday Night

Prof. David E. Henderson, head of the Department of Industrial Engineering at North Carolina State College, will be the main speaker at a meeting of the Hoke County State College Club on November 6, 1951 at the High School cafeteria at 6:15 p. m.

Professor Henderson, who is the first man to hold the Walter Clark Professorship at State College, joined the college's faculty in the spring of 1948 after resigning as assistant general manager and chief project engineer for the Indian Motorcycle Company in Springfield, Mass.

A well-known engineer and engineering educator, Professor Henderson obtained his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the University of North Carolina and later did graduate work in the same field of study at the Universities of Iowa and North Carolina.

Scouts Attend Semi-Annual Camporee

Scoutmaster Tom McLaughlin carried 12 members of the Raeford Boy Scout troop to Camp Tom Upchurch last week end for the semi-annual camporee of the Western District. The Camporee was attended by about 110 scouts from seven troops in Hoke, Scotland, and Robeson counties.

The boys took part in various activities while there and were graded on their camping ability. They also took various advancement tests. Results of the camporee will be announced at the court of honor to be held in Laurinburg on Tuesday night, November 13. The local troop took top honors at the last spring camporee.

Rev. J. W. Mann Dies in Burgaw

The Rev. J. W. Mann, 56, for several years pastor of the Antioch Presbyterian church, died last Thursday of a heart attack near Burgaw, where he was pastor of the Atkinson, Black River, Harmony and South River Presbyterian churches. He had also served churches in Wake, Rowan and Orange counties.

The remains were taken to Burlington for funeral which was held there Friday. He is survived by his wife, the former Esther Covington; his mother, and three brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Newton and daughter of Faison were guests of Miss Lona Graham Sunday.

EDITORIAL

The School Building Situation Is Intolerable And Is Costing Money

Back on May 7, 1951, the voters of Hoke County passed a bond issue of \$280,000 for the purpose of enlarging the school system of the county. Of this money \$150,000 was scheduled for an addition at Raeford Graded school, \$80,000 for same at Upchurch colored school, and \$45,000 for an Indian school. In August the Board of Education had plans and specifications ready for letting the contracts on these projects and hoped to get the work done at once in one contract in order to get the most for the taxpayers' money.

Since that time the Division of Schoolhouse planning of the State Department of Public Instruction has consistently refused to approve any plan by the county board for the addition to Raeford Graded school. So, still hoping to get the whole works in one contract, the board has waited on all three schools. At their meeting on Monday night of this week, the board reluctantly decided to proceed with the colored and Indian buildings and let the Raeford work continue to wait, as they think they are legally unable to build the Raeford Graded addition without approval of the plans by the State office. We wonder about this. This is a democracy, isn't it?

An interesting figure for conjecture is

just how much prices have gone up on \$275,000 worth of construction since August when the county board was ready to build. However much this is, and we are certain it's more than peanuts, it is just how much the State Division of Schoolhouse Planning has cost the taxpayers of Hoke County. And, there's no solution in sight as far as the Raeford Graded school addition is concerned. Add to that extra cost the fact that the work now will have to be done in two contracts instead of one.

The situation as is is intolerable. We either have to urge our board of education to proceed without Raleigh approval—legal or not we'll have our school, or we'll have to urge them to submit and do it like they want it done in Raleigh. We favor the first course, because in our opinion the people in our centralized State and Federal governments are spending too much of our money as it is, without having to tell us how to spend what little our local governments are supposed to spend themselves. Let's make our views known to our board of education, so these men will know what course represents the wishes of most of us. Then, first telling the State Division of Schoolhouse Planning to peddle their authority elsewhere, let's proceed like we should expect to in a free country.

FHA Helps Farmers Balance Programs For Greater Income

The Hoke County Office of the Farmers Home Administration begun to work with qualified borrowers on their farming operations for 1952. Special attention and planning is being given to make the farming operations of these farmers a balanced one between row crops and livestock.

A written plan of work is developed for each farmer with a view to utilizing all labor in the family all the year-round which will result in increased income and decreased dependence on cotton and tobacco with their seasonal income.

A livestock program is included in this plan. Better pastures are established and more hay, and grain, and other feed crops are grown to provide for the planned increased livestock production.

One of the first farmers in this section to take advantage of this opportunity is Ronald D. Webb, Route 3, Raeford. Mr. Webb is now the proud owner of six high-grade Wisconsin Holstein cows. These cows were purchased through the assistance of H. C. Chaney, County FHA Supervisor, and the Christopher Farms of Nashville, Tenn., and are some of the finest cows to be seen in this section of the State.

Mr. Webb is the operator of a farm near McCain Sanatorium. He has been operating this farm as a family-type farm with the usual acreage of cotton and tobacco. He now plans to supplement his income and to improve his farming practices through the inclusion of these cows in his future farming operations. These cows form the beginning of what is hoped to be a full time dairy enterprise. Mr. Webb has constructed a fully equipped Grade A dairy barn and will begin milk sales about November 15th.

LIONS CALL OFF DANCE

The dance which the Raeford Lions club advertised last week, to be held at the Raeford armory tomorrow night, will not be held. The club called off the dance after a number of its members stated that sponsoring a dance was contrary to their religious beliefs.

Football Here Friday At 3:00

Coaches Bob Rockholz and Haywood Faircloth have been giving the Hoke High school Bucks hard drills this week in preparation for their clash with Erwin at Army Park here at 3:00 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

After a layoff last week the Bucks are in good shape for the encounter and expect to give a good account of themselves and get their third victory of the season. So far they have defeated Mt. Olive and Elizabethtown and lost to Massy Hill and Hope Mills in close games.

Starting offensive unit is expected to include Edge, Culbreth, Davis, Benner, Sappenfield, Clark and Lovette in the line with Sessions, McLeod, Holland and Phillips in the backfield.

Next week the Bucks will play Farmont here.

No Rain Seen

Weather forecast for the next several days is for more of the same, that is warm with much cloudiness. No rain is predicted, although that doesn't mean it won't rain in the next day or two.

There is increasing report of hardship in the county from lack of rain, with these reports coming mainly from around Raeford and west into Que-whiffle township. Wells are dry on many farms and water is having to be hauled. Town fathers here are keeping their fingers crossed, hoping the town's wells don't go dry and looking forward to the day when they have a full reservoir to fall back on.

Unanimous

The issue of \$30,000 bonds by the Town of Raeford was approved unanimously Tuesday by those who voted on it. The score was 99 in favor of the issue to none against.

INGATHERINGS

Philippi Presbyterian church, Friday, November 2. Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Thursday, November 8, Supper

Mail Delivery Starts Today

Everything is all set for house-to-house mail delivery service to start here today, Postmaster Lacy Clark said this week. With the coming of this service local people will bid goodbye to the days of the local letter being mailed with a one cent stamp as they are three cents from now on.

The postmaster said he knew there would be hitches in the service to start with and asked the public to bear with his office until they could get straight. He also said that mail would be delivered only to numbered houses with mail boxes. He said that regulations would not allow carriers to leave mail in cigar boxes or similar receptacles. Carriers doing the footwork in the operation starting today are Malcolm McNeill and Thomas Macko.

Clark also said the Post Office would like to rent a pickup truck without driver for about three hours daily to use for delivering parcel post and picking up mail from the drop boxes.

Mrs. R. G. Stone, Former Resident, Passes Saturday

Mrs. Rosa Bell Stone, widow of Dr. R. G. Stone and a resident of Raeford for a number of years, died in a Granville county hospital Saturday morning. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Jernigan Funeral Home chapel in Fayetteville, with Dr. Louis F. Gaines, pastor of the First Baptist church, Fayetteville, conducting. Burial was at Hillside cemetery in Laurinburg.

Before her marriage Mrs. Stone was Miss Rosa Bell Stanton of Robeson County. The family lived in Raeford for several years where her husband and sons conducted a jewelry and optometry business with office and store located on Main street. The family moved away from here a number of years ago.

Surviving Mrs. Stone are four sons, R. T. Stone, Oakland, Calif., Jamie W. Stone, Aberdeen, Md., Richard G. Stone, Elkton, Md., and David L. Stone of Fayetteville; three daughters, Mrs. Clarence Howard, Fayetteville, Mrs. Robert Bell, Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Robert Horton, Fayetteville; two brothers, Roland Stanton of Lumberton and Temple Stanton of Maxton.

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James F. Chavis, Indian, for giving a bad check got 60 days suspended on payment of the costs and the check.

Alexander Wallace and Clarence Devone, both colored, each paid \$10 and the costs for careless and reckless driving.

Archie K. Baker, white, paid the costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Carey Ross, white left a \$20 bond for speeding. John W. Buchanan, white, paid \$10 and costs for same offense.

Will Purcell and Joe J. Goodman, both colored, each paid \$10 and the costs for driving with improper brakes.

FORMER TEACHER VISITS

Mrs. J. J. Cobb of Parkton was a visitor in The News-Journal office this week. She will be remembered here as Miss Margaret Jones, having taught here in 1912-13. She is a sister of the late Wilson Jones, who was a pharmacist with Reaves Drug store here during the first world war. Mrs. Cobb said that his son, Kenneth Wilson Jones, had graduated from Davidson College this year and was at the University of Dijon in France, studying under a Fulbright Grant. This scholarship pays all living, travel and tuition expenses.

T. B. BOND SALE STARTING TODAY

The sale of Christmas bonds will start today in Raeford and Hoke County, Israel Mann, county chairman, said yesterday, and will continue through November 19, when the regular sale of Christmas Bonds to fight tuberculosis will start. Mrs. Hubert Cameron is chairman of the seal sale.

ATTEND CONFERENCE

Rev. and Mrs. P. O. Lee are in Wilmington this week attending the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Methodist Conference.

The conference will continue through Sunday. Younger Sneed and Bernice Williamson are delegates to the conference from the Raeford Church.

Governor Will Speak To REA Members Wed.

W. Kerr Scott, Governor of North Carolina, will speak at the annual meeting of the members of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation in St. Pauls, N.C., Wednesday, November 7. The Governor, said to have been the first man in the state to speak promoting electrification for rural people, is still promoting this program.

More than 4,000 members will be expected at the meeting to hear the governor's address, elect directors for the coming year and consider various reports of the officers and manager. Visitors and the public are cordially invited.

D. J. Dalton, Manager of the Cooperative, points out that the average member last year used 96 KWH wherein this year these same members had an average of 114 KWH. The cooperative now serves more than 6500 members in Hoke, Robeson, Scotland and Cumberland Counties and is still extending service to approximately 30 additional homes each month. The total billing for last month was \$27,434.00. All members are urged by the manager to attend the meeting of the cooperative as it is owned by those it serves.

Kiwanians Entertain Teachers Thursday

The Raeford Kiwanis club had its annual "Teachers Night" at the club's regular Thursday night supper meeting at the High school cafeteria last Thursday night.

Teachers were welcomed by Robert Gatlin and response was by Haywood Faircloth. Each guest was introduced and then speaker of the evening was introduced by Tommie Upchurch who, with C. P. Kinlaw was in charge of program arrangements. The speaker was Graham Morrison, retired county farm agent of Lincoln county who has quite a reputation as a humorist and who had been well received here on two previous occasions. Morrison lived up to his reputation and entertained the group well.

FARM ITEMS

By E. M. Stallings County Agent

Free Pine Seedlings:

Up to 5000 free pine seedlings per land owner are available to Hoke County farmers to plant this winter. These seedlings are furnished by the International Paper Company to promote tree planting in this area. The only obligation on the farmers part is to plant and care for the trees.

Loblolly, long leaf or slash pine may be ordered. They should be planted on land not suited to crops or on heavily cut over woodland. They may also be planted for windbreak and erosion control. It is best to plant these seedlings in rows 6 feet by 7 feet apart during December or January. This spacing requires 1000 per acre. Closer spacing can be used in case of planting as a windbreak.

Since 38 counties are included in this offer and only 500,000 trees allotted it is important that orders be placed immediately. The orders will be mailed on the date designated by the farmer.

This is a fine way to put to use the many acres of land in Hoke County not suited to crops. Farmers wishing to take advantage of this offer should come by the County Agent's office and file an application as soon as possible.

There is also available from the N. C. Pulp Company, up to 5,000 free Loblolly pine seedlings for each 4-H Club member in Hoke County, to be planted and cared for as a 4-H Club project. Orders can be placed for these at the County Agent's office also.