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## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

E. M. Stallings, County Agent, and Miss Josephine Hall, Home Agent, went to the Raeford Graded School on Monday and talked to the seventh grade on their work in the county. These talks were a part of the study the seventh grade is making of their county. They are doing an intensive unit on Hoke in their geography course. When this unit is complete they will have learned about the geography, topography, history, industrial development, agriculture, natural resources, wildlife, etc. We think that these pupils will appreciate their county as never before.

On Wednesday the white principals met in the office of the county superintendent and today the colored principals met in the library at Upchurch.

Attendance and preparation for the March of Dimes were the main topics of discussion. A special effort by all principals and teachers will be made to improve attendance from now on out. Also a special effort will be made to make the March of Dimes drive the most successful in the history of the school participation.

It is realized that every school child is a potential victim of polio. Also it is felt that the money raised by the pupils is really a form of insurance that these pupils take out. No quota has been set for the schools; but what they raise will be credited to the quota of the township in which the school is located.

Miss Sarah Tatum, white elementary supervisor, spent the day in Raleigh on Tuesday visiting with the State Elementary Supervisor and selecting library books and supplementary readers for the elementary schools. Miss Tatum is in Lumberton this afternoon attending a district meeting of county supervisors called by the state supervisor.

During this week a battery of tests are being administered to the pupils of the various white elementary schools. These tests are preliminary to the regular yearly battery of achievement tests.

We regret to report serious illness in the family of Mrs. R. A. Smoak of the Ashemont faculty. Mrs. Smoak has had to be away for the past several days. Mrs. W. J. Coates has substituted for her.

We have already reported the letting of contracts for the construction of the Indian School and the Upchurch addition. These buildings were staked out last Saturday afternoon. Work will start immediately on both, weather permitting.

At their regular meeting on Monday the county commissioners approved an application to the Local Government Commission to sell \$120,000 worth of bond anticipation notes on January 27, for the purpose of paying for the buildings under contract. This move in selling notes will permit a later sales date for the bonds and will save the county quite a sum in interest.

### TO GIVE AWAY BADGES

J. B. McIntyre, manager of the Raeford Theatre, said that he would give away Rex Allen badges to the first 100 kids to arrive at the theatre for the Rex Allen cowboy picture at 1:05 Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Ed Gentry of Roxboro is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibson and Susan.

Mrs. W. H. Winborne of Edenboro is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bill Howell.

## Negro Dies Of Shotgun Wounds Sunday Morning

John Boy McPhatter, 35-year-old colored man of Quewhiffle township, was instantly killed at the home of his father, Loffie McPhatter, when shot in the neck from a few feet away by a shotgun in the hands of Lucius Wallace, colored, about 55. McPhatter's home is on the Turnpike road about eight miles west of Raeford in Quewhiffle township.

Coroner's jury ruled at inquest Monday night that McPhatter had died from shotgun wounds at the hand of Wallace and ordered Wallace held under bond for action of the grand jury. Coroner J. C. Lentz set bond at \$2,000, which was posted by Marvin Gainey, his landlord, on Monday night and he was released.

Causes and circumstances are somewhat vague in the matter. Nora McPhatter, daughter of Loffie, who had been cooking for Wallace at his home for some time, and Prince Allsbrook, an old friend of Nora's, apparently figure in the case considerably. Wallace told officers that he and Nora went up to her father's place Saturday evening, he carrying a shotgun and she carrying a rifle. He said that he had a "scuffle" with Allsbrook at Dan Ray's home a few hundred yards away at that time. He said the shooting was an accident, that he was near the McPhatter house and thought Allsbrook was coming out to get him and turned quickly when the door opened, intending to shoot Allsbrook's head off, and wound up shooting John Boy in the neck.

Loffie McPhatter and wife say Wallace was walking around their place Sunday morning between seven and eight o'clock cussing and shooting, that Nora McPhatter and Prince Allsbrook were in the house at the time, and that when John Boy opened the door and stepped out Wallace shot him.

## Fatal Wreck In County Saturday

Odell Stanley, colored, about 43, was fatally injured in a wreck at F. F. McPhaul's home in Allendale township at around 6:00 o'clock last Saturday night. Grant Ferguson, colored, driver of the car and only other occupant, is still in Scotland County hospital with compound fracture of his leg.

Ferguson's 1939 Dodge left the road right at the McPhaul home and hit an oak tree head-on. The tree being some two and a half feet in diameter the forward progress of the vehicle stopped at once. Fair rate of speed is indicated by fact that car was almost demolished by the impact. Stanley suffered fractures of the skull and died before reaching the hospital.

Inquest is to be held at the courthouse tonight.

## Car Ransacked Here Saturday; Another Is Stolen, Recovered

A thief broke into the car of Sgt. John E. Watkins on Elwood avenue here Saturday night and stole \$112 in cash, a wrist watch and a camera, according to the owner. The car was locked.

The same night the car of Wade Blackwell, who lives in the Bank of Raeford building, was stolen. It was locked also. The car, a 1949 Chevrolet, was found in a ditch near Jack McKenzie's place in the Gold Hill section the next morning and Blackwell recovered it practically undamaged on Monday. The camera taken from the car of Sgt. Watkins was found in the Blackwell car.

No arrests have been made in the case up to this time.

## Town Fathers Handle Several Matters At Monthly Meeting

At their regular monthly meeting Monday night the board of commissioners of the Town of Raeford took no startling action, but handled several more or less routine matters of importance in the town's business.

They authorized the issue of the \$30,000 water bonds approved by the voters in October, and set up the form for the issuing of these bonds.

Two lease agreements with Robbins Mills, Inc., were approved. One was for the use by the Mill for 25 years of the several lots in Robbins Heights near the water tank there for playground facilities for the children of the neighborhood. The other was for the use of the pumping station on the mill property by the town for a period of 25 years.

Board approved building six-inch water line from Fulton street, on 8th avenue to Magnolia street, thence on Magnolia to 7th avenue, then two-inch line on Magnolia from 7th avenue to 6th avenue and up 6th avenue to W. L. Upchurch residence. Building of a two-inch from Robbins Heights to the eastern limit of the town was also approved.

Board approved the appointment and payment of Mrs. J. B. Cameron as tax lister for the town for 1952.

## Hoke High Trips Rowland Teams In Tripleheader

By Bruce Phillips

The local Hoke High School basketball teams defeated three determined, but outmanned teams from Rowland here Tuesday night.

The jayvees got the victorious evening started by taking a low-scoring 19-17 win. Rangy Dick Baggett led the locals with six points followed by Fred Garrett with five points. Sellers and Powers led Rowland with eight and four points.

The feminine aggregation then took over and won going away, 36-27. Lydia Williams was the big gun for Hoke High with 23 points and Sarah Cole was runner-up with 12 points. Mary Guin continued her outstanding play at guard for the winners. Sellers and Britt were the leaders for Rowland with 13 and eight points respectively.

In the nightcap, the local boys compelled the sweep by easily taking a 39-18 win over the visiting Rowland five. Lawrence McNeill was the high scorer with 12 points followed closely by Bobby (Goose) Lundy with 11 markers. Thompson and Hanuck were the point makers for Rowland with six and five points apiece.

Hoke High's next games are with 71st here Friday night for a tripleheader starting at 6:30.

## J. H. McRae, 65 Of Ellerbe, Dies

J. H. McRae, 65, died in Duke hospital at noon Friday following an operation. He was one of the leading citizens of Richmond county, having been a county commissioner, tobacco market president, past president and charter member of the Ellerbe Lions club, elder in the Ellerbe Presbyterian church and clerk of the session for 30 years.

He was a son of Duncan C. and Carolina Scarborough McRae. His father will be 94 in June. Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at the Ellerbe Presbyterian church.

Mr. McRae is survived by his parents, his wife, the former Davie McDiarmid of Hoke County and a sister of Mrs. M. W. Dew of Raeford, a sister, Edna; a brother, Dr. Byron McRae of Greensboro; and children, Mrs. Dan Purifoy of Statesville, Millie Scott McRae and Harris McRae.

## 33 Cases Are Cleared From Docket Tuesday

A considerable dent was made in the three weeks pileup of cases on the docket in Recorder's court Tuesday in half a day, as 33 cases were disposed of. Quite a few were continued also. Most cases handled involved traffic and a few liquor, but there were no stealing and fighting cases.

Samuel Davis, colored, had to make good a bad check and pay the costs.

Several defendants pleaded guilty of careless and reckless driving. Keney Miller, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs and \$40.05 damages to L. S. McMillan. James Albert Graham, colored, paid \$25 and the costs and also had to pay \$25 and the costs for hit and run driving. Luke Bethy, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs and R. L. Long, white, had to pay the costs. He got together with the other man on damages.

Several drivers had to pay \$10, and the costs for failing to stop at stop signs. They were J. T. Tillman, Tom McPhatter, colored, and V. K. Oxendine, Indian. Roosevelt Mack, colored left a \$25 bond for passing in the face of oncoming traffic.

Paying \$10 and the costs for having no brakes were Lonnie Jr. Blue, Charlie Ranson and Tom Watkins, all colored.

William H. Odum, white, and Curtis Little, colored, each paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

For violating the prohibition laws M. E. Edwards, Willie McEachern, Henry Peikle, all colored, and Rufus Herndon, white, paid \$50 and the costs. Robert Jr. Edwards, colored, was found not guilty and Bessie Kelly, colored, had her case dismissed for lack of evidence.

Robert B. Flagg, colored, paid \$25 and the costs for having no driver's license.

Speeders, all of whom paid \$10 and the costs or left \$25 bonds, were J. T. Edwards, J. P. Siechirst, S. A. Warsow, R. J. Cleary, Mitchell Arceneaux, and M. J. Hill, all white, and James O. Lester, colored. Walter Weatherspoon and Robert Rankin, both colored, got off for \$15 and \$20, respectively, when that was all they had. The state dropped its case against Robert Taft, colored. Ansley Yates, white, got off for the costs when that turned out to be all he had.

## John Blue, Native, Dies In Alabama After Long Illness

John Blue, 53, native of this county, died of cancer Monday night at his home in Sylacauga, Alabama after an illness of about ten months. He underwent an operation last February and another late in the spring and was treated at Duke hospital last fall. Following his trip to Duke he visited his mother, Mrs. J. A. Blue, here for a few days before returning to Alabama.

Oldest son of Mrs. J. A. Blue of Raeford and the late Mr. Blue, he was born at Timberland March 7, 1899. He was a member of the Navy during the first World War and attended Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va. afterwards. He was employed by Avondale Mills at Sylacauga and was married to the former Miss Mary Smith of Nixburg, Ala.

Funeral service was held at 3:30 yesterday afternoon in the Sylacauga Presbyterian church and burial was in the cemetery there.

Surviving are his wife and two children, John, Jr., and Frances; his mother, Mrs. J. A. Blue of Raeford; three sisters, Mrs. N. B. Blue and Mrs. Kate Blue Covington of Raeford and Mrs. Max Heins of Sanford, and several nephews.

## County Board Holds Its Monthly Meeting, 3 Roads Approved

At their regular monthly meeting Monday the Hoke County board of commissioners, voted to ask for the opening of three roads as public roads. These were connecting the old Maxton road with the public road near the A. R. Currie residence in Blue Springs township, from Marshall Newton's store to the road near the old Cary Parker residence in McLauchlin, and from the Lee Adcox residence in Stonewall to the public road near McKinnon's bridge.

The board heard a delegation from Parker's Chapel Methodist church ask that the highway commission do something to prevent the water from running-off the highway onto church property. This request was received favorably by the board in view of the damage that the water running over the property is doing, and will be passed as a request to the highway commission.

Request of the board of education for paving around Ashemont and Burlington schools was approved.

It was voted to ask the highway commission to reconstruct the road from the Moore County line near the N. F. Sinclair farm that was damaged by the Army.

## R. Lee Bethune Dies At Home Sunday Night

Robert Lee Bethune, for many years a prominent citizen of Raeford, died at his home here Sunday night after having been an invalid for many years.

Mr. Bethune had lived in Raeford for about 40 years and was mayor of the town at one time, register of deeds of Hoke County for two terms and was a successful farmer. He was a member of the Raeford Presbyterian church.

He was the last surviving son of the late Maximilian and Margaret Blue Bethune of Montrose. His wife, Mrs. Mattie McDonald Bethune, died about a year ago. He and Mrs. Bethune celebrated the Golden Anniversary of their wedding in December, 1949.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church. Burial was in the Raeford cemetery. Pallbearers were K. A. MacDonald, J. B. McLeod, N. A. McDonald, Dr. A. L. O'Brian, Ernest Campbell, R. B. Lewis, Clyde Upchurch, Neill McFadyen and Martin McKeithan. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. J. S. Maultsby of Fayetteville and several nieces and nephews.

## Postal Receipts Are Up 20 Percent In '51 Setting New Record

The Raeford Post office set a record for gross receipts during 1951 as the figure showed a twenty per cent increase over the preceding year. Postmaster Lacy Clark says that the most marked increase showed in the last two quarters of the year, which would indicate that the figure for the year 1952 should be considerably higher than last year.

Receipts in the local office for 1951 were \$21,576.55, as compared to \$17,888.63, for 1950, an increase of \$3,687.92.

Postmaster Clark said that the increase in postal rates which went into effect last October had something to do with the increase in receipts of course, but that this effect was comparatively small. Increased volume was the biggest single factor, and the increased receipts due to local delivery service also accounted for increased receipts in the last two months.

The post office will probably move to its new building next to the town hall in the next few weeks.

## MARCH OF DIMES STARTS WITH BIG VARIETY SHOW SATURDAY



LULONG OGBURN

## Junius M. Culbreth Dies In Durham Of Pneumonia Thursday

Junius Monroe Culbreth, 54, died of pneumonia after a brief illness at a Durham hospital last Thursday. He had been a resident of Butner, N. C. for several years and had been in Raeford for the Christmas holidays, returning only a day or two before becoming ill.

He was a son of the late Thomas F. and Rebecca Monroe Culbreth of Raeford and had spent his entire life here up until the death of his parents four years ago.

Funeral service was held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Raeford Presbyterian church with the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor, conducting. Burial was in Raeford cemetery.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. A. R. McRae of Detroit, Mich.; four brothers, Frank, Fred and Walter of Raeford and Graham of Southern Pines.

## Kiwanians Install 1952 Officers At Weekly Meeting

Marion H. Gatlin was installed as president of the Raeford Kiwanis club last Thursday night at the regular weekly meeting and supper of the club. He succeeds W. T. Gibson, Jr.

The installation was made by Dr. Oleon W. Saunders of Benson, lieutenant-governor of Division four of the Carolinas Kiwanis district.

Other officers installed were John W. McPhaul, vice president and A. H. McPhaul, secretary-treasurer. Directors for 1952 were installed by Dr. Saunders as follows: J. W. Canada, W. H. Fann, R. H. Gatlin, Harvey Gobeille, Israel Mann, Tom McBryde and Dr. R. L. Murray.

## Local Man's Friend Killed In Korea

Joe Upchurch was grieved when he arrived from a business trip to Alabama last Thursday and learned that it was his good friend, college mate and fraternity brother, Worth Barker, who had been killed in Korea on Christmas Eve. This casualty was given much publicity as the man who was killed on a patrol by artillery was beneath his twin brother flying an artillery observation plane above.

The boys were twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Barker of Winston-Salem. Worth had visited in Raeford and made many friends here. Joe spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Barker in Winston-Salem.

## Lulong Ogburn, Miss North Carolina of '51, To Head List Of Entertainers And Notables At High School

Lulong Ogburn of Smithfield, "Miss North Carolina" of last year and one of the finalists in the "Miss America" contest at Atlantic City, will head a list of noted entertainers to be presented by the Hoke County March of Dimes committee in a variety show at the High school at 8:00 o'clock Saturday night. Miss Ogburn's presence was arranged through the efforts on behalf of the committee of Mr. and Mrs. John Best of the Raeford hotel who were her next door neighbors in Smithfield before coming here.

Also on the program in the show that promises to surpass the excellent one of last year is Fred Fletcher, program manager, announcer and famous comedian of station WRAL in Raleigh, Puddin' head Jones of Scotland county and famous baseball player with the Philadelphia Phillies, Fay Riderour, magician and comedian of Fayetteville, and an impressive array of talent from Fort Bragg and Pope Field, much of which was drafted straight from Broadway by the Armed Forces.

The show has been arranged in cooperation with the USO in Fayetteville by a hard working committee in this county headed by Harry Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Best are planning a dinner before the entertainment for Miss Ogburn and her party. Mrs. Paul Dezerne will furnish the flowers Miss Ogburn wears.

The show from Fort Bragg will include instrumentalists, dancing, singing, magic, juggling, etc. and will be mixed with the best of local entertainers which were so well received previously.

In order that the whole county's drive may benefit from the big performance at the High school, a member of the committee from each community will be at the door and the tickets sold will be credited to the quotas of the communities from which the crowd comes.

Anthony G. Drake, operator of the Elk Restaurant, has announced that proceeds from all the coffee sold there tomorrow will be contributed to the drive.

**Committees Announced**  
In announcing the big affair Saturday night Harrison said it was only the first of a big and impressive series of benefits which would be staged all over (Continued on Page 4)

## Bank Of Raeford Stockholders Meet

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Raeford was held at the bank last Thursday morning, January 3, 1952. The report given the stockholders by the executive vice president showed that the bank had again enjoyed a very good year.

Directors elected by the stockholders were H. L. Gatlin, F. B. Sexton, J. L. McNeill, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., A. K. Stevens, J. B. Thomas, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., C. L. Thomas, L. M. Upchurch and R. B. Lewis.

The annual dividend declared by the directors on December 13, 1951, was paid to all stockholders of record on January 1, 1952.

At a meeting of the board of directors following the stockholders meeting, the following officers were elected: president, H. L. Gatlin, vice president, F. B. Sexton, executive vice president and cashier, R. B. Lewis, assistant cashiers, Miss Jessie B. Ferguson and Allen W. Wood, Jr.

The Bank is now entering upon the forty-ninth year of service to Hoke County, having been organized in March, 1908.