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## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Enrollment and membership in the various schools of the county at the end of the fifth month is as follows: Total white 1429 and 1250; Total Indian 224 and 208; Total Colored 2445 and 2304. This gives a total enrollment for the county of 4098 and a total membership of 3762.

Enrollment, membership, and percentage in attendance by school follows: White: Ashmont 129, 108, 95; Hoke High 8th grade 119, 113, 93; Hoke High 9-12 282, 256, 93; Mildouson 97, 80, 93; Raeford Graded 676, 579, 91; Rockfish 126, 114, 95; Indian: Antioch 151, 145, 84; Macedonia 73, 63, 85. Colored: Burlington 389, 362, 95; Upchurch 8th grade 140, 139, 95; Upchurch 9-12 359/348, 95; Freedom 93, 78, 94; Bowmore 182, 178, 90; Friendship 47, 47, 97; Peachmont 38, 34, 97; Shady Grove 70, 57, 96; Timberland 51, 43, 95; New Hope 63, 62, 93; Buffalo 75, 67, 87; Rockfish Col. 37, 36, 85; White Oak 110, 99, 97; Fries Mission 57, 57, 96; Laurel Hill 154, 143, 98; McFarland 33, 27, 85.

The above shows a net loss of pupils since school started. This does not show a true picture exactly as some of these pupils have moved from one school in the county to another. We estimate that about one-half of these pupils are still in some other school in the county.

The percentage in attendance is gratifying this month as it shows that attendance is equally good with the fourth month. We hope that the sixth and seventh months will do as well.

The Board of Education met last Friday night and canvassed the building situation. The Board found that the Indian school and Upchurch addition were, at last, under way. They found also that progress was being made in getting the snarled Raeford Graded situation straightened out. The situation at present looks better than it has for some time now. We hope that we are not overly optimistic in predicting that it will not be too long before construction will begin on this project.

This year the Board of Education is operating 26 school buses that transport a total of 1419 pupils daily. These buses cover over 1598.7 miles per day or an average of 61.5 miles per bus per day. So far the record of the drivers, both as to safety and promptness, has been excellent. We hope that we will be able to keep it that way.

The Future Homemakers Chapter at Hoke High has a picture and a write of its Future Homemakers corner in the clothing lab in The February issue of the "Future Homemakers of North Carolina". Parents and friends will be especially interested in seeing this edition of "Future Homemakers."

Friendship, Peachmont, and White Oak are celebrating PTA Founders Day at White Oak with a program this afternoon at White Oak. This program is well worked out and should be interesting.

Dr. Cherry reported on last week's dental clinic at White Oak where he treated children from Peachmont, Rockfish Colored, and Friendship in addition to those at White Oak. He inspected 106 children, treated 58 of them doing 23 fillings, 38 silver nitrate treatments, 57 extractions, 40 cleanings and 20 miscellaneous treatments. Dr. Cherry is working this week at Laurel Hill where he will see the pupils from Shady Grove and will go to Burlington. From Burlington he will go next week to Bowmore and at Bowmore will also see the pupils from Edinburg, Freedom and Buffalo.

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## Speeders, Others Are Tried In Court Tuesday

Quite a variety of cases came up for trial in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning. These included speeding, careless and reckless driving, making whiskey, wife-beating and others.

Gordon Williams, colored, pleaded guilty of having a whiskey still and whiskey in process. He got four months suspended on payment of the costs, including still fee to the officers.

D. W. Maness, white, and Henry J. Easterling, colored, were charged with careless and reckless driving as the result of a wreck they had. Each having considerable damages to his car, the judge allowed the state to drop the case on payment of the costs.

Douglas Stevens, white, was charged with assaulting his wife. The case was compromised and he was charged the costs.

Curtis Warren, colored, got one year for failure to support his child. Sentence was to be suspended on payment of \$5 weekly and court costs.

Carl Babb, white, and Jefferson McNeill, colored, each paid costs for being drunk and disorderly.

John Henry Baker, colored, paid the costs for parking on the highway at night. John Thomas Davis, white, paid the costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Harvey Lee McGregor and Will Morris, both colored, were charged by C. J. Benner with disposing of mortgaged property. Each had to pay the costs and pay Benner what he owed him.

Junior Calahan, Indian, was charged with trading a mule which he had not paid for. He settled it by giving a mortgage on the horse for which he traded and paid the costs.

Joe Cook, colored, 15 years of age, was sent to juvenile court on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape. At hearing before Clerk J. B. Cameron yesterday Cook was found guilty of general delinquency and released in the custody of his mother under the supervision of the probation officer. Cook was promised a trip to a reformatory by Cameron if he didn't mend his ways, and he was told several specific ways in which he must do this.

Willie C. Graham and James Eddie Robinson, both colored, each paid \$10 and the costs for overloading in separate cases.

Dannie Dupree, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for driving with improper brakes.

Columbus Thomas, colored, was charged with careless and reckless driving and having no brakes as the result of a wreck. He had already paid the damages and he was ordered to pay the costs.

James McCall, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for going 55 in a 35-mile zone. Billy L. Arnette, white, left a \$25 bond for speeding. Johnnie Richardson, colored, got 90 days suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs for speeding 85 miles an hour.

## Meeting To Talk Of Baseball League

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## Parents, Teachers Have Interesting Meeting Monday

The Raeford Parent-Teacher association met Monday night and celebrated the 55th birthday of the Congress of Parents and Teachers. The president, Mrs. Robert Gatlin, presided. Mrs. Harvey Warlick, Mrs. J. W. Canaday and Mrs. Raymond Maxwell were selected to serve as nominating committee for next year.

W. T. Gibson, Jr., who was in charge of the program, spoke to the group on "Psychological Balance, The Normal Child." His discussion tied in the home, the school and the church as the three most important cycles on which the normal child's life rotates.

PTA officers regretted that every parent who has a child in school could not be present since the speaker made every mother feel that her child was an individual complete in himself.

Mrs. Dwight Brown told some of the objectives of PTA and announced that a contribution would be taken and sent to State headquarters for extension work. During the social hour Miss Hefner and her class served punch and cakes.

## Kiwansians Hear Boys During Scout Week

Guests at the regular meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis club last Thursday night were members of the Raeford Boy Scout troop, who made a brief appearance on the program in observance of Boy Scout Week. The local troop has been sponsored since about 1930 by the Kiwanis club.

First Scout presented by Scoutmaster Tom McLaughlin was Senior Patrol Leader Jimmy Phillips, Star scout, who related the origin and basic principles of the Boy Scouts of America and who recited the Scout laws. Second Class Scout Bobby Davis then gave the Boy Scout Oath and led the club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Program chairman for the evening was Peter McLean, who presented Miss Doris Bradley, accompanying her High school mixed quartet. The quartet, consisting of John McLaughlin, Joan Sinclair, Betty Jane Ashburn and Lawrence McNeill, Jr., sang several favorite and novelty numbers which were greatly enjoyed.

## Presbyterian Men Hear Missionary

About 75 Men of the Raeford Presbyterian church met and had supper in the church basement Tuesday night in the regular monthly meeting of the men's organization.

Speaker for the meeting was Dr. Sandy Barks, a native of Wilmington who has been a medical missionary to the Belgian Congo for the past three years.

He talked about his work in the Congo and his plans and activities to establish a dental program there. His talk was well illustrated with films of the mission stations, natives and African scenery. His station in Africa is near that of Miss Alice Lenge-necker, missionary to the Belgian Congo from the Raeford Presbyterian church. His lecture was highly interesting and greatly enjoyed by the men.

## Mann To Head Legion Fund Drive

Israel Mann, Legionnaire of Raeford, has been named chairman for the Legion Rehabilitation Fund campaign of Hoke County, it has been announced by Louis Parker of Elizabethtown, Department Commander and Chairman for the fund drive.

The Legion Rehabilitation Fund is appealing for funds in Hoke County to support the activity of the American Legion's rehabilitation and service work in North Carolina.

## Hoke Boys Win, Girls Lose Last Regular Game

Hoke High's basketball teams finished their regular season's play Friday at Red Springs. The local aggregations took two of the three games and in doing so, added to their already impressive record.

The Hoke jayvees wasted no time in disposing of the home team's "B" boys. With Garrett and Gerald Sappenfield pumping in 10 and seven points apiece, the locals won going away, 37-18. Roger Dixon and L. S. Brock performed well on our defensive ledger. McManus stood out for Red Springs along with McRacken.

In the feminine contest, the Hoke girls dropped their second regular game of the season, 64-60. The game matched two of the finest high school girl sextets in the state and the game was nip-and-tuck right down to the final gun. Hoke High's chances became dubious in the fourth period when Ellen Kate Koonce and May Guin, outstanding guards, left the game by the foul route. Lyda Williams and Sarah Cole, performing valiantly for the losers, dumped in 30 and 19 points respectively. The entire team played terrific basketball, but couldn't quite compete successfully with the massive point-making of the Red Springs crew.

The boys varsity game highlighted the evening's program; the visiting Bucks took an impressive and well-earned 53-52 victory, over the Red Springs home folks.

John McLaughlin, stellar forward, turned in his best performance of the year. He whipped in a total of 24 points and was a demon on defense. His inspired play spread to his teammates and in unison they played one of their finest games of the season. Joe Cumbreth, Johnny McPhaul, and Jimmy White all turned in sparkling play for the winners.

Cecil Dunn was the Red Springs standout pouring in 15 points and doing fine work on defense.

## Native Visiting Here, To Preach At Bethel

The Rev. D. A. McNeill of Houston, Texas, (Dan'l Archie to old timers) is visiting his brother, W. J. McNeill and family near Raeford, and preached an able sermon in the Raeford Presbyterian church Sunday morning. He is a native of these parts and has been a regular subscriber to The News-Journal for many years.

Next Sunday morning Mr. McNeill will preach at Bethel Presbyterian church, his old home church. At this time the newly-elected elders and deacons will be installed.

## Eugene Smith Joins News-Journal Staff

Eugene P. Smith, son of Mrs. Lucy Wilkes Smith and the late W. L. Smith of this county, last week joined the staff of The News-Journal. His duties will be in the editorial and business phases of the paper's operation.

Smith is a native of this county, and is a graduate of Hoke County High school. He is a graduate of East Carolina College, receiving his A.B. degree in business administration with the class of 1951. Since leaving school he has been employed by the Hoke Cotton Warehouse and Storage Company.

## WATSON OPERATED ON TO REPEAT MINSTREL

F. Knox Watson, chairman of the Hoke County board of commissioners, underwent an appendectomy at Scotland County hospital Tuesday morning. He is recuperating normally.

## YOU and YOUR CONGRESS

Washington—Out of the "chamber of horrors" in Room 313 of the House Office Building is coming information enough to sustain hours of heated debate when Congress begins discussing military spending.

For example, the armed services, for purposes of inventory and purchasing, have 20,000 different description of venetian blinds and roller blinds, 200,000 different descriptions of lumber.

Room 313 is the House Armed Services Committee meeting room. Here a subcommittee is holding and will continue to hold hearings as part of its investigation of waste in military spending.

Around the hearing room walls are displays of shoes, pillows, blankets and many other items, with price tags, which illustrate the subject the subcommittee is probing. The display shows, for example, that each of the services buys practically the same type shoes for its men but at varying prices. The intended moral is that if they got together in their buying of such items, millions of taxpayers' dollars would be saved.

The subcommittee says the displays show "horrible examples" of waste in military spending. Thus, as the hearings opened, Chairman Hebert (D-La.), a former newspaper editor who knows the value of publicity, dubbed the oddly decorated hearing room the "chamber of horrors."

The hearings so far have produced one fact that promises to be discussed at length when Congress gets around to debating new appropriations for the Defense Department.

A serious matter any time, that becomes more serious than ever before in peacetime—because the Defense Department is slated to spend more money than ever before in peacetime. The President's 1953 budget calls for military spending of over \$51 billion (compared to \$40 billion this year and \$20 billion in 1951). In short, the Defense Department is to spend more money than any other single organization in the country and, as a matter of fact, in the world.

Another fact which promises to heat up Congressional debate is that while Congress ordered armed services unification in 1947, there has been virtually no unification of military buying. In fact, as Rep. Cole (R-N.Y.) notes there appears to be a trend toward "triplication" rather than unification. The Air Force wants to establish its own procurement service, like the Army's and Navy's.

Munitions Board officials were summoned to explain the delay but said they didn't know the answer. They thought someone among the high military brass was to blame but weren't sure who. The Munition Board, however, has now decided that unified clothing buying is a good idea and will get going on it.

## FMC Organ Teacher To Play In Pinehurst

John E. Williams, organist of the Village Chapel in Pinehurst, and assistant professor of organ and theory at Flora Macdonald college, Red Springs, will be presented in an organ recital at the Chapel on Sunday afternoon, February 24, at 3:45. This recital will be sponsored by the Pinehurst Religious Association, Inc.

Refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, cakes, nuts and hot coffee were served from a pretty table covered with a linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of early white and yellow Spring flowers.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. R. H. Edge, Mrs. D. P. Gillis and Mrs. R. B. Shockley.

## Halbert J. Blue Dies In Aberdeen; Buried Wednesday

Halbert Johnston Blue, 56, vice president of the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad, died in Aberdeen Monday of a heart attack. Born in Aberdeen April 19, 1895, he resided in the Sandhills throughout his life.

A son of the late John Blue, who founded the A. & R. Railroad in 1892, and Frances Owen Blue, he had served in an official capacity with the railroad throughout his adult life. He is survived by a sister, Miss Louise Blue, and two brothers, W. A. Blue, president of the railroad, and Henry McCoy Blue, vice president, and two sons, Richard F. Blue, student at the University of Virginia, and William F. Blue, student at Gilman school in Baltimore.

Funeral services were conducted at three o'clock yesterday afternoon at Bethesda Presbyterian church in Aberdeen by the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Worth. Burial was in the Blue lot in Old Bethesda cemetery.

## 7 Schools Enter Cage Tourney Here March 1

Local American Legion Post Sponsoring 7th Annual High School Event Here

Raeford's seventh annual invitational high school basketball tournament will be played in the local high school gymnasium from March 3 through March 10, W. L. Poole, announced. Poole, chairman of the tournament committee of the local American Legion post, annual sponsors of the affair said that 16 teams would participate as usual, and that seven of these schools were tentatively scheduled already.

The seven schools presently expected to enter both boys and girls teams are Parkton, 71st, Wagram, Vass, Hope Mills, West End and Hoke County High school. The final official list will be published next week.

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## Raeford Rated 'Good' By Look Magazine

In an article entitled "Battle Against Sin", appearing in the magazine "Look" last week, Raeford was given a rating of "good" in a survey of vice conditions. Hamlet, Sanford and Southern Pines were also rated good, while Fayetteville, Charlotte and Wilmington were given ratings of "fair."

Greensboro and Dunn were giving ratings of "poor" in the article, and survey of the daily press indicates that they don't like it a bit. Wilmington's mayor also had some strong words to say about the article, which does appear to have been hastily thrown together with insufficient facts in an attempt at sensationalism.

## Philippi H.D. Club Has Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Philippi Home Demonstration Club was held at 2:00 p. m., Friday, February 8th at the Community Building. Fourteen members and two children were present. There were discussions on the Associated Country Women of the World Essay Contest, recipes for the Colonial Southern Cook Book to be compiled by the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, Improving Rural mail boxes, and the organization of a county music chorus. The women were urged to participate in these activities.

After these discussions the meeting was turned over to Miss Josephine Hall, Home Agent, who gave a very interesting and informative lesson on "The Best of Sunday Dress", using illustrations along with her talk.

For the social hour, the hostesses directed several bridal games and contests honoring one of the members, Mrs. James Attaway, a recent bride. At the conclusion of the games the bride was asked to empty the garbage can and upon removing the lid found it filled with attractive gift packages, which she opened and displayed. Just as Mrs. Attaway finished her "chore" a box, containing gifts of linen from those present to another member, Mrs. R. W. Posey, who has recently moved into her home at the old Black Place.

Refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, cakes, nuts and hot coffee were served from a pretty table covered with a linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of early white and yellow Spring flowers.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. R. H. Edge, Mrs. D. P. Gillis and Mrs. R. B. Shockley.

## World Day Of Prayer Observance Planned

Plans are being made locally to observe the "World Day of Prayer" in this community on Friday of next week at the same time with most of the Christian world. Business houses will be asked to close for an hour and a joint prayer service will be held at the Raeford Presbyterian church at two o'clock. Last year it was held at the Methodist church and the whole community joined in the observance.

Complete plans and details will be given next week.

## LOSE A MONKEY?

A monkey was running around loose at Bowmore colored school Tuesday afternoon of this week and Principal W. C. Campbell reported it to the sheriff. When last seen by the sheriff it was up a pine tree in the nearby woods. This seems to be news in view of the fact that real monkeys are somewhat rare in these parts.

American farmers now own more than 4-million tractors.