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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

News from all over the state indicates a great deal of mild influenza. Several units have closed for the week, so prevalent is the disease, but a quick survey of several of the schools in the county shows that at present we have been spared anything like an epidemic.

There will be a county-wide teachers meeting at the Hoke High school next Monday night at 7:30 p. m. There will be a county-wide meeting of colored teachers at 2 p. m. the same day at Upchurch school. Dr. R. M. Finch of the School Health Coordinating Service will be the speaker at both meetings. Dr. Finch will address each group on "Mental Health."

The School Health program is progressing nicely. Corrections found necessary to be made during the screening by the teachers last fall and by nurses of the Health Department since then, are being made all the time. In addition to individual correction, clinics have been held and an additional eye clinic is planned for the second week in March. Dr. Timmons from Duke Hospital will be the specialist in charge.

The Dental program is progressing nicely. At present Dr. Cherry is working in the colored schools. Dr. Koonce is expected within the next few weeks to begin work in the white and Indian school. Plans are now underway for the pre-school clinics held each spring. We expect to be able to release a schedule of these clinics with the names of the Doctors who will hold them within a short time.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Coach Faircloth and his Hoke High Sextet on their most successful season. We were delighted with their winning the Cumberland County Championship Tuesday night. This win and their participation in the Coliseum Invitation Tournament we think highlighted a most successful season.

Not only this season but for the past several seasons Coach Faircloth and his girls have been doing well. Any time a team can win 69 out of 79 games they are playing good ball, we don't care what kind of ball it is.

Jimmie Claus, sports writer for The Fayetteville Observer, we think paid the team and the coach a nice compliment, one that we are proud of. Mr. Claus says "The coaches throughout the tourney have given me 100 percent cooperation. This goes too, for the officials. I believe the calibre of basketball displayed by the Raeford girls and Central boys teams is generally higher than that played in Cumberland County. The teams have shown fine sportsmanship and I attribute that to the coaches."

Mr. Allen of the Raeford Graduate Faculty, who has been in the hospital, returned to work today. Mrs. Lorena Upchurch substituted for him.

Mrs. Warren is now out with influenza. Mrs. Coates is substituting for her. Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin recently made a most interesting talk to the fifth grade on China.

Tuesday Mrs. Campbell of the Health Department, showed a film to adolescent girls and their mothers. A discussion period followed the showing of the film.

PTA Founders' Day programs have been and are being held in various schools in the county. Last week programs were held at Friendship and Burlington. This week was held at Upchurch (Continued on Page 4)

Annual Red Cross Fund Campaign Is Set For March

County Chairmen Named

Charles A. Hostetter, chairman of the Hoke County Red Cross chapter, this week announced chairmen in the town and county for the annual fund drive to be conducted all over the county during March. Quota for Hoke County to raise this year is \$2295, a lower quota than that last year in spite of the extra services rendered by the Red Cross in the Korean war and the middle western disaster areas.

Neill Senter has been named drive chairman for Raeford, with Mrs. Colon Scarborough serving as chairman of the residential areas of the town.

Horace B. Walters will serve as county chairman of the fund campaign, and the committee joined this week in making an appeal to the public to give generously to this cause in view of the great and widespread service of relief it offers.

Walters named community chairmen in the county and these will contact committees selected in each community to help with the drive. The community chairmen are, according to townships: Allendale L. A. McGowan; Antioch, Ira Newton; Blue Springs Edwin Hasty; Little River Archibald McGill, Laurie Brooks; McLaughlin, John Parker, Rev. D. E. Miller; Quewhiffle, Mrs. D. H. Johnson, Ufa Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Ken McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sawyer, R. H. Webb; Stonehall, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones, Mrs. J. A. Jones.

Support for the Red Cross comes from different individuals for different reasons, it has been pointed out. A veteran may remember that Red Cross blood saved his life or a friend's, a mother may recall that the Red Cross helped with some problem involving a son or relative serving in Korea or elsewhere; many have seen the work of the Red Cross in disaster-stricken areas.

Principal G. A. Page of Upchurch High school is chairman for the Negro division of the drive. All chairmen listed will select workers in their assigned territories for the campaign.

War Dept. Sends Purple Heart Award To Mrs. McFadyen

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McFadyen this week received the Order of the Purple Heart award from the Department of the Army for their son, Lt. William McFadyen, who has been listed as missing in action since November 27, 1942.

At the same time the Department informed Mr. and Mrs. McFadyen that after having been missing for this length of time their son was officially presumed to be dead.

Lt. McFadyen was a graduate of Raeford High School and of the University of North Carolina and had worked as a writer on newspapers in Baltimore and elsewhere before his entry into the Army Air Corps. He was a member of the crew of a B-25 bomber which was lost in action over the South Pacific.

Legion To Meet Next Friday Night

Commander R. B. Lewis of the local American Legion post this week reminded members of the post of the monthly meeting to be held on Friday night of next week in the High school cafeteria at six o'clock.

He said that the supper meeting was being held at six o'clock in order not to interfere with the Legion's basketball tournament and he urged members to be present and to be on time. Those planning to attend are asked to notify Israel Mann or Wilton Wood.

Negro Found Dead Here Yesterday

Dave Miller, well known colored painter around Raeford, about 45 years of age, was found dead near the colored village north of town at about eight o'clock yesterday morning by a school child.

Miller was near the run of a branch beyond the crossroad and was lying face-down in the mud. There were no obvious injuries which could have caused his death, although due to rain, blood and bruises may not have been apparent. His cap was found by investigating officers of the sheriff's department about 100 yards from his body, and it still had blood on it in spite of the rain, and there were still traces of blood on the ground near it.

After investigation yesterday officers had not decided just what may have caused his death, and Coroner James C. Lentz had not announced when an inquest would be held. Miller was last seen passing Jess Dunlap's store and filling station at about nine o'clock Monday night.

He leaves a wife and children.

Funeral Service For Capt. A. B. Chason At Lumber Bridge

Final rites were held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Lumber Bridge Baptist church for Captain Arthur B. Chason, Jr. who died in New York February 17.

The service was conducted by Rev. J. M. Gibbs, a former pastor, assisted by Rev. Judson Lennox, pastor of the Baptist church of Raeford. Burial was in the Lumber Bridge cemetery.

Captain Chason was the elder son of the late Arthur B. and Lula Lovett Chason of Lumber Bridge. He attended the Lumber Bridge school and George Washington University. He was graduated from the law school of National University and licensed to practice law in North Carolina, the District of Columbia, and elsewhere. While still in college he was chosen for duty as a Reserve officer of the Marine Corps and he was called to active duty in 1939, serving overseas and in the West Indies and being discharged with the rank of captain.

After the war he attended the Merchant Marine Institute and obtained captain's papers. He had been active as a member of the Merchant Marine for the past several years.

Captain Chason was stricken with pneumonia in New York several days prior to his death.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. George B. Weaver of Albemarle, and Mrs. T. B. Forbis of Lumber Bridge.

Locker Plant Here Changes Hands

The Colonial Frozen Foods locker plant here, which has been owned by the Pilot Life Insurance company since last September, is now the property of Turkaline Farms, Inc., it was recently announced. The new owners plan to make major alterations immediately, and locker holders have been asked to clear out their lockers by March 1.

The Pilot company acquired the plant by foreclosure on September 29, and since that time have kept it in operation, enabling locker holders to keep their foods frozen there. The new company, it is understood, will convert the plant into a turkey processing plant.

ATTENDS MEETING

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., of the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Co., attended a meeting of the Carolinas Ginnery association in Bennettsville, S. C., on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Clyde was in charge of the golf tournament which was on the program for Tuesday afternoon.

Observe World Day Of Prayer Here Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon, February 29, this community will join with millions through out the world in observing World Day of Prayer. Businesses of the community are expected to close their doors from 2:00 until 3:00 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and a joint service will be held by the churches of the community in the Raeford Presbyterian church. The service will begin at approximately 2:10 p. m. and all will be welcome to attend in their work clothes. The service will be conducted by the Women of the Raeford Baptist church.

The local committee represents the Raeford churches and is a means whereby local people will join with millions in 92 different countries in observing this day.

In addition to the women's organizations of the churches, the observance of the day is being sponsored and endorsed by the Raeford Chamber of Commerce which has urged its members to close during the hour from 2:00 until 3:00. Mayor W. L. Poole has also urged people of the community to cooperate with the churches.

Farm Bureau To Meet Tomorrow Night At Hoke High Gym

President Alfred Cole of the Hoke County Farm Bureau announced last week that the annual dinner meeting of the membership would be held at the Hoke High school gymnasium on Friday night, February 29 at seven o'clock.

Main part of the program at the annual meeting is the election of officers of the county Farm Bureau for the following year.

Following the dinner and the election of officers the group will hear a talk by Walter Lowrey, Field Representative of the North Carolina Farm Bureau. Cole urged members of the Hoke bureau to attend the meeting.

Jaycees Organize Chapter In Raeford

A Junior Chamber of Commerce was organized in Raeford when a group met at the High school on Tuesday night. Present other than local men were five members of the Fayetteville chapter including M. J. Weeks, president.

Officers elected for the Raeford Jaycees were James Lentz, president, Ray Muench and Tom Poole, vice presidents, Peter McLean, secretary, and Jim Tillman, treasurer.

Next meeting is to be held in the high school library on Thursday, March 6, at 8:00 p. m.

YOUNGS TO LEAVE

CWO Homer D. Young, has been relieved from assignment and duty Army Field Forces Board No. 1, Fort Bragg, N. C. and assigned to European Command for duty with the Army in Paris, France.

He will proceed to Fort Hamilton Personnel Center, Brooklyn on or after April 2, 1952 for transportation overseas. His wife and son will accompany him. The Youngs have lived on Jackson Street for some time.

C. J. Benner has been ill since Saturday with a rather severe case of influenza. He is improving. Wilson McBryde, also of the Western Auto Store, has been at home with the flu, for several days.

Miss Ina Mae Benner, who is a student at Wake Forest College, visited her home over the past week end.

Jail 2 Men On Capital Charge

Two young white men, James Edwards and Rufus Edwards, aged 19 and 17 respectively, are in the Raeford jail on charges of raping a 13-year-old white girl and being accessory to the fact.

They are charged with picking up the girl on South Prospect avenue on Saturday afternoon at about two o'clock and driving her to the vicinity of Timberland where the assault is alleged to have been perpetrated by James Edwards. It is alleged that Rufus Edwards was driver of the car and that he let his brother and the girl out.

Warrant for the arrest of James Edwards was signed late Saturday by the girl's mother and he was put in jail that night. Warrant was issued for Rufus Edwards on Monday, and he was put in then. Both are being held without privilege of bond pending preliminary hearing at recorder's court next Tuesday.

The brothers live with their parents on the Scott Currie farm.

State Has Bad Spell Of Weather

The Carolinas yesterday dug out from a heavy snowfall that snarled traffic, closed schools and sent dozens to hospitals after falls.

The unexpected storm which lashed the states Tuesday and subsided before daybreak Wednesday, came on top of an influenza outbreak that had already closed some schools in North Carolina.

There were only a few flurries of snow in Hoke County Tuesday and sleet fell intermittently with rain during the day, turning to rain by nightfall.

Some snow and much sleet fell in the upper end of the county and there was considerable snow in Moore County.

The sun broke through yesterday and gave a hand to householders and city crews clearing the snow which was eight inches and more in some central sections of the states. Fair and clearing weather was forecast, but temperatures were expected to get down to freezing again last night.

Long distance bus, rail and air traffic was near normal Wednesday.

North Carolina schools were closed in Mecklenburg, York, Stokes and Guilford Counties, and the cities of Madison, Eikin, Lexington and Morganton.

FIRE WEDNESDAY A. M.

Fire alarm was sounded at about 1 o'clock yesterday morning and rain or sleet notwithstanding, and the fire department, nine strong, turned out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pope in Sunset Hills. Floor furnace there had apparently exploded and set the house on fire. The fire was extinguished after some \$300 worth of damage had been done by the blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Ray have returned from Wilmington where they visited their two grandsons, Bill and Bob Collins. The children's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Collins spent a week's vacation in Florida at this time.

Mrs. L. B. Brandon, who was quite sick last week, is now very much better.

Mrs. C. J. Benner was in Raeford for several days last week where she visited her brother, B. M. Corbett, and her sister, Mrs. C. M. Gattis. Both were in Rex Hospital.

Jim Warner dropped something on his foot last week and went around for a day or two on it before going to the doctor. When he did go he found he had broken bones in it.

GIRLS' TEAM WINS TOURNEY IN CUMBERLAND TUESDAY NIGHT

Plans Complete For Cage Tourney Here Next Week

Final plans have been made and schedules announced for the Seventh annual American Legion Basketball tournament to be held in the Hoke High gym from next Monday, March 3, through Monday, March 10. Eight schools have entered both boys and girls teams, and two games will be played each night except Sunday.

Schools which will send teams to the tournament are Vass-Lakeview, Parkton, Wagram, Hoke High, Laurel Hill, 71st, Tar Heel and West End.

The Hoke High boys will play their first game Monday night against Wagram, and the girls will open Tuesday night against Laurel Hill.

The tournament is being sponsored by the Ellis Williamson American Legion post. The post will furnish the officials and will have a committee on hand to select all-tournament teams of boys and girls. Girls games start at 7:30 each night and boys games at 8:45.

In past years the tournament has been well-run and well attended and has become one that schools in this section are glad to take part in.

N. C. Guardsmen To Train In Georgia

Some 1,000 officers and enlisted men of the North Carolina National guard and Organized Reserve Corps will take part in the annual 2-week training program for reserve units at Camp Stewart this summer, according to tentative plans.

More than 6,000 National Guard and ORC personnel from seven southern states will train there, at the Third Army Aircraft Artillery Training Center.

Eighteen anti-aircraft artillery battalions from Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Florida are expected to participate in the summer encampment which begins June 15 and ends August 31.

The tentative schedule for North Carolina units includes: June 15-29, National Guard, 252nd Group Headquarters Battery and 130th and 725 AAA Automatic Weapons Battalions. The 130th Battalion is composed of units from RAEFORD, Red Springs, St. Pauls, Sanford, and Southern Pines.

Camp Stewart, the nation's second largest military reservation, consists of 186,000 acres stretching over five Georgia counties.

Honor Local Girl At High Point College

At the assembly period February 20 seven High Point College seniors and three juniors were tapped for membership in the college honorary society known as "The Order of the Lighted Lamp." Being admitted to membership in this society is considered one of the highest scholastic honors that can come to a student at High Point College.

Newly inducted members included Senior Joyce Ray Layton of Raeford.

NO COURT DUE TO ILLNESS OF JUDGE

No recorder's court was held Tuesday due to the inability of Judge Henry W. McDiarmid to be present. The judge fell coming out of the courthouse last Tuesday and hurt his arm and shoulder. He expects to be out in time for court next Tuesday.

Local Teams Place Two Girls, One Boy On All-Tournament Selections

(Reported by John McPhaul)

The Hoke County High school girls basketball team performed as expected to win the Cumberland County tournament which was completed in Massey Hill gym Tuesday night and came home with first prize. The boys team from Hoke High was eliminated on Wednesday of last week by 71st, 38 to 36.

The girls came from behind in the fourth quarter to take their final game from the Gray's Creek girls, 39 to 33 before approximately 2000 spectators. Gray's Creek stayed in front for three quarters but saw their lead vanish in the final one.

At the end of the first quarter Gray's Creek was ahead 10 to 5, and they continued to set the pace in the second, holding a lead of 17-13 at half-time. Dottie Davis, their sharp-shooting forward, was mainly responsible for this lead being maintained.

The Hoke girls came back strong in the third quarter and pulled to within one point of their opponents before the end of the third quarter, with some fine play by Guards Ellen Kate Koonce, Mary Guin and Ina Scull.

In the final quarter Claudine Hodgin and Lydia Williams began hitting with regularity and built a lead of five points, and with about a minute to go began to freeze the ball. At the final gun, however, Gray's Creek had the ball but the Hoke girls still had the score and came out on top.

Claudine Hodgin scored 21 points for the local girls, and Lydia Williams was runnerup with 14. The guards played what was probably their best game of the season. Ellen Kate Koonce was named on the all-tourney team and Lydia Williams was placed on the second team.

John McLaughlin, forward on the boys team, was placed on the all-tourney team as a result of his outstanding play.

Robbins Mills Plans To Sponsor Baseball League For Boys

Robbins Mills announced this week that they would sponsor an official "Little League" of baseball teams for boys eight to 12 years of age in Raeford and Aberdeen this spring and summer. Two teams will be organized in Raeford and two in Aberdeen and team membership will be open to all boys in the age group in the two towns (not just those connected with the mills).

Dean White personnel manager at the Raeford mill, said this week that all expenses of the league, equipment, transportation, etc., will be borne by the mill, but that Robbins officials hope local people in the two towns will supply the interest necessary to make the league a success.

He said the league would be registered with the national Little League and would play according to published rules. The Little Leagues hold playoffs and go on up to a "Little World Series" each year.

Mr. White announced that a meeting would be held in the High school library here at seven o'clock tomorrow night to which all interested parents and others are invited. He said all details of the league would be explained. Primary purpose of the league is to teach sportsmanship to boys in the years when their characters are being formed.

Crawford Wright entered Highsmith hospital yesterday for treatment for abdominal ailment, kidney colic.