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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Recently the State Division of School Planning has asked for reports on all school building projects begun since the state 50 million dollar school building fund was allocated to the 171 school units. Hoke County's share of this fund was \$350,650.86. The first contract under the new program was let December 30, 1949.

Below is given a resume of the reports on the program's progress submitted to the State:

Project No. 1 New roof, Ashmont, complete. State Funds \$2884.49.

Project No. 2. New Roof, Hoke High, complete. State Funds \$3772.06.

Project No. 3. New Roof, Raeford Graded, complete. State Funds \$3123.62.

Project No. 4. Shop Building, Hoke High, complete. State Funds \$35,953.49.

Project No. 5. Shop Building, Upchurch, complete. State Funds \$42,859.75, County Funds \$1607.71, Total \$44,467.46.

Project No. 6. Lunchroom, Rockfish, complete. State Funds \$19,288.61, County Funds \$463.40, Total \$19,752.01.

Project No. 7. Remodeling Gym, Hoke High, complete. State Funds \$21,860.13, County Funds \$874.00, Total \$22,734.13.

Project No. 8. Library, Hoke High, complete. State Funds \$65,900.00, County Funds \$16,760.64, Total \$82,660.64.

Project No. 9. New Building, Burlington, complete. State Funds \$93,796.25, County Funds \$5,695.30, Total \$99,491.55.

Project No. 10. Indian School, incomplete. State Funds \$61,123.51, County Funds \$48,760.59, Total \$109,884.10.

Project No. 11. Upchurch addition, incomplete. County Funds only \$72,774.70.

Project No. 12. School Bus Garage. Complete. State Funds \$1,513.28, County Funds \$10,343.55, Total \$11,856.83.

Project No. 13. Raeford Graded Addition, Not Started. Local money available \$157,225.30.

Project No. 14. New Building at Bowmore. When and if money becomes available. Probable cost \$110,000.00.

Not counting project No. 14, money spent or allocated from December 30, 1949, to date is, State \$350,650.86, County \$316,038.47, Total \$666,689.33.

For the above expenditures the schools have had or will have had made available - three roofs, three vocational shops, three lunchrooms and kitchens, 2 multi-purpose rooms and kitchen, physical education facilities including showers and locker rooms, two libraries, three health rooms, music room and 43 classrooms.

Early in 1949 before this new program began the county finished spending \$155,000.00 during a five year period on the New Upchurch school plant.

A \$100.00 donation by the Kiwanis Club is enabling the Hoke High Key Club to send the following boys to the Key Club Convention that meets in Asheville tomorrow afternoon: David McFadyen, Jimmie White, Sidney Lovette, Leroy Freeman, Benny McLeod, L. S. Brock, Jr., and Roger Dixon, Jr. James Lentz, Kiwanis chairman of the Key Club Committee, will go in charge of the boys. They will leave early tomorrow and return Sunday afternoon.

The senior class at Hoke High took the Diagnostic Tests on Wednesday that are administered each year by the Federal Employment Service. Results will be forwarded to the Guidance Department as soon as the tests have been scored and classified.

Work on the senior play has been started. Play practice is now (Continued on page 4)

Town Board To Give Part Of McLauchlin Property For School

At a recent meeting the town commissioners transferred some property from the Town of Raeford to the Board of Education of Hoke County. The land in question, located almost directly behind the Raeford Methodist Church, was given to the town by the late J. W. McLauchlin and his wife to be used as a park and playground. Since nothing has ever been done toward making this a playground and due to the great need for a site to build the new Grammar School building the Commissioners decided to transfer it to the Board of Education for that purpose.

The land is located behind the Methodist Church between the county jail and the present school lot and is not to be confused with that lying across Stewart Street behind the grammar school.

Bankers Say That Inflation Slowed During Past Year

It may not ease your mind much to know it, but that 53 cent dollar you hear so much about is worth only 1 cent less than the dollar of a year ago this month.

That's one way of saying that inflation has been pretty well checked during the past year, according to R. B. Lewis, Executive Vice-President of the Bank of Raeford.

A year ago this month the consumer price index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that a dollar was worth 54 cents in terms of its 1935-39 purchasing power, Mr. Lewis said today.

The boom following World War II shot prices up—and the dollar's value down, he explained. In comparison with its 100 cents worth in the 1935-39 years, a dollar was worth only 57 cents in the fall of 1948. It picked up a little in 1949 and early 1950, but the outbreak of the Korean war sent buyers on a spree and prices rose sharply, to the detriment of the dollar.

A year ago at this time prices were still going up. Inflation was the order of the day. The dollar would buy only 54 cents worth of consumer goods.

It was then—a year ago this week—that the bankers of the country decided to do something about it. They set up a Voluntary Credit Restraint Program with the expressed purpose of cutting down on loans for non-essential and speculative purposes in order to channel funds into defense and defense-supporting activities.

The idea behind the program was this: Bank loans add to the money supply. An expanded money supply without a comparable increase in the volume of goods available for purchase means, traditionally and automatically, a rise in the price of things people want. With a war on, money advanced by banks ought properly to be channeled into the production of goods for defense rather than into non-essential things which would only add to the money supply and further depress the value of the dollar.

The credit restraint program in its year of operation has gone a long way to accomplishing that purpose. Non-essential lending has been cut down all over the country, as well as in this area.

Other factors got into the act, too, of course. The Federal government clamped on some credit-restraining restrictions; price controls had some effect; and most important, people relaxed their "scare-buying" assaults on merchants' shelves and began to increase their saving. The result was that, despite inflationary pressures, the dollar lost only a penny's worth of purchasing power during the year.

Bankers aren't claiming particular credit for halting inflation, and they warn that the year ahead may see inflation threatening (Continued on page 4)

Mayor Explains Town Fire Laws

In case of fire it shall be the duty of the Mayor, to attend and take charge of the Police Department, cooperating with the Fire Chief. In case of the removal or exposure of property he shall detail a sufficient number of citizens, not members of the Fire Department, who shall constitute an auxiliary Police Force, Police, to guard all exposed property and to arrest all suspicious and disorderly persons, and to do whatever may be lawfully done to protect the rights of the citizens and preserve the public peace during the continuance of such fire. In case the Mayor is not present the duties specified shall devolve upon the Chief of Police or the Chief of the Fire Department.

No person shall be where a fire is in progress in such a way as to interfere with the duties of the Fire Department; nor shall any vehicle be driven nearer than one block to any fire truck when said truck is proceeding to a fire. Upon an alarm of fire, drivers of vehicles shall park said vehicle immediately at the right-hand curb and remain there until the fire truck has passed.

W. L. Poole, Mayor.

PERSONALS

Wilmer McDonald, who underwent an operation at Moore County hospital on Monday of last week, returned home this week and is recuperating nicely.

Mrs. W. B. McLauchlin, who has been a patient at Moore County hospital for the past several weeks, returned home last week.

Jimmy McGougan and Miss Sarah Jane Cole spent the week end in Macon, Georgia. They went to see Miss Bettie Upchurch and Florence Cameron who are students at Wesleyan College.

Misses Peggy Bethune, Agnes Mae Johnson, Jessie Bright Ferguson and Mrs. Jack Morris went to the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst Monday evening to attend the fashion show put on by Razoosk's, Inc. The proceeds went to the two hospitals in the county, Moore County and St. Joseph's.

Mrs. Chalmers Davis has been sick with flu this week.

Miss Alice Sutton Matheson will arrive tomorrow from Duke University tomorrow to spend the spring holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Matheson.

Mrs. A. R. Fitzsimmons recently went to Duke hospital to see her aunt, Mrs. Bert Nisbet of Wilmington, who was a patient at Duke. Mrs. Nisbet, who has been quite ill, is now in Sumter, S. C. with her son, Preston Nisbet, but will return to Duke for further treatment in a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Berder Niven had as their guests for the week end and the first of the week, Mrs. Niven's sisters, Mrs. Richard Duke of Richmond, Virginia, and Mrs. Pauline Novacke of Portsmouth, Virginia. They came to be here when their brother, Cpl. French Hall, arrived Monday from Camp Stoneman, California, where he landed last week from Okinawa.

Mrs. Lena H. Terrell, who was been ill at Duke hospital for the past two weeks, has returned to her home on Route 2, Raeford and is recuperating nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hampton spent several days last week in Wadesboro. They were called there on account of the illness of Mrs. B. J. McGoogan, who is a patient in the Wadesboro hospital.

Friends of Grover C. Lytle, Jr., SN, U. S. Navy, will be glad to know that he landed safely in Japan last week where he will be stationed for some time.

Bucks Plan 18 Baseball Games

Thirty-six candidates have been working out daily for the past week under Coaches Bob Rockholz and John Campbell in preparation for Hoke High's 18-game baseball schedule.

Seven lettermen led by "Double No-Hit" Phillips are to form the center of what is hoped to be a powerful aggregation. Included in these are Earl Conoly, Billy McCormick, Charlie Sessoms, Bruce Phillips, Johnny McPhaul, Lawrence McNeill, and Talmadge Harden.

The Bucks open the season Friday week with Rowland at Rowland. The tentative line-up and starting pitcher is of this date not certain but it is thought that Bruce Phillips, who tossed two no-hitters last year against Southern Pines and Tar Heel will be on the mound for the locals.

A schedule of the season's games will be published next week.

Army Announces Vacancies For OCS

The Army needs more Officers, so opportunities have been increased whereby young men between the ages of 18½ and 28 with High School education may apply directly from civilian life to attend the Officers Candidate School. Married men with dependents who meet the qualifications may also apply and be accepted for this school.

Applicants who meet the qualifications for OCS will be accepted before enlisting in the Regular Army for a two-year period. Applicants will complete Basic Training and will be promoted to the pay grade of Sergeant prior to attending the 22 weeks OCS course, and after satisfactorily completing the school will be commissioned and required to serve 18 months on active duty as a commissioned officer.

Men who have received pre-induction by the Selective Service, but who have not yet received their induction notice, may still enlist in the Army or Air Force and if qualified may apply for Officer's Candidate School. For full information contact your local Recruiting Sergeant located in the Post Office Bldg, Raeford, Tuesday and Wednesday or by writing Cpl. Edward W. Peoples, USA and USAF Retg. Station, 218 Winslow Street, Fayetteville.

D. J. Norton, Jr. Buried At Rockfish

Funeral services for Duncan James Norton, Jr., son of Duncan James and Beulah Jane Culbreth Norton, who died in a Fayetteville hospital after a lingering illness, were held at Rogers and Breece Chapel Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The Rev. William Gaston conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. Baxter Walker. Interment was in Wood Cemetery near Rockfish.

Surviving in addition to his mother and father are four sisters, Mrs. M. A. Raynor, Virginia and Patricia Norton of Fayetteville, Mrs. R. E. Seyler, Geary, Okla.; four brothers, Kelly, Billy, and Bailey Norton of Fayetteville and Woodrow of Lumberton.

Mrs. G. W. Brown is spending several weeks at the Chesterfield Inn, Myrtle Beach, S. C. Her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Morrison and daughter, Delrose, and Walter Brown, Jr. went down Sunday to take her and returned the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McNeill and family, with the exception of Lawrence, Jr., have all been sick this week with influenza.

Pvt. Jack Lentz, who has been stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. has been transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas.

Jaycees Start Their Street Projects Sat.

The newly organized Jaycees began their improvement program last week by preparing two of the parkways in the North end of Main Street. They evidently intend to go forward with their program because they worked throughout Saturday morning and afternoon in intermittent showers and snow flurries. The parkway nearest the business district was seeded in grass and shrubbery was planted at each end. The second section was seeded in grass and shrubbery will be added later. The remaining plots will be improved later this month.

Anyone wishing to donate appropriate shrubbery for this project is requested to contact any J.C.

Miss McNeill Passes Away Monday P. M. Is Buried Tuesday

Miss Hector Henrietta McNeill, better known as "Miss Het", 74, died at her home in Blue Springs late Monday afternoon. Miss McNeill, a native of this county was the daughter of the late Henry and Mary Ann McMillan McNeill. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home, conducted by the Rev. S. A. Ewart, pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, and burial followed in the family cemetery. Surviving are a sister, Mary Jane McNeill of the home, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Held For Miss Ida Walters Monday Morning

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning at the Methodist church for Miss Ida Walters. The service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. P. O. Lee, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward. Burial was in the cemetery at Laurinburg. Miss Walters died Saturday night at her home on Donaldson Avenue after an illness of two years.

She was born in Richmond County, daughter of the late Mary and Thomas E. Walters. She lived most of her life in the Bethel community in Hoke county before moving to Raeford about three years ago. She was 80 years of age.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. W. L. Aikens of Brevard; Mrs. D. D. Hinson of Sanford and Martha Walters of Raeford, and several nieces and nephews.

George A. Melton Buried Here Monday

Funeral services for George A. Melton, 54, who died Saturday night at his home on Fayetteville, route 3, after a brief illness, were held Monday at 3 p. m., from the Raeford Baptist church. Rev. S. Judson Lennon, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Baxter Walker. Burial was in the Raeford cemetery.

Mr. Melton was born in Star on September 6, 1897, a son of the late Elijah Melton and Mary Jane Davis Melton.

He is survived by his wife, the former Eva Baker; four sons, James Melton, of Parkton; George A., of Red Springs, and Howard A., and Dewey C., both of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Helen Culbreth, of Fayetteville, route 3; Mrs. Marvin Ferguson, of Vass; and Mrs. Calvin Atkins, of Fayetteville, route 3; nine grandchildren; five brothers, Lexie, of Raeford; C. C., of Star; Lacy and Ted, of Burlington, and Tebbe, of Greensboro; and a sister, Mrs. Charles Marshburn, of Sanford.

Donald Cameron, who was at home on furlough for several weeks, left last week by train for San Francisco, from which place he will sail for Alaska, where he has been assigned for Radar duty.

"Little League" For Raeford - Aberdeen Boys Is Organized

Plans for the formation of two Little League baseball teams were made at a meeting of interested citizens in the High School Cafeteria last Thursday night, March 13. The purpose of the meeting was to select managers, umpires, and scorers, and to appoint committees on Rules, Grounds and Transportation for the Little League activities in Raeford this summer. Dean C. White, personnel Manager of Robbins Mills, Inc., Raeford Division, who was Chairman, stated the purpose of the meeting and called on Leonard Sanders to outline the working of Little League Baseball, and to answer questions concerning its operation. After Mr. Sanders explained how Little League works, several points were discussed.

At the close of the discussion Mr. White called for nominations for Team Managers. Alfred Cole was elected to manage one team with Dr. Julius Jordan as Assistant Manager. Ike McClelland was elected Manager of the other team with J. H. Blue as his Assistant.

J. P. Bell was elected Chairman of a Committee to select umpires. Mr. Bell will appoint his assistants. B. G. Mullinax was elected Chief Scorer for Mr. Cole's Team and Younger Snead was elected Chief Scorer for Mr. McClelland's Team. These men will appoint capable assistants to help them keep the team records.

George Wilcox was elected to represent the Raeford Division on a Committee to arrange the playing schedule. A similar representative will be elected at Aberdeen to meet with Mr. Wilcox.

Colon Scarborough was elected to represent the Raeford teams on the Rules Committee. This committee will consist of Mr. Scarborough, a representative from Aberdeen and the league President.

Paul Dickson was elected Chairman of the Publicity Committee. Hinton McPhaul and Pete Sawyer were appointed to assist him on this committee.

Bernard Phillips was elected Grounds Keeper and will get such assistance as he deems necessary. Crawford Thomas was elected Transportation Chief for Mr. Cole's team and T. Watson Jones was elected Transportation Chief for Mr. McClelland's team.

The Chairman stated that Dr. R. A. Matheson had offered to act as Medical examiner and advisor to the Raeford teams. His offer was gladly accepted and thanks were extended Dr. Matheson for his cooperation.

Mr. White announced that insurance will be carried by the League and will cover every child and adult participating in its activities.

The following officials were named for the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League: Leonard Sanders, Aberdeen, president; J. P. Bell, Raeford, vice-president; Dean C. White, Raeford, treasurer; and John G. Sloan, Aberdeen, secretary.

Mr. Sanders explained that similar elections of manager and committees would be held at Aberdeen this week.

O.E.S. Invites Public To Installation

The Raeford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star announced this week that they will have Installation of new Officers Monday night, March 24, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Hall. This particular meeting will be open to the public and all interested persons are cordially invited to view the ceremonies.

Donald Cameron, who was at home on furlough for several weeks, left last week by train for San Francisco, from which place he will sail for Alaska, where he has been assigned for Radar duty.

Greene Sentences 2 Defendants For Drunken Driving

Stiffest sentence handed down by Judge Harry Greene in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning was for one year in a case of careless, reckless and drunken driving. About 15 cases were disposed of in an average session, after the unusually heavy one of last week.

Arthur L. Park, white, was charged with driving drunk, careless and reckless driving, and damage to a car. He was given 12 months on the roads suspended on payment of a \$300.00 hospital bill for Mr. and Mrs. Deaver and a fine of \$100.00 and the costs and good behavior for two years. Park appealed to superior court and posted a \$500.00 bond.

Neill Archie McLean, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for driving a car without lights.

Don Thomas, Jr., white, charged with violating the prohibition laws was told to be of good behavior for one year and to pay \$25 and the costs.

Eugene Melvin, colored, got six months on the roads for hit-and-run driving.

Alonzo Alford, colored, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws and paid \$10 and the costs.

Thomas Richard Inman, white of the Army, who was charged with careless and reckless driving and damage to personal property was found guilty and was given six months, suspended on payment of the costs of the court and \$50 for damages.

Ada Dawson and Walter Turner, both colored, were found guilty of immoral conduct. In another case they got 30 days suspended on a fine of \$10 and the costs for each.

Luke Tiskey and Louis M. Jimal, both white tourists, forfeited \$25 bonds for speeding.

James Willie Leach, colored, got six months suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly. Archie Green was found guilty of the same offense and paid \$10 and the costs.

Willie Vance McMillan, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for careless and reckless driving.

George M. Baker, white, paid \$10 and the costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Joe Madison Medlin, Jr., white, was found not guilty of careless and reckless driving.

Lessie C. McKenzie, white, paid the costs for passing a car in face of oncoming traffic.

Mack Kenley Virgil and Charlie Ward, both colored, got six months suspended on payment of \$25 fines and the costs for driving without licenses. They were both found not guilty of careless and reckless driving.

Jethro Lee Young, white, was given six months suspended on payment of \$100.00 and the costs for driving drunk. He appealed to the superior court and posted a \$250.00 bond.

Fire Department Has Two Calls In Week

Friday afternoon the local fire department answered a call to Harry Epstein's residence to fight a grass fire. By the time the firemen got there a truck parked in Harry's yard was in danger but the firemen's quick work saved the truck except for scorching the tires. The fire was reported to have been started by a young child at play.

Monday afternoon the department again answered a call, this time to the residence of Peter McEachern in the Pope Hill section. Neighbors had the fire out before the firemen reached the scene.

D. H. Fass of Dillon, S. C. has come to Raeford to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Sidney Epstein, and family.