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By the Editor

I wanted to run a picture of both Harry Greene and Benton Thomas this week, but the cut we had around of Greene could not be found. I don't see any point in leaving Thomas out just because we don't have Greene. The way Harry makes news, we'll have another excuse to run his picture some time anyway.

Got a note from Senator Thomas with his renewal this week. He said "I want to vote like I think the people of my county and district would have me vote, but unless I have an expression from them, this may be difficult to do on all occasions." I know this applies to Greene, too, so if we are interested in anything that's going on or that we think should go on in Raleigh, they'll be interested in hearing our views about it. Every mention helps, too, for the view they hear the most of around here is the one they're likely to take in Raleigh.

J. B. McIntyre, at the Raeford Theatre, is going to kick in to the March of Dimes, too. He announces that he will give a dime to the fund for every adult admission to the theatre next Wednesday. There's a way you can help the drive and see a show as well.

Some of the town fathers are concerned over the way interest in the rat control campaign seems to have lagged after getting off to a good start. The poison is available at the town hall and should be called for. A continued use of the stuff will rid us of these pests, and all we have to do now is get the bait, which is already mixed, and keep the boxes refilled.

Tony Drake, at the Elk Restaurant, served a steak to a celebrity last Sunday night, he says. Franchot Tonne, movie star, and two friends enjoyed a meal there while on their way to Florida. Tony says they thought the meat was mighty good, and promised to stop in on the back.

I see by the morning paper some comment on the flu virus which seems to be getting a lot of people down in this state and elsewhere. Dr. Fred T. Ford, State epidemiologist, said this week that it is a "relatively mild type." He said it is caused by a virus of which little or nothing is known but that it seems to have few complications. He said there is no known way to guard against catching it, but advised people not to let themselves get in a crowded condition. Certainly a great many people in this county have been down with the stuff lately, according to local doctors, and schools over the State are reported as having to close because of it. Well, maybe spring won't be too long coming now.

Many Raeford people were interested to see the feature article in last Sunday's News and Observer entitled "Army Delays Christmas For Soldier and Wife," as the parents of the soldier involved are Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Michael, who moved here last June and who live in Robbins Heights. The article was about their son and his wife, to whom they gave their home near Burlington when they moved here. The gift was kept as a surprise for ex-Sgt. First Class Paul W. Michael when he got back from Korea and out of the Army last week. The article told how he had been expected home for Christmas, and when he didn't make it, how his family and friends gave him a big Christmas party when he did get here with a new car, a house, and a new Christmas tree with all the other gifts. It may have been late, but it was sure a nice Christmas when it did get here.

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Guardsmen All-Stars Get First Win, 54-34

The Guardsmen All-Stars won their first game in Pine Belt league play last Wednesday night as they defeated the Air-Ground School of Southern Pines 54-34 at Southern Pines. Before the game was long under way it was evident that the All-Stars had too much power for their opponents.

Leading the scoring parade for the All-Stars was Scott Beasley with 17 and Ed Grooms with 13. The other scoring was scattered throughout the squad with every member seeing action for at least one full quarter.

Wednesday night the All-Stars took a trip to St. Pauls to play the guard unit there. Next week the team will play at Red Springs with a game at home the following week.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The schools have completed their T. B. Button sale with the following results—Raeford Graded \$21.02, Ashemont \$2.35, Hoke High \$11.33, Mildouson \$3.00, Hoke County Indian \$6.10, Bowmore \$12.00; Edinburgh \$3.00, Buffalo \$5.00, New Hope \$8.00, Sandy Grove \$4.00, Friendship \$4.55, Freedom \$8.00, White Oak \$8.27, Laurel Hill \$11.00, Burlington \$32.92, Rockfish \$3.00 and Rockfish Colored \$2.00.

Correction—We are sorry we misinterpreted the report by Miss Cameron and Miss Tatum on their trip to Mecklenburg. They were impressed instead of "not impressed". We are also sorry that we misspelled Mecklenburg but it must not have made much difference as we were not called on that, even The News-Journal didn't catch it.

The Hoke High basketball teams are still going strong. Taking the two strong varsity teams from Seventy-First and losing the JV game by only one point was quite a feat. Congratulations!

Miss Sarah Tatum, elementary supervisor is in Wilmington today attending a meeting called by Dr. Highsmith for the study of the new social studies bulletins.

We have been informed that a new supply of surplus commodities will begin to arrive early in February. We know that this will be welcome news to the school lunchrooms.

The new bus authorized by the Board of Education and Commissioners has been put in use. It has relieved the overcrowded condition on the colored route and reduced the mileage on the Indian routes. One Indian bus was making 133 miles per day before this bus was acquired. We are very thankful for it.

All schools in the county are prepared to help in the "March of Dimes" drive that is now in progress in Hoke. We hope that this will be as successful as it was last year. The schools took for a quota a card for each child in membership. This quota was almost met.

Tuesday, three of the rooms at the Raeford Graded school were invited out to see the inaugural exercises in Washington on television. Mrs. H. A. Greene invited one section of the sixth grade; John Best at the hotel the other section and Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson invited the seventh grade to her home. The reception was splendid and the pupils got quite a thrill out of seeing the "big doings." Some of the other grades heard the ceremony over the radio.

Mumps, chicken pox, and the so-called flu are cutting down on attendance. We hope that

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Greene Introduces Hoke County Bills

Hoke County's representative in the North Carolina General Assembly, Harry A. Greene, this week introduced two bills in the House of Representatives dealing with the county. Both were introduced on Tuesday.

One bill is to bring the county under the statewide statute making public drunkenness a crime and setting forth the penalties. "For some reason Hoke County was exempted from the State law," Greene explained. "That means you can't try a man in the county for public drunkenness. If he's drunk and disorderly, okay, but you can't try him just for drunkenness. Under this bill, you can."

The second Hoke County bill authorizes the county commissioners to hire a vice-recorder for the county court. He would fill in for the regular judge in case of sickness, temporary absence and the like. The pay he would receive would be deducted from the pay of the regular regular recorder.

"There is no suitable means at present of substituting for the regular judge," said Greene.

Sanford Wins CP&L Contest

21 Towns Take Cash Awards For 'Helping To Build A Finer Carolina'

The town of Sanford has been judged North Carolina's "finest" in the realm of "helping to build a Finer Carolina."

The county seat of Lee County got the nod today as judges selected 21 winners among the 148 towns which competed last year in the "Finer Carolina" community improvement contest sponsored by the Carolina Light Company.

As top winner for North Carolina, Sanford won \$1,000 in cash. The town also won \$750 as second prize in its population class, towns of 2,500 or more. First prize in this class went to Hartsville, S. C., which was judged the "finest" in South Carolina, where the power company also operates.

Judges of the competition, which involved more than 800 individual community improvement projects, were picked from points outside the competing areas. They were E. A. Kandie, of Atlanta, Ga., advertising specialist for Georgia Power Company; Dr. S. H. Hobbs of Chapel Hill, noted authority on rural social economics at the University of North Carolina; and Eugene Leier of Charleston, S. C., vice-president of South Carolina Electric and Gas Company.

In commenting on the winners, the judges commended the civic-minded leaders of Sanford for a "good, well-rounded program of lasting benefit."

The competition, which was announced last March, provided \$1,000 and \$750 prizes for first and second place in three population classifications. Winner's among towns of 1,001 to 2,500 population were Wallace, first, and Latta, S. C., second. Winners among the smaller towns, 1,000 or less, were Grifton, first, and Ellerbe, second.

Honorable mention awards of \$100 each went to 15 towns whose community improvement accomplishments in some instances, the judges said, were scarcely less notable than the top money winners.

These awards were won by Henderson, Jacksonville, Asheboro, Dunn and Mount Olive, all in the top population bracket; Pittsboro, Wendell, Spring Hope, Swannanoa and Fuquay-Varina, all in the 1,001-2,500 population bracket; and by Lamar, S. C., Pine Bluff, Bladenboro, Pinewood S. C., and Maysville, all in the smallest population bracket.

Sanford's \$1,750 in winnings

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Bucks And Does Win Over 71st Here Monday

At Bladenboro Tonight; Massey Hill Tuesday

In what was by far the best pair of games played on the local gym court this year the Hoke High school basketball teams took two from visiting 71st Tuesday night; the girls triumphed 62-60 and the boys won 46-41.

About the only consolation that the Cumberland county teams were able to gain other than the fact that they played two good games was the win their jayvees got over the local jayvees, 26-25. For the junior Bucks Johnny Bobbitt was high scorer with 9 points.

From the opening whistle of the girls game till the final seconds neither team was able to build a margin of over three points. The first quarter ended with 71st in the lead 12-11 and in the second quarter they again outscored Raeford 17-16 to hold a two point lead of 29-27 at the half time. The Does came back in the third quarter and took the lead as they dropped in 21 points and held the visitors to only 16 for what also amounted to the final margin of victory. The fourth quarter saw the Does being outpointed in total points, 15-14, but clinging to their slim lead.

Claudine Hodgkin was high scorer for the locals with 22 points with Ina Scull and Janet Guin following closely behind with 20 points each. Floor leader for guards was divided among all that played with the outstanding one being difficult to determine.

A tall willowy forward from 71st put on a fine shooting exhibition with a total of 33 points, 30 of which came on field goals.

In the finale of the night the Bucks defeated the 71st boys 46-41 in a game that saw Raeford hold a slight lead over the visitors throughout.

In the first quarter the boys took a four point lead 13-9, stretched it to a six point lead by the end of the first half and left the court with the score 24-18 in their favor. In the final two quarters they scored 11 in each period while the visitors scored 13 and 19 respectively.

Culbreth scored 13 points to lead the Bucks with McPhaul coming in second with 11. Filling in for the regular center, McNeill, were White and Baggett who had 8 and 5 points respectively.

Last Friday night the Does saw how much the loss of Mary Guin at guard hurt them as they were tied by a Maxton sextet 34-34. The scoring by the periods indicated how one team would gain a slight lead only to have the other team come back in the next period to tie the score. At the end of the first quarter Raeford led 10-6; at the half it was tied 16-16. Maxton forged ahead in the third quarter 26-24 and Raeford came back in the final quarter to force the game into a tie. Under the rules of the NCHSAA, tie games in girls basketball are not played off and count in the percentage as a half game won and a half game lost.

The Bucks handily defeated the Maxton boys 54-34 to gain their ninth win in ten starts. The varsity ran up an 8 point lead during the first half to lead 23-15 and midway the third quarter the number two varsity team came in and kept the lead up for the remainder of the game. Honors for high score went to McPhaul with 14, Dixon with 10 and Lovette and McNeill with 9 each.

Tonight the two local teams meet Bladenboro in a return game at Bladenboro. Tuesday night they will go to Massey Hill for the first meeting of these two clubs. Massey Hill is reputed to have a powerhouse that could spell trouble for the locals.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Woody and daughter of Roxboro spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Harris.

Thomas And Greene Named To Important Assembly Committees

At Bladenboro Tonight; Massey Hill Tuesday



SENATOR J. B. THOMAS

With release of the committees to which members of the House of Representatives and Senate of the North Carolina General Assembly were assigned this week, Hoke County citizens learned that the 12th District senator, J. Benton Thomas of this county, and Hoke's representative, Harry A. Greene, had each received important assignments.

Senator Thomas was named by Lt. Governor Luther Hodges to be chairman of the important senate committee on Salaries and Fees, a committee which is of some interest to the Hoke board of commissioners at this time. He is also to be a member of the senate committees on Appropriations, Agriculture, Banks and Currency, Conservation and Development, and Penal Institutions.

Representative Greene was named this week by House Speaker Eugene Bost to head one of the more important committees, being chairman of the committee on Propositions and Grievances. This committee is considered important and controversial particularly at this time, for it will handle any legislation which is introduced asking for a State referendum on the sale of alcoholic beverages in the State. Representation on this committee is about twice as many from wet counties as from dry, although Chairman Greene's attitude is expected to be dry, in as much as this is a "dry" county he is representing.

Greene is also on the house committees on Roads and Highway Safety, Senatorial Districts (which also might handle some highly controversial legislation before it is over), and Insurance.

Course For Sunday School Leaders Will Start Feb. 2 At FMC

The second leadership training school for Sunday School officers, teachers and other leaders of Fayetteville Presbytery, to be held at Flora Macdonald college, and sponsored jointly by the college and Fayetteville Presbytery, will begin on Monday evening, February 2, and continue each Monday evening through March 2, it was announced today.

This leadership training school is an opportunity offered by the department of adult leadership education, to further develop the teaching program of the church, as well as the spiritual life of the individual. It is hoped and believed that the unprecedented success of a similar school held at Flora Macdonald for the first time last year will be repeated in this second series of classes.

The Rev. L. B. McKeithan, Jr., pastor of Sherwood, Comfort, and Big Rockfish churches, is director, and faculty will include Rev. W. B. Gaston, pastor of McPherson church, Fayetteville, who will teach the course on "How the Bible Came to Be"; Rev. Robert T. Haynes, Jr., pastor of Circle Court and Campbellton churches, Fayetteville, teaching, "The Revelation"; Mrs. Gower Crosswell, minister's wife, Antioch church, who will conduct the course on "Teaching Nursery Children"; Mrs. Ben Campen, Jr., Red Springs, (Continued on Page 10)

Stores Plan Dollar Days In February

At a meeting of the Merchants Committee Tuesday afternoon plans were outlined for a Raeford "Dollar Days" event to be held Feb. 13, 14 and 16. The dollar days will begin on Friday and run through Monday. Further details of the event will be given later on as the plans are worked out.

Several merchants at the meeting expressed concern over the fact that the public was showing a lack of interest in the Bonus Day drawings which are being held each Saturday afternoon. The public was urged to register during the week and store personnel at the participating firms were requested to invite their customers to register with them.

The tickets are destroyed after each week's drawing so that for persons to stand a chance to win they must register each week.

Recent winners in the event and the amounts of money won are Jim Williams and Mrs. Maynard Reid, \$10 each; Mrs. Nan McNeill \$80.00 (first name drawn and was present) and Mrs. Dwight Brown \$20.00.

The drawing will be held this Saturday at the usual time, 2:30 p. m. and will be held in the vacant lot beside A & P.

March Of Dimes Drive Reports Over \$800 In

Approximately \$800.00 has been reported thus far as having been turned in on the March of Dimes Polio campaign now underway throughout the county. Several other communities have announced their programs which, coupled with those already reported, indicates that almost every township in the county has taken steps to get its drive underway.

Of the over \$800 which has been turned in \$532 was received from Robbins Mills and its employees, \$200 has come from the business houses of Raeford—and this is far from being complete, \$70 from Para Thread, and \$40 from the Hoke-Raeford PTA program last Monday night.

The new programs which have not been reported before include the communities of Blue Springs, Antioch and Rockfish. Blue Springs is scheduling square dances each Wednesday night with the proceeds to go to the fund; Antioch is planning a barbecue and chicken salad supper which will be held Friday night, January 30. The affair will begin at 5:30 and cakes will also be sold. It will be held at the Antioch Presbyterian Church.

The Rockfish community has planned a barbecue and chicken salad supper at the Rockfish school building Thursday night, January 29. They will start their meal at 5:30 and after the meal a talent show will be held in the auditorium.

Events planned for this week which were reported last week are the oyster stew and chicken salad supper at Wayside tonight at 5:30; a barbecue and chicken salad supper at Mildouson school Friday night beginning at 5:00 and on Friday night a Brunswick stew will be held at Montrose from 6:00 til 8:00.

The beauty contest and variety show at Ashemont next Friday night, January 30, is expected to be pretty good as the contestants in the show will be all men dressed as women. "Women" that have indicated they will participate include T. O. Moses, Pete Sawyer and several prominent men from Raeford.

H. L. and Marion Gatlin attended the Southern Furniture Exposition in High Point on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. W. J. Coates and her sister, Mrs. J. O. Sugg of Leaksville, attended the inauguration ceremonies for President Eisenhower in Washington.

Jury Acquits Zeph Graham On Murder Charge

Criminal Docket Ends Wed.

A jury took only 20 minutes to find Zeph Graham, colored, not guilty on a charge of murdering Robert Nevin, also colored, at Graham's home in Blue Springs township last July 20. The trial had been postponed at two sessions. The jury, by its finding, apparently agreed with the defense contention that Graham had killed Nevin in self defense. Local lawyers stated that the jury's verdict was returned quicker than any in their memory in a murder case. The State had apparently sought a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree or manslaughter.

The case took up most of the first two days of court here this week before Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington. The criminal cases were finished shortly after noon on Wednesday.

The State dropped its case against Charlie Flynn, colored, on a charge of murder in connection with the shooting of Bennie Lee Murchison, colored, at Flynn's cafe near here in October, 1951. The state took a "nol pros with leave," in the case, that is dropped it for lack of evidence with leave to reopen it.

Andrew Jackson Smith, colored man who had appealed a speeding conviction from recorder's court, decided to plead guilty. He got 90 days, suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs, and on condition of a year's good behavior.

Luther Taylor, white man who had appealed a conviction of driving with improper brakes from recorder's court, failed to appear for trial. His bond was ordered forfeited and Judge Carr ordered a capias issued for him by the next term of court.

In cases appealed, Laurin Kelly, white, had the charge of driving drunk against him dropped by the state. Kelly and Graham Wright, also white, each entered a plea of guilty of taking part in an affray in which deadly weapons were used. Each had to pay \$50 and the costs.

John Norman Graham, colored man charged with careless and reckless driving, pled guilty of failing to yield right of way at an intersection. He showed the court that he had already paid \$40 damages, and was fined \$25 and the costs.

Mrs. Margaret R. Maulsby, white, was found guilty of driving drunk, a second offense. Sentence was 90 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$250 and costs and two years good behavior.

George McRae, colored, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to the roads for 18 months.

Other cases on the docket were continued to the next term of court.

Grand Jury Report

In the Grand Jury's report to Judge Carr, the group said that it had found the facilities of the county generally in good order, and that the records and audits of the county, the court clerk, the schools, the mayor and justice of the peace were all in good condition.

It was recommended that the county commissioners consider the installation of venetian blinds in the courtroom.

While commending the Sanatorium administration for an efficient operation there, the body commented on the fact that the prison department at McCain was filled to capacity, that the building was in a "very bad state of repair," and that it should be replaced immediately.

ATTEND PRESBYTERY

The Rev. W. B. Heyward, Neill McFadden and Stanley Koonce represented Raeford Presbyterian church at the session of Fayetteville Presbytery at Ashpole Presbyterian church near Rowland Tuesday.