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By the Editor

The trip to Washington was quite interesting, but I found when I got home yesterday I was a little tired, and I expect the same goes for the others who went. Leaving Aberdeen at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, and getting off the train in Washington at about 7:00 a.m. Monday, we had our first appointment and conference at 8:00. During the rest of Monday and Tuesday we were running all over Washington, mainly through what seemed to be miles of marble halls in the House and Senate office buildings, seeing Senators and Congressmen and waiting to see them. This, taken in 10-hour doses, can get more tiresome than you might think. As things progressed, though, and we began to get some faint glimmers of hope for our cause, it got somewhat less tiresome.

Seeing many of the men who are running this country face to face is quite a revelation. Most of them inspire a feeling of confidence that they are fully competent to look after us, but the size and complexities of the jobs they have to do are completely staggering when you stop to realize just how many different things are going on and being discussed at the same time in these halls and offices... that their effect reaches all over these United States and in a large proportion of cases all over the world.

Congressman C. B. Deane gave generously of his time and of that of his office staff, and made his office available to the Hoke County delegation during their visit. This county is deeply indebted to him for his efforts on this matter, and we should not forget it. Jesse Helms, administrative assistant to Senator Willis Smith, also went to a great deal of trouble to make things easier for us in Washington. He did this, of course, at Senator Smith's direction, and we are greatly indebted to him also. Senator Smith was not in town while we were there.

Getting on the elevator in the Senate office building on Tuesday morning N. H. G. Balfour was greeted "Good Morning, Senator," by the elevator operator, to which Balfour nonchalantly replied, "Good Morning." He was "Senator" Balfour to the others of us for the rest of the trip, and I do believe he may have him a nickname that will stick.

Going out to the Pentagon Tuesday afternoon we all enjoyed getting a good look at the famous Japanese cherry trees which are in full bloom. I don't know as they are any prettier than peach trees in bloom, if as pretty. However, their setting around the lake or tidal basin there with the Jefferson Memorial in the background is just about perfect and does make a beautiful scene. At night floodlights play on them across the water, and this is mighty pretty, too, as the lights really set off their pinkish white color.

Noticed too late that the date-line on the front page of last week's paper was the same as it was the week before. Don't suppose this made much difference to most readers, who only get one week's copy at a time. The complication to us is a little different and will be troublesome later when we get to looking up back copies for one reason or another or trying to refer to the file.

Couple of other mistakes we regret are leaving the telephone number, 720, out of the Hoke Drug Company ad and leaving the Farmer's Furnishing Company off the list of patrons in the ad for the minstrel show. Hoke Drug Company's ad was telling people to call in about their prescriptions and get call for and delivery service. It was rather pointless without the phone number.

Looks like pretty bad news to me that the High School's athletic bus seems to be permanently out.

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Tap Dancers Receive Talent Show Prizes

Tap dancers received the two top prizes in the minstrel and talent show held this week at the high school.

Carol Ann Wofford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wofford of Raeford, received the first prize, a savings bond awarded by The Bank of Raeford. Second prize went to Sue Gibson, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gibson of Antioch. She received a merchandise certificate from Belk-Hensdale. The Upchurch Boys Choir received a merchandise certificate from the Bon Mart for third prize.

In the baby contest Michael Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, was crowned king and Susie Epstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Epstein, was crowned queen. Runners up were Allen Wood III, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood, Jr., Mary Lynn Currie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Currie, Robert Michael Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sutton, Mary Jean Matherly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Matherly.

Prizes for the winners and all contestants entered were donated by C. P. Kinlaw, Jeweler, Collins Dept., Store, Raeford Jewelry Shop and Harry's 5 and 10.

Local Guardsmen Lose In Finals

The Red Springs Robins defeated the Raeford Guardsmen 58-55 last Thursday night in the finals of the Pine Belt League tournament to win the championship.

The guardsmen, looking exceptionally good, led the Robins throughout the first half and through part of the third quarter.

Hitting on long set shots they built up a ten point lead at the end of the half 35-25. The Robins came back strong in the third quarter and led at the start of the final period 41-40.

The final period saw the two teams unable to gain advantage over one another until the final few minutes. Bob Rockholtz was high scorer for the all stars for the second straight night with 15 points. Van Hoy with 20 led the winners.

Hail Insurance Rate Increase Approved

Commissioner of Insurance Walde C. Cheek announced Friday the approval of the rates proposed by the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau January 29, 1953, for the writing of crop-hail insurance in 1953.

In approving the proposed rates on crop-hail insurance, the Commissioner stated that rates in seven counties will be reduced amounting to approximately \$32,339, and rates in thirty-one counties will be increased amounting to approximately \$682,000, or a net increase of approximately \$650,000. Hoke is one of the counties which will be affected by the increase.

It has been the objective of the industry to have an expected loss ratio of 50%, but due to the heavy losses in 1952 and the policy not to increase rates more than 25% in any one year, the loss ratio is 52.14%, after an increase in premium of \$650,000.00. It was brought out at the public hearing March 3 that 1952 was a record year for hail insurance on growing crops. More insurance written, more premiums and more losses paid than in the history, since 1924, when the insurance companies began writing crop-hail insurance. This was realized, too, by those present at the hearing, as no one voiced any objections to the proposed increases.

STORES WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8:00 SATURDAY

The majority of the stores and business houses in Raeford will stay open until 8:00 p. m. this Saturday to enable last minute Easter shoppers to make their purchases. Regular closing hours will be observed after Saturday.

Scarborough Heads County Republicans; Corridor Opposed

The republican party of Hoke County held an organizational meeting at the courthouse last Saturday afternoon with about 20 present. T. C. Scarborough was elected county chairman and a resolution supporting the action of the county committee in opposing the taking of land in the county by the Army was passed.

The group also chose a county executive board consisting of Frank McGregor, Reid Childress, Bennie McMinis, A. T. Ashburn, Melvin Ashburn, Hugh Haire, G. W. Cox, D. C. Cox, Marcus Culbreth and Warren Childress.

Medical Group Holds District Meeting

The Fifth District Medical Society held its spring meeting at Pinebluff Sanatorium last Thursday with Dr. R. L. Murray, president, of Raeford, presiding. Principal speakers were Dr. Ernest H. Wood of Chapel Hill, Dr. James Hendrix and Dr. W. G. Anlyan of Durham and Dr. Fred W. Langner of Pinebluff.

During the session of the Medical Society the ladies auxiliary of the society held a business session in the sanatorium's recreation room with Mrs. R. D. Croom of Maxton, councillor, presiding. This group heard Mrs. R. D. McMillan of Red Springs, state president, tell of plans for the state convention to be held at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst May 11-13. After the business session bridge was played, followed by a social hour.

James Street, author of Chapel Hill, was speaker at the banquet which was held at 7:00 p.m. A delicious meal was served by the sanatorium. Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Matheson and Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Murray of Raeford attended the meetings.

Presbytery Men To Meet April 8 At Flora Macdonald

The annual meeting of the Men of the Church of Fayetteville Presbytery has been set for Wednesday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. at Flora Macdonald College at Red Springs.

R. D. McMillan, Jr. of Red Springs, chairman of the arrangements committee, has announced that the principal speaker will be Dr. James A. Jones, pastor of the Meyers Park Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. Special music will be supplied by the Flora Macdonald Glee Club, and a turkey dinner will be served by the college.

Archie Howard, who is chairman of District Five, urges that all Presbyterian men of this county attend this meeting in order to enjoy the outstanding program that has been arranged and to participate in the election of officers for the next year.

Easter Seal Appeal Gets Good Results

The response to the appeal for funds for the North Carolina Society for Crippled children and Adults has been good during the first week of the campaign, according to a report by Mrs. C. P. Womack.

Mrs. Womack expressed the appreciation of the Society to all those that had sent their contributions in and urged those that still have not turned in to do so this week.

NO TOWN PRIMARY

Mayor W. L. Poole announced this week that the town primary which had been scheduled for next Monday, April 6, would not be held due to the fact that there is only one set of candidates seeking office of mayor and commissioners. The election, set for Monday, May 4, will be held on schedule.

Cars Involved In All Cases In Court Tuesday

Automobiles figured in all of the 14 cases tried in Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses Tuesday.

Willie Dobbins, colored, was charged and found guilty of driving drunk. Sentence was two to three months to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. He gave notice of appeal and is still in jail in default of a \$250 bond. His wife, Gladys Dobbins, and her brother, Curtis Harris, colored, were each found guilty of interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty. She got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and he got three to four months suspended on payment of \$50 and costs. They were charged with interfering with the officer arresting Willie for driving drunk.

Edwin D. Shuler, white, pled guilty of driving drunk and got three months suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Case in which Charles A. Green, white, was charged with driving without a license was dropped with leave to reopen, as Green seems to have left for parts unknown.

R. E. Hauber, G. R. Deason and W. J. Oelsner, all white, each left a \$25 bond for speeding. James Hollingsworth, colored, and Willie F. Odom, white, each paid \$10 and costs for having improper brakes.

Willie Lee Hollingsworth, colored, pled guilty of following too close in traffic and causing a wreck. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs and damages.

Ira Lamb, colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving and 30 days suspended on \$10 and costs for having an expired chauffeur's license. Harriet McAllister McCall, colored, paid damages and \$10 and costs for careless and reckless driving.

James F. Williams, white, paid costs for careless and reckless driving.

Medical Auxiliary Observes Doctor's Day In County

In 1934 the Southern Medical Auxiliary adopted a resolution which designated March 30 of each year as "Doctor's Day", with the object of honoring the medical profession and paying tribute to the doctors.

This particular day was selected in memory of March 30, 1842 when Dr. Crawford Long first used anesthesia, and first observance of the day was in Atlanta, Ga., in 1935. Since then the day has been observed in the southern states, honoring doctors who give their time and energy to relieving the pain of suffering humanity.

In this community on Monday, March 30, the Hoke County Medical Auxiliary, Mrs. R. L. Murray, president, presented a red carnation to each doctor in the county.

Stonewall Ruritan Hold Monthly Meet

The Stonewall Ruritan Club held its monthly meeting last Wednesday night at 7:15 at the Mildouson School. Supper was served by the Raeford Home Demonstration Club.

Meeting was presided over by Daniel McInnis, president, and there was discussion of one of the club's projects, a teen-age club for the Stonewall community. It was planned that this club should meet twice monthly at the Dundarrach Community house with Whiteford Jones as chairman.

Guest speaker at the meeting was W. H. Davis of Hope Mills, lieutenant governor of the Cape Fear Ruritan District. His topic was "What Makes a Good Ruritan." Several guests were also present.

Wrecks Friday And Monday; Much Damage, Four Hurt

At about 6:45 p. m. Friday a 1952 Dodge belonging to Dean White and driven by Jimmy White collided with a Ford truck owned and operated by William Lentz on the curve and hill near where the old McNeill pond used to be about six miles east of Raeford on the Fayetteville road. White and his companion, Phillip Edge, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Edge, were hurt seriously but not critically. White suffering a slight brain concussion and both suffering cuts and bruises. Both were taken to a Fayetteville hospital where they stayed until Monday. Lentz and his companion, S. T. Fellows, were shaken up and bruised some but were not hospitalized.

Patrolman D. G. Surratt investigated the accident and says he gathers from those involved that the White car had started to pass another when the driver saw Lentz coming in his truck. By then he couldn't get back into his lane, so he turned toward the shoulder on the left to avoid a head-on collision with the truck. He was unable to miss the truck, which hit the Dodge in about the middle of the right side. Both vehicles were damaged extensively and White was charged with reckless driving by the patrolman.

On Monday at about 2:00 p. m. James T. McNeill was driving a 1947 Ford pick-up truck belonging to Robert Gatlin out the Aberdeen road. He started around a car just outside town and then had to apply the brakes, which, according to McNeill, caught in only one wheel. This turned the truck over. McNeill and his companion, Joe Newton, were seriously but not critically injured and are both in a hospital. Patrolman W. T. Herbin investigated and charged McNeill with reckless driving. Damage to the truck was considerable.

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Lions Club Plans Womanless Wedding

The Raeford Lions Club will present a "Womanless Wedding" next Friday night, April 10, at the Hoke High auditorium with the proceeds to be used to help pay for the grand piano recently purchased by the high school music department.

A cast of over thirty will stage the production which will feature prominent members of the club and the community in the roles of bride, bridesmaids, flower girls, ushers and other members of the wedding party.

Plan Easter Sunrise Service At Rockfish

The annual joint Easter Sunrise Service of Parker's Methodist, Galatia Presbyterian and Tabernacle Baptist churches will be held at Tabernacle church at 8:00 o'clock Easter morning, April 5.

Mrs. W. B. Heyward of Raeford will direct the joint choir, which has spent much time and effort in practice and preparation for this service. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend the service by the three churches.

J. F. Jordan's Sister Buried In Mt. Olive

Mrs. Lee Jordan Stewart, 78, died at the home of her daughter near Faison Saturday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon in Mt. Olive.

Survivors include a sister; one brother, J. F. Jordan of Raeford; several grandchildren and great-grand children.

Funeral services were conducted in the chapel of the Tyndall Funeral home in Mt. Olive with burial following in the King cemetery near the home of Mrs. Stewart's daughter.

ARMY UNDERSECRETARY HEARS DR. WILLIS AND HOKE GROUP

MEETING SATURDAY TO HEAR REPORT ON "CORRIDOR" STATUS

J. L. McNeill, chairman of the county committee opposing the taking of more land in the county by the Army, announced yesterday that there would be a public meeting at the courthouse Saturday night at which time the committee would report to the people on the situation up to the present time and the action taken.

He said that a full report would be made by members of the committee who went to Washington this week, and that a complete and frank estimate of the situation would be given.

Hoke High Wins Over Rowland; First Victory

The Hoke High Bucks won their first baseball game of the season last week and also lost another one as their second week of the season came to a close. Wednesday afternoon they defeated Rowland 3-1 and on Friday afternoon they lost a close one to Rockingham 2-1.

A complete reversal of the previous weeks play, both of the games were low scoring ones compared to the 12-11 and 14-1 games played earlier.

Wednesday afternoon the locals won their first home game as they scored all three of their runs in the first inning to defeat Rowland 3-1. Two bases on balls coupled with a single by McPhaul and a double by Suppenfield brought in the runs. Rowland scored their single run in the fifth inning on two walks and an error. In all, Raeford got nine hits while Rowland got only five. Hardin pitched for the locals and walked but four and struck out one.

Thomas with 2 for three and Sappenfield with 2 for four were the leading Bucks hitters.

In Rockingham Friday afternoon the Bucks lost a close game that saw each team get but two hits. Rockingham got both of their hits in the fourth inning with two walks to score their two runs. Raeford's lone run came in the third inning on a base on balls, a sacrifice and an infield out.

Bracy went the distance for the locals, struck out three and issued five bases on balls. Again as on Wednesday, Thomas and Sappenfield with one for three led the hitters.

In addition to losing the game Friday the team also lost the services indefinitely of their athletic bus. On the return trip it developed motor trouble and threw two pistons through the motor.

Next Wednesday the Bucks will go to Red Springs for a return game with the Red Devils. Yesterday afternoon they played Red Springs at amory park.

Pastors Hold Revivals At Robbins, Mt. Holly

The Rev. Judson Lenson, pastor of the Raeford Baptist Church, is conducting a series of revival services at the Tuckasee Baptist Church in Mount Holly each evening this week.

The Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, is preaching at a series of services at the Elise Presbyterian Church at Robbins each evening through Friday of this week.

COURTHOUSE CLOSING

The offices in the Hoke County courthouse will be closed Monday for Easter. They started closing Wednesday afternoon this week.

Congressman Deane Leads Delegation To Pentagon; Raise Sanatorium Issue

Congressman C. B. Deane headed a North Carolina delegation which appeared before Undersecretary of the Army Earl Johnson at the Pentagon in Washington Tuesday and told him that taking of 44,370 acres of Hoke County land between Fort Bragg and Camp Mackall would render the State Sanatorium at McCain "inactive" for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Dr. H. S. Willis, superintendent of the State's institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis, and Dr. W. M. Peck, assistant superintendent at McCain, attended the conference as representatives of the State, following passage last week of a resolution by the General Assembly asking the United States government not to take more of Hoke County for military use.

Hoke County delegation in Washington for the conference included J. L. McNeill, Fulford McMillan, Rep. Harry A. Greene, N. H. G. Balfour, Robert Gatlin and Paul Dickson. Malcolm Gillis of Seventy-First township, Cumberland County, also accompanied the group.

Doctors Willis and Peck flew to Washington for the conference Tuesday with the undersecretary and returned the same day. The Hoke County group went to Washington on Sunday night and returned Wednesday morning.

DEAN SPEAKS FOR GROUP

At the Pentagon conference Congressman Deane presented the Hoke County position to the undersecretary, reviewing the history of the matter during the past several months and giving the reasons Hoke citizens have taken a stand against the acquisition of land in the county by the Army. Following Mr. Deane's presentation of these facts Dr. Willis described in detail the reasons why he thought the use of the "corridor" as proposed by the Army would devalue and render ineffective the State's investment in the Sanatorium. Primary points made dealt with the nature of the treatment of tuberculosis, which involves emotional instability in many cases on the part of patients and for which the main part of the cure is complete serenity, rest and a feeling of security. He said this could not be provided at McCain with shells of large caliber falling within hearing of the hospital continually. He said further that if the Army does insist on taking the land as planned it should make provision for complete replacement of the institution at another location. This, he estimated, would cost somewhere near \$15,000,000.

After hearing from Congressman Deane, Dr. Willis, and Jesse Helms, administrative assistant to Senator Willis Smith, Undersecretary Johnson assured the group that the Army would give full consideration to the points raised, and said that a full hearing in public would be provided. He said ample notice of the date and place of the hearing would be given so that all interested groups might have time to prepare information they wished to present.

The Hoke County group spent remainder of the time Monday and Tuesday conferring with members of the North Carolina delegation on the matter. It was discussed in full with Congressman Carl Durham, of Chapel Hill, who is a ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee which must review the matter again if the Army goes ahead with its plans as already expressed. A conference was also held with Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan, member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Senator Pat McClellan of North Carolina.

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