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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDona'd

The Board of Education met in called session Monday with all members present. The following District School Committeemen were re-appointed: District I—A. H. McPhaul, Julius Jordan and Paul Dickson; District II—F. L. Eubanks, B. H. Thornburg and Dewey Strother; District III—Bernice Bostic, Clifford Miller and Stacy Hobson (Mr. Hobson was appointed to fill the place vacated by Lacy Scarboro who asked to be relieved.); District IV—H. T. Hine, O. B. Maxwell and W. L. Smith; District V—G. C. Lytle, Archie McGoogan and F. C. McPhaul; District VI—Elisha Dial, Lonnie Locklear and Roderick Locklear.

The Superintendent was instructed to go to Wilmington for a conference with the Board's architects in the interest of speeding up the J. W. McLaughlin School remodeling program.

The Superintendent was also instructed to go to Raleigh and use every effort to get as favorable a teacher allotment as possible, Rockfish and Ashmont being in danger of losing a teacher each.

After the board adjourned, they and the district School board were served a delicious barbecued chicken dinner by the Senior class cooking students of the Upchurch High School. The Boards have no doubts as to the efficiency of instruction in cooking at Upchurch.

While there they inspected the new building project and were very much pleased with the progress and quality of the work.

The Ashmont Operetta will be given Friday night, April 29, at 8:00 o'clock. The production will be, "Giddilocks and the Three Bears". Pupils and teachers have put lots of time and effort into its preparation, and a treat is in store for all who attend.

The Mildouson Operetta will not be given Friday night, April 29, as scheduled. The reason for postponement is an epidemic of chickenpox, quite a number of the cast being stricken. You will

be notified of the new date of showing.

The Hoke County Unit of NCEA held its last regularly scheduled meeting of the year Monday night at the Montrose community house. The Ashmont faculty were hosts. The ladies of the Home Demonstration Club served a most delicious and bountiful buffet supper. W. P. Phillips, president, presided. The program was in charge of the Resource-Use Education Committee, Miss Sarah Tatum, chairman. Miss Tatum presented James M. Dunlap, advisor in Resource-Use Education, State Department of Public Instruction, who talked on Resource-Use in the schools and showed a film in color showing what one school in North Carolina did in the way of using and teaching the things in the children's everyday life.

After the program was over, President Phillips called on W. T. Gibson, Jr. a past president, to install the officers for 1955-56. He installed Mrs. Leola Flannery as President, Mrs. Mary Jones as Vice-President and C. H. Pigott as Secretary-Treasurer.

After dinner President Phillips called the writer to the front and on behalf of the Unit presented him a life membership in the National Education Association. We wish to thank again these wonderful folks for what we believe to be the most signal educational honor that we will ever receive.

The make-up polio vaccination clinic was held at the Health Dept. Tuesday morning, 102 of those who missed the inoculation before were immunized. About 67 of those who were signed up have failed to get their shots. They will be given their first when the others get their second shot and will be given their second at a make-up clinic after the second go-round. We do not know yet when this second clinic will be scheduled. The dates will depend upon when the vaccine is available.

The Spring Concert by the eighth grade chorus, the high school mixed chorus and the band will be presented at the Hoke High auditorium on Friday evening, May 6, at 8:00 o'clock.

Mrs. A. D. Gore, a member of the Hoke High faculty, is in the hospital recuperating from an operation.

eration. Her friends will be glad to know that she will soon be home.

Members of the County Board of Education, District School Boards, principals and the superintendent went to Fayetteville Tuesday night to the meeting of District IV of the State School Board Association. Robert H. Gailin, District Chairman, presided. J. E. Miller, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction was the main speaker. He brought the association up to date on legislation, both passed and projected. He made a most profound impression on all the 160 present. Dr. Guy Phillips and N. L. Shope of the University of North Carolina were present. Dr. Phillips, who is Executive Secretary of the State Association, talked for a few minutes on State Association business.

It was voted to divide District IV into two parts. The division put Hoke with Moore, Montgomery, Harnett, Lee, Richmond and Scotland. Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland and Robeson compose the other district.

The Health Co-ordinators of the School Health Program, Mrs. Lucille Mumford and Eugene Scott, in the Colored schools are holding their yearly evaluation meeting at Burlington on Thursday, April 28, at 3:00 p. m.

All school groups will report at this meeting on their health program for the year. They have been conducting projects in community health, personal health and hygiene, school and community sanitation, diet and nutrition, family life, school, family and community recreation, and safety. This promises to be a most interesting meeting.

Several representatives from the State Department of Public Instruction are expected to attend.

A slight school bus accident took place Tuesday afternoon just about in front of Shiloh Church. A car, attempting to pass the bus, met an oncoming truck and attempted to cut in front of the bus too quickly. In doing so, nicked the bus fender and mashed in the front floor of the car. No one was hurt.

The Upchurch Choral Group will attend the State Contest festival, Friday, April 29, at North Carolina College in Durham.

The present Senior Class of Upchurch High School enjoyed a delightful banquet, April 27, given by members of the faculty. Favorable comments were expressed concerning the various activities of the evening.

Everyone is invited to attend the annual May Day Program, May 4, at 1:00 P. M. on the front lawn of the Upchurch campus.

Per capita consumption of chickens, turkeys, and eggs has risen to new heights. A record high was set last year, with an average 410 eggs, 23.7 pounds of chicken, and 4.6 pounds of turkey being consumed per person.

Farm Investment Averages \$14,000

Behind each of the 8 1/2 million farm operators, hired hands, and family workers on United States farms, there lies an average capital investment of about \$14,000, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture economists.

This amount—four times the 1940 average per farm worker of \$3,500—is invested in land, farm buildings, livestock and feed inventories, machinery and equipment, and cash for operating expenses. It does not include ap-

proximately \$5,000 per worker invested in houses, automobiles, household goods, and savings.

Inflation has been the principal factor in the increase in dollar value of farm resources in relation to number of workers—the same resources would have been valued at \$6,000 in 1940 dollars. But two other developments also have been responsible for this actual increase in resources per farm worker. Farmers have bought much new machinery and equipment; they have added to their buildings; and they have improved their land a great deal. In addition, the number of farm workers has been shrinking and

is now about a fourth less than in the years immediately preceding World War II.

Most striking is the increased investment in machinery and equipment. Average value of equipment at the disposal of each farm worker today is nearly \$1,900, as compared with \$200 worth of machinery and equipment per worker in 1940.

Farm operators in the U. S. realized a net income of \$11,984 million during 1954, according to preliminary estimates. This was 10 per cent less than they received in 1953.

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