



Overflow Crowds Attended Easter Services At Area Churches, With Young Ladies (Of All Ages) Wearing Their Best And Prettiest Bonnets

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EDUCATION DEP'T MEETING

Timber Dry, No Burning!

Dangerously dry timber has added Hoke to the list of counties in the state where burning restrictions are now in force. Until further notice, there is to be no trash burning or burning of land.

These restrictions apply not only to the unincorporated areas of the county, they also apply to Raeford Township, said volunteer Fire Chief Archie Byrne. A serious fire in nearby Scotland County this week burned about 3,000 acres north of Laurel Hill, and other fires were reported on the Ft. Bragg reservation. No fires have yet been reported in Hoke but officials said the conditions for dangerous fires were "ripe."

90 Boys Play Ball In Leagues

About 90 boys, ages ranging from 8 to 13, turned out last Friday evening at the Elementary School diamond to register for the upcoming Youth Baseball Program. The program is being sponsored by the Raeford Recreation Department under the leadership of Coach George Wood.

To insure even competition, two leagues will operate this year -- one for boys 11-13, the other for those in the 8-10 bracket.

The older boys will begin practice immediately, with sessions scheduled for each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. League play for the older boys will start in late May. Managers for the four teams in the 11-13 league includes: Bob Sletz, John Pickup, Scott Poole, Bob Gentry, Tommy Freeman, Joe Dean, Eddie Rhodes and Bobby Conoly.

The younger boys will play two mornings a week once the recreation program starts, Coach Wood said. Their practice will begin when the school year ends.

There is still time for interested youngsters in both of the age groups to sign up, Wood said, but he urged them to do so soon.

Raeford will sponsor a team in the Babe Ruth League for boys in the 13-15 bracket, and this team will compete against similar entries from Parkton, St. Pauls, Red Springs and other nearby towns.

Miss Eve Jones of High Point College visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, over the week end.

Puppets Great, Plumbing Rotten In Communist USSR

By PETER B. YOUNG
Russian plumbing leaves much to be desired, the food is heavy behind the Iron Curtain and the Slav women do a great deal of difficult manual labor.

This was one side of the Communist coin as reported Tuesday night by Mrs. Memory F. Blackwelder, prominent lawyer and architect, to the annual guest night of the Woman's Club Education Department.

The other side of the Communist coin contained attractions like the ballet and puppet shows and the Metro Subway in Moscow. Mrs. Blackwelder said, in describing her tourists trip to the USSR in 1960.

It was in the summer of 1960, shortly after the U-2 incident, that Mrs. Blackwelder joined a group of elderly American tourists in Finland for a 2-weeks trip through the USSR where they crossed the Russo-Finnish border near Leningrad. "There was barbed wire as far as the eye could see."

The Americans stayed at a 19th century hotel in Leningrad that was named "The Astoria." With a fine woman's eye for housewifely detail, Mrs. Blackwelder noted that the bed spreads at this hotel "looked like curtains and the sheets were like big pillow cases."

"The elevator was very slow and had little benches inside for you to sit down on," she said. "This was actually a pretty good idea since the elevator took so long to creep from one floor to the next that it was nice to be able to sit down."

Russian hotels had a strange numbering system for the rooms. The numbers bore no relationship to the floor. Room number 56, for example, was purely and simply the 56th room in the hotel.

While Russian sputniks soar around the earth, the Iron Curtain country has not yet had either the time, talent or resources to "invent" a drain stopper that would keep water in the lavatory basin. Forewarned of this problem, and being a woman who likes to wear clean hose, Mrs. Blackwelder brought an American "stopper" into the USSR with her.

In another Russian city, the group stayed at a hotel that was brand new and supposedly luxurious. "It looked like do-it-yourself construction," said Mrs. Blackwelder. "For

example, the pipes in the bathroom didn't quite meet. But the practical Russians had a solution for this kind of a problem in a 'luxury' hotel. They had a bucket in the bathroom to catch the overflow."

On the brighter side, Mrs. Blackwelder reported how impressed she was by performance of the world-famous Bolshoi Ballet Company and, also in Moscow, a puppet show that featured a puppet magician. "Now that was something!" said Mrs. Blackwelder, impressed at last.

The famous Mausoleum in Red Square was closed for repairs while they were there. "We thought perhaps they were touching up Lenin" said Mrs. Blackwelder referring to the founder of the Communist country whose body is the biggest "tourist attraction" for the Russian people themselves.

And, speaking of the Russian people, the Raleigh archivist said: "They were all very friendly. They all wanted chewing gum and ball point pens as soon as they found out we were Americans."

But perhaps the most memorable experience the group had was a Sunday service at a Baptist church in Moscow. "The church was packed full of people. And hundreds more stood outside trying to get in. A 50-voice choir sang three anthems and the congregation sang two. The song books were worn out, and an old man with a beard preached for 20 minutes on how the love of God was available to all. Afterwards the Russians gathered around us and asked us for Bibles and I wished I had thought to bring mine to the service."

Mrs. Blackwelder explained that severe anti-religious pressures from the Communist government had resulted in the closing of hundreds of churches and monasteries whose abandoned sites could be seen all over the USSR.

She concluded "A trip to Russia is well worth the time and money if you have the opportunity to go. But I'm more thankful than ever that I don't have to live in the place."

Mrs. Carson Davis, Jr., president of the Education Department presided at the guest night supper meeting, held in the Fellowship Room of the Presbyterian Church.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Charles Hostetter. The food was far superior to the Russian cooking and had the additional virtue of being blessed by the Rev. K. R. Wheeler.

Retired Farmer George Wilson Dies At 83

George C. Wilson, 83, longtime resident of Ashley Heights died Monday at Moore Memorial Hospital. Services were held Wednesday afternoon at Ashley Heights Baptist Church conducted by the Rev. E. Paul West, Jr. Burial followed in the Ashley Heights cemetery.

The retired tobacco farmer is survived by his wife, the former Margaret Combs; five daughters, Mrs. Addie Howard of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Mrs. William McMinn of Bristol, Tenn., Mrs. Odessa Parrish of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Minnie Lee Nemrie of Walkertown and Miss Della Wilson of the home; five sons, J. Estes of Ponte Vedra Beach, G. C. of Anchorage, Alaska, Woodrow of Aberdeen, Rt. 1, Paul and Clarence of the home; 17 grandchildren.

Wilson retired from active farming several years ago after the amputation of a leg. Neighbors said that although he was confined to his home most of the time, "he was always cheerful."

NURSES MEET

The 7th Division of Licensed Practical Nurses will meet next Tuesday (May 1) at 7:30 p. m. at the Confederate Home in Fayetteville. Members were urged to attend.

Mrs. Currie Passes, 75

Mrs. Callie Sessoms Currie of Raeford Rt. 1 died Friday at the age of 75. Services for her were held Sunday afternoon at Bethel Presbyterian, the Rev. Meigs Newkirk officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Currie was the widow of the late James C. Currie. She is survived by one son, John H. Currie of Raeford, Rt. 1, one foster son, Herby E. Bowen of Raeford, Rt. 3; one sister, Mrs. L. B. Sills of Raeford, Rt. 1; three brothers R. H. Sessoms of Rockingham, Norman Sessoms of Raeford, Rt. 3, and F. C. Sessoms of Apex; three grandchildren.

Freak Accident Hurts Preacher

A Negro preacher fought for his life Wednesday at Moore Memorial Hospital following a freak accident at a Raeford gas station last Tuesday morning.

Matthew Ferguson was taking the steel rim off a truck tire when the rim flew out and struck him in the face with tremendous force. One witness said that Ferguson was lifted several feet in the air by the impact.

He sustained a broken arm and serious head injuries.

James S. Blue Dies In Ga., Stricken At 35

Services were held Monday for 35-year old James S. Blue at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines, the Rev. Martin Caldwell officiating. Blue died Friday in a Savannah, Ga. hospital after being suddenly stricken there.

Burial followed in Mount Hope cemetery.

He was the son of the late Daniel and Anne Patch Blue of Timberland and served in the US Army for a number of years before retiring for reasons of health.

Among the Raeford relatives who attended the services were Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Blue, Neill James Blue and Miss Kate Blue Covington.

COLLIER DIES

The brother of Ervin Collier and Mrs. Thelma Herris passed away Friday in the North Carolina Cancer Center. He was 52-year-old Joe Collier of Carthage. Services for him were held Sunday afternoon at the Pentecostal Holiness Church of Carthage, conducted by the Rev. Carlos King and the Rev. Billy Metters. Burial followed in Union Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Register Now For May Vote

Even though the Primary Election is still several weeks away, Board of Elections Chairman W. L. Poole was able to report this week that several unopposed candidates were declared to be official nominees of the Democratic Party and, in this county at least, informally "elected."

Those happy politicians, who can now forget about the rigors of a campaign are: Neill L. McFadyen, nominee for the N.C. House of Representatives; Harry A. Greene, nominee for Judge of Recorder's court; Dorothy H. Saunders, nominee for Justice of the Peace in Antioch, J. H. Moody, nominee for Justice of the Peace in Quewhiffle, J. K. Riley, nominee for Constable in Raeford Township.

But the mad scramble was still on for all other positions as Col. Poole released the complete list of candidates following the filing deadline.

CLERK OF COURT -- Arch Graham and Ed Smith
CORONER -- Frank Crumpler and Jim Lentz

SHERIFF -- Dave Barrington, Bill Clark, Cliff Conoly, Ralph Plummer and Charlie Proctor.

ANTIOCH CONSTABLE --- Albert E. Saunders and J. W. Saunders.
MCLAUCHLIN CONSTABLE -- Alfred Berry and Edward F. Gibson.

STONEWALL CONSTABLE -- J. C. Barnes, and John Glisson.

BOARD OF EDUCATION -- Carson Davis, Jr., H. E. Garrison, Robert Gatlin, Robert L. Gibson, D. R. Huff, Jr., Riley Jordan, A. W. Wood, Jr.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS -- J. H. Blue, Doug Currie, Harold Gillis, W. Brown McDiarmid, A. Smith McInnis, Lacy McNeill, R. A. Smoak, Eli Shankle and J. A. Webb.

To add to the Elections Board headaches, there are two Republican candidates for the U.S. Senatorial nomination, and registered Republican voters may also troop to the polls on May 26 and request the ballot for the first Republican primary contest in Hoke County's history.

And speaking of registration, the books in each precinct will open this Saturday, April 28, and stay open until May 19 which is challenge day.

Poole said, "A lot of people think that if they register, their

taxes will go up. Well, they won't. That's got nothing to do with it."

He said that the Attorney General had ruled that voters in the new precincts, Buchan and Raeford 3, will not have to re-register provided they were on the books before at the same address. Names of voters in that category will simply be transferred from one book to the other by the registrar.

However, said Poole, if you moved from one precinct to another since the last election, you will have to register in your new precinct.

"A lot of people think that if they're registered in one place, they're registered everywhere," Poole said, as he urged voters to make sure their registration was in order to

participate in this important Primary.

Registrars for each precinct are as follows:

- ALLENDALE -- W. L. Roper.
- ANTIOCH -- D. W. Gillis.
- BLUE SPRINGS -- J. R. Hendrix.
- BUCHAN -- Mrs. Leonard McByrde.
- MCCAIN -- Brian H. Thornberg.
- PUPPY CREEK -- Mrs. R.D. Parker.
- RAEFORD 1 -- Mrs. Mary P. Matherly.
- RAEFORD 2 -- Mrs. Kate Blue Covington.
- RAEFORD 3 -- Mrs. Earl Conoly.
- ROCKFISH -- E. B. Bostic.
- STONEWALL -- Mrs. Tommie Jones.

Fumigate Now, Says Ag Agent

With Hoke farmers just beginning the annual rite of transplanting tobacco from the beds into the fields, County Agent W. C. Williford said that "now's the time" to fumigate for both flea beetles and blue mold.

Williford explained that it was "practically impossible to get coverage in the fields," and he urged the farmers to take corrective action now while the plants were still in the beds.

For flea beetles, the Agent recommended a heavy dusting (or spraying) of the beds with either DDT or parathion. Since parathion is a deadly poison, transplanting to the fields should be delayed for at least one day after its use.

As for blue mold, Williford said the early morning frost of the past week have "held the problem down." But the first sustained warm weather will bring it on strong. Zineb, Ferbam or Maneb were recommended by the Agent to stop blue mold.

The Agent also cautioned farmers against thinking their plants were free of the flea beetles just because no damage was visible. He said that the larvae of the beetles were eating away the inside of the plants

Raeford 2nd In Hospital Fund

In the sustaining gifts division of the Moore Memorial Hospital Building Fund, Raeford now ranks a close second behind Southern Pines, chairman Neil Senter reported this week.

He said that 44 firms and individuals in the County had pledged a total of \$6,440, while similar pledges from Southern Pines amounted to \$6,732.

The campaign, with a goal of \$450,000 has raised \$328,430 to date.

Lending weight to the campaign to add a new 80-bed wing to the hospital, Duncan L. McGoogan, hospital administrator, reported that during the past week patient occupancy was 93 percent of total capacity. This is considerably higher than the recommended maximum rate of use as set forth by the American Hospital Association and the U. S. Public Health Service.

"We are badly overcrowded," McGoogan said, adding: "The situation would be very dangerous if there were an epidemic or a bad accident." The campaign is scheduled to conclude on May 1.

long before any damage was visible to the naked eye.

A final problem for tobacco growers, aphids, can be handled in the beds with an application of either parathion or malathion. Williford concluded