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ADDENDA

By The Editor

Eddie Collins, Jr., son of the famous ball player of a few years back, was in Raeford this week representing the Philadelphia Phillies, National League Baseball club. Collins is assistant manager of the minor league clubs affiliated with the Phillies and was in Raeford making arrangements to bring two or possibly more of these to Raeford for spring training in March and April of this year. When he left it was almost definite that two clubs from the Middle Atlantic or New England states would come here. Collins said that he would advise which clubs and when they would arrive within the next couple of weeks.

Rural telephone service for the people of the Rockfish and Gold Hill sections of the county is not to be a reality in the immediate future, according to a letter received by J. A. McGoogan this week from the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company.

The letter said in part, "... persistent material shortages have failed to ease as we hoped they would and lack of sufficient trained personnel have both made it apparent that further delay in actual construction will be inevitable. Shipment on additional central office equipment for Raeford has been pushed back from time to time by our manufacturers, and rural lines cannot be put to work without it." The letter stated further that the company is anxious to build the lines and has definite plans for doing so and expresses the hope that the rural people of the county could bear with them until the needed materials can be obtained.

So now the people of the county will have to bear with the telephone subscribers at present on the Raeford exchange who have been bearing with the sorriest telephone service possible for some years now. This is not the first encouragement that has been received here from the company.

People curious about the recent flood of \$2 bills around here may be interested to know that White Tex Mills is using them to pay off their employees now.

First Sergeant William E. Willis, who went into the Army in 1940 as a member of Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 252nd C. A., local pre-war National Guard unit is now assigned to Raeford as Regular Army instructor for the 677th AW battalion of the new National Guard. Units at Raeford and Red Springs are members of this battalion. Sergeant Willis has been here several weeks now.

Along with the good news about the Hoke County Development Corporation comes information that White-Tex Mills is in process of substantially enlarging their plant here. Troy Whitehead, owner, has promised to release complete details of his plans in the very near future.

Another local boy who is now a Regular Army instructor is Technical Sergeant William Klownman Leach who was a member of old Battery "F". He has recently returned from 16 months occupation duty in Italy. He spent a 30-day furlough in the county and left Monday for his new duty at Fort Ord, California.

Johnny Little, several-hundred-pound handy man at the Hoke Drug company, had a right interesting experience a couple of weeks ago. He got on the train and went to New York where he intended to spend Christmas with his sister. When the train approached New York it was snowing and when Little got off the train his sister was not there to meet him. After about six hours

Gilbert J. Monroe Passes; Buried At Galatia Wednesday

Gilbert J. Monroe, 52-year-old resident of Fayetteville and native of the section of Hoke County which was formerly Chamberland county, died suddenly of a heart attack Monday afternoon while walking from the city bus to the home of his sister, Mrs. J. R. Neal, in Fayetteville. The attack came at about five o'clock and Mr. Monroe was dead by the time a physician reached him.

He was in the lumber business until his retirement several years ago. He was a son of the late Henry and Alice Davis Monroe of this county and he was a brother of Mrs. W. B. Willis, of this county. Other survivors are a brother, H. T. Monroe of Parkton; and four other sisters, Mrs. J. R. Neal, with whom he resided in Fayetteville, Mrs. H. L. Townsend, Mrs. O. L. Kelly, and Mrs. I. J. Lassiter, all of Fayetteville.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at three o'clock at Galatia Presbyterian church by the Rev. H. L. Hemphill, the pastor. Burial was in the Galatia cemetery.

Robert W. Turner Funeral Saturday At Parker's Chapel

Funeral services were conducted at Parker's Chapel Methodist church at three o'clock last Saturday afternoon for Robert Walter Turner, widely known farmer of that section of Hoke County who passed away early Thursday night in a Fayetteville hospital after a brief illness.

The service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. P. O. Lee, assisted by the Rev. E. B. Booker, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Turner was 73 years of age and was born in Northhampton county, the son of the late Robert W. and Elmira Bass Turner.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. R. Strickland of Clinton, and Mrs. Edward Jarrell of Route 2, Raeford; three brothers, Henry, George and Sam Turner, all of Wilson; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Porter of Dinwiddie, Virginia, and Mrs. M. M. Matthews of Skippers, Virginia.

CLAUDE GLISSON HURT IN WRECK SUNDAY NIGHT

Claude Glisson, 25-year-old white man of Raeford, was involved in a wreck at 11:15 o'clock last Sunday night. He suffered some painful but not serious injuries and was carried to the Veterans hospital.

Glisson was driving the 1940 Chevrolet coach owned by J. T. Parnell on the turnpike road north of Raeford. He was going east and left the road between the old Upchurch High school site and the crossroads at Jess Dunlap's filling station. He got the car back on the road and went off the other side and turned over, according to Sam Swann, the only witness. No mechanical defects were found that could have caused the accident and Parnell drove the car back to Raeford after turning it back over. There were no other vehicles coming or going, according to Swann. The State Highway Patrol made an investigation.

METHODIST MEN WILL MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The men of the Methodist church will hold their regular supper meeting at the Upchurch airport here on Friday night beginning at seven o'clock. Speaker for the occasion will be Charles G. Rose, Jr., attorney and mayor of Fayetteville. All men of the church are expected.

Officers Indict 15 For Speeding During Past Week

8 OTHER DEFENDANTS UP BEFORE RECORDER ON TUESDAY

Fifteen of those passing through on their way to or from the Florida sunshine were slowed down at least temporarily by officers of the Highway Patrol in these parts. Fourteen of these were allowed to post bonds in the amount of \$25 each and keep going. Failing to appear for trial Tuesday morning the bonds were forfeited.

They were Jesse Campbell and Earl Harling, both colored of South Carolina, John Smith, Henry Pask, Marion Bergman, W. S. Breisch, W. R. Cowles, J. J. Jarche, Simon Belovitz, Frank Covillo, R. B. Daubenpeck, and Charles A. Huber, all white of northeastern states, Nerman Trullitt, white of Glenhaven, N. C., and Monroe C. Gibson, white of Robeson county. Thomas Tillman, local colored man, appeared for trial and paid \$10 and the costs. Amos Andrew Edwards, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for driving with improper brakes. Ben, Robert and Addie McCrimmon and Wade Smith, all colored, each paid the costs for participating in an affray. Sentences of 30 days each were suspended.

Lloyd W. Gillis, white, entered a plea of guilty of driving while under the influence of liquor. Sentence of three months was suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs.

Paul Haskie, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for using profane and indecent language. He was also told by the court to keep away from the premises of Jake McLean.

Arthur Williamson, white, was found guilty of abandonment and non-support of his family. Sentence was one year, suspended on payment of the costs and \$41.60 monthly to his wife.

Churches Plan Clothing Drive

Plan were mapped this week for the Church World Service collection of clothing for overseas relief to be held in Hoke county January 25 through February 1 under the auspices of the local churches. Clyde Upchurch, Jr., who headed a similar drive last year which was highly successful has been selected by the local ministerial association to be chairman again this year.

Upchurch attended a district meeting for organizing the drive in Fayetteville on Monday and heard various plans for making it a successful effort. Last year North Carolina collected and sent to the clothing collection center at New Windsor, Maryland, more clothing and shoes for relief than any other state in the Union. Detailed plans will be announced later, according to Chairman Upchurch.

AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY MONDAY

Clyde Upchurch, Jr. commander of the Ellis Williamson American Legion post here, announced yesterday that the post would have a meeting and fish fry at the Upchurch airport at six-thirty o'clock next Monday night. He invites all members and interested veterans to attend and states that the fish are already paid for. He further stated that the meeting will be over in time for members of the National Guard to get to their regular drill at 7:30.

An occasional application of lime and phosphate and potash to the pasture will encourage the growth of the more desirable pasture plants.

Famous Soprano Will Appear At FMC Monday P. M.

Anna Turkel, soprano, will be presented at Flora Macdonald college on Monday evening, January 12, as the second number of the winter's series of artists.

Born of Viennese-American parents, Miss Turkel is a singer of wide operatic experiences. She was the first American ever to sing the role of "Aida" in Cairo—a peculiarly exacting feat which was greeted with unprecedented ovations. The New York Times, in a dispatch from Cairo, said, "Curtain calls and shouts for the American prima donna went on for many minutes, until Mr. Jardino, American Minister, upsetting all precedent, went backstage to congratulate the singer—she was cheered and called back dozens of times."

Miss Turkel's professional debut in Genoa, where she sang the leading role of Leonora in "La Forza del Destino", resulted in an invitation to appear at the Teatro Reale in Rome in "Tannhauser", under the direction of Tullio Serafino. This was followed by leading roles with opera companies in Bologna, Como, Turin, San Romo, Mila, Cairo, and South America.

Especially noticeable since her American debut at Town Hall only last season, has been the shimmering quality of her voice, combining wide range and power, or, as a leading New York critic expressed it, "poetry, mood and distinguished vocalism". Miss Turkel is as engaging a personality off-stage as on it. Her operatic repertory includes over eighteen operas, and her linguistic talents extend to Italian, German, French, English and Spanish.

Her program at Flora Macdonald will include, in addition to several operatic numbers, groups by Strauss and Debussy, and will end with a group of American songs.

Farmers Should File Income Tax Returns

The beginning of a new year means that income tax reporting time is here says C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of Farm Management for the State College Extension Service, and farmers along with most other people will have to consider filing their returns.

If you are in doubt as to whether you have to file a return, then here is the deciding factor. If the gross income from your farm was more than \$500 during the year, you should file a return. Since all farm expenses may be deducted along with the personal exemptions of \$500 for self, \$500 for wife, and \$500 for each dependent relative, this will mean that a large number of farmers will not have to pay any tax. However, there is a severe penalty for not filing a return.

Farmers should study the instructions issued with the income tax forms and take all legal deductions, Mr. Ratchford said.

HOKE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The formal dance of the Teen-age Club held in the gymnasium Saturday evening of last week was well attended. Mesdames Lawrence McNeill, J. H. Blue, Younger Snead, and C. L. Thomas served as chaperones. The members of the Journalism Club will participate in the World Peace and Speaking program of 1948 which is sponsored by the local Bar Association. Mrs. Arthur D. Gore is supervisor of the contest in the high school. The Beta Club met Tuesday in room number 10 for its January meeting. Carlene Freeman, president, presided over the meeting. Announcements were made concerning the State convention

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ANNA TURKEL

PJC Successfully Raises \$150,000 Endowment

Maxton, N. C. January 3—The successful completion of the campaign of Presbyterian Junior College for \$150,000 endowment to meet the financial requirements for membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools was announced today by Mr. Edwin Pate of Laurinburg, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Junior College. Mr. Pate expressed thanks, in the name of the trustees, to all those whose gifts and efforts helped make the campaign a success. The closing date was December 31st. Several days of grace are being allowed to permit receipts of late donations before the final tabulation is announced. On January 1st there was \$3,146.00 pledges, \$43,540.00 in living endowment, and \$103,410.00 in cash and invested funds, making a total of \$150,096.02. It was hoped late gifts would provide the fund a margin above the minimum needs.

The statement released for Mr. Pate was: "It is a pleasure to announce the success of the campaign. We hope other gifts will still be sent in so as to provide a gratifying margin above the minimum goal. In the name of the trustees of Presbyterian Junior College I wish to express our thanks to all those who gave of their means and time. This endowment will permit membership in the regional accrediting association and give the college added stability and assured permanency. The new year opens a door of opportunity for greater educational excellence and increasing service to young people."

Funeral Tuesday For Miss Myrtle Miller

Funeral services were conducted in the Raeford Presbyterian church at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning for Miss Myrtle Miller, 29, who died in a Charlotte hospital Saturday afternoon after a long illness. She was at home last week but was carried to the hospital on Friday. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. W. Mann, pastor of the Antioch Presbyterian church, assisted by the Rev. J. D. Whisnant and the Rev. W. B. Heyward.

Burial services were conducted at Pleasant Hill church near Dillon, S. C. at two o'clock Tuesday, and burial was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Burns Miller of Raeford; by five brothers, Tom Miller of Lumberton, A. W. and Harvey Miller of Dillon, S. C., Henslee Miller of Purvis, S. C., and Vernon Miller of Red Springs; and by five sisters, Miss Marian Miller of Raeford and Rocky Mount; Mrs. W. C. McMinis and Mrs. Mary Meares of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Cora Hall of Rocky Mount and Mrs. Bessie McCormick of Hamer, S. C.

Many Tar Heel farm families will not have to pay any income tax, Mr. Ratchford said, but the greater majority of them will have to file a return.

Lewis Upchurch New President Of Kiwanis Club

1948 officers and directors of the Raeford Kiwanis club were installed at the club's annual Ladies Night at the hall here last Thursday, January 1. New president of the club is Lewis Upchurch, who succeeds K. A. MacDonald. Robert Gatlin is the new vice-president and Hinton McPhaul is secretary-treasurer for another year.

On the incoming board of directors are Clyde Upchurch, Jr., M. C. Dew, Marion Gatlin, Bill Heyward, Julius Jordan, Dick Neeley and Bob Lewis. R. B. Lewis, retiring lieutenant-governor of the fourth Kiwanis district, conducted the installation of the new lieutenant-governor, Ira Ford, of Smithfield. Mr. Ford then conducted the installation of the local officers.

101 Kiwanians and ladies enjoyed a bountiful dinner of ham, turkey and accessories and a program which was ably handled by toastmaster Neill A. McDonald. Attendance awards were presented to Kiwanians by retiring president Kenneth MacDonald and several appropriate gifts were delivered by Past President Marcus Smith.

The speaker of the evening was Cullen Johnson of Raleigh. After being introduced by Hinton McPhaul, Mr. Johnson presented a highly interesting program of humor and stunts. In a serious vein for a moment he paid an eloquent tribute to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Must File This Month For New Weed Allotments

All eligible producers interested in applying for a "new grower" tobacco allotment should file an application at the Hoke County AAA office prior to February 1, 1948, T. D. Potter, Chairman, Hoke County AAA Committee said here today.

He pointed out that in order to be eligible for a new grower tobacco allotment, the following conditions must be met: (1) The farm operator shall have had experience in growing the kind of tobacco for which an allotment is requested either as a share cropper, tenant, or as a farm operator during two of the past five years. An applicant who was in the Armed Services shall be deemed to have met the requirements if he has had experience in growing tobacco during one year either within the five years immediately prior to his entry into the service or since his discharge from the armed services; (2) The farm operator shall be living on the farm and largely dependent on this farm for his livelihood; (3) The farm covered by the application shall be the only farm owned or operated by the farm operator on which any tobacco is produced; (4) No kind of tobacco other than the kind for which application for an allotment will be grown on such farm in 1948.

ROBINS SIGN TWO FOR 1948 SEASON

Business Manager Tom Cope of the Red Springs Red Robins announced this week that two additional players had been recently signed for the 1948 baseball season in which the club intends to make a big effort to leave the bottom of the Tobacco State League which they occupied most of last season.

The new men are Robert R. "Peanut" Doak, baseball coach at PJC, and Robert Lee Slaughter of Roxboro, brother of the famous Enos Slaughter of the St. Louis Cardinals. Doak is a veteran of the Eastern, a Class A league and has also played with interstate and Coastal Plains leagues. He is a left handed pitcher and a switch hitter. Slaughter is an outfielder.

Form Corporation At Courthouse Last Friday P. M.

PREPARE CONTRACT FOR AMERICAN WRINGER COMPANY

On Friday night, January 2, a meeting which had been called by the Raeford Chamber of Commerce was held in the courthouse for the purpose of forming a corporation to construct a building here for the use of the American Wringer Company of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. About 50 persons attended the meeting and from a list of those who had subscribed stock in the proposed corporation the following tentative board of directors was elected: H. L. Gatlin, Jr., J. L. McNeill, C. L. Thomas, R. B. Lewis, Ryan McBryde, Tom Cameron, Neill A. McDonald, W. M. Thomas, W. P. Baker, J. W. McPhaul and M. C. Dew.

These directors then held a meeting and decided to name the new company the "Hoke County Development Corporation." The following officers were elected: Ryan McBryde, president, J. L. McNeill, vice-president, Tom Cameron, secretary, and H. L. Gatlin, Jr., treasurer.

At the meeting J. L. McNeill, chairman of the committee which had sought stock subscriptions for the corporation, reported that a total of \$50,925.00 had been subscribed up to that time and that he felt that his figure could be raised to at least \$60,000.

Arrangements were made to immediately apply to the Secretary of State for a charter for the corporation and a committee was appointed by the president to see to the preparation of a contract with the American Wringer Company.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

The N. C. Crop Improvement Association will hold its annual meeting and Seed Exposition in Rocky Mount Thursday and Friday, January 8 and 9. At this meeting, farmers are to be brought up to date on handling their seed in the best possible manner. Hundreds of samples of crop seeds will be on exhibit.

There are still several thousand loblolly pine seedlings available through the State Forester that should be set within the next few weeks. Hoke County farmers should take stock of their forests and determine if they could use some of these seedlings. 100 will set an acre, and they cost only \$2.50 delivered.

A public hearing on a proposed peach marketing agreement will be held in Rockingham at the Courthouse on January 8 and 9. This hearing will give peach growers an opportunity to express their opinions on the agreement plan.

Fires destroyed, more than \$100,000,000 worth of farm property in America during 1947. Farmers are urged to put fire prevention and protection practices to work vigorously this year. The only way that we are going to successfully combat fires in 1948 is to take all possible steps to prevent fires and to provide all possible protection against fires. The following suggestions have been helpful when followed:

1. Keep your farm clean. Good housekeeping in and around all buildings will automatically get rid of fire hazards.
2. Make regular checks on all electrical equipment and circuits. Worn electrical wiring should be replaced.
3. Keep all heating units in (Continued on back page)