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## Addenda

By the Editor

About 10 years ago the underground in Occupied France was giving the German army some trouble with a little device I can't call the name of, but which was made of steel and thrown on the roads to destroy the enemy's truck tires, and did. It was made up so it somewhat resembled the little paper windmills children make, and no matter how it hit, one of its razor-sharp steel edges was up. It would be just the thing for the Jaycees to use on the grass and flower plots they have been working on in North Main street. Some characters of low civic pride, or none, have been driving on the grass and shrubs up there, and some of the wet-weather car tracks are pretty deep. Some of the posts have been hit, too. These boys did a lot of work and spent some money on that job and did a good one, and it's maddening to see it spoiled by individuals who add nothing to the community. Could be some of the same fellows who take such delight in driving a tight circle on the ball park or airport with the old man's jalopy and thereby spoiling a ball game or endangering some flyer's life. Makes you all the madder because there's nothing to be done about it.

North Carolina is considered one of the more progressive Southern States, and if we had one of those presidential preference primaries thrown in along with our regular primary it would focus the eyes of the whole nation on us for a few days. It would be good advertising for the state and would cost practically nothing, since we would be having the primary anyway and the expense of adding two or three presidential aspirants to the ballot would be negligible. While it would mean nothing as to who got nominated or elected, it would be a lot of fun. We could get an additional showing of the politicians prancing and rearing and going through their acts, and it seems to me it would be of real value for us to get a look at the presidential candidates first hand, something mighty few of us here ever get to do. We ought to get together and promote one of these things by 1956. Just look at the way the papers and radio have been talking about Florida and Ohio this week.

Judge Henry McDiarmid used the sentence suspended on condition of good behavior for a certain length of time to good effect in Hoke County recorder's court, and Judge Harry Greene is using it even more. What it means, theoretically, is that the defendant will have to serve the sentence if he is convicted of any offense during this time of good behavior. This is quite a deterrent to repetition of the same offense and in the case of a liquor dealer of two around here, has certainly been the cause of the offender moving his operations elsewhere. I say "theoretically," however, because at present there is no system which will tell the judge or solicitor whether or not a defendant appearing before him is under suspended sentence or not. They must remember him, or else dig through the records in the clerk's office for the information about each defendant. That would be a big job. What would make it really work would be for the judge or the solicitor or the clerk to maintain a little card file with the name of each individual under suspended sentence on it in alphabetical order. They could have a system for taking names out of it when the time expires just like we do expired subscriptions, or like the bank does when your note come due — they never forget.

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## Legion, Wives Hear State Commander At Meeting Friday

The American Legion held its monthly meeting Friday evening at the High School Cafeteria with Commander R. B. Lewis in charge. A large group of Legionnaires and their wives were present and enjoyed a delicious fried chicken dinner prepared by Israel Mann, W. L. Poole and J. D. McKeithan. After dinner a nominating committee consisting of W. T. Gibson, Younger Snead, and Archie McDiarmid was appointed to recommend officers for next year.

The State Legion Commander, Louis Parker of Elizabethtown was introduced by Charles Hostetler and made a short and interesting speech. Commander Parker related some of the history of the Legion, of how it was organized in France in 1919 and how the first meeting was held in St. Louis after the war was over. Parker also spoke of the accomplishments of the Legion, such as getting the pensions raised for the disabled veterans. Before the Legion was organized, he stated, a totally disabled veteran drew only \$30 a month.

Parker also spoke at some length on the responsibility of this country and members of the American Legion to raise their children right, so that they would never be receptive to ideas which would lead this country to be dominated by Communism.

## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonalld

The first and second year Latin classes at Hoke High are preparing to take the state Latin test on Friday of this week. In former years these classes have rated in the upper one third of all pupils in the state taking the tests.

The seventh grades in the county visited Hoke High on Tuesday of this week. They were entertained by the school and shown over the plant and in all ways made welcome for next year.

The installation ceremonies for the new student government officers will take place at the chapel hour, 10:30 a. m., tomorrow, Friday. We hope quite a number of visitors can be present. The student government has been in operation now for two years and is working nicely. We congratulate the student body.

R. E. Neeley, county board member, and K. A. MacDonalld went to Raleigh on Tuesday for a conference with the school planning division of the State Department of Public Instruction and the State Insurance Department. It is felt that the trip helped to speed the time when the Board will get the new McLaughlin Elementary building underway.

The Upchurch school baseball team plays the Maxton school at Legion Park on Monday, May 12, at 2:30 p. m.

On Wednesday afternoon beginning at one o'clock the county music festival was held at the Burlington School with all the schools in the county participating and also one from Scotland County. Musical numbers were presented by each school. Rhythm bands from several of the schools were also on the program.

The Upchurch school is celebrating music week this week with a musical program each day at the chapel hour. The week's celebration is culminated Friday evening by a concert given by the band and choral club. This evening of music should be enjoyed by everyone that attends.

Thursday afternoon of last week the Upchurch School held its an... (Continued on Page 6)

## J. L. Conoly Dies At Home Early Friday

James Lawrence Conoly, 48, died at his home on Raeford, Route 2, early Friday morning of a heart attack. He had been seriously ill for about a month and had gotten better, and then was worse on Thursday. He had suffered from heart trouble for about 10 years.

He was born here, a son of Mrs. Lora Alice Campbell Conoly and the late J. E. Conoly and operated a service station and grocery business on U. S. 15-A east of Raeford. He was a Mason and a member of the Woodmen of the World.

He was a member of the Raeford Presbyterian church, and funeral service was conducted there at three o'clock Sunday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Heyward. Burial followed in the Raeford cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ruby Bowen; three sons, James R., Earl F. and Bobby Conoly, all of Raeford; two daughters, Joyce and Carolyn Rose, both of the home; his mother, Mrs. Lora Alice Conoly of Raeford; one brother, Daniel B. Conoly of Raeford; one sister, Mrs. Glenn S. Taylor of Rocky Point, and one grandchild.

## SENIOR PLAY TONIGHT

The Senior Play "Clementine," will be presented at the Hoke High school tonight at 8:30 o'clock. It was to have been presented last Friday night but was postponed because of the death of J. L. Conoly, whose daughter, Joyce, was in the cast.

## HD CHORUS PRACTICE

There will be a practice of the Home Demonstration Chorus on Friday evening, May 9, at 8:00 in the Educational Building of the Antioch Church. All members and others interested are invited to attend.

## PIANO RECITAL FRIDAY

Mrs. W. B. Heyward will present her piano pupils in recital Friday evening in the Ladies Parlor at the Presbyterian church. The public is invited.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. William M. McFadyen attended the 50th anniversary reunion of her graduating class at Flora Macdonald college on Tuesday of this week, and the luncheon at the home of Miss Mary McEachern, given for the members of the class. Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin, also attended the reunion and luncheon as an especial guest, since she was a member of the faculty at Flora Macdonald when the class graduated.

The Rev. W. B. Heyward returned to Raeford yesterday after a visit with his mother, Mrs. N. J. Heyward, who is a patient at the Martha Jefferson hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Miss Ida McLaughlin was a patient at Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, last week. She is now at home and is better but not completely well. She had an eye infection.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Blue and Neill James Blue attended May Day at Queens college, Charlotte, last Friday. Miss Bonnie Kate Blue took part in the exercises.

Sgt. Howard Pope, who has been stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, for some time, left Sunday for Camp Pickett, Virginia, and will go from there overseas. Mrs. Pope and three children have rented an apartment in Sanford and will make their home there while Sgt. Pope is gone.

Mrs. H. V. Stuart of Charlotte spent the week end here with her father, W. A. McLean.

## Chairman Calls Precinct Meetings Saturday At 2:30

County Democratic Chairman Walter P. Baker announced this week that Democratic precinct meetings would be held in all the voting places in the county on Saturday, May 10, at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing precinct officers and delegates to the county convention.

He said the county convention would be held at the courthouse on the following, Saturday afternoon, May 17, at 2:30. At this time the county chairman will be elected and delegates chosen to attend the State Democratic convention in Raleigh.

Baker asked all Democrats who are able to attend the meeting in their precinct on Saturday.

## Red Cross Falls Short Of Quota But Gets \$2000

Charles A. Hostetler, chairman of the Hoke County Red Cross Chapter, announced Wednesday that the final report of the annual Red Cross Drive had been completed. The grand total received through contributions for the county amounted to \$2019.99. This was over \$200 short of the goal of \$2295 set as a quota for the county but Hostetler stated that it was \$250 more than was collected last year and that he was very pleased with the showing made.

McCain, which more than doubled its quota, and Stonewall were the townships which Hostetler stated went over their goals.

The top townships for the drive were Raeford Business District under the supervision of Neil Senter, raising \$672 and McCain under Mrs. Harold Gentry which raised \$136.16. Robbins Mill had a total of \$317.70 including employee contributions and Stonewall gave a total of \$136.16.

Of the total amount raised in the county 47% remains in the county to do local work while the remaining 53% goes to the National Headquarters for work which will be done on a national level. Included in the list of things accomplished with the money that stays in the county are helping needy persons, assisting families that are burned out or otherwise disaster struck, and helping get service men home quickly on emergency furloughs.

Hostetler and Horace Walters, chairman of the drive, jointly stated that they wished to thank all who assisted in the drive and helped to make a good showing for the county.

## Massey Hill High Beats Hoke, 4-1

Raeford journeyed to Massey Hill last Thursday afternoon and not only lost the ball game but also lost their chance to win the Class A district 4 title as Massey Hill came out on top of a 4-1 score. Phillips, the mainstay of the Bucks pitching staff, allowed but 4 hits to the opposition but failed to receive either adequate fielding or batting support in losing.

Raeford scored first in the second inning but Massey Hill came right back in the bottom of the third to score two tallies and take over the lead which they never relinquished. The victors added single runs in the fourth and the sixth as further insurance but these weren't needed as Raeford failed to bunt any more of their five hits. No Hoke player received more than one hit and at the same time none of the infielders committed more than one error.

The locals play Southern Pines there on Friday and at Tar Heel next Tuesday and close out the regular season schedule by playing both Southern Pines here on Wednesday and Rowland Friday afternoon.

## Violations Of Liquor Laws Is Costly To Four

Recorder Has Average Day

In an average day before Judge Harry Greene in Hoke County recorder's court two defendants paid for being connected with a still the sheriff's department uncovered, and another in another case paid for having non-tax paid liquor for purposes of sale. Other cases involved assault and traffic violations.

Charlie Locklear, Indian, went to the roads for 12 months for possessing a liquor still and Cecil Locklear went for 18 months for the same offense. Each also got 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs for illegal possession of liquor. W. H. Warwick, white, was charged with running the still also, but found not guilty. He did plead guilty of illegal possession of liquor and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs and 18 months good behavior.

Buster Townsend, colored, was found guilty of possessing non-tax paid liquor for the purpose of sale. He got six months suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs and 18 months good behavior.

John Dunk McNeill, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for driving an improperly equipped car as did Columbus Thomas, Riley Barrett and Lawrence Gilchrist, all colored.

Betty Tew, white, William Roosevelt Parker and Ernest McCall, colored, each had to pay \$25 and the costs for careless and reckless driving. McCall's 60 day sentence was suspended on condition of one year's good behavior also.

W. H. Pike, white, was found guilty of assaulting D. J. Jones, peace officer at McCain. He got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs and 12 months good behavior.

Robert Caorthan, colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs and two years good behavior for being drunk and disorderly. Haywood Wilson, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs and one year of good behavior for the same offense.

Robert Bullard, Inidan, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for driving without a driver's license.

Neill Archie McMillan, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for following another vehicle too close.

## Hoke County Paving Report For April

Raleigh, May 7 — The State Highway Commission completed 15.9 miles of new paving in Hoke County during April, Commissioner George S. Coble reported today.

The newly-hardsurfaced roads and their lengths are:

Continuing turnpike Road to Scotland County line, 3.3 miles; From Turnpike Road toward Montrose, 2.9; From NC 211 about 1.0 mile south of Raeford to US 15-A about 1.0 mile east of Raeford, 2.1 miles; Extending old Carthage Road from NC 211 west, 1.9 miles; Extending Ashley Heights Road southwards, 2.5 miles; From Bethel Church to old Maxton Road, 3.2 miles.

The Sixth Highway Division finished 109.92 miles of new road work during April Commissioner Coble announced.

The Highway Commission has completed 84 per cent of Governor Scott's requested 12,000-mile paving goal under the secondary road bond program. Some 10,061.6 miles of farm-to-market roads have been hard-surfaced and another 14,422.4 miles stabilized for all-weather travel during the last three years.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wood of Vanceboro were week end visitors in the home of Mrs. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gullidge.

## Little League Gets Off To Big Start With About 70 Boys

The Tigers and Indians of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little Baseball League held their first tryouts at the Little League field north of Robbins Heights Saturday afternoon and 62 boys were registered for the two teams.

The workouts were continued on Monday and over 70 reported. The teams will each have a roster of 15 when the season opens the 21st of this month, and in the meantime the managers and assistants must look the large group over and pick their squads. First game will be here on Wednesday, May 21, when the Tigers of Raeford will play the Cubs of Aberdeen.

Alfred Cole is manager of one team with W. L. Poole and Willie Hodgins as assistants. Rowe H. Chapman is manager of the other Raeford team and has Joe Davis and Horace Ramsey as assistants. J. P. Bell is chief umpire for the local games and scorekeepers are M. D. Yates for Cole's team and Younger Snead for Chapman's.

Practice sessions are being held each afternoon from 5:30 until 6:30 at the Robbins Heights playground. Boys must bring their own gloves and shoes, either tennis shoes or the regular Little League shoes with rubber cleats must be worn. Robbins Mills is furnishing uniforms and catcher's equipment, bats, balls, etc. Uniforms for the local teams are gray with navy blue caps and trimmings and gray with royal blue.

Boys at least 8 years old who will no reach their 13th birthday before August 1 are eligible to play.

## Raeford Television Company Opens Here

The Raeford Television Company is open for business in the new post office building next to the town hall. Owner of the business is Dodson Lowder of Albemarle, and manager is Martin L. Webb, well-known radio repair man here.

Lowder has been in the radio and appliance field for a good many years and operates the same type of store in Albemarle with his brother, as well as two super markets and a grocery store.

The store will feature the Hallcrafters line of television and radio sets and the Necchi line of sewing machines. The Necchi is a widely known make of sewing machine, and is famous for its eleven different operations without attachments.

The store has advertised its grand opening for Saturday, May 10, but it has been necessary to delay this due to the unavoidable delay of certain specialists who will be here to demonstrate the Necchi sewing machine. The grand opening, refreshments and all, will be held on Saturday, May 17. They are open for business now.

## National Guard Units Fire At Bragg

The local guard unit finally was able to fire its entire roster of men at Ft. Bragg last week end after they were rained out the week before. The battery, along with the other outfits of the battalion, arrived at Ft. Bragg Saturday morning and camped in the field. Firing began Saturday morning and was completed early Sunday afternoon. The men, firing their individual carbines for their familiarization course, pitched tents and spent the night. They were well fed by their field kitchen.

The battalion will return to Bragg this week end for their third week end of training prior to departure for summer encampment the middle of June.

The local unit has a total of 95 enlisted men and has openings for qualified men of 17 or 18 who wish to join.

## Tax Appraisal Is Considered By County Board

Board Also Asks Highway Commission To Construct Temporary Bridge

In a session somewhat more active than usual the county board of commissioners at their monthly meeting asked the State Highway commission to construct a temporary bridge over Rockfish creek north of Raeford while a new concrete and steel bridge is being built there. This was done due to the great inconvenience being suffered by farmers in and north of Raeford who need to get across the creek with their stock and equipment and to detours school busses are having to make. The cutoff from 15-A to 211 was closed for the bridge building last week.

The board also instructed John McGoogan to write the Southern Mapping and Engineering Company in Greensboro and ask them to have a representative at the next meeting of the board to discuss the appraisal of property in Raeford and Hoke County for tax purposes.

The budget for public assistance cases handled through the county board of welfare was presented by Mrs. C. H. Giles, superintendent of welfare, and approved. It includes: aid for the blind, \$1335; old age assistance, \$10,500; aid to dependent children, \$2,983; aid to permanent and totally disabled, \$1,260. These funds are supplements to state and national funds allotted for the same purposes.

The board granted Judge Henry McDiarmid two more months of leave due to his health. Harry Greene was appointed to continue for these two months, which will expire on July 6.

It was voted to purchase a motion picture screen for use by the farm and home agents and to pay the sheriff, clerk and deputy sheriff and grand jury guard at the same rate as jurors and to make this retroactive to include the last term of Superior court.

## Town Board Has Routine Meeting

The town commissioners of Raeford held their regular monthly meeting this week and took up several matters of regular business.

They accepted North Magnolia street for continued maintenance and improvement. This was "dedicated" for use as a street by W. M. Blue and John W. Moore around 1908. Dwelling house construction finally reaching the area made the move necessary by the board.

It was voted to pay the Literary association \$50 when the money became available and to raise the price of cemetery lots to \$50.

The mayor appointed a committee to investigate and get information necessary to form a zoning commission for the town.

J. H. Blue was directed to make a map for the town's application for 1952 Powell bill funds for paving streets in town. This application must be in by July 21.

## National Music Week Observed

This is National Music Week and, as is its custom, the Chamber Music Club of Raeford will observe it. This morning at 10:30 (Thursday) a program is being broadcast over WEEB at Southern Pines.

Sunday evening the annual sacred concert will be presented at 8 o'clock at the Baptist Church and the public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dringham and family have bought and moved into their new home at 11 Sunset Hill.