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## FARM ITEMS

County Agent

### Crop Situation in Hoke County

Last week was on of the hottest weeks ever observed in Hoke County and crops as a whole suffered. Some sections of the county were fortunate in having rains the early part of the week while others failed to receive any. Rains have been spotted throughout the county this season and this seems to be true for the entire state.

Infestation counts of boll weevil activity this week showed a slight decrease over last week, but even with the hot weather they are still very active in fields that have not been treated and fields where treatments were started late.

A lot of cotton farmers have already treated three times or more at weekly intervals and where this program has been followed, infestations are very low. A field in the Dundarrach vicinity that has been treated three times showed a 2 per cent infestation; while an untreated plot in the same field showed 17%. One field in the Antioch community showed 1% in the treated area and 5% in the untreated. Another field in the Wayside community showed 0% for treated and 22% on the untreated. A field in the Bethel Church vicinity showed 2% in the treated and 21% in the untreated plot. These fields are a good indication that treating regularly in giving good results. Similar results are being found in other fields throughout the county here farmers are treating their fields at regular intervals.

There is still a lot of variation in weevil activity from field to field. Some fields are still showing heavier infestations than others and some spots in fields are being damaged more.

It has been noted that hot, dry weather generally retard weevil activity, and weevil grubs in fallen squares exposed to higher temperatures of the soil surface may be killed in appreciable numbers. However, to date, few squares have fallen except in our earliest cotton and therefore this hot weather may be 10 days to two weeks too early for us to receive maximum weevil control from it. Farmers are urged not to depend on this hot dry period to solve their insect problems. Fields should be checked regularly and insecticides used when square infestations climb to as much as 10 per cent. Farmers who have treated 2 or 3 times and have their infestations down to well below 10 per cent may possibly wait a few days for their next treatment. If this procedure is followed, farmers should check their fields at least twice a week and when infestations start to rise around 10 per cent, treatments should be started again. The next two or three weeks are very important in our cotton crop and good control during this period will aid greatly in getting a good yield.

### Tobacco Situation

Until last week, the tobacco crop as a whole in the county looked very good. Tobacco during this hot period has suffered more than any other crop. Especially on the lighter soils and where tobacco is young and growing rapidly and intense heat has caused a lot of damage due to sun scald. A lot of field are burning from the bottom and scalding from the top. Some areas of the county have been affected more than others and the damage done by scalding has greatly reduced the yields in many fields.

There has been a lag during the past week in hornworm infestations, and farmers have done a good job of controlling these pests so far this season. There will probably be another crop of worms within the next ten days and tobacco farmers are urged to be on the watchout for these and continue treatments to keep them under control.

## Car Hits House Saturday Night

In a rather unique accident that is ceasing to be a rarity in Raeford an auto driven by G. R. Setzer of Raeford crashed into the home of Miss Maggie Jane McBryde last Saturday night causing rather serious damage to both the car and the house.

At this time reports are not clear as to the reason for the wreck but one report states that Setzer was attempting to pass another car and met one coming from the opposite direction. He then tried to turn down Jackson Street and lost control of the car.

Setzer suffered cuts on his face and several bruises. He is now in Moore County Hospital.

The extent of damage to the house is not known yet but is expected to be considerable. Damage to the car was estimated at between \$600 and \$700.

Investigating officers stated that Setzer would probably be charged when he is released from the hospital.

## MRS. STUART RETIRES AS BAPTIST ORGANIST

At the morning worship hour at the Raeford Baptist church last Sunday Mrs. Arah G. Stuart, who had retired after 25 years as organist and choir director at the church, was presented a wrist watch by the members in appreciation. The presentation was made for the church by Robert Weaver of the board of deacons. Following the presentation the pastor read a letter of appreciation from the deacons which expressed the regret of the board at learning of her resignation and which pointed out the great good she had done the cause of the church during the many years she served it.

W. C. Phillips, manager of Belk-Hensdale Company, and his family are away this week on vacation. While Mr. Phillips is away, Mr. Grantham of Belks in Fayetteville, is in the store here.

## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

We regret to announce the recent resignations of Coach and Mrs. Haywood Faircloth. He is resigning to go into business with his brother, Mrs. Faircloth has no plans at present.

We also regret to report the resignation of Mrs. Hannah Price Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Warren are moving to Red Springs.

W. T. Gibson and K. A. MacDonald were guests of Duke University last week at a conference celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of teacher education at Duke and the state.

Next Tuesday the \$275,000.00 Bond issue that was voted a year ago last April will be sold. In this connection, the attorney in charge of securing the land needed on which to build the addition to the Raeford Graded school informs us that he has the signed deed from one branch of the heirs and expects to get the others shortly.

The School Health Program through the cooperation of the Health Department and Welfare Department will continue through the summer just as though school was in session.

We regret very much to report that Stephen Williams, head of the vocational agriculture department at Upchurch School lost his home and contents by fire yesterday morning.

We wish you all a pleasant summer! And with this, will sign off until September.

## Jail Raeford Man On Rape Charge

Worth McCall, 26-year-old mill employee of Raeford is in the Hoke County jail on charges of raping an 18-year-old Raeford girl last Saturday morning. Preliminary hearing is tentatively set for next Tuesday morning in Recorder's court before Judge Harry Greene.

Warrant, signed Monday by the girl's mother, alleges that the offense took place in the early hours of Saturday morning near here where the two had driven. McCall was jailed at about daylight after having been taken to the home of Deputy Sheriff J. C. Wright by the girl's brothers.

The alleged victim of the assault, Louise Harris, had participated in the Beauty Pageant at the armory on Friday night. Sheriff D. H. Hodgins said his information was that McCall did not attend the affair. The sheriff said he understood that McCall had picked the girl up at her home in a car after she had gone home from the dance, which ended at about midnight.

## Raeford Scouts At Camp Tom Upchurch

Fourteen boys from Troop 1, Raeford are attending the Boy Scout Camp at Camp Tom Upchurch this week. This is the third year that Camp Tom Upchurch has been used as the scout camp for the Cape Fear area and is also expected to be the most successful. For the first three weeks of the camp period a total of 230 campers have been at camp and indications are that it will run at almost capacity for the remaining three weeks.

Scouts in addition to earning new merit badges are keeping themselves busy enjoying the 18 boats and canoes available to them. They are receiving instructions and practical application on the use of all types of tents, construction of various types of fire places, camp sanitation for troop camping, outdoor cooking, safe use of an axe and speedy knot tying.

Scouts from Raeford attending are Eddie Allen, Mark Smith, David McDonald, Leon Cameron, Edward Lanston, Bobby Leach, Perry Walker, Lewis Upchurch, Neil A. McDonald, Jr., Jimmie Phillips, Younger Snead, Jr., Sandy Snead, Neill McFadyen, Jr., Edward Tefft, Gerald Wright, Dickie Henley, Eugene Carter, Bobby Davis and Joe McLeod. The troop is under the direction and supervision of Joe Sorull of Whiteville due to the fact that William Poole, Jr., the regular scoutmaster, was with the National Guard in Georgia for the past two weeks.

## ONE MAIL DELIVERY TO BUSINESS HOUSES

Postmaster Lacy Clark said this week that there would only be one daily mail delivery to business firms in Raeford until further notice. He said this was necessitated by the fact that the new mail schedules recently announced brought the afternoon mail to the post office at 4:15 in the afternoon, too late for it to be sorted and delivered. All mail, therefore, will be delivered on the morning run.

The highway post office which began coming through here on July 1 arrives at 9:02 a. m. and at 4:14 p. m. and due to the increased facilities provided by this it is expected that mail delivery will be faster with one delivery than it had been with two.

The courthouse offices, which normally are closed on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons this time of year, remained open on Wednesday afternoon of this week and will be closed tomorrow for Independence Day and all day Saturday as well.

## News-Journal Takes Vacation

(No Paper Next Week)

In order to allow employees of The News-Journal their summer vacations without causing the plant to run with a reduced staff for several weeks during the summer the paper will not appear next week and the shop will be closed until Monday, July 14.

This decision was reached after much difficulty was experienced in previous summers in replacing personnel while they were on vacation. This is expensive and sometimes replacements cannot be found for such short periods of work. By closing the whole staff will get it out of their systems at once and the management hopes to save some headaches.

## A. J. (Jack) Dixon, Former Hoke Man, Buried At Creedmoor

A. J. (Jack) Dixon, 60, farmer of near Creedmoor, and former resident of this county, died Friday afternoon in Watts hospital, Durham, where he was removed after suffering a heart attack earlier in the day.

Funeral services were conducted at Creedmoor Baptist Church at 2:30 p. m. Sunday by the Rev. E. L. Kincaid of Durham and the Rev. J. R. Blanton of Creedmoor. Burial was in the Creedmoor cemetery.

A native of Granville County, he was born May 30, 1892, son of the late W. B. Dixon and Emma Bowden Dixon. He lived in this county for about 20 years, returning to Granville County about five years ago.

He is survived by his wife; six daughters including Mrs. K. R. Keith and Mrs. J. D. Pickler of Aberdeen; one son; three brothers, Roger Dixon of Raeford, R. A. Dixon of Granville County, and Jasper Dixon of Norfolk, Va.; two sisters, Katie Dixon and Mrs. Ruth Tippett, Oxford.

## Lumbee River REA Improves Facilities

The Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, operating some 1700 miles of line in Hoke, Robeson, Scotland, and Cumberland Counties, has just taken a new source of power one mile south of Raeford from Carolina Power and Light Company. The manager, D. J. Dalton, advises that this source of power will relieve the Red Springs substation and will furnish the REA members in Hoke County and the upper part of Robeson County with a better source of power.

He further pointed out that the Cooperative has just built some six miles of three phase 2-0 aluminum south of Raeford on 15-A, and made some re-phasing which will feed electricity to the east and northeast part of Hoke County as well as most of the southern part of the county.

The location of this source so near the center of the area which it will serve will meet the needs of the members of this particular area for the next eight to ten years with the anticipated increased use of electricity. The manager further wished to thank the members for their patience during the interruptions in service in the past few days, and promised that in the future years they should have very few interruptions due to line improvements.

The management of the Robbins Mills here announced yesterday that all employees would be given Friday and Saturday in celebration of the 4th of July. The plant will close Thursday night at midnight and reopen Sunday night at midnight.

## Parker Gets Large Majority In Hoke

Hoke County backed the winning candidate again in the primary last Saturday when voters of the county went along with the rest of the state in giving Judge R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids a substantial majority over Judge William H. Bobbitt of Charlotte for associate justice of the State supreme court. Vote in the second, or runoff, primary was very light here and elsewhere as had been predicted.

In the county Parker received a majority of about three to one for both the short and long terms. For the short term Parker got 182 to Bobbitt's 63 and for the long term 179 to Bobbitt's 59. Voting for the short and long terms varied only one or two in two or three precincts.

By precincts for the long term the voting was as follows in this county:

Blue Springs, Parker 10, Bobbitt 3; Puppy Creek, Parker 9, Bobbitt 1; Mildouson, Parker 24, Bobbitt 0; Raeford No. 1, Parker 40, Bobbitt 13; Raeford No. 2, Parker 37, Bobbitt 28; Rockfish, Parker 10, Bobbitt 1; Antioch, Parker 19, Bobbitt 2; Ashmont, Parker 10, Bobbitt 7; Allendale, Parker 7, Bobbitt 1; Little River, Parker 13, Bobbitt 3.

## Dr. Rilev Jordan Starts Practice With Dr. R. A. Matheson

Dr. Riley M. Jordan has arrived in Raeford and will be associated in practice with Dr. R. A. Matheson.

Dr. Jordan, who graduated from Wake Forest College in 1947, graduated from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College in 1951. He has recently completed 15 months internship at James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

Dr. Jordan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jordan, Raeford, and his wife is the former Faye Baker of Raeford. They have one son, Michael Rilev, 16 months old.

The Jordans have moved into the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Young on Jackson Street.

## Guard Returns Saturday Night

Battery A, local National Guard unit, returned from another successful field training period at Camp Stewart, Ga., last Saturday night, with all hands aboard with the exception of one who stayed behind with a case of poison ivy.

The second week of the field training was spent in actual field training, against a mythical enemy force of invaders and against not-so-mythical aggressors who slipped into field positions at night to take guards unawares and pretend to destroy equipment. This training with the aggressor force, made up of Korean veterans, was designed to show Guardsmen how the war is actually being fought in Korea.

Several units of the 130th Battalion were recognized for their excellence by the ground commander while in camp and the local battery along with the others, received an excellent rating on general efficiency and readiness.

Men of the unit thought they had all the hot weather with them in Georgia and are being met with denials of this by those who stayed at home and who say there was some here during the last two weeks also. It was, certainly, the hottest two weeks the unit has spent in training in its five years.

Jimmy Woodhouse, who was at Camp Stewart, Ga., with the local National Guard Unit, is still at Stewart and is a patient at the post hospital, with a bad case of poison ivy.

## COUNTY'S FIRST BEAUTY QUEEN IS CROWNED HERE LAST FRIDAY



Mary Sue Upchurch

## Mary Sue Upchurch Wins; Will Compete In State Contest In Winston 24th

Mary Sue Upchurch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Upchurch, was crowned "Miss Hoke County" (the First) at ceremonies following a dinner and beauty pageant staged by the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Raeford armory last Friday night.

Miss Upchurch won over eight other contestants in the beauty pageant, and will represent this county in the "Miss North Carolina" beauty contest to be held by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of North Carolina in Winston-Salem on July 24. The winner in Winston will represent N. Carolina in the "Miss America" competition. Second in the local contest was Anne Gore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gore, and third was Annie Blue Cameron, daughter of Mrs. Leon Cameron.

The local affair was a success from the standpoint of attendance. Jaycees say, considering the unprecedented heat wave which was at its peak at the time. Several hundred persons enjoyed the dinner, beauty pageant and dance which followed to the music of Hal Gore and his orchestra. The dinner was served by the Raeford Woman's club.

The able master of ceremonies was Vester Taylor, news director and commentator of Radio Station WFNC in Fayetteville. Words of welcome were delivered by Jaycee Ray Muench. Judges for the beauty contest were Dr. Jack Jordan and Jack Sasser of Fayetteville, Brady Brooks and Tommy Gershwin of Aberdeen, Hoover Carter of Carthage, and Chairman Earl Woods of Southern Pines.

The girls appeared three times and were judged separately and secretly by each judge on each appearance and the one with the best combined score was the winner. They appeared first in bathing suits, then each gave a performance in a talent contest, and then all appeared in evening gowns.

In the talent competition Belle Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith and sponsored by Raeford Hardware company, exhibited some of her art work and did a sketch. Fannette Gore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gore and sponsored by Baucum Amulance Co., recited an original poem. Mary McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McLean and sponsored by Graham's Gift Shop, gave a dance "Humming Jack Dance," accompanied by Davis Keith at the piano. Sara Jane Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cole and sponsored by Belk-Hensdale Co., sang "Mighty Like a Rose," accompanied by Betty Upchurch. Anne Gore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gore and sponsored by The News-Journal, sang a novelty "A Square in a Social Circle," accompanied by Landon Yarbrough. Louise Harris, daughter of Mrs. W. A. Harris and sponsored by Home Furniture Co., gave a dialogue. Annie Blue Cameron, daughter of Mrs. Leon Cameron and sponsored by Raeford Auto Co., recited "Casey at the Bat." Mary Sue Upchurch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Upchurch and sponsored by Israel Mann, did a modern dance to recorded accompaniment. Raye King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. King and sponsored by Hoke Drug Co., sang, "I'll See You Again," accompanied by Betty Upchurch.

Many pretty and useful gifts were given to the winners by the business firms cooperating with the Jaycees in staging the affair. The stage and armory was attractively decorated under the direction of Mrs. Paul Desarna.

## Charles S. Stanton Dies Early Tuesday; Buried At Antioch

Charles S. Stanton, 75, died at his home on Raeford, Route 1, Tuesday morning.

A native of McColl, S. C. Mr. Stanton had been a farmer in this community since 1924.

Funeral service was conducted at the home at five o'clock yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Gower Crosswell, pastor of the Antioch Presbyterian church, and burial followed in the cemetery at Antioch church.

Mr. Stanton is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Lou Stanton; eight sons, F. N. Stanton of Norfolk, Leroy H. of Charlotte, L. W. of Raeford, J. W. Stanton of the home, Elmore W. Stanton of Maxton and Raeford, J. C. of Wagram, W. D. of Wilmington and T. C. of Raeford; two daughters, Mrs. W. C. Warlick and Mrs. E. F. Huckabee, both of Hamlet; two sisters, Mrs. Della Blackman of Tar Heel and Mamie Stanton of Raleigh.

## Rebels Lose Tuesday; 2 Here Next Week

In a game played in Red Springs Tuesday night the visiting Rebels from Raeford were defeated by the Red Springs Robins 7-5 in an East Carolina Textile game. Bases on balls were Raeford's undoing, as Taylor, the Rebel pitcher, gave up a total of eleven throughout the game.

The Rebels jumped off to an early lead by scoring two runs in the top of the first inning and held the advantage until the second inning when the Robins paraded ten batters to the plate. Of these ten six received bases on balls while the seventh got on on an error. Four runs were scored in this inning and the Robins took a lead which was never overcome. They scored single runs in the 4th, 6th and 7th innings while the Rebels scored in the 4th, 6th and 8th innings.

Taylor in addition to his bases on balls allowed only five hits, struck out 10 and the team committed two errors. Leading hitters for Raeford were McMillan with two for four and Upchurch with a single and a double in four trips.

No Robin batter got more than one hit and they committed four errors. The next home games for the Rebels will be Wednesday, July 9 and Friday the 11th with St. Pauls being the visitors both times.

## NO RECORDER'S COURT

There was no session of Hoke County recorder's court this week. The docket was light, according to Clerk J. B. Cameron, and Judge Greene took advantage of the situation to get away on a vacation—with the permission of the county commissioners.