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Addenda

By the Editor

Well, the town will go through the formality of an election Monday with only one set of candidates. Alfred Cole is running for mayor, and Marion Gatlin, A. V. Sanders, Truman Austin, Tom Cameron and J. K. McNeill, Jr., are running for the five seats on the town board. Gatlin and Sanders are members of the present board.

They can just about roll up the streets here on Wednesday afternoons starting next Wednesday. Most of the stores are already closing; next Wednesday McLaughlin Co., Raeford Hardware Co., The Johnson Co., Hoke Exchange Co., and Farmer's Furnishing Co., will start the practice. Mrs. H. S. Barrington will also close her office as justice of the peace and Red Cross representative.

From all I hear, the public is pretty well satisfied with the appointment of D. C. Cox as acting postmaster. Of course, Charles Morrison was all right, too, but being a Democrat he had to go and knew it all the time. I think he did rather expect to stay on the job until a permanent appointment was made, but the Republicans didn't let any grass grow under their feet. They only got organized in the county when they met on March 28, but got into production in short order. Morrison retains his Civil Service rating as a clerk in the post office and will remain in the office in that capacity, probably.

In case you hadn't noticed, the contractors are really intending to have children going to school in the new primary building here when school opens next fall. At the rate they are going, I would guess they finish it with time to spare if they keep it up.

The Hoke County Bar Association spoke the minds of many citizens of the county last week when they praised and commended Judge Leo Carr of Burlington at the conclusion of the April term of Superior Court. They pointed to his high sense of justice and his consistently balanced scrutiny of the evidence in cases appearing before him, and expressed the hope and belief that he will go even higher in the legal profession. I have the document before me as I write, and it is such a classic example of what is commonly known as legal phraseology by us ordinary mortals that I believe all should see it. It follows.

"The Bar of Hoke County, among the numerous things it constantly omits and the many times it neglects its duty to speak while its promptings are high and its impulses are lofty and meritorious, this once is determined to express itself in well-deserved commendation of the Honorable Leo Carr who these last two terms of our court has served so exemplary with judicial temperament and grace.

"This Bar may have oft been remiss to exercise the refinements of being considerate of its superiors and the problems they encounter, but now it finds itself without an excuse and equally filled with impulses to convey to Judge Carr its pleasure at the liberty of entrusting clients to His Honor's sense of justice and balanced scrutiny of the evidence.

"It would be the highest of causes for each member of this Bar for self-congratulations to discover how its private appraisal of His Honor's usefulness to North Carolina was timely pre-empted, if some morning not too long hence the papers said he had received a commission elevating him to higher and more challenging public position.

This April 23, 1953.
(signed)
H. W. B. Whitley, G. B. Rowland, J. M. Andrews, Arthur D. Gore, H. D. Harrison, Jr., T. O. Moses.

Wake Forest Team Leads Youth Revival

A week-end youth revival, led by six Wake Forest students, climaxed Youth Week at the Raeford Baptist church.

The six Wake Forest students who led the revival are: Don Phlegar, junior of Portsmouth, Va., who preached on Saturday night and led the singing at all the services; Archie Jones, junior of Mocksville, who preached on Sunday night; Ann Fuller, junior of Lenoir; Sue Tillman, junior of Newport News, Va.; Barbara Beak, junior of Newton; Jim Stines, junior of Asheville.

Jim was captain and considered most capable by members of the church. He is extension director of evangelism at the college. He preached on Sunday morning and conducted a service at Wagram prison on Sunday afternoon.

Each of these young people filled places of leadership in the Sunday school and Training Union. On Saturday night a fellowship hour was held in the basement following the services.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

On next Monday, May 4, when the present Board of Education holds its last meeting prior to the organization of the new board, Carl Riley retires from the board. He did not stand for re-nomination in the last primary. With 18 years of service, so far as the writer knows he is only exceeded in length of service to the county by John McGoogan and Dave Hodgkin.

Mr. Riley was sworn in as a board member at the organization meeting in April 1935 and has served continuously since then. He has given generously of his time and talents to the county. His worth to the board and to the county were officially recognized in 1945 when he was made chairman. He served with distinction as chairman for three terms and retired from the chairmanship at his request, being then succeeded by the present chairman, R. H. Gatlin.

The board and the schools will miss Mr. Riley, but we realize that he has earned his retirement and we wish to thank him for all he has done and meant to the schools of Hoke County.

Turkeys will be available for all schools with lunchrooms on next Monday. Butter will also be available.

J. A. Baucom gave U. S. maps to the fifth and seventh grades of the Raeford Elementary school. At the same time he offered \$2 prizes to the student in each room drawing the best map. Those winning these prizes were Carole Baggett—Mrs. Amos' room; Duncan Baxley—Mrs. Stephens' room; and Jeanette Watson—Mrs. Turlington's room.

Last Friday the sixth and seventh grades from Rockfish and the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades from Midouson got together and made a bus trip to Raleigh. They took in a joint session of the House of Representatives and Senate, visited the Hall of History, Department of Archives Coliseum and various other places of interest. They returned tired, but happy, late that afternoon.

The Hoke County Unit of NCEA held its annual banquet in the Raeford Elementary lunchroom last Monday night. A delicious fried chicken dinner was served by the ladies who operate the lunchroom.

The only business of the evening was the election of officers for 1953-54. Mrs. Rurla Shelton was elected president; Mrs. Janie T. Monroe, vice-president and Mrs. Frances H. McLean, secretary-treasurer. The only visitors were a few husbands and/or wives of the teachers. There was
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25 Cases Deal With Drinking, Fighting, Cars

Court Takes Entire Day

Judge T. O. Moses faced a full docket in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday, as no court was held last week during Superior Court. In a full day 25 cases were heard and disposed of at the session.

Speeders included G. W. Gaines, Hobart G. Woodham and Hubert T. Hine, Jr., all white, each of whom left a \$25 bond. Hazel D. Vasset, white, paid \$15 and costs for the same offense.

Jesse Boone McArthur, white, pled guilty to driving drunk and violating the prohibition laws. He paid \$100 and costs for the first and \$25 and costs for the second. He was also found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and had to pay \$25 and costs for this.

Ervin Davis, colored, was found guilty of non-support. He got two years to be suspended on payment of \$15 weekly toward the support of his five children.

Tom Smith, colored, was charged with assaulting his wife with a knife, but by the time of trial she did not wish to prosecute. Judge Moses let her pay court costs for violating the prohibition laws. Sanford Mayner, Indian, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs on the same charge.

Solomon Allen, colored, pled guilty of giving J. H. Wright a bad check for \$100. Sentence was 90 days to be suspended on payment of costs and check. He was about to go on the roads yesterday.

James Edwards, colored, for trespass, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and on condition that he not molest Charlotte Bridges and family.

Clifton McDougald and John McLean, both colored, each paid \$10 and costs for public drunkenness.

Melvin C. Hickman and Walter Carr each paid \$10 and costs and Joseph F. Sexton paid costs, all for not having driver's license.

Careless and reckless drivers included Morrell D. Luttrell, white, \$25 and costs; James McNeill, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and two years good behavior; Lewis E. Cagle, colored, \$10 and costs; James E. McKay, colored, four months suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and damages and case was left open for collection of other damages. Flora Jane Johnson, colored, was found not guilty of careless and reckless driving.

W. J. Rivers, white, paid \$10 and costs for a traffic violation. Daniel Roscoe McMillan, colored, was tagged \$20 and costs for having no brakes, not the first offense, and judgment was suspended on condition that he have brakes for the next two years if he drives.

Daniel Pat McNeill, colored, paid \$10 and costs for having no brakes, and Harvey Parker, colored, paid costs for having improper equipment on his car.

Hoke Man Joins Division In Korea

WITH THE 25th INFANTRY DIVISION IN KOREA—Pvt. Curtis M. Jackson, whose wife, Myrtle, lives at 401 Chatham St., Fayetteville, N. C., recently joined the 25th Infantry Division.

The 25th has been in Korea longer than any other American division. It entered the fighting in July 1950 shortly after the Communist attack on South Korea.

Jackson, a light artillery repairman in the 25th Replacement Company, entered the Army in April 1952 and recently arrived in Korea.

Prior to entering the Army, Private Jackson was employed as a weaver by Robbins Mills, Red Springs, N. C. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jackson, live on Route 3, Raeford.

FMC To Hold May Day Celebration First Tuesday In May

The "First Tuesday in May" is almost here, and with it of course comes May Day at Flora Macdonald.

This year, the first Tuesday will fall on the 5th, and the festivities on the front campus will begin at four o'clock in the afternoon, as announced by Miss Ethel Bateman, director.

Proceeding the entrance of the May Court, the program will open with "Marching Tactics" by the freshman class, a mass drill by the sophomores, (Peggy Callahan of Whiteville, leader) and Highland dances by the juniors. Court attendants who will herald the entrance of the Queen, are, from the senior class, Virginia Gray of Arlington, Virginia, Joyce Sweat of Talladega, Alabama, and Jean Underwood of Chadbourn; Juniors, Marlene Jones of Lansing, Saradee Davis of Quincy, Florida, and Mary Elizabeth Pierce of Raleigh, sophomores, Lucy Fleming of Mebane and Marie Sellers of Whiteville; and freshmen, Laura Lisk of Mt. Gilead and Janice Garrett of Wilmington. The Maid of Honor, Virginia Buhler of Graham will immediately precede and will crown the May Queen, Marie Essay of Maxton. Her train bearers will be Lura and Rachel McLean, little twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William McLean of Red Springs. Both the mother and the grandmother of the train bearers are FMC alumnae. The crown bearer will be Jimmy McDonald, little son of Mr. and Mrs. James N. McDonald of Red Springs.

The theme of the pageant, "The Nutcracker" was taken from the Nutcracker Suite, and will feature many beautiful and colorful dances, including the dance of the "Tin Soldiers", Chinese, Arabian, and Russian dances, dances of the Silver Flutes, the beautiful ballet, "Sugar Plum Fairies", the Dance of Dolls and Toys, and the Ballet of Flowers. A bevy of little first graders from Red Springs school will take the part of the mice in their battle against the ginger cakes and the tin soldiers. Linda Ashford of Red Springs will be featured as a solo doll dancer.

Solo dancers will include Sylvia Abernathy of Mt. Holly as the "Nutcracker"; Peggy Hammet of Durham as "Marie"; Charlotte Calhoun of Wilmington and Joan Drummond of Graham as the "Sugar Plum Fairies"; Billigene Ador of Ador as flower queen in the "Waltz of the Flowers". Faye Buck of Wilmington will take the part of the clown.

F.M.C. Launches Program To Raise \$500,000

Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson, president of Flora Macdonald college, announced at the Saturday afternoon session of "Convocation Weekend" that the Trustees had voted to launch a program to raise \$500,000 before the end of the year. The sum of \$105,000, he said, has already been pledged from four donors, and an active program will take place in the coming months to secure subscriptions for the remaining amount.

Dr. Woodson stated that the high priority needs to which the gifts would be devoted included a new academic building, endowment and scholarship funds, and a program of modernization and improvement to the present plant.

"Flora Macdonald College," he said, "has made an innumerable contribution to the homes, the schools, the churches, and the communities of this state and beyond; the Sixtieth Anniversary fund will insure that this college's service will go on in undiminished strength in coming decades."

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Matheson attended the dedication ceremonies for the N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill last Thursday and Friday. Dr. R. L. Murray attended on Thursday.

Beauty Pageant Set For June 12 By Local Jaycees

Dance Follows At Armory

Friday, June 12 will be the date for the second Miss Hoke County beauty pageant and dance. It was announced this week by George Wilcox, chairman of the event, to be sponsored by the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Plans outlined by the Jaycees indicate that this year's pageant will be bigger and better than the one which was held last year.

At the beauty pageant, which will be held at the Hoke High School auditorium, an added attraction will be the awarding of a television set which will be given by the Jaycees to the holder of the lucky ticket.

Miss Hoke County II will be crowned at the pageant by Miss Mary Sue Upchurch, Miss Hoke County I, and will reign over the Cotton Choppers Ball which will begin at 9 p. m. in the Armory. At the dance a radio will be given away by the club as a door prize.

In addition to the other prizes that the queen will receive is an expense paid trip to the state pageant to be held in Morehead City late in July.

Mary Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Upchurch, represented Hoke County in the state pageant last year and was third runner-up to Miss North Carolina.

Contestants desiring to enter the pageant may contact George Wilcox, Dr. Riley Jordan, Everett Farrell or Charlie Duramus. Firms desiring to sponsor entrants may also contact those named or any Jaycee.

To be eligible, a contestant must be eighteen years of age by September, a graduate of high school, unmarried and a resident of Hoke County.

Hoke High Wins Two More Games In Past Week

Beat S. Pines, Gibson

The local high school baseball aggregation won two more games in last week's play and each time they scored more runs than they made hits. Gibson, 13-4, and Southern Pines, 16-4, were the victims. Both games were played at the local park.

Against Gibson last Wednesday, the Bucks jumped into a lead quickly as they scored three runs in the first inning with the aid of Gerald Sappenfield's inside-the-park home run. They continued to build their lead scoring two runs in the third, three in the fourth, one in the fifth and four in the sixth.

Gibson's only good inning was the seventh when they scored their four runs.

Hardin pitched for Raeford and won his second game of the season as against three losses. The locals got eleven hits with Sappenfield, Thomas, McLeod and Hardin each getting two.

In their second game of the Pines the Bucks could only get five hits as they scored their 16 runs. But they were aided by the wildness of the three Southern Pines pitchers who gave up 10 walks and the lack of fielding on the visiting team's part. They made a total of eight errors.

The Bucks scored their runs in four innings, five in the first, four in the second, three in the third and four in the sixth. Southern Pines scored three in the fifth and one in the seventh.

McPhaul started on the mound and gave way later in the game to Hardin but still received credit for the win. Their combined as they gave up but five hits, struck out twelve and walked only three.

Paul Pryor, Coach of the Gib-
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Annual Senior Play Set For May 8

Friday night, May 8, at 8 o'clock at the Hoke High school auditorium, the senior class will present "Love Is In the Air", a three act comedy by Frank and Doris Hursley.

The cast includes, C. J. Benner, Jean Sherill, Helen McDougald, Leroy Freeman, Bobby McColl, Shirley Mann, Dick Baggett, Katherine McDonald, L. S. Brock, Pat Lamont, Joe Culbreth, June Connell, Edith McNeill, and Eloise Dean. The proceeds will be used to help purchase an athletic bus for the High school.

Farm Bureau To Oppose Expansion Of Bragg In Hoke

Greensboro, April 28—Farm Bureau Executive Vice-President R. Flake Shaw announced here today that the American Farm Bureau Federation will oppose the proposed expansion of the Fort Bragg Military Reservation in Hoke County.

Shaw, who is a member of the National Farm Bureau Board, said the organization has filed a formal protest before the Army Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee on behalf of the entire membership.

He pointed out that the Fort Bragg expansion program would deprive Hoke's people of some 44,370 acres, or about one-half of the land area in the county. "Our interest in this project is based on the 1953 American Farm Bureau Federation resolution regarding Land Ownership," he said.

The resolution states, "... In many cases, federal agencies have acquired fertile agricultural land when adequate acreages of poor quality of land, frequently already owned by the federal government, are available. Land requisitioning by the federal government has been unnecessarily arbitrary and without adequate consideration of the interests of local people in such land and its water supply. We are opposed to such arbitrary and wasteful action. The right to appeal from such action should be provided."

Shaw said that many of the land owners now living in the disputed area of Hoke were displaced in 1918, when the government requisitioned some 92,000 acres in the county for Fort Bragg. "The proposed expansion of the military reservation would again cause these people to be displaced," he declared.

The Farm Bureau official made it clear that his organization recognizes the necessity for adequate training facilities for the Armed Forces. "We believe, however, that suitable areas can be found for the expansion of the Fort Bragg Military Reservation without disrupting the entire economy of Hoke County and displacing the people in this prosperous rural community," he added.

Galatia Men Meet At Church Tuesday

The men of Galatia met Tuesday evening at the church. They had a steak supper with pie for dessert. The president, Herman Koonce, presided and first recognized those serving in some cute remarks about them as their women. First, the cooks, Pvt. Johnny Gillis of Fort Bragg and Ernest Cook and Bundy Culbreth did a fine job with the steak and accessories. Charlie Baker added another woman's touch with a very nice arrangement of flowers for the tables.

Thomas McLaughlin of Raeford was the guest speaker for the occasion. The men enjoyed his talk and altogether they had a very fine meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Eb Barrington and children of Fuquay spent Sunday with Mrs. W. R. Barrington.

D. C. Cox Will Replace Morrison At Post Office

Examination Announced

The Post Office Department last week announced that it was replacing Charles Morrison as acting postmaster here. This was followed this week by the announcement that applications may be made until May 26 for civil service examination for permanent appointment to the position.

Morrison's notification came from the Assistant Postmaster General in Washington, and was signed by the Post Office Inspector. It follows:

"The following named person has been designated acting postmaster at your office for reason cited below.

"A post office inspector will communicate with the newly designated acting postmaster and arrange a satisfactory date for transfer of the office. The transfer should not be made until the inspector calls."

Name cited below was D. C. Cox and was followed by "Reason: Your Replacement."

The Inspector had not arrived yesterday to make the transfer. Cox, a life-long Republican, has been spoken of as in line for the job since the Republican administration went in. Morrison was named acting postmaster December 18 following the death of Lucy Clark in November.

The announcement this week said that the first examination for the job, paying \$4870 a year, under new, more exacting eligibility requirements recently agreed upon by the U. S. Civil Service Commission and the Post Office Department will be open for receipt of applications until May 26. It said that the higher standards would be applied to the filling of the more than 1,700 vacant positions throughout the country.

Competitors for the Raeford postmaster vacancy must meet certain requirements as to experience and ability to deal with the public as well as take a written test. They must be between the ages of 25 and 63 and have been a resident of the community for at least one year.

Complete information and filing requirements may be obtained at the post office. Application forms must be received in the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. not later than May 26.

Sergeant From Hoke In Atomic Maneuver

CAMP DESERT ROCK, NEV.—Army M/Sgt. James L. Baxley, whose wife, Leona, lives on Route 2, Sillers Circle, Columbus, Ga., was at Camp Desert Rock, Nev., for the second in the current series of atomic tests.

The maneuver, "Desert Rock V," was designed to demonstrate the effectiveness of atomic weapons in support of ground action.

Taking part were men from Army posts throughout the country. They have formed into composite battalion-sized combat teams for the maneuver in the desert wasteland of central Nevada.

Master Sergeant Baxley, is chief clerk in Company C of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga.

He has been in the Army since September 1940. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Baxley, live on Route 2, Red Springs, N. C.

MAY DAY DANCE AT HOKE HIGH GYM FRIDAY

The student body of Hoke County High school will hold its annual May Day celebration and dance at the gymnasium Friday night. They invite all students and former students of the school to attend to see the crowning of the May Queen and to enjoy the semi-formal dance. There will be a small admission.