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## Addenda - -

By The Editor

Board of Elections Chairman W. L. Poole reports that he has received no filing fees for any office but that of sheriff, Ed Willis has paid his and Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin told me he was taking his to Poole today. Clerk of the Superior Court has to be reelected this year, and John Cameron said this morning he would be a candidate. Haven't heard talk of any opposition for him, so I guess the contests for sheriff and representative will be the only major county offices to be scrapped for this May 29.—Assuming Harry Green runs and Knox Watson runs against him. The last day for filing will be Saturday, April 17.

There will be contests on other levels, though, which promise to be right interesting. Heading the list, of course, is the fight between Senator Alton A. Lennon, of Wilmington, and Former Governor W. Kerr Scott of Haw River. Lennon was appointed last year by Governor Umstead after the death of Senator Willis Smith, and is being supported by the governor in his effort to be elected to a full term. Ex-Governor Scott had been expected to seek the office for some time when he made his formal announcement this month and named Terry Sanford of Fayetteville as his campaign manager.

For congressman from the Eighth district, Hoke County people will have a chance to vote for the incumbent, Congressman Charles B. Deane of Rockingham, or Attorney Coble Funderburk of Monroe, who has filed as his opponent.

In the Ninth judicial district, made up of Hoke, Robeson, Bladen and Cumberland Counties, Resident Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., of Fayetteville, is expected to run for his third eight-year term without opposition in the primary. For solicitor of the superior court in this district Malcolm Seawell of Lumberton, the incumbent, is being opposed by another Robeson County attorney, John B. Regan of St. Pauls.

W. Lee Smith of Stonewall Township, just walked in and said he had paid his filing fee this morning to Chairman Poole, and that he is a candidate for the county board of education. He said he was in favor of a county-wide school committee for the county high school, a full-time principal for the high school, and a full-time principal for the J. W. McLauchlin Elementary school. He pointed to the fact that only three of the county's townships are represented on the present board and said he felt that Stonewall Township, with the Mildredson School in it, should also be represented.

As far as counties are concerned, Cumberland, Robeson and New Hanover will see some fancy as well as plain politics in the next couple of months. The boys in the back rooms who think they do a lot of deciding about who should vote for whom are going to have some tough ones to figure, it seems to me. Take Cumberland County, with a candidate out for the seat in congress held by Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle of Robeson County and State Senator Terry Sanford of Fayetteville being Kerr Scott's campaign manager against Senator Alton A. Lennon of Wilmington, also in Carlyle's district. Wilmington and New Hanover County are almost traditional opponents of Congressman Carlyle, but the different contests and interests are almost bound to get a little mixed up and confused this time, it seems to me. With only the two Robeson men wanting to be solicitor, the issues in that contest can be seen a little clearer than the others, perhaps.

It has been gratifying to have (Continued on Page 4)

## Allendale Group Seeking Large Drainage Project

Landowners along Scolding Branch in Allendale Township were making a move this week to get something done about the drainage situation there. Fifteen of about 20 property owners along the swamp had signed a petition Wednesday asking the help of the Cape Fear-Pee Dee Soil Conservation district in getting a drainage program for four or five miles along it. The others were expected to agree also.

According to the petition, the land along the branch and for some distance from it is low and flat, so flat that in many cases it doesn't fall toward the swamp. The landowners would like a drainage project which would provide a canal through the whole area, and feel that the improvement to and conservation of the land would be tremendous.

## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

A survey team from the Division of School Planning of the State Department of Public Instruction is here today and Friday making a detailed study of the school building situation in the county. They will make recommendations to the County Board and the State Board of Education. It is expected that the County Board will meet with the survey team sometime Friday. The team is composed of Boyce Morrison, chairman, W. P. Duff, Jr., both of the Division of School Planning, and D. M. Calhoun and F. D. Superintendents of Bladen and Cumberland Counties respectively.

Dr. Niles Hunt of the State Department of Public Instruction was a visitor to the county on Tuesday. Dr. Hunt is working on teacher recruitment. At present he is making a survey of the 100 counties trying to find out what makes teachers leave the profession and also what makes them move from place to place.

Miss Sarah Tatum, Elementary Supervisor, attended school meetings in Southern Pines and in Fayetteville this week.

At chapel exercises at Hoke High Wednesday, Mrs. Robert Gattlin on behalf of the Woman's Club of Raeford presented a prize to Faye Cozart for having written the best essay on "What America Means To Me". Congratulations, Faye!

We were glad to see a picture of some of Hoke High's Future Home Makers in the bulletins of the Future Home Makers, North Carolina Association. We were interested in the last issue of Hoke High Lights that came out last week. We thought it was excellent. We think the student editors and their faculty sponsor did a swell job.

Additional supplies of cheese came in this week to central storage. Lunchrooms may pick up their share on Monday afternoon.

The Rockfish 4-H Club has taken for its project this year the improvement of the shrubbery on the school grounds. They are still having excellent attendance. We hope they can hold what they have for the balance of the school year.

The J. W. McLauchlin School has been at work beautifying the grounds. They have planted additional shrubbery including camellias. They erected a fence to protect some of it and put down posts to keep persons out of restricted areas.

The Hoke High students are (Continued on Page 8)

## St. Pauls Man Announces For Solicitorship



JOHN B. REGAN

John B. Regan, St. Pauls attorney and for three sessions a member of the North Carolina Legislature, last week announced his candidacy for the solicitorship of the Ninth Judicial District, which comprises Cumberland, Bladen, Robeson and Hoke Counties.

Malcolm Seawell of Lumberton, present solicitor, is also a candidate.

In his announcement Mr. Regan said:

"In announcing my candidacy for Solicitor of the Ninth Judicial District, I do so with full knowledge of the great responsibility which accompanies this important position. However, having had 16 1/2 years experience in the practice of law, four years of which I was solicitor of a criminal court, I feel that I am fitted to perform the duties of this high office.

"During my professional career, I have spent 10 years in public office, four as solicitor of recorder's court and six years as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly. I have never forgotten my responsibility to the people whom I have served, and have never been too busy to confer with my constituents about any matter pertaining to the duties of my office. I feel that the least any public official can do is to be courteous to the public which he serves.

"I believe that the dockets of the superior courts of the Ninth Judicial District can be arranged so that people who are forced to attend court will not be unnecessarily inconvenienced, and the tax payers will not have the burden of paying witnesses and jurors for unnecessary court attendance.

"With this thought in mind, I announce my candidacy and pledge to do my best to improve the administration of justice in the criminal courts of this District."

Mr. Regan was born near Lumberton in 1912 and was educated at the Barker Ten Mile High School, Appalachian State Teachers College, and graduated from Cumberland University in 1936, where he received his LL.B. degree.

## 164 Towns Enter "Finer Carolina" Contest For '54

This year has produced the liveliest competition yet in the contest for "helping to build a Finer Carolina."

The 1954 contest has signed 164 entries, compared with 108 towns last year and 148 the year before. A list of the contestants was released last week by the sponsor, Carolina Power and Light Co. The company is offering \$6,750 in prizes to winning towns, divided into three population groups.

Thirty-six towns of more than 2,500 population are competing this year, and 47 towns of 1,001 to 2,500 population are in the contest. Raeford is in this group.

Remaining entries are in the 1,000 or less group.

## Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin Makes It Official: He's Running Again

Sheriff David H. Hodgkin this week officially became a candidate to succeed himself when he paid his filing fee to Board of Elections Chairman W. L. Poole and inserted an advertisement in The News-Journal announcing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination in the primary of May 29. His action was not unexpected, as he had indicated his intention to run again as Ed Willis, Arch Sanders and Floyd Holland each announced they would seek the office. Sanders and Holland have since changed their minds and dropped out of the race, but Willis has also paid his filing fee to Poole.

Sheriff Hodgkin is the second sheriff this county has had since it was organized in 1911. He succeeded the late Edgar Hall in 1923, and has only had serious opposition one time in what will be 26 years in the office at the end of the present term this fall. That was in 1942 when the late W. R. Barrington, a former deputy, ran against him.

In making his announcement Sheriff Hodgkin said he would let his record of over 25 years on the job speak for itself. He is 53 years of age, a native of Antioch Township, attended N. C. State College and is a veteran of World War I, serving in France with the 81st Division. He is a member and was for many years service officer of the Hoke County Ellis Williamson American Legion Post. He is a member and past president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club. He was for years a deacon and treasurer of Antioch Presbyterian Church and is now a member of the Raeford Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Masonic lodge.

The sheriff is married to the former Miss Claudine Kridler of Salisbury and they have three daughters and a son.

## ACP Set To Assist With Diverted Acres

Cotton and wheat farmers in North Carolina have an opportunity in 1954 of making better use of the Agricultural Conservation Program than ever before, says H. D. Godfrey, State ASC administrative officer.

With allotments on tobacco, peanuts, cotton, wheat and corn, and with the need to shift production of a considerable amount of acreage in some of these crops, farmers have an opportunity to use the ACP in the seeding of grasses and legumes. In this, participating farmers will not only be helping to bring production into balance, but they will be building reserves in the soil for future needs, according to Godfrey.

The seeding of grasses and legumes is only a part of the job of effective conservation. To obtain the maximum in stands and growth, Godfrey points out, most soils require lime, phosphate and potash, and the agricultural conservation practices for the application of these materials are an important part of the 1954 ACP.

To help farmers use the program to the best advantage, elected farmer committeemen are available in every farming community. Godfrey urges all farmers to use these men in analyzing conservation problems and in helping to select practices to meet them.

Urging full use of the program to take advantage of the current conservation opportunity, Godfrey says:

Because the conservation of our soil and water resources is of such vital importance to all the people of the country, the ACP has been provided as a means of getting the job done through cooperation of the farmer and the people who depend on his land for a living. Each farmer participating in the ACP should realize that 20 to 25 'city people' are helping him and are depending on him to protect their heritage in the soil.

## Eight Pay For Drunkenness In Court Tuesday

The weekly session of Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday before Judge T. O. Moses was different from the usual in that there were more defendants who paid for public drunkenness or drunk and disorderly than there were for speeding, and this not counting two who had to pay for driving drunk. Eight were fined or sentenced for drunkenness and only seven paid for speeding.

Tommy Shaw, colored, was sent to the roads for 30 days for being drunk and disorderly, fighting, cursing, etc. James McNeill, colored man unable to work or pay was sent to jail for 10 days for being drunk in public. Others guilty of the same were Carl Parham and Jarvie James Freeman, both white, \$10 and costs each; Junior Ross and Robert Lee Stubbs, both colored, \$10 and costs each; Jerry Sides, white, costs; Clyde Hinson, white, \$20 and costs.

George L. Hinson, Jr., white, pled guilty of driving drunk and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. John Dunk Clark, white, was found guilty of driving drunk and illegal possession of liquor and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$110 and costs. Quentin Davis, white, was found not guilty on a charge of driving drunk.

Marvin Jones, colored, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Sentence was six months to be suspended on payment of \$150 and costs and two years good behavior. State dropped another similar charge against him. Same charge against Cecil Brown, colored, was also dropped by the State.

Thomas A. Paige, white, paid \$10 and costs for violating the prohibition laws.

James White, colored, was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and assault and sent to the roads for six to eight months.

Lonnie Leggett, colored, paid \$25 and costs for using an improper driving license.

John P. Gibson, white, forfeited a \$25 bond for passing in the face of oncoming traffic. Paying \$10 and costs were Frank Tillman, colored, for improper equipment on his car; Lonnie B. Bundy, white, failing to yield right of way; Chauncey E. McKoy, colored, failing to stop at stop sign.

Speeders were Frederick P. Johnson, white, \$25 and costs; Gregor Poulos, white, \$5, \$75 and costs; James C. Massey, Jr., white, costs; Helen E. Radawak, Erie L. Norton, Joseph M. Hodosek and Jack R. McKennie, all white, \$35 bond forfeited by each.

## Masons To Get Service Awards Next Wednesday

The Raeford Masonic Lodge, No. 306, A. F. & A. M., is making plans for an outstanding occasion in its history on next Wednesday night, March 3. At that time Edwin T. Howard of High Point, Grand Master of North Carolina Masons, will present 25 Service Certificates to the 22 members of the local lodge who are eligible to receive them.

Those who are to receive the certificates are J. M. Andrews, W. P. Baker, Eldridge Chisholm, C. W. Covington, G. W. Cox, A. A. Graham, J. E. Gullodge, D. H. Hodgkin, T. O. Moses, Herbert McKeithan, L. S. McMillan, N. A. Melnis, R. R. Patterson, T. D. Potter, G. B. Rowland, N. B. Sinclair, Younger Sneed, C. F. Tapp, J. B. Thomas, W. M. Thomas and M. B. Warren.

Prior to the meeting the officers and guests will be entertained at an outdoor supper at the home of Israel Mann.

## World Day Of Prayer Observance Planned

Plans are being made locally to observe "World Day of Prayer" in this community on Friday, March 5, at the same time with most of the Christian world.

Business houses in the town will be asked to close for one hour, from 2:30 to 3:30, during which time a joint prayer service will be conducted at the Raeford Methodist Church. This has been done for several years now with complete participation by the businesses.

Films on the World Day of Prayer will be shown for the public at several times during the day. They will be shown at Hoke High School at 10:30 a. m., at the McLauchlin School at 12:45 and 1:15, and at Upchurch High School at 11:30, on Friday, March 5.

Mayor Alfred Cole has issued a proclamation that Friday, March 5, is a day of prayer in this community and urging everyone to pause in their work on that day for prayer.

Those who are to take part in the program at the church are asked to meet there at 4:00 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 3.

## Hoke High Girls Beat Wadesboro; Play Here Friday

(Contributed)

In Wadesboro Tuesday night the Does won their game as they outscored Wadesboro to win 75-60. The Does were ahead at the end of the first quarter by a score of 21-12. At the half-time the score stood 43-28, while Wadesboro girls were still unable to catch up with the Does. In the third quarter the score was 58-47. The Does clung to their lead to the end, winning by 15 points. A tight defense set up by the Hoke guards held the Wadesboro girls down. The guards played one of their best games of the season. Hodgkin scored 40 points to lead the local girls followed by Dark with 18 points and Guin with 17. Griggs was high scorer for Wadesboro with 38 points. Tyson was outstanding on defense.

The Does will play Rockingham here Friday night.

**To Play In Tourney**  
The Does, coached by Bob Rockholz, will participate in the Invitational Tournament sponsored by Fayetteville. Five teams will play in this tournament. They are Raeford, Clinton, Sanford, Lumberton and Fayetteville. 3 trophies will be presented Friday night, the first place winner, second place winner and sportsmanship trophy. Raeford will play Sanford on opening night Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30. Support your team.

**Bucks Lose To Wadesboro**  
At the end of the first quarter the Bucks were behind by 13 points. At halftime Wadesboro was still in the lead by a score of 41-30. In the third quarter the Bucks were still unable to get ahead and Wadesboro led by a score of 54-44. In the final quarter Wadesboro pulled away from Raeford and won 81-60. Daniels led the way for the boys with a total of 21 points followed by Bracey with 16 points. For Wadesboro, Hendley led the scoring with 28 points and Lowe was runner-up with 20 points. Even though the Bucks lost, they made a fine showing. They will face the Rockingham team Friday night in the local gym.

## LEGION POST TO GO TO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Members of the American Legion and all other ex-service men are invited to attend Church Services at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning. The local Post, along with all other Legion Posts are attending Church this month in a "Back to God" movement.

## Bowmore Store Is Entered Again, Safe Is Stolen

The Hoke Trading Company, Inc., at Bowmore, was entered by thieves on Monday night or early Tuesday and the safe was removed. This was the third time in about two months that the business had been broken into, with the thieves escaping each time.

The first two times cigarettes and merchandise were taken, but not a great deal of money. On the last raid thieves apparently had an afterthought while in the building and took the 600-pound safe. It contained around \$400 in cash, checks, part of the books of the business, and other papers. There was no insurance to cover the loss.

Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin, who is investigating the matter, along with agents of the State Bureau of Investigation, said that the thieves broke the lock on the front door and got the bar off of it. On the inside they took a hand truck and tilted the safe onto it and rolled it out to the paved road where their vehicle must have been parked. The tracks of the truck could be seen on the pavement for some distance and then they stopped where it must have been loaded into a car or truck. There were indications that the vehicles used by the robbers never left the pavement. They carried the hand truck with them along with the safe.

The company handles general merchandise, clothing, groceries and farm supplies and is managed by Willie Walters. The building is owned by E. P. Yarborough of Laurel Hill and Mitchell Epstein of Raeford, and is located about four miles south of Raeford on U. S. 15-A.

## Danger Of Woods, Grass Fires Up, Forest Service Says

High winds and clear skies have rendered the woodland and grass fields of this area highly susceptible to fire during the past two weeks. The North Carolina Forest Service reports that most of the forest fires in this section have been caused by careless brush and field burning. A number of people have been summoned to court by the law enforcement officers of the State Forest Service for burning illegally.

Section 14-139 of the Statutes of North Carolina provides, "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred (500) feet of any such protected area, during the hours starting at midnight and ending at 4:00 P. M., without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned between the first day of October and the first day of June inclusive. No charge shall be made for the granting of said permits." Other state statutes provide fines or imprisonment for allowing legal fires to escape and for willfully or negligently setting fire to woods and fields.

All fire fighting personnel and equipment of the N. C. State Forest Service in this area have been in constant use during the past two weeks. High winds and longer days will create even more rapid drying conditions of vegetation until the trees are fully leafed out and shading the ground. Officials of the State Forest Service ask all persons who plan to burn brush or new ground to be extremely careful not to let such fires escape. Residents of Hoke County who desire assistance or have questions concerning forest fires or legal burning should contact County Ranger C. F. McBryde.