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Addenda ..

By Paul Dickson

The response to recent appeals for contributions to The News-Journal Cemetery Fund has been generous and heartening, and some of the comments received along with the checks made me feel right good too. We have received a right good bit of money into this fund and spent it all on the cemetery since the idea was worked out with the town and the fund started in July of 1958. It has been several years, though, since we let it get down to \$30 or \$40 like we did a week or two ago. A total of \$82 has come in lately, though, and we now are up over \$100 again. This can go fast when you get to buying lawn mowers, tools and fertilizer, even though the folks here who sell such things always give us mighty good prices for the cemetery. Your contribution will still be welcome and usable.

For contributions, we thank Miss Helen Dickson of High Point, my aunt, for \$25 -- and some of the other Dicksons here and there who get this distress sheet could take note and do likewise-- the J. A. Baucum Co. for \$15, G.C. Lytle for \$12, Bertha A. Tapp and Jessie B. Ferguson for \$10 each, Josephine Hall and Mrs. W. J. McNeill for \$5 each. We also got \$10 for the remains of a couple of old lawn mowers.

Charles Morrison reports some contributions to the Hoke Rural Fire Department also, for which all connected with that organization are grateful. These were: the J. A. Baucum Co. \$15, Mrs. W. J. McNeill \$10, and G. A. Page, \$5.

Morrison also brought the following note he received from W. K. Carpenter, Jr., in Pinebluff when Carpenter returned his check for gas bought for the fire truck during the forest fire near Pinebluff: "Thank you for your prompt attention to this account. I am returning your check as the Pinebluff Fire Dept. has already paid the bill. I would like to add my personal thanks to all of you for your assistance. May God bless you in your unselfish work as Volunteer Firemen. Many Thanks."

The news article about the swimming pool meeting reports "considerable opposition" to the move to charge annual dues against stock values of members. There was not near the opposition at the meeting as there is being voiced since, but maybe this will be a lesson to some about attending meetings when they have an interest in what is being done. It would not seem fair to charge dues against stock value of people who joined the thing in the first place just to help it go over, and who don't care to use it for swimming. They are also saying that there are local individuals who have sold their stock in this pool association without moving away from Raeford as many stockholders originally understood would be required. I don't know about these charges, but will repeat, maybe this will be a lesson to go have your say next time. The business was done by about 40 people for over 200. I understand.

Thanks for a mighty nice note to Melvin A. Dewar, nuclear physicist with Lockheed Aircraft Corp. in Smyrna, Georgia. Dewar, whose wife is the former Lois McPhail of this county, has been a News-Journal subscriber for many years and said that since I had gotten back to doing a little writing and editing again "we have noted an indefinable change in the tone of the paper which we appreciate, and we especially enjoy the personal touch of your 'Addenda' column once again. We hope you will not be in any hurry to find another editor."

Needless to say, I very much appreciate the kind words, but, things being like they are in making a living, I can make no promises.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fountain and children of Rocky Mount spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eiba.



A NARROW FIELD OF CANDIDATES for the municipal election on May 7 got together Monday morning at Town Hall to have their picture taken. Only one man will lose in the race for commissioner and the odds that the mayor, who has no opposition, will win are pretty high. The candidates, left to right, are Fred M. Culbreth, J. K. McNeill Jr., C. P. Kinlaw, J. D. McMillian, W. L. Alexander, V. Leonard (Zeke) Wiggins (the only new candidate), and Mayor H. R. McLean.



..... Registrar Waits For New Voters



..At The Second Baptist Homecoming, The Rev. E. C. Taylor In Hat



.....Elephants Arrive In Raeford



..Patrolman Dewey Inman And Fred Culbreth Jr. Examine Damage

Culbreth Little League Floyd Wilson Elected Volunteers Are Needed Out As Coach

By PAUL DICKSON

Fred Culbreth was elected president of the Raeford Parent-Teachers Association Monday night to succeed John Manuel. He will be installed at the May meeting.

Other officers on a slate presented by Dr. Clifton Davenport were elected as follows: Mrs. Pat Satterwhite, vice president; Miss Nancy Thornberg, secretary; Mrs. Brown Hendrix, treasurer.

Manuel presided over the business session during which he passed out a questionnaire in an effort to determine whether or not it is the desire of the members to split the present PTA into three separate units (one for each school) or to let it remain a s i s. Mrs. Fred Culbreth invited everyone to go to Kiwanis Hall Thursday night and hear Walter Spearman of the University of North Carolina School of Journalism. She also invited the public to visit the downtown library to see exhibit of arts and crafts being sponsored by the Woman's Club.

The program for the night was based on physical education in the school curriculum. Lonnie Bledsoe, principal of John W. McLaughlin School, talked on the importance of physical education in the early grades. He said that 30 minutes a day was required by the state department. He discussed the different types of games recommended for each grade.

J. W. Turlington, principal of the Raeford Elementary School, presented John Walker, Eighth grade health and physical education teacher, who demonstrated exercises with a group of students. He said that (See Culbreth, Page 12)

Coach George Wood issued a call for volunteer managers and assistant managers as 64 boys and one girl turned out to sign up for Little League and Midget baseball Saturday at the Elementary School playground. The coach signed the youngsters up and predicted that there would be more coming into the leagues as time progresses. Last year there were a total of 120 boys playing and two girls.

The only female to sign up this year was little Anne Howell who has the reputation of being able to hold her own in baseball.

There was no practice last Saturday morning but the coach instructed all of the youngsters interested in pitching or catching to report for tryouts this Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. He invited those wanting to try out for other positions to come along also if they wanted to.

After a few practice sessions the boys will be divided up into teams and league play is scheduled to start in the latter part of May for the Little Leaguers from 10 to 13 in age.

The Midget League for boys from 7 to 10 will not begin until June.

Auto Co. Honored

The Raeford Auto Co. has been selected as one of the nation's outstanding Ford dealerships.

The local firm was presented the Ford Motor Company's Distinguished Award on April 16 at a luncheon meeting in Charlotte. Bernard Bray has been a Ford dealer in Raeford since 1946.

Floyd Wilson, football coach and athletic director at Hoke County High School since 1965, left the school's employ last week when his resignation was accepted with immediate effect by the county board of education. Wilson had also been an instructor of physical education and coached track.

Wilson's resignation had been requested by the county board following a lengthy investigation into what the board considered to have been improper activities by the coach and teacher, and which were considered to have also involved a high school student.

The handling of this matter,

normally a duty of the district principal and school committee, apparently was assumed by the county superintendent and the county board of education due to the nature of the case and its gravity, and to Wilson's popularity and stature in the community.

Wilson was a hard driving football coach, and his teams had impressive records during the eight years he coached here. He was a perfectionist at the sport and demanded the best performance of which his players were capable. He came here in 1955 from Concord, La married and has four children.

He is reported to have joined the staff of a sporting goods firm.

Swimming Assn. To Deduct Dues From Stock Holdings

The Hoke County Swimming Association, owner of the pool near the Hoke County High School, Tuesday night voted to deduct unpaid dues from stock holdings.

The action met considerable opposition but passed by a vote of 28 to 17.

At present the association charges \$150 membership and \$25 a year for dues which take care of operating expenses.

The association now has a membership of 274 but, according to a report, only 180 paid their dues this year.

Thus the action to deduct the \$25 from the value of the membership stock. The amount realized through this action would be applied to capital indebtedness.

Those opposing the move pointed out that many residents had purchased membership in the association merely to bring the pool to Raeford and without the intention of using it.

The pool, which is regulation Olympic size, is valued at around \$45,000. The memberships, open to white families in Hoke County, are limited by the by-laws to 300. The by-laws also state that a membership cannot be sold unless the holder is moving out of the county.

The association also elected directors who are: Clyde Upchurch, Julius Jordan, Sam Hiser, Pearl Avery, Milo Postel, Dusty Rhodes, Ann Hostetler, Jake Austin and Harold Gillis.

Candidates Off, Running; Only 1 New Man In Field

Well, they're off and running but it's a small field consisting mostly of those who have worn the colors before.

This is to say that the entire town board and the mayor have filed for reelection but there is only one new candidate in the race scheduled to take place on May 7. He is V. Leonard (Zeke) Wiggins.

Despite rumors that there would be opposition to Mayor H.R. McLean and to others on the board, when the 12 noon filing deadline rolled around

Saturday no new candidates had appeared to file.

Surprisingly, the mayor and practically all other members of the board expressed disappointment that such little interest is being shown in the election and that there are only seven candidates.

Several of the incumbent candidates said the fact that no other candidates were filing had a strong bearing on their decision to declare for election.

The issues in this election are vague. The incumbent board of course is standing on its record over the past two years. Zeke Wiggins, the only new

candidate, says that he has no argument with the policies of the board but that he feels the younger people of the community should have representation. He is 24, unmarried and living with his father, Charlie Vance Wiggins, superintendent of streets.

J. D. McMillian, commissioner of the cemetery and maintenance of equipment, who is seeking his third term, did inject a new idea into the campaign.

He said that if Charles Morrison, town clerk, resigns to take a job as Raeford post master (and this is considered

both an imminent and definite possibility) that he (McMillian) will propose the town adopt the city manager form of government.

McMillian estimated that the town might be able to hire a qualified manager and one who is beginning his career at possibly \$7,000 a year.

There seems to be very little going on in the way of campaigning. No speeches or political rallies but then there is no organized opposition to the present board.

Wiggins is conducting a card passing, hand-shaking campaign (See Candidates, Page 12)

Deer Hunting With Rifles Out

Hoke County hunters can no longer hunt deer with rifle effective this fall.

A bill was introduced some weeks ago by Representative Neill McFadyen was passed last week by the Senate, making the proposal a law.

The law "prohibits the use of rifles in deer hunting in Hoke County" which means that from now on the required weapon for the sport will be a shot gun.

Hoke County requested the action, McFadyen said, in order to protect others hunting game area as the deer hunter from the long range rifle shot.

Charge Filed In Car Wreck

A two car collision at 3:30 p.m. Friday at N. Magnolia St. and W. Prospect Ave. resulted in a traffic charge, \$200 car damage, but no injuries.

Charged with failing to stop for a red light was William Lawrence Stiles, 51, of Lumber Bridge, a salesman.

He was accused of going through the light and hitting a car driven by high school student Fred Malcolm Culbreth II, 17, of Raeford.

According to investigating city patrolman Dewey Inman, the damage to the front end of Stiles' vehicle was \$300 and to the side of Culbreth's \$500.

Stiles was driving a Nash Station wagon and traveling west on W. Prospect Ave. Culbreth, driving a Rambler, was traveling north on Magnolia St.

Crime Against Nature, Incest Will Be Tried

A case accusing an area Indian of a vicious crime against nature is the most serious one on the docket of Hoke County Superior Court which begins a mixed term Monday.

There is some doubt, however, that the case will be tried since the Indian, Ardell Sturdivant, 23, of Red Springs Rt. 1, has reportedly escaped from the Robeson County Prison Camp for Indians. He was scheduled to appear Monday before the grand jury.

The second most serious offense to be tried is an incest case involving a Raeford man. The trials will be conducted by Judge Raymond B. Mallard of Tabor City.

In the crime against nature case Sturdivant has been accused of forcing Samuel Locklear, Indian, 72, also of Red Springs Rt. 1, to commit an unnatural sex act.

Sturdivant was convicted of assaulting the elderly man on Jan. 24, in Recorder's Court. He was sentenced to two years.

He admitted the assault in a statement given to Sheriff Dave Barrington but has denied the crime against nature charge.

Barrington said that his report that Sturdivant has escaped is unofficial. He (Sturdivant) did, however, escape

once before but was caught a few days later.

The punishment for such a crime is not less than five nor more than 60 years in prison.

James M. Hall, 42, of Highland St., Raeford, is accused of incest with his 16-year-old daughter.

He was arrested Dec. 5, 1962, by Police Chief Lawrence Stanton and Patrolman Harvey Young. He was bound over to Superior Court after a hearing in Recorder's Court.

The punishment for incest is up to 15 years in prison. Cases for the grand jury are: Albert G. Buckner, driving car after license revoked and driving car drunk, second offense.

Nathan G. Campbell, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Marshall Hearn, felonious secret assault.

Floyd Ratley, forgery.

Bobby Lee Edwards, carnal knowledge of a minor.

Willie Graham, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

The trial docket for Monday is: Henry Wood, malicious damage to personal property, Robert Lee Grace, driving

while drunk.

Clarence B. McBryde, driving while drunk.

Wiley Jones, carrying a concealed weapon.

Nathan Junior Campbell, assault with a deadly weapon.

Albert G. Guckner, driving after license revoked and driving while drunk.

James Thomas Barefoot, careless and reckless driving resulting in an accident.

Edmon Ellis Monsour, speeding.

Dennis Eugene Davis, driving car while drunk resulting in an accident.

Bobby Lee Edwards, receiving stolen property valued at \$150.

For Tuesday: Katie Rogers, violating prohibition laws.

Howard Locklear, violating prohibition laws, two counts.

Clemmie Miller, violating prohibition laws, six counts.

Massey Hope, violating prohibition laws, two counts.

Marion D. Hollingsworth, violating prohibition laws, four counts.

Joseph Armstrong, manslaughter.

Sara Liza McMillian, breaching and entering and receiving.