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Judge McQueen Sentences Eight Tuesday Morning

Judge W. B. McQueen sentenced eight culprits at the regular session of recorder's court Tuesday. Oscar Fairley, negro from Scotland county, pled guilty to being drunk and disorderly and was sentenced to thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the court costs. He paid out and was released.

Oscar Bandy, Blue Springs negro, pled not guilty to charges of assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon. Judge McQueen decided against the defendant, however, and sentenced him to ninety days on the roads on the latter count, sentence to be suspended on payment of $50 and the costs. He sentenced him to sixty days on the other charge, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and a fine of $10. Bandy chose to go to the roads.

Went Haynes, Antioch negro, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and was released after payment of the costs and a fine of $10.

Walter Locklear and Wingate McMillan, Indian citizens from Allendale township, were found guilty of violating the prohibition law on two charges and received sentences of six months on the roads in each instance, the sentences to run concurrently. The first charge was possession of homemade beer for sale and the second charge was making wiskey. Both defendants chose to go to the roads instead of paying out.

The state took a nol pros with lien in the case of the state vs V. L. Lovick, on an embezzlement charge, but found him guilty of operating an automobile without a driver's license and sentenced him to thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs.

The state took a nol pros in the case of John Sam McLean, Allendale negro charged with assault.

Wilthea Dees and Lena Mae Dees, white women of Allendale township, were sentenced to three months in jail, after being found guilty of prostitution and assignation by the court. These women were banished from Robeson county in the spring on a similar charge. As an alternative to ninety days in jail Judge McQueen told the defendants that they would be released on payment of the costs, provided they left the county and did not settle in any adjoining county. He bemoaned the fact that the state provided no institution where women could be sent for such a misdemeanor.

Rowland Youth Wins Supervised Practice Contest

Herman Rogers, member of the Rowland Chapter of Future Farmers of America, was declared state winner of the 1939 supervised practice contest conducted by the division of vocational education, state department of public instruction, in cooperation with the Chilean Nitrate Educational bureau, for students of vocational agriculture throughout the state, announced R. J. Peeler, state F. F. A. executive secretary.

His supervised practice program consisted of three acres of tobacco, five acres of corn, four acres improved pasture, thirty-five feeder pigs, one colt, one purebred heifer calf and one dairy cow. Total receipts from his supervised practice program was $1,362.00 and his labor income was $679.16.

Young Herman, state winner, C. E. Morrison, teacher of vocational agriculture and the winner of first place in each of the five districts will be awarded a free trip to the National Convention of Future Farmers of America, which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 9-16, 1940.

District winners are as follows:

District I—Thelbert Boykin—Bailey.

District II—Gilbert Slack—Bath.

District III—Foster Brown—Gibson.

District IV—David McCollum — Reidsville.

District V—Elmer Hendrix—Waynesville.

Lumbee Corporation Mapping "B" Project

Engineers of the J. B. McCrary Engineering corporation have arrived to map the "B," or second, project of the Lumbee River Electric Membership corporation. Local officials are urging all members who have failed to qualify for a rural power line on the "A" or initial project to see that everyone in their territory is signed up for the second project within the next two weeks.

Local Drug Store Undergoing Repairs

One entering the Reaves Drug store now might think that the tropical storm which visited the coast a few days ago might have struck Raeford. Mr. L. E. Reaves, owner and manager of the store, told a News-Journal reporter, however, that he was tearing away old fixtures, and making necessary changes to receive a completely new set of fixtures.

The remodeling is expected to be completed early in September and will convert the store into one of the most modern in this part of the state.

Grand Jury Indicts Two In Arson Case

Lumberton, Aug. 13.—The Robeson county grand jury returned a true bill in Superior court today charging Ben G. Floyd, assistant county superintendent of public instruction, and Andrew Smith, county carpenter, with schoolhouse burning, the indictment growing out of the destruction by fire of the Liberty school building last month.

The bill was returned before Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, shortly after the court convened for the second day of a one-week term.

Judge Frizzelle raised the original bond of $2,500 each, which had been posted shortly after the men were arrested several weeks ago, to $3,000 each, which were posted.

Both Floyd and Smith obtained temporary leaves of absence from their positions shortly after their arrest.

Local Officers Invited to Attend Police Schools

Sheriff D. H. Hodgin and Chief-of-Police Eldridge Chisholm have just received invitations from the Institute of Government to divide up their forces and send men to each of the 7-day police schools it will hold at Chapel Hill each month, beginning in October, in co-operation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The "FBI" is again sending the best instructors from its National Police Academy to assist state and local officials in these training schools according to the announcement received here. And the purpose, according to Director Albert Coates, is to bring the best police training in the country within the reach of all the 3,000 or more officers in the state during the coming year.

The first school has been tentatively set for October 18 to 25, and others will follow in November and December, 1940, and in January, February, March, April, and May, 1941.

The Institute has held twelve police schools since 1930, but these have been mainly for local chiefs, department heads, and instructors. This is the first series designed to reach every interested officer in the state, and Governor Clyde Hoey has termed it the "biggest forward step ever taken in police training in North Carolina."

Kiwanians Entertained At Scout Camp

The members of the Raeford Kiwanis club, along with their wives and guests and the families of some of the scouts, had supper at the scout camp on Rockfish creek last Thursday night. About 75 guests were present and a fine supper was served. After supper the visitors were invited to accompany the boys to their campfire circle where songs, stunts, and other forms of entertainment were enjoyed.

The camp was run last week for the boys of the Western District of the Cape Fear Area Council and about forty-five boys representing every troop in the district attended. The camp was under the general management of Scoutmasters Alfred Cole and F. B. Sexton assisted by Tom McBryde, Tom McLauchlin, Howard Baucom and Paul McCain, Jr. The camp period closed Monday.

Girl's Leg Is Broken When Struck On Road

Clinton, Aug. 13.—Miss Lois Mintz, of Wilmington, sustained a broken leg in one of a series of automobile mishaps which occurred in and around Clinton Sunday afternoon and night. The 16 year old girl, who was visiting Mrs. John Crumpler, near Clinton, was struck by an automobile driven by Abner S. Knowles, Hoke county farm agent, of Raeford, as she walked onto the highway in the path of his car. She was sent to a Wilmington hospital. The accident was termed unavoidable.

$3,089,176.35 Spent In N. C. For Defense

In a release received yesterday from the office of government reports it was learned that a total of $3,089,176.35 on National Defense Awards and Contracts has been awarded in North Carolina between June 13, 1940 and July 31, 1940.

The release for July includes a series of awards given for the Army totaling $641,578.65, and for the Navy, $67,988.00. It also includes funds from the Works Progress Administration for the construction of utilities and roads for the Army at Fort Bragg of $250,000.00, making a total of awards in North Carolina for the period July 12-31, 1940, of $959,566.65.

In the July awards for the Army, released through the Quartermaster Corps, Holmes Electric Company of Fayetteville received a contract of $1,735 for light installations at Fort Bragg; Chatham Manufacturing Co. of Elkin received a contract of $449,250 for wool blankets, o. d.; Cramerton Mills of Cramerton received a contract of $190,593.65 for cotton cloth.

For the Navy the Thomas Mills of High Point received a contract of $21,528 for socks; V. P. Loftis Company of Charlotte received a contract of $44,835 for Hospital Building, Naval Hospital, Charleston, S. C.; Lily Mills Company of Shelby received a Marine Corp contract for $1,625 worth of cotton thread.

Tobacco Price Moves Upward

Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 13. — Bright leaf tobacco prices moved upward today as buyers bid briskly for medium grade stock.

Unofficial reports indicated a steady strengthening market, with averages apparently better than the 18.43 cents a pound set for the first sales. The Journal-Herald reported a "definite upturn" with medium quality grades and lugs bringing advanced prices, and the average "well above the 20-cent mark." The range was from four to 28 cents a pound, with the bulk going for from 20 to 26 cents.

Sales Manager Joe Spence at Pelham reported early sales today averaging about 19 cents. Yesterday the market moved 342,510 pounds at an average of 18.64. The range was from six to 29 cents a pound.

Total sales of 520,000 were reported today by Vidalia, with the average 17 cents. The high was 30 cents and the low eight cents. The grade was mostly good common.

Annual Big Livestock Show at Hemp Saturday

The Annual Livestock Show, sponsored by the Moore County Breeders association will be put on at Hemp Saturday, August 17th. From all indications now this will be one of the largest and best that has ever been put on. There seems to be more real interest in the event this year than at any previous time.

It is understood this is the second place in the state where anything of this kind has been put on. If you like livestock and like to see good stuff it will pay you to be in Hemp on next Saturday. The show will not get under way until around 10 o'clock.

Cap Clark Leading League In Batting

Cap Clark, former Hoke county high school athletic coach and at present catching manager of the Dover, Del., Orioles of the Eastern Shore Baseball league, has regained the batting leadership of the Eastern Shore league replacing Vice Weiss, the Pocomoke slugger during the past week. Clark picked up 18 points to boost his average to .370 while Weiss dropped 14 points to a mark of .354.

Clark's club, the Orioles, are holding down first place in the league at present by a margin of a game and a half.

Blue Residence Struck by Lightning

During a severe thunder storm a few nights ago, lightning struck the chimney of the residence of W. E. Blue on the Carthage road. Mr. Blue and family were all in the room, but escaped injury, and but little damage was done to the building. A brick or two, and all the soot was swept from the chimney, and cleaning up was a job.

Former Raeford Man Passes Away

S. L. Akins, former citizen of Hoke county, passed away at his home in Asheboro last Sunday morning at two o'clock. Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment followed in the cemetery here. Graveside service was conducted by Rev. W. F. Trawick, former pastor of the Raeford Methodist church.

Surviving are four daughters, Miss Lillian Akins, Mrs. Paul Binchfield, Mrs. Garrett Cox, all of Asheboro, and Mrs. J. C. Poole of Thomasville, a son Albert Akins of Asheboro; two brothers, N. R. Akins of Gibsonville, and W. M. Akins of Franklinville.

H. L. Meacham's Sister Killed Tragically

Mrs. Effie Meacham McCartha, wife of Carl W. McCartha, principal of Gastonia Junior high school, and sister of H. L. Meacham, State Agriculturist for the Barrett Company and former Hoke County Farm Agent, was instantly killed about 4:45 o'clock last Friday afternoon when the brakes of a coal truck which had just delivered a load of fuel to her home gave way and the truck crushed her against the side of the house.

The driver had finished putting the load of coal into the basement and had driven the truck up the rather steep drive and stopped it with the brakes on to go back and get Mrs. McCartha to sign for the load of coal. Mrs. McCartha had come out of the basement door to sign the ticket and she and the Negro were standing next to the house when the brakes of the truck apparently gave way and the heavy vehicle crushed Mrs. McCartha against the brick walls of the house.

Mrs. McCartha is survived by her mother, Mrs. F. T. Meacham, of Statesville, and the following brothers and sisters: Frank B. Meacham, Earl H. Meacham, and Hazel L. Meacham of Raleigh, James E. Meacham and Mrs. Ross Bunch of Statesville, and Mrs. Claude W. Kipka of Mooresville.

Funeral services were conducted at Holy Trinity Lutheran church in Gastonia at 3:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon with the pastor, Rev. George Bowden, officiating, and interment, with a graveside service, conducted by Rev. E. C. Gibbs, pastor of the Broad Street Methodist church, was held in Statesville.

Some Coming And Some Going

The John Walkers and the Walter Duncan Browns are planning to swap neighborhoods in the very near future. The Walkers have bought the manse, formerly occupied by the Fairleys and now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Currie and family and will move shortly. The Browns have bought the Walker home on North Main street and will leave the neighborhood of the manse 'ere long. The Arch Curries will move into their new home being constructed on Magnolia street on its completion.

Reunions Held

The McBryde reunion was held at Antioch last Thursday, the 8th. The Monroe-Currie reunion was held at J. D. Monroe's home below Lumber Bridge on Friday. The John McLean reunion was held on Friday near Red Springs. Today the McInnis clan meet at Dundarrach, and the McKenzie clan hold their annual meeting near Maxton today, also.

Rain Comes To Ashley Heights

Rain has come to Ashley Heights at last. Only sprinkles have fallen there, it is said, since last March. We are told there are dry sections between Raeford and Fayetteville. In fact, there are dry streaks of country here and there throughout the country. In some parts of the state there have been floods—in the east, and in the west, in particular.

Collision Sunday Night

There was an automobile collision at the Aberdeen corner on Main street last Sunday night between automobiles driven by Paul Dickson of Raeford, and C. V. Richardson, of Carthage.

Neither car had passengers and neither driver was injured, although both vehicles were smashed up somewhat.

NORTH CAROLINA'S POPULATION INCREASED BY 391,714 BOOST

Severe Losses On Atlantic Coast By Tropical Hurricane

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 13.—Assisted by government relief agencies, residents of the coastal plains of South Carolina and Georgia went to work today to dig out of the wreckage of a torpical hurricane that took at least 36 lives, wrought damage of millions of dollars and left hundreds homeless.

Without delay, the Red Cross dispatched nurses to the stricken area to begin precautionary immunization against disease and otherwise minister to sufferers. The Works Progress administration sent Assistant Commissioner Fred R. Rauch from Washington to assist in emergency work.

Beaufort, south of Charleston, apparently was hardest hit by the 80-mile an hour gale that swept out of the Bahamas Sunday, wrecking waterfront buildings and sending high tides into city streets and homes.

The Red Cross reported from washington that 25 Negroes were killed on Saint Helena island near Beaufort. Eight other negroes died on nearby Ladies' island. Reports from these outlying islands were described as incomplete, and fear was expressed that the death toll would be higher.

A CCC boy was drowned on Huntington island, near here, and two persons perished in Savannah, Ga.

Britain's Zero Hour Seems Near at Hand

England's "zero hour" for the first invasion that has threatened her in centuries seems near at hand; but her chances of repelling it as she flung back Spain's "great armada" in 1858 are obscured to the outside world because of unknown factors.

Now, as against Spain long ago, sea power is Britain's main reliance for defense, but in addition she must now retain mastery of the air in her home waters to survive. Without it her sea fleet might be helpless to prevent an invader from setting foot in England.

For days Britain's ability to defend herself in the air has been put to a terrific test by German bombers crossing the channel in endless and increasing waves. Yet the results, upon which England's fate rests, are masked by utter uncertainty. Both sides claim decisive victory in each engagement.

The Germans say they have downed as many as five British aircraft for every Nazi plane lost. Britain counters with contentions that the loss ratio is four-to-one in British favor. The aggregate of admitted losses by both sides is relatively negligible in comparison to the thousands of ships engaged.

Bankhead Will Notify Wallace of Nomination

New York, Aug. 13.—Representative William B. Bankhead, of Alabama, speaker of the house, has been chosen to notify Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace of his nomination for the vice presidency. James A. Farley, national Democratic chairman, announced today.

Formal acceptance by Secretary Wallace of his nomination as President Roosevelt's running mate at a ceremony in the city coliseum in Des Moines, Ia., August 29 will mark the formal opening of the Democratic campaign, Farley said.

National Guard Unit To Increase Strength

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 13.— The 30th division of the national guard, scheduled to be mobilized at Camp Jackson for active service, will be increased to a strength of 14,341 officers and men, an advice received today by Adjutant General James C. Dozier disclosed.

Authorization for recruiting which would bring the total personnel up to "peace-time" strength has been granted, meaning an increase of slightly more than 2,000 officers and men. The division has units in the Carolinas, Georgia, and Tennessee.

WPA Canneries Set Record

The WPA canneries of the county have set a new record for speed and quantity this year in canning for the schools of the county, superintendent Johnson announced yesterday. In a ten day period three thousand and twenty cans of soup, beans, tomatoes, etc., were turned out.

May Add Extra House Member; Charlotte At Top With 101,305; Raeford Gains.

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—The first statewide census figures, released here today by Census Area Manager E. A. Hughes, showed that the population of North Carolina increased 391,714 in the last decade to a total of 3,561,990.

The increase will virtually assure North Carolina of an additional member of the United States House of Representatives, giving the state a total of 12 representatives.

The report, subject to minor corrections, showed Charlotte again as the state's largest city, and the first to exceed the 100,000 mark, its total being 101,305. (This figure was a gain of nearly 1,000 over an earlier esimate which put Charlotte's population at 100,327.) The Mecklenburg county seat has grown rapidly since 1900, when it was credited with only 18,091 inhabitants.

The figures also revealed the continued growth of the Piedmont industrial region.

The second largest city in the state is Winston-Salem, with 79,828 resident. Durham is third, Greensboro fourth, Asheville fifth, Raleigh sixth, High Point seventh, and Wilmington eighth.

RAEFORD LARGER

The town of Raeford has increased from a population of 1,303 in 1930 to a population of 1,632 by the count of the recent census. The population of Raeford township is now 4,217.

The following count is given for the other townships in Hoke county: Quewhiffle 1930; McLauchlin 1791; Little River 815; Blue Springs 1929; Antioch 1630; Allendale 1089; Stonewall 1678. This makes a total of 15,073 for the whole county.

The count for the State Sanatorium is given as 456.

Six Counted Dead As Swollen Streams Rise To Flood West N. C.

Asheville, Aug. 14. — Mountain streams, swollen by torrential rains of the last three days, surged out of their banks today wreaking damage to roads, crops and lowland industrial plants expected to run into millions of dollars and claiming at least six lives.

Highways throughout the stricken area were blocked by washouts, landslides or inundation.

North Wilkesboro, N. C., a town of 4,000 persons was cut off from the outside world by the flooded Yadkin river, and damage there was estimated by Police Chief John Walked at $2,000,000.

Water mains here were destroyed, and residents were cautioned to use water from an emergency reservoir sparingly. Water, light and communication facilities at North Wilkesboro were paralyzed.

A woman excitedly grabbed an electric wire near North Wilkesboro and was killed when flood waters surged about her automobile. A man drowned when his boat was swept over a dam near here.

Democratic Group Meets In Raleigh

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—The state Democratic executive committee will meet here tonight with its business being the election of E. B. Denny of Gastonia as state chairman and Mrs. P. P. McCain of Sanatorium as vice chairman.

J. M. Broughton, the Democratic gubernatorial nominee, announced some time ago that he wanted Denny elected state chairman with Mrs. McCain as vice chairman. The state committee in recent years has followed such recommendations without a contest.

Denny may be placed in nomination by R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia, the present chairman, and Mrs. McCain may be nominated by Mrs. W. B. Murphy, who resigned several months ago to leave the vice chairmanship vacant.

Attend Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lamont, Mrs. W. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McLauchlin and Miss Ida McL[illegible] attended the funeral of [illegible] Lauchlin of Lillington, [illegible] afternoon. Mr. [illegible] cousin of Mr. Lamont, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. W. [illegible]