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ADDENDA

By The Editor

ENCOURAGING was the response of local people to the call to the courthouse last Friday night, 91 of them turned out, including representatives of most of the community's business houses. From their enthusiasm it would seem that a Chamber of Commerce for Raeford is assured, and that they will make it an active one and an asset to the town.

INTERESTING was the discussion that took place in the corner of F. B. Sexton's front yard from noon until an hour or so later on Monday, following the collision of a Pontiac automobile driven by Mrs. Will Read and a pickup truck driven by John Davis and belonging to Hoke Concrete Works. The car was travelling east on 5th avenue and hit the truck which was going north on Edison street. There was considerable property damage to both vehicles and to Mr. Sexton's fence. There were no personal injuries.

AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME another truck of the Hoke Concrete Works ran head-on into a semi-trailer belonging to John W. McPhaul. This accident occurred on a dirt road out near the fish hatchery. Property damage was considerable in this accident also, and there were no personal injuries.

THE FIRE ALARM Monday night turned out to be a fire that didn't need alarm. It seems that a lady who wasn't familiar with the situation saw the sparks from the sawdust incinerator and thought it was something afire that shouldn't be. So the fire department had a drill.

THE PRESBYTERIANS apparently have more old men than the Methodists, or at least there were more of them admitting to be over 30 out for the softball game at Pasture park last Friday afternoon. The Methodist couldn't muster a team, so the crowd had to choose up and play. These games are each Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except July 4) and all men over thirty are eligible.

MISS ALICE WALKER arrived this week to assume her duties as director of music and young people's work at the Presbyterian church. Miss Walker is a native of Forest City and graduated last spring from Flora Macdonald college where she majored in Bible and music. She has an apartment in the home of Mrs. John Walker.

MOST OF THE STORES and the bank will be closed tomorrow and the three auto dealers will be closed Saturday as well. The Hoke Concrete Works and the Hoke Oil & Fertilizer company will also be closed both days.

D. T. PERRY, supervisor of sales on the Fayetteville tobacco market, dropped in yesterday and stated that the market there would be ready to open on August 7 with a redrying plant, three large warehouses on a complete set of buyers.

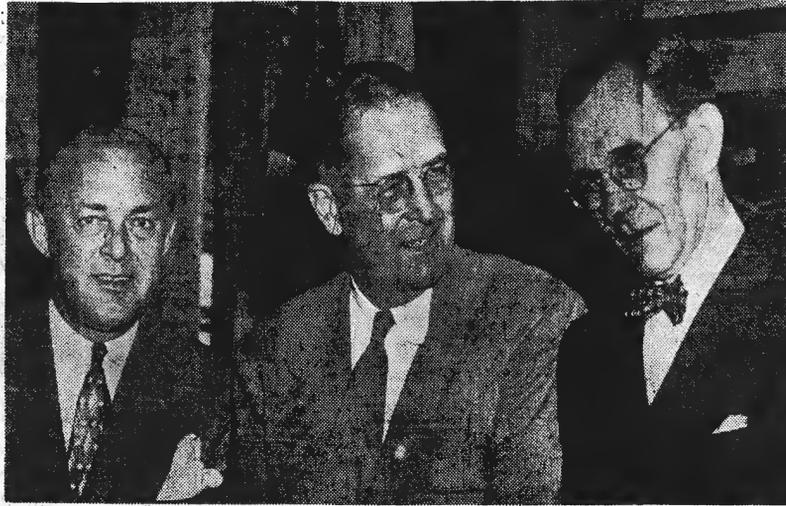
LOCALS WIN TWO GAMES IN PAST WEEK

The Raeford Baseball club of the Peach Belt league won two games in the past week, defeating Aberdeen there Saturday afternoon by the score of 10-5 and Bennettsville here yesterday by the score of 5-4. The local team is again close to the lead, having won ten games while losing four.

The USDA announces that a record 1,704,000 long tons (66,444,000 bushels) of U. S. grain and grain products were exported in May.

SOUNDS WARNING

North Carolina's Senator William B. Umstead (right) and Representative Harold D. Cooley (left) discuss Tar Heel farm problems with Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson before Senator Umstead's maiden floor speech in the Senate, in which he sounded a warning against the drastic House slashes in the agriculture appropriation bill. Cooley, high-ranking member of the House agricultural committee, recently appeared before the Senate subcommittee on farm appropriations to urge that the House reductions be restored.



FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Tobacco farmers have a "big" stake in the July 12th referendum, according to R. Flake Shaw, Executive Vice-President of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation. Mr. Shaw has just attended a meeting of the National Board of Directors of the National Board of Directors held in Chicago. He stated that he had never recalled seeing a time when there were more different ideas being advanced with reference to a long-range farm program.

With reference to the referendum July 12, Mr. Shaw says, "A number of referenda have been conducted in the past of significant importance, and I do not believe that we have had any instance where we have had more at stake than in connection with the Tobacco Referendum on July 12th. A large favorable vote will not only mean that tobacco growers in the two Carolinas favor the assessment plan, but it will be considered as a vote of confidence in their program, and in my judgment will have an immeasurable effect on the outcome of a long-range farm program. Therefore, I want to urge each of you to make definite plans to see that a large vote is obtained."

Many farmers have recently reported damage to their meat supply by skippers. Thousands of pounds of cured pork are lost each year with this pest. Too often these losses occur as the result of inadequate smoke houses. They are often too open and without proper ventilation.

To prevent this damage, the smoke house should be cleaned of all rubbish, grease, and other sources of infestation. The walls and floors should be thoroughly scrubbed with lye water and allowed to dry. Spray walls, ceilings, and fixtures with a 3 percent DDT solution by mixing 1 pound of 50% wettable DDT powder with 2 gallons of water. The exposed side of the door, door facings, and even outer walls may be sprayed or painted with a 5% DDT oil base. This clean-up and spraying schedule should be repeated once or twice each season.

Permanent pastures should be mowed as often as necessary to control weeds and to keep the pasture grasses tender. Now is a good time to control weeds before the seed mature. Most of the undesirable weeds in the pasture can be effectively controlled in

GROUP DECIDES TO ORGANIZE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HERE

Recorder Hears Brief Session On Tuesday

In Recorder's court Tuesday morning Joseph Wilson, colored, paid the costs for speeding.

H. K. Ivey, white, was charged by C. W. Childress with disposing of mortgaged property (livestock). He was found not guilty when evidence indicated that the stock had strayed.

Richard Graham, colored, and Charlie Carver, white, each paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Willie McCrimmon, colored, was found guilty of assaulting Dolphus McCrimmon with a deadly weapon. He had to pay the costs and the doctor's bill.

E. J. Furnage, white, was charged with driving drunk in one case and with carrying a concealed weapon in another. Sentence in each case was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs.

Robert M. Hill, white, appeared in court for trial on charges of speeding and careless and reckless driving. The state took a nol pro when it learned that he was the wrong person.

Several other cases were on the docket but were continued for various reasons.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY

J. H. Blue, retiring commander of the Ellis Williamson American Legion post, announced this week that the post would hold its regular monthly supper and meeting at the Kiwanis hall next Wednesday, July 9, at 7:30 p. m. He urged all members to attend and stated that the newly-elected officers would be installed at the meeting.

UNION SERVICE SUNDAY EVENING

Reverend B. P. Robinson will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock in a union service of the churches of Raeford.

BIBLE SCHOOL COMPLETED

The vacation Bible school was completed at Tabernacle Baptist church last week. They had as their helper Miss Jean Shields of Wilmington. The average attendance was 60.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

On Friday night of next week July 11, there will be an open meeting at the courthouse for the purposes of hearing the proposed constitution and by laws of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, officially organizing the chamber and electing its first officers.

This decision was made by a group of 91 citizens who assembled at the courthouse last Friday night to decide whether or not Raeford needed a chamber and to take the first steps in its organization.

At the meeting Cecil Dew was nominated and unanimously elected to serve as temporary chairman of the group. Paul Dickson was chosen temporary secretary in the same manner.

The chairman recognized Representative Harry Greene who had prepared some information on the activities and meaning of a chamber of commerce in a community. Greene presented these facts and applied them particularly to Raeford.

Following Greene's remarks R. B. Lewis was recognized. Lewis had the details for organizing a chamber of commerce which he had obtained from the United States Chamber of Commerce. He presented so many of these as applied to a community this size after which the chairman opened the meeting for comment from the floor.

Volunteers being slow to rise Dew called on the following, all of whom made pertinent and favorable comment: Ryan McBryde, M. T. Poovey, Lewis Upchurch, A. M. Stevens, W. C. Phillips, Marion Gatlin, Reuben DuBoise of the Carolina Power and Light company, Fred Culbreth, Dr. M. R. Smith, Mrs. O. W. Holtzclaw, Mayor W. L. Poole, Josephine Hall, Hugh McLaughlin, John Murdock McDuffie, H. W. B. Whitley and G. G. Dickson.

Following this discussion there was a motion to organize a Chamber of Commerce of Raeford which was unanimously carried. The chair then appointed a committee to prepare a constitution and by laws and present them to the next meeting on Friday, July 11. This committee consisted of R. B. Lewis, Harry Greene, Paul Dickson, M. D. Yates, C. L. Thomas and Lewis Upchurch.

Tobacco Program Depends On The July 12th Vote

VOTE ON ASSESSMENT FOR TOBACCO PROMOTION

By E. Y. Floyd
Difficulties have been experienced in maintaining export outlets for flue-cured tobacco and because of the situation in foreign countries and the need for a program to protect producers the Tobacco Associates, Inc., was organized.

The organization was undertaken as the responsibility of farm organizations, warehousemen, tobacco leaf exporters, bankers, merchants, fertilizer manufacturers and dealers and others. Its name is explained by the fact that it represents all interests of flue-cured tobacco from producer to consumer. Its purpose is to promote, develop and expand the export market.

Finances for the program's first year were contributed by growers and allied interests who formed Tobacco Associates. However, it was realized that a long-range program was necessary to assure success and that in order to operate it was necessary to receive funds from source other than a voluntary basis. So the 1947 sessions of the North and South Carolina Legislatures enacted laws authorizing a referendum for flue-cured tobacco growers of the two states.

The referendum, which is set for Saturday, July 12, will be on the question of whether tobacco growers vote themselves an annual assessment of 10 cents per acre on their tobacco acreage for 1947, 1948 and 1949 to support the organization. It is important that farmers vote, and even more important that they approve the referendum by a large majority. Some of the reasons for participation in the referendum are:

1. Although allied interests took an active part in organizing the program, it is designed for the interest of tobacco growers, owner and tenant, or share cropper, and only growers sharing in proceeds of the 1947 flue-cured crop are entitled to vote.

2. If 66 2/3 of the votes cast in the referendum approves the 10-cents assessment, all growers will share alike in maintaining the organization. The assessment will be collected from the first 100 of the warehouses.

3. Approximately 20 years ago about two-thirds of the American flue-cured was exported for foreign consumption, but although foreign consumption has increased since then the increase has been supplied by other countries. Therefore, common sense says that tobacco farmers have everything to gain by voting favorably in the referendum in order to hold our export markets without much cash outlay.

4. It would be to the interest of business as a whole for farmers to pay the small acreage assessment to support an organization to help promote and expand the export market, as well as keep check on foreign taxation policy and government monopoly practices and maintain satisfactory international trade relations. These are some of the reasons why foreign tobacco has been used in preference to American leaf.

5. Leading businessmen consider this the most progressive move ever made by growers in the history of flue-cured tobacco.

6. If farmers show their interest and co-operation, buying interests, both domestic and foreign cannot help but show theirs.

7. No other group of commodity farmers has such an organization to protect their interests, and your support will help maintain (Continued on back page)

HOKE COUNTY GIRL CHOSEN PRETTIEST NURSE IN STATE



KAY KYSER CROWNS MISS MAXWELL IN STATE CAPITOL

Pretty Alice Geraldine Maxwell of Raeford won the title, "Miss North Carolina Student Nurse of 1947" Tuesday night when Kay Kyser, radio and movie star announced the judges' decision and placed a crown on her head and a kiss on her cheek before a cheering audience in the Capitol.

Miss Maxwell is a student nurse at the Baker-Thompson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Lumberton. She is the daughter of Clayton Maxwell and the late Mrs. Maxwell of this county. She graduated from Hoke County High school in 1944. She will graduate from the school of nursing next September.

"Miss North Carolina Student Nurse of 1947" will receive a week's vacation at the Edgewater Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, as guest of the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association. The Raleigh Merchants Bureau presented her with a beach wardrobe.

Judges Listed

Kyser led the judges announcing their decision. The other judges were: Mrs. Betty Smith Jones of Chapel Hill, author of "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn", Mrs. J. M. Broughton, wife of the former Governor; Mrs. R. S. Ferguson, Taylorsville, North Carolina Senator; Mrs. J. A. Gupton, Charlotte, president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page, Chapel Hill, nationally known golf champion; Mrs. William Sprunt, Winston-Salem, professional nurse (inactive) and wife of a surgeon; J. Frank Jarman, Durham, president of the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters, Durham; and Carl Goerch, Raleigh, publisher and radio commentator.

The contest was sponsored by the N. C. State Nurses Association and the Good Health Association as part of a drive to recruit 1,000 student nurses for the terms opening this fall.

The program was introduced by Edna L. Heinzeling, president of the North Carolina State Nurses' Association.

During the waiting period while the judges were making their decisions, Kyser stepped up to the line of contestants with a fan in each hand and proceeded to cool them in the sweltering heat of the House Chamber.

When the photographers asked Kyser to kiss the Queen, he said, "Believe me, I don't want to do this," and the crowd roared. "Every woman claims it takes two hours to dress, but these girls have done it three times in one hour," he declared. They had appeared first in nurses' uniforms, then in street clothing, and finally in uniform again.

W. G. Buie Was Buried Friday

William G. Buie, 83, prominent merchant and farmer of Wagram, died last Wednesday afternoon at a Fayetteville hospital after an illness of several days.

Funeral services were held at the home at Wagram Friday at 11 o'clock and burial was at Spring Hill cemetery.

Mr. Buie was a native of Dillon county, South Carolina, and had conducted a merchandising business at Wagram for 54 years. He was a former county commissioner and outstanding Scotland county citizen. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

To Open New Radio Station In Laurinburg

Edwin Pate, President of Scotland Broadcasting Company, states that August 1st has been set as the date on which this region's new radio station, WEWO, located in Laurinburg will go on the air. Barring unforeseen difficulties, this deadline should be met.

Construction has been started on transmitter building for Radio Station WEWO in Laurinburg. The transmitter will be located on US 74 about three miles east of Laurinburg and it is planned to build studios at the same location at a later date. At the present time the studios will be located on second floor of Chetwynd Hotel in Laurinburg.

J. R. Dalrymple, Jr., will be the General Manager of WEWO and is assembling a competent staff for the station.

The new station will furnish United Press News covering National, International, and State News and plans extensive coverage of local news to supplement the United Press news.

Pat Taylor To Run For Lt. Governor

Wadesboro, N. C. July 1.—Announcement that he will be a candidate for the 1948 Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor was made last night by H. P. (Pat) Taylor, Wadesboro lawyer, who has been an important factor in both local and statewide public affairs for a number of years. It has been known here for some time that friends and party leaders in various sections of the State had been urging Mr. Taylor to offer for North Carolina's Number Two executive office.

While he has been among the leaders in the most important movements of the commonwealth in recent years, Mr. Taylor has heretofore declined to offer himself as an aspirant for any public office of statewide scope.

It is emphasized by home folks who have importuned Mr. Taylor to offer for the lieutenant governorship that the Pee Dee section of the State has not hitherto been recognized by the election of any of its citizens to a statewide constitutional office. Therefore, the people of this large "middle ground" would be deeply grateful to their fellow citizens elsewhere for the elevation of a worthy man of this section to a position in the high council of State.

The statement issued by Mr. Taylor through his home-town newspaper, The Messenger and Intelligencer, is as follows:

"To the people of North Carolina I shall be a candidate for the office of lieutenant-governor in the Democratic Primary to be held in May, 1948.

For many years the people of North Carolina have elected to this high and honorable office men who have served faithfully (Continued on back page)