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ADDENDAI

By The Editor

A DISTINGUISHED GROUP in the cotton business is in Hoke county today. They are Dean I. O. Schaub of State College, Dr. George Wilds, president and general manager of the Coker Seed company of Hartsville, S. C., and Jule Shanklin, cotton specialist at State college. They are here to investigate the boll weevil situation in the county and to observe results from use of benzene hexachloride dust. This is the first county in the state in which this dust has been used extensively. The group will also be guests of the Raeford Kiwanis club at supper tonight.

NO LAUGHING MATTER of a fellow with a date was the swarm of bees which decided Jake Austin's car was a fine place to spend the night one afternoon last week. Seeing them swarmed on the dash and having important business, Jake called Starr McMillan, one of several local bee experts, who came with a gum to capture the swarm. The swarm, however was completely uninterested in the hive, but Starr told Jake not to worry, that they would probably decide to go in after a while. About eight o'clock Jake gave up and left afoot. Next morning Starr came around and gave up too. The bees just weren't interested. Final: DDT.

AMONG THOSE whose contributions were inadvertently omitted in previous lists of those contributing to the recreation fund were Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin, who contributed \$5.00, and K. A. MacDonald, who gave \$10.00.

SEVENTEEN YEAR OLDS may now be enlisted in the National Guard, according to information received by the local battery this week from the Adjutant General of North Carolina. The memorandum stated that the President had approved legislation on July 1, 1947, authorizing the enlistment of men who had reached their seventeenth birthday.

2370 POUNDS of relief clothing were received last week at the Church World Service Center in New Windsor, Md., from Hoke county people, according to a dispatch received yesterday. Clyde Upchurch, Jr., shipped the clothing from this county as part of 514,122 pounds received from North Carolina to make this state lead the nation in the amount of relief material given through this source.

ABREAST WITH THE NATION is this community now that a "flying saucer" has been seen here. Lawrence Stanton and John K. McNeill and families were driving about seven p. m. near Raeford when they saw what looked like a ball of fire going through the air. Stanton said it was about the size of a truck tire and McNeill is said to have seen it disappear into the clouds to the northeast. That's the way we heard it and if you want to know more either of the two will doubtless elaborate.

A NEW FARMALL "CUB" tractor will be demonstrated at Bill Elliott's farm about 15 miles east of Raeford on the Fayetteville road next Tuesday afternoon, July 22, at 2:00 o'clock. The demonstration is being arranged by the M & M Truck and Tractor company of Fayetteville who invite all interested to attend.

ENTERTAINING THEMSELVES at a fine chicken supper at the armory last Thursday night were more than 80 of the 90-odd members of Battery "A" local National Guard unit. Only guests were Younger Snead, T. B. Lester, Jr. and Dave Jones.

RAIN AROUND RAEFORD for the past couple of days was a welcome sight to the farmers. Seems to have rained all around but just got here in the past day or two. They say they haven't got enough, though.

Recorder Fines Night Prowler In Court Tuesday

TWO ARE ACQUITTED ON CARELESS & RECKLESS DRIVING CHARGES

In recorder's court Tuesday morning Boyd J. Walters, white, was charged with attempting to break and enter a home with intent to commit a felony and with peeping into a residence at night. His plea was guilty of both charges which dealt with an affair at the house in Raeford occupied by Bill Upchurch, Berder Niven and Edwin Smith on the night of Thursday, July 10. Sentence was a total of 18 months to be suspended during good behavior on payment of fines of \$75 and the costs in each case.

Charles M. Miller, white man of Red Springs, was found not guilty on a charge of careless and reckless driving. He was charged by a Raeford policeman with driving around a corner on Main street too fast.

Edwin Hill, Laurinburg white man, was also found not guilty on a charge of careless and reckless driving. He was charged in connection with an accident at the corner of Main street and the Aberdeen road.

James E. Floyd, Thomasville white man, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving and sentenced to 30 days to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$200 to the owner of the damaged car.

William G. Crawford, Clyde G. Walton and James L. Harrison all white of Florida, Washington, D. C. and New Jersey, respectively, each forfeited a \$25 bond for speeding.

Raphael Cohen, white man of Asheville, forfeited a bond of \$20 for violating the road laws.

Mark Chait, Quehuffle colored man, got 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Freddie W. Faulk and Robert Mack, both colored, each entered pleas of guilty of violating the road laws. Sentence in each case was 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs.

Hillard Shaw, colored, got 30 day suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs for careless and reckless driving, and Willie Martin McCain, got the same sentence for violating the road laws.

Matthew McLaughlin, colored got 30 days suspended on payment of \$5 and the costs for the violating the prohibition laws.

Jerry Rivers forfeited a bond of \$40 for not appearing for trial on charges of being drunk and disorderly and violating the prohibition laws.

Joseph H. Lessams, white, man sient, forfeited a \$25 bond on a charge of speeding.

Stanley B. Sessoms Is Buried Here

Stanley B. Sessoms, 52, died suddenly while attending a ball game in Suffolk, Va., last Thursday night. He suffered a heart attack.

Mr. Sessoms was the husband of the former Miss Maud McLean, of Raeford, who survives him.

Funeral services were conducted at the R. W. Baker funeral home in Suffolk Saturday morning at 10:30 a. m. by the Rev. Graham McChesney, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Suffolk. Mr. Sessoms was an officer of this church and superintendent of the Sunday school. Burial was in the cemetery at Raeford at 5:30 p. m. Graveside rites were also conducted by the Rev. Mr. McChesney, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Jean and Martha, both of the home; three, brothers, and one sister.

Large Volume Of Farm Loans Made By Land Bank

The Federal Land Bank of Columbia made a total of slightly more than eleven million dollars in new long-term mortgage loans to farmers for the fiscal year ending June 30, according to a statement received from Julian H. Scarborough, president of the bank, by J. C. Culbreath, secretary-treasurer of the Lumberton and Whiteville National Farm Loan Associations.

These loans which were made through local national farm loan associations represent the largest volume of new loans for any year since 1934, and were distributed as follows: North Carolina \$3,257,185, South Carolina \$1,808,761, Georgia \$3,643,082, and Florida \$2,326,320.

"Of the above amount, loans amounting to more than 9310,000 were made through the Lumberton and Whiteville National Farm Loan Associations, serving Robeson, Hoke, Scotland, Cumberland, Columbus, and Bladen Counties," Secretary - Treasurer Culbreath said.

Production of peaches in the sandhills area of North Carolina is estimated at 1,522,000 bushels, it was reported by the crop reporting service of state department of agriculture.

This is a decline of six percent from last year's crop of 1,625,000 bushels but about 21 percent more than the 10-year average.

Weed Growers Overwhelmingly O. K. Assessment

Flue-cured tobacco growers in North and South Carolina have approved - by an overwhelming vote of 117,419 to 1,140 - a 10-cent per acre assessment proposed to safe guard and expand export markets through a comprehensive program of education, information and public relations to be administered by Tobacco Associates.

In Hoke County the vote was 744 in favor of the assessment and only 2 against. This vote was from a total of 896 tobacco farms in the county.

The sweeping acceptance of the self-assessment was registered Saturday in a two-state referendum, called by Legislatures of the Carolinas, and final returns yet to be made are expected to push the majority even higher. Two-thirds of those voting had to approve the proposal before the program could be put into effect.

Through the tremendous vote of confidence, Tobacco Associates may go forward with full knowledge that flue-cured producers - landowners, tenants and sharecroppers are backing to the hilt the group's work to stabilize and enlarge foreign markets. J. B. Hutson, president of Tobacco Associates, who is now in Europe, has been informed by E. Y. Floyd, Raleigh, secretary, of the referendum's success, a sterling tribute to the efforts of those who formed the organization.

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Commerce Group Has Lively Meeting Friday

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION A FAIR AMOUNT IS ACCOMPLISHED

In the second meeting for the purpose of organizing a Chamber of Commerce here a group of 56 determined and serious citizens met at the courthouse last Friday night and got well on the way to making the organization a reality.

Cecil Dew, who was elected temporary chairman of the organization at the previous meeting, was in charge and conducted the discussion. R. B. Lewis, who had been appointed chairman of a committee to prepare a constitution to act upon, read the material the committee had prepared to the group.

The whole constitution and by-laws were read and there much wholesome discussion on many debatable points. At the conclusion of the reading and talking the group was unanimous in its acceptance of the articles.

Following this action the group having previously voted to make itself a corporation, elected 12 of its number to be directors of the Chamber when it is incorporated. These were Harry Greene, Lewis Upchurch, R. B. Lewis, Crawford Thomas, Neill A. McDonald, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Cecil Dew, Paul Dickson, M. D. Yates, J. L. McNeill, Lacy Clark and M. T. Poovey.

These directors, under the constitution, will elect a president, and vice-president from their number. They will also select a secretary and treasurer of the organization.

Dew, still functioning as chairman until another is elected, has called a meeting of those to be directors at his office at the Johnson Company tomorrow night at eight o'clock.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Webb, G. Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Herndon of St. Pauls spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Riley Willis.

Jimmy Warner of the U. S. Navy at Norfolk, Va., is spending a 7 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Sessoms spent several days the first of the week at Camp Lee, Va. as the guests of Sgt. and Mrs. Howard Pope.

Lee O'Briant of UNC spent the week end with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. O'Briant.

Miss Catherine Anne Walker is spending several weeks at Wrightsville Beach.

Commy Wall of Raleigh was the week end guest of Miss Gerildine Wright.

Mrs. J. A. Blue and Mrs. Kate Covington spent Friday and Saturday in Concord with Mr. and Mrs. George Bethune. Little Jennie Blue Bethune returned home with them to spend this week.

Miss Mary Stuart Covington is attending a houseparty at Winston-Salem this week.

Mrs. Hubert Cameron and Rosemary are spending this week at Myrtle Beach. They were accompanied by Mrs. Cameron's sister, Mrs. Jimmy Height and family.

Miss Marie Cameron and Miss Phyl Baker spent the week end at Wake Forest with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Markham of Fayetteville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stephens Sunday.

NEGRO DIES IN WRECK; OTHER DRIVER IS ABSOLVED OF BLAME

38 Hoke Ladies Tired But Happy Return From City

GET BACK SATURDAY FROM SIX-DAY TRIP TO NEW YORK

Thirty-eight women made up the group going on the delightful tour to New York which was sponsored by the Hoke County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs last week. Traveling on a chartered Carolina Trailways bus, the group left the Raeford Courthouse at six A. M. Monday, July 7. The first night was spent at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore. The bus arrived early enough for the "tourists" to get supper and see "Duel In The Sun" at one of the theaters. After a good night's rest they left early Tuesday morning for New York by way of New Castle Ferry and through the Lincoln Tunnel under the Hudson River into the city. They arrived at the Hotel Taft soon after lunch, were given a short time to unpack, and then left for a tour of Radio City. Mrs. Crowell Almond, Mrs. F. K. Watson, Sr., and Mrs. N. F. Sinclair were televised there and being loyal Tar Heels, of course, sang "Carolina Moon". Immediately following the tour, the group enjoyed the broadcast "Serenade to America" in one of the studios. After supper, they went to Radio City Music Hall for the stage show and moving picture.

Wednesday morning was spent on a tour of the city in a glass topped bus. A special sightseeing guide pointed out special places of interest in China Town, the Bowery, and up and downtown New York. Stops were made at Grant's tomb on Riverside Drive, at the Joss House in China Town, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

On Wednesday afternoon, the group went on a four hour yacht trip around New York harbor and up the Hudson. A sightseeing guide identified the many tall buildings on Manhattan, the bridges the yacht passed under, places of interest in Brooklyn, the Bronx, the islands, and entertained the group in general with "tail tales" about the city.

One of the highlights of the trip was seeing the "Ice Follies" at the Centre Theatre in Radio City on Wednesday evening. The huge stage on which the spectacular performance is given is made of ice and the players skate during the entire show.

Several who did not go to the "Ice Follies" saw the radio program "Can You Top This" and the Ipana Program on which Jinx Falkenburg and James Stewart appeared.

After seeing the "Ice Follies" and the broadcasts, several members of the group went to Billy Rose's night club. "The Diamond Horseshoe". A five course dinner was served and a very striking floor show was given. When Nobel Sisle's band struck up "Dixie" there was a round of applause heard from a certain table.

Thursday morning a trip was made to Bedloe Island and up into the Statue of Liberty. Several folks were heard to complain of aching legs the next day, but then they didn't have to walk down those 10 flights of stairs.

Thursday afternoon was left open for individual plans. Several went shopping at Macys, Gimbels, and some of the other large stores. Some went to the Roxy to see the Olson and Johnson show and three decamped to Ebbets Field to see the Brooklyn Dodgers beat

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WRECK ON HIGHWAY 15-A AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK SATURDAY NIGHT

At eleven o'clock last Saturday night a 1937 Ford coach owned and operated by Ed Marshall, colored man of this county, collided with a 1946 GMC semi-trailer and the accident resulted in the instant death of Marshall. The wreck occurred at the Hickory Grove service station on U. S. 15-A about eight miles south of Raeford. The truck was moving north and the car was going south.

The truck was owned by Coy Robeson, of Pageland, S. C. and was being driven north with a load of peaches and cantaloupes by Clyde Burch, colored man of Pageland. He was unaccompanied. In Marshall's car were his sister and her two small children, none of whom suffered serious injuries.

According to officers of the State Highway Patrol and the Hoke County sheriff's office who investigated the wreck, Marshall's car was apparently being driven on the left side of the road and Burch actually left the pavement to avoid a collision but was unable to do so. The car hit the front of the trailer and was demolished. The truck was not seriously damaged.

Coroner W. L. Roper made an investigation and decided that an inquest was unnecessary. He ruled that Burch, driver of the truck was not at fault.

Dr. Paul Maness At Duke Hospital

Dr. Paul F. Maness, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Maness of Raeford was released from the Navy on June 17th after five and a half years of service. At the time of his release he was on duty with a carrier air group operating from a large carrier in the Pacific. He made a visit to Sydney, Australia in May.

Dr. Maness recently received notice of his appointment on the pediatric house staff at Duke Hospital, and has already begun work at that institution. He received his M. D. degree from Duke University in 1940 and spent two years in hospital work in Atlanta, Ga. before entering the Navy.

Dr. Maness is married to the former Miss Anne Barrow of Jackson, N. C., and they have one son, Philip McNeill, age five months. Young Philip was christened by his grandfather, Rev. W. L. Maness, in the Raeford Methodist Church on Sunday, June 29.

REVIVAL MEETING

The Tabernacle Baptist church of Raeford is having its revival meeting this week. The visiting pastor is Rev. W. D. Early of Massey Hill. All are invited to attend services at 8 o'clock p. m.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

The cotton boll weevil is still on the increase. Damage so far is much greater than any recent year. Fields checked during the past week indicate that infestation ranges from 20 to 80 percent. Treatment should be made any time infestation is over 10 per cent. The entomologists still recommend the use of Calcium Arsenate. Those who have used Benzene Hexachloride have obtained good control.

Mr. A. K. McMillan, of Little River township, believes in high fertilization of his crops. He states that in fertilizing his corn his profit is produced by fertilizer in excess of 500 pounds per acre.

Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

About 70 odd years ago there was the hottest political campaign in Moore I remember. It was "Convention or no Convention". A majority of the voters found it necessary to amend the Constitution 186-69.

Every farm had a tobacco patch for home consumption. Folks came nearer living at home and board at the same place then than they have in these modern years I have never seen as good syrup in late years as folks learned to make about the 1880's.

The people were complaining about high taxes the first time I heard them talk, and they are at it still. They have seen lots of public money wasted, and this will continue. Watch and you will see.

The Union laborers dodged the law by calling their idleness a vacation instead of a strike. Their chance was wasted.

If you have enough to live in comparative satisfaction, you are not much worse off by being poor. If you had any more, you might be a hog and much more dissatisfied than you are.

Then, being just, being helpful to those who need it is the very best of riches. No, a conscience void of offense is the greatest of riches.

Four of us boys went fishing in Drowning Creek one June night and on the way to the creek we were all bragging, "I am going to catch more fish than YOU." Will McKenzie and I caught 23 each, little catfish 5 to 6 inches long. The other two boys caught 3 each. Those 5' little catfish were pretty next morning in a tub of water.

A man came into our Drowning Creek neighborhood one fall and contracted to clean out all his lowground ditches for a certain price and board. He stayed a month. That man never contracted to board another strange man and have him work for him.

That man married a girl in the community who had lost hope of doing better, and she lived with him until he was taken down helpless with rheumatism. Then he moved to one of our mountain counties and when they arrived, there was another good, lively, healthy old wife. That man had killed one of his neighbors and run away and he came into our section. He was never tried for the crime. He died within a few months. His name was Denny to us; he had another name in his old home section. One summer he raised six hogs and that fall as long as they lasted, he killed and ate a whole hog a week.

Yes sir, I would rather see prices continue high as they are now rather than go back to too low prices like we had for forty-five years.

I cleared two acres of land, cut everything kneehigh on that land in ten days for six dollars and my dinners. I also made 1,000 rails 10 1/4 feet long for four-dollars and my dinners.

Many a man chipped ten thousand turpentine boxes a week for thirty weeks for \$5 a week and board himself. Several of them saved money at it. Stow Russel had \$800 saved up the last time I talked to him about it.

I said in this column recently no man or woman gets drunk on purpose-they get led into it.

Cocktail parties where both men and women do not have to get behind something to take a drink are doing untold harm.

Mecklenburg County made the 26th county to enlist under His Satanic Majesty. Mecklenburg County is one of the largest counties in this state, and Charlotte is the largest city in North Carolina.

I told the Fayetteville Observer, my home paper, that legal liquor would produce a smoke screen to help bootleggers. It did.