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ADDENDA

By The Editor

LAMONT BROWN, native of Raeford and lately a resident of Pinebluff, was honored last week by being elected president of the newly-organized Lions club in Pinebluff. He is a law student and is at present in the office of J. Talbot Johnson, attorney of Aberdeen.

REUNIONS—The annual McBryde reunion will be held at Antioch Presbyterian church next Thursday, August 14. There will be a program and all relatives are invited to attend and bring a basket. On the following Sunday, August 17, the McInnis reunion will be held at the Dundarrach church. The sermon will be at 11:00 o'clock and dinner will be on the grounds. All friends and members of the clan are invited to attend and bring lunch.

COMMENDATIONS are due to Coach Hayward Faircloth for the fine work he has done with the teen-age boys and girls and the youngsters in the recreation he has conducted at the High school and at Rockfish creek in the past eight weeks. He has afforded them wholesome recreation in the mornings, afternoons and evenings and has taught many little ones to swim. We should all thank him and the sponsoring groups, and we should resolve now to make the program an annual one. It ends tomorrow.

BELK-HENSDALE Co. are having a little carpentering done in the back of their store here. They are having the balcony enlarged to accommodate a sales department of the firm.

ISRAEL MANN returned last Friday from a trip to New York where he had been to buy merchandise for his store. He reports that there are some marked changes in styles of ladies' clothing. He further reports that crepe material remains scarce, and that labor shortage is still felt in men's clothing.

SOME DIFFICULTY was experienced yesterday afternoon by the Raeford Fire department in extinguishing a fire of blazing gasoline on a tractor at the Baker & McFadyen garage. The fire is said to have started when the motor was turned over with a spark plug out and a spark jumped out into a spot that was wet with gas. This, together with an open vessel of gas nearby, caused quite a blaze. Firemen were able to get the blazing vehicle out of the building before serious damage resulted, however.

1,918 was the number of registered motor vehicles and trailers in Hoke County on July 1, according to estimates released by the state department of motor vehicles this week. Guilford, with 42,387, had the most in the state while Clay, with 581, had the least.

A WHOPPER of a rattlesnake was killed near Rockfish creek last Saturday by Lee Guin, who saw him while driving past in his car. Lee says he drove over him backwards and forwards several times and finally parked on him and waited for him to die. The snake was an old-timer, over five feet long with 16 rattles.

THE RED ROBINS, Red Springs baseball club, are going to get out of the cellar of the Tobacco State league, according to Tom Cope, business manager of the club who was here this week placing an ad in this issue announcing games in Red Springs tonight, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

Lewis McBrayer, formerly of Sanatorium and Raeford, is quite sick in a Greensboro hospital.

Border Belt Tobacco Markets Opening Today

PRICES EXPECTED TO REACH AVERAGE OF \$50 A HUNDRED

The annual gold rush starts in North and South Carolina tomorrow — the rush to sell the golden king of weeds at opening of flue-cured tobacco markets on the border belt.

W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist for the North Carolina department of agriculture, said that border belt opening average prices might run up to \$50 a hundred pounds. He based his estimate on reports of prices averaging \$44 on the opening of Georgia-Florida markets July 24. Tobacco on the Georgia-Florida market is sold untied and ungraded, while prices of the border belt tied and graded crop usually average a few dollars higher.

Hedrick said the border belt crop is "generally good although not quite as good as it was last year."

The federal-state crop reporting service said that border belt growers probably will not produce as much tobacco this year as last, when the crop grossed \$166,000,000, highest return in history.

North Carolina border belt tobacco men last year grew 110,400,000 pounds on 96,000 acres. This year a harvest of 89,300,000 pounds is expected from 95,000 acres.

South Carolina farmers last year harvested 171,825,000 pounds from 145,000 acres. This year they are expected to produce 144,000,000 pounds from 144,000 acres.

South Carolina border belt markets are at Conway, Darlington, Dillon, Kingstree, Lake City, Loris, Mullins, Pamplico and Timmonsville. Gross sales on these nine markets last year were 168,262,865 pounds at an average price of \$48.30 a hundred.

The eight North Carolina markets are at Chadbourn, Clarkton, Fair Bluff, Fairmont, Fayetteville, Lumberton, Tabor City and Whiteville.

Last year they sold 167,361,629 pounds at an average price of \$50.75 a hundred.

The government support price—the price at which the flue-cured tobacco co-operative stabilization corporation will purchase the tobacco of farmers not satisfied with the price at warehouse auctions—will average \$40 a hundred. It will range from \$8 for lower grades of non-descript to \$60 for the finest grades.

County Librarian Makes Annual Financial Report

Mrs. Luke Bethune, librarian of the Hoke county public library, has released a report of the financial and business status of the library for the year ending June 30, 1947.

The report showed that there were 5,840 books in the library at the end of the year and that there were 4,295 registered borrowers of books. During the year there were 8,931 books borrowed by adults and 4,901 by children, making a total of 13,832 books borrowed.

The financial report showed receipts as follows during the year: balance, \$518.06; Town, \$250 County, 400; State, \$1933; gifts, \$45; and other sources \$114.09, making a total of \$3160.15 received during the year.

The report showed expenditures as follows: salaries, \$1429.13; books, \$1469.40; periodicals, \$44; other operating expenses, \$81.93, making a total of \$3054.46 and leaving a balance on hand of \$105.69.

The library is administered by a board of trustees consisting of the following: K. A. MacDonald, (Continued on back page)

Wildlife Commission Sets Bird Seasons

District Wildlife Protector H. R. McLean this week released the seasons for hunting migratory game bird seasons and the bag limits on those birds.

Open seasons on various of these birds are as follows, all dates inclusive: dove, Sept. 16-30 and Jan. 1-31; duck, Dec. 8-Jan. 6; Geese, Dec. 8-Jan. 6; Coot and sea coot, Dec. 8-Jan. 6; Sora, Sept. 1-Nov. 30; mall, marsh hen and gallinule, Sept. 1-Nov. 30.

There is no open season on brant, Ross's goose, swan, snow goose, woodcock, and jacksnipe.

Shooting hours are on waterfowl, coots, rails, marsh hens, and gallinules from sunrise to one hour before sunset; except that the hour for commencement of hunting waterfowl and coot on opening day shall be 12 o'clock noon. On doves, one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

McLean stated that 1947-48 hunting and fishing licenses are now on sale at the same places as last year.

Veterans May Write Raleigh For Medals

The Victory Medal and American Defense Service Medal to be issued beginning August 15, 1947 by the War Department, may be obtained by applying by letter to the North Carolina Military District, Decorations Division, Box 311, Raleigh, N. C., it was announced by Col. Severne S. MacLaughlin, commanding officer of the District.

The next of kin of soldiers killed in the war, or who have died subsequently may apply for the medals, it was stated.

Applications must be accompanied by a certified copy of discharge or other War Department authenticated statement of service, and the Medals will be mailed direct to the applicant, Col. MacLaughlin said.

The American Defense Service Medal is awarded to men who had honorable service between September 8, 1939 and December 7, 1941. The Victory Medal is awarded all personnel who served between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946.

Poole's Medley

BY D. SCOTT POOLE

"Come to Carolina in the summer time,
When the luscious fruits are hanging in their prime,
And the merry maidens in the leafy bowers,
Oh, there is no land on earth like the land of ours."
Cho: Ho for Carolina,
That's the land for me,
In her happy borders roam the brave and free,
And her bright eyed daughters, none can fairer be,
Oh, it is the land of love and sweet liberty."

People sang more just after the Civil War. I reckon because they were alive and doing well.

Communists are enemies of the Christian Religion and woe be unto this world and all in it when the Communists get control, and they are determined to get control and that soon.

Our government is trying to eradicate Communism, and this may be the means of steering clear of serious trouble now in the making.

Government assistance in education will bring trouble. It is a wrong idea for the government to support the people.

A democracy is a country governed by a majority of its people and is just what the people want, if it is indeed a government of the people.

Monopoly, control of trade by trickery, is America's greatest drawback. Cotton is going up and down daily by trickery. That should be stopped.

There is no sense in the price of live hogs being higher priced than lard. Merchants advertise lard at 4 pounds 79 cents, live hogs 25 1-4 cents.

The Sunny South is prospering and we hope for better times and more wealth for these the greatest of a great people.

Squire Daniel McKenzie and his sons used to drive to Carthage or home from Carthage in an hour, 20 miles. That was good driving.

Fifty years ago there were almost as many Republican newspapers in this state as there were Democratic papers.

Daniel Robinson, who lived in Stanley County, after he married,

came to visit his brothers John and Sandy, and sister, Betsy. His horse broke out Sunday morning at 8 o'clock and ran home 40 miles, swimming the Pee Dee River, in two hours.

You have heard of the "sand-hill rooster"? Well, that was a hog which had to root hog or die. Often they did both.

Occasionally now we get grass fed meat and I am reminded of the beef we killed and ate from the range. The cattle were at all right but grass fed meat is not good like grain fed meat.

Before the art of embalming was known in this country we had unpleasant tasks to perform when a neighbor or his child died. We inexperienced "undertakers" took over.

I get to thinking it over, and I conclude that nothing was as good back in those days as they are now. This is true for two reasons, we had far less sugar and flavorings.

I think I have seen a barrel of flies biting at once. There were grievous swarms of flies in all dwellings in warm weather. House flies swarmed over the premises as well as in the homes. Hornets, yellowjackets and wasps were all mad and ready to sting you. If you lived sixty years ago you will agree this is the truth.

The old teacher in our district gave out benevolence calling the word "Benny-vo-lence", instead of benevolence.

Former Servicemen May Enlist With U. S. Assignment

Former servicemen may soon enlist in the Regular Army and be assured of an initial assignment of at least one year's duration within the limits of the Third Army Area, which includes the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee, according to a statement made today by Sgt. L. A. Morrison, of the local recruiting Sub-Station of the Army Recruiting Service.

The Sergeant further explained that the new directive authorizes the enlistment of former members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, who were honorably discharged on or after

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Trial Of John L. Maultsby Set For Next Tuesday

RECORDER DISPOSES OF OTHER CASES IN SHORT SESSION

The trial of John Leonard Maultsby, white man of the county, on several charges came up Tuesday morning in recorder's court before Judge Henry McDiarmid and was postponed for one week at the request of the defendant. Maultsby is charged in one case with assaulting Jennings T. Maultsby. In another case he is charged with violating the prohibition law by possessing a quantity of non-tax-paid or "block" liquor and with being drunk and disorderly. In still another he is charged with resisting arrest when apprehended for the latter.

According to the sheriff's office Maultsby was taken first on Saturday night but managed to escape before they could get him to the jail. On Sunday they say they saw him again and had to run him down to take him. He was released from the jail Monday after a \$200 bond was posted.

Tried in court Tuesday were William G. Currie, James Long, and Bertha Cox, all white, who were charged with violating the prohibition laws by possession of non-taxed-paid liquor, they having been with Maultsby when he was arrested on the same charge. They entered pleas of guilty and each paid the costs.

Theodore H. Allen, white man of Hickory, pleaded guilty of driving drunk and sentence of 60 days was suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs.

Tracy McRae, colored, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly and William McLean, colored, forfeited a \$20 bond when he failed to appear for trial on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. Elmore Love, colored, also paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Neill A. Jackson, white, was charged with carnal knowledge. The case was left open for possible action by the district solicitor at the August term of superior court.

Bud Hinson, white, pleaded guilty of assaulting his wife. Sentence of 30 days was suspended on payment of the costs and on condition of good behavior for two years.

James Gore, colored of Chicago, Ill., pleaded guilty in two cases to careless and reckless driving and driving with an improper driver's license. Sentence totaled 5 months and were suspended on payment of \$35 and the costs.

Tom Watkins, Gabe Watkins and Leroy Morrison were charged with stealing and receiving stolen watermelons and chickens. The case was continued for one week.

The case against James Sinclair, colored, for stealing a tire and jack from the Raeford Auto Co. was also continued for one week.

Mrs. John R. Miller Is Buried In Fairmont

Mrs. John R. Miller, 79, died Monday afternoon at the home of her son and daughter-in-law in Fairmont. She was the widow of the late Rev. John R. Miller, who was for several years pastor of the Raeford Baptist church.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist church of Fairmont by her pastor, the Rev. Carey P. Herring.

She is survived by three sisters, two daughters and three grandchildren.

COTTON MILL HERE TO START FULL SCALE OPERATION AGAIN

Opening Dates Set For Schools Of Hoke County

FACULTIES ARE ALMOST COMPLETE; ALLOW MORE TEACHERS

The Hoke county school board held its monthly meeting in the courthouse Monday and released the information that parents and pupils of the county have been waiting to hear.

The white schools of the county will open on Thursday, September 11, and the colored and Indian schools will open on Monday, October 6.

Faculties of all schools of the county are complete with the exception of the Rockfish school. The names of the new teachers were not available yesterday but will be published at a later date. County Superintendent K. A. MacDonald stated yesterday that one additional teacher had been authorized and employed for the High school and one for the Raeford Graded school. These teachers bring the total at each school to 13. There will be one less teacher in the colored schools of the county this year than last.

Mr. MacDonald also mentioned that the county had received two new school busses since school had closed and that delivery of another had been promised by October first.

Local Man's Father Passes Monday In Fayetteville

Elijah Bascom Cole, 72, died Monday at his home in Fayetteville. A native of Scotland county, he had made his home in Fayetteville for the past eight years. He was a member of the Person Street Methodist church and was a son of the late Martin Pickett Cole and Mrs. Martha Living Cole.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nancy Bowen Cole; by five sons, Bernice B. Cole of Raeford, William B. Cole of Pinehurst, Johnny V. Cole of Durham, Henry P. Cole and Charles J. Cole of Fayetteville; by three daughters, Mrs. Roy T. Campbell, Mrs. H. H. Clemmons and Mrs. L. E. Cook, all of Fayetteville; by two brothers, T. R. Cole and H. H. Cole of Fairbluff; by one sister, Mrs. J. H. Bartley of Fairbluff; and by 17 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at three o'clock at the Rogers and Breece funeral home in Fayetteville and burial was in the Spring Hill cemetery at Wagram.

E. C. Smith Hurt In Auto Accident

E. C. Smith, well known Wagram man, was seriously hurt in an accident about five miles from Raeford on the Fayetteville road Tuesday morning. He was taken to Highsmith hospital by a soldier, Sgt. K. G. Stauffer of Fort Bragg, where early reports said that he was in a critical condition. Later reports, however, were to the effect that his condition, while serious, was not critical. He suffered a broken jaw and other injuries.

Highway patrolmen said that Smith's car collided with a rear corner of a truck which had pulled onto the shoulder of the road. The top of the car was ripped off. The accident was investigated by State Highway patrolmen from Cumberland and Hoke counties.

EMPLOYEES & BUSINESS WELCOME RETURN OF \$3500 PAY ROLL

M. T. Poovey, superintendent of the White-Tex Mills, Incorporated, of Raeford, stated yesterday that he expected the plant here to begin at least partial operation next Monday and that the plant would go into full scale operation as soon as sufficient labor becomes available.

The plant has been closed since June. When it last ran full time it employed approximately 125 persons to whom it paid about \$3500 weekly. Officials have stated that the mill was closed due to a slack business season and in order to allow the installation of new machinery.

The superintendent said yesterday that the plant had been overhauled throughout and that new machinery for spinning, picking and carding had been installed. He said the number of spindles in the mill had been increased from 6,000 to 7,500.

Poovey said that the mill would have jobs for at least as many workers as it formerly employed and that the management would welcome former employees back on the payroll. He said that several vacant houses in the mill village would be available to returning employees and others. He said that they would be able to use almost any type of mill help, i. e., spinners, carders, pickers, etc.

FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

Hoke County farmers will visit the Beitsville, Md., Agricultural Experiment Station on September 22. This station is operated by the United States Department of Agriculture where it heads all the research work done in the United States. Two days will be spent touring the farm and studying the results of tests made with both crops and livestock. One day will be open for a tour of Washington, D. C. This tour is being sponsored by the Board of Agriculture. About thirty five farmers will make the tour by bus. Transportation will cost about \$8.75 for the round trip. The nights will be spent at the Washington Tourist Camp which is operated by the Government at cost. Transportation, lodging and meals should not exceed \$25. Several farmers have already made deposit for transportation which is required at the time of registration. The trip is not confined to Board of Agriculture members, but is open to the first thirty five farmers registering at the County Agent's office.

Boil weevil is still on the increase in Hoke County. Report by J. T. Conner, Jr., Extension Entomologist, for last week shows the infestation in Hoke of 69 per cent. Scotland has an infestation of 79 per cent and Robeson County 69 per cent. Farmers are urged to make a check of their cotton fields at least twice each week to determine the damage. Control methods should be employed when infestation is 10 per cent.

There is some money to be made on hogs at present prices. Mr. J. D. Tapp recently sold nine hogs at \$25.75 per cwt. The nine hogs paid the initial cost and feeding of twelve head. Mr. Tapp kept three for home use. The State Sanatorium, according to J. L. Beall, farm manager, sold 117 hogs last week at \$27 per cwt. They weighed 26,030 pounds and sold for \$7,004.70. These had cost \$2,000 worth of corn and \$40.00 worth of fish meal. The rest of (Continued on back page)