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## ADDENDA

By The Editor

**C. B. DEANE**, of Rockingham, Eighth district congressman, filed his name with the State Board of Elections this week as a candidate to succeed himself in the May Democratic primary. He paid a filing fee of \$125.

**BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN** church will have morning worship services next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Dr. Louis C. LaMotte, president of Presbyterian Junior College at Maxton, will deliver the sermon.

**ANOTHER CLOSE CALL** was the one experienced by Albert H. Baker of Fayetteville at about nine-thirty last Saturday morning when he drove his 1940 Ford truck into the side of the Drowning Creek bridge on highway 15-A. The truck was considerably damaged. Baker's idea of how it happened was that the tie rod came loose, investigating members of the State Highway Patrol say, although the truck was so badly demolished that this could not be checked.

**THE KEY CLUB** at Hoke High school is sponsoring another square dance at the Armory Saturday night from eight to eleven for the benefit of the March of Dimes. Battery A, of the National Guard, is still holding the regular Wednesday night square dances there also.

**THE COUNTY BOARD** of commissioners decided at their last meeting that all property in the county would be revalued for taxes this year. This has not been done in eight years, according to John McGoogan. List takers are Allendale, Archie McGoogan, Antioch, Jack Hodgins, Blue Springs, C. J. McNeill, Little River, Hinson Walters, McLaughlin, John Parker, Quewhiffle, W. C. Covington, Raeford, L. J. Campbell, and Stonewall, W. J. McBryce.

**RYAN MCBRYDE** went to Durham yesterday where his sister, Mrs. Bert Nisbet of Wilmington, underwent an operation at Duke hospital. Mrs. Nisbet is a native of this county and a former resident.

**A SQUARE DANCE** for the March of Dimes is being held in Wagram gymnasium next Thursday night from 8:30 until midnight. Clarence Stubbs and his string band will furnish the music.

**THE \$2 BILLS** that have been seen around in quantity since White-Tex mills started using them a few weeks ago should be some indication as to how much the payroll there means to the economy of this community. Maybe that's why they were used. We understand the mill will start paying by check again this week.

## Building & Loan Association Meets

The annual meeting of the Raeford Building and Loan association was held in the offices of the association here on Tuesday, January 13, 1948. Officers and directors for the association were elected at the meeting and they are the same ones who served during the past year. F. B. Sexton was reelected president, H. L. Gatlin, vice-president and Mrs. W. L. Poole, secretary.

In Mrs. Poole's report to the membership she stated that the association made a total of 55 loans in the past year totalling \$129,100. Of these 27 loans totalling \$86,600 were made for the construction of new homes, 12 loans totalling \$34,800 were made for the purchase of homes, two loans totalling \$2,800 were made for refinancing homes, six loans totalling \$12,300 were made for repairs, and seven business loans totalling \$12,600 were made.

## CLOTHES FOR PEOPLE LIKE THESE



**A GREEK FAMILY** awaiting relief supplies from American church people. The sores on the face of one child bear witness to their lack of proper food. To such as these go the clothing, shoes and other goods collected throughout North Carolina in the "Fill a Ship with Friendship" drive January 25-31. In Hoke County collections will be held in the churches, schools, civic clubs and home demonstration clubs.

## SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The Hoke-Raeford PTA met in the Raeford Graded school on Monday afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. Younger Snead, president, presiding. Several of the grades put on a good health program that was very interesting and instructive.

It was voted at the meeting to hold the next meeting on the third Monday afternoon in February at 2:30.

Miss Hortense McGregor has been out of school for the last several days on account of the very serious illness of her mother. We hope she will soon be improved. Mrs. Archie Howard has been substituting for her.

There will be a county-wide teachers meeting held at the Hoke High building tonight at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be in charge of the Public Relations committee of the Hoke Unit of NCEA Mrs. A. D. Gore, chairman.

R. A. Smoak will attend a meeting of the state-wide legislative committee of the NCEA, in Raleigh on Saturday.

A new class operated by the extension division of the University started in Laurinburg yesterday. Quite a number of Hoke county teachers have enrolled in this course. They will secure credit for renewal and raising certificates.

All schools in the county are cooperating with Chairman W. L. Poole of the polio committee in the fund raising campaign for polio victims.

## HOKE HIGH

Miss Alice Copeland, home economics teacher, went to Hamlet Tuesday of this week to attend a district meeting of home economic teachers. The teachers mapped out plans for the next term's work and discussed problems pertaining to their work.

Helen Hall, a pupil of Hoke County High School, who recently moved to Wake County had not been absent from school in five years. This is surely a good record. (Continued on page 4)

## Mrs. Lena Pratt Is Buried Here

Mrs. Lena Little Pratt, mother of former Representative Jane Pratt of the Eighth district, died early last Friday morning at the home of her son, Lacy Pratt, in Radford, Virginia. She was buried here Sunday afternoon.

She was 81 years of age and had been ill for several months before her condition became worse on Thursday and her family was called to her bedside.

Funeral services were conducted in Radford on Saturday and burial services were conducted here by the Rev. W. B. Heyward on Sunday afternoon at three-thirty.

Mrs. Pratt was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George P. Little and was the widow of the late J. L. Pratt who died several years ago. The Pratts were Raeford residents from about 1912 to about 1927.

Surviving are four daughters, Miss Jane Pratt and Mrs. F. Bernard Smith of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Hugh Wall of Charleston, S. C., and Miss Elizabeth Pratt of Whiteville, N. C.; two sons, Lacy L. Pratt of Radford, Va., and Robert Pratt of Columbia, S. C.

## Hoke High Cage Teams Win Two Here On Tuesday

The Hoke County High School Bucks made it three in a row Tuesday night by trouncing Hope Mills High School 30-20. The game was a tight defensive battle in the first half with the locals leading by only 2-7 at intermission, but as usual the Bucks came back strong in the second half to win by ten points. It was the third straight win for the Bucks and it was also sweet revenge for an early season defeat handed them by the visitors from Cumberland County. Gulleddge with 16 points was high scorer for the locals while Loftis with nine was high man for the visitors. In the preliminary games the local girls emerged victorious by a 34-28 score and the Hope Mills Jayvees saved their school from a complete whitewashing by edging the local Juniors 18-16. In the girls' game Marian Lewis was best for the local girls with 26 points. Hester with 14 was best for Hope Mills girls. In the Jayvees game Mann and Yarborough with 5 points each were best for the locals. The next home game for the locals is Tuesday night when Hoke High plays a triple-header with Aberdeen. Friday night the locals travel to Roseboro for a doubleheader.

## High School Club To Help Legion With Park Lights

The following letter sent out this week is self explanatory:

Dear Friend:  
The Key Club, an organization of young men in Hoke County High School, is working with the American Legion to raise money to put lights in the ball park. Two thousand dollars has been raised and if we are to have lights this spring an additional two thousand dollars must be raised immediately. The material is now available and if we can raise the above amount, work will begin at once. Similar letters are being sent to every family in Hoke County. We think this is a project everyone will enjoy and everyone will want to help finance. A list of all contributors will be carried each week in The News-Journal and at the end of the campaign a complete financial statement will be carried.

Enclose is a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. Checks should be made payable to Key Club, Hoke County High School. No contribution too large or too small.

Help us put this project across. Sincerely,  
KEY CLUB

## Colored Man Dies In Fire Monday A. M.

Charlie McDonald, 56-year-old colored man of Little River township was burned to death in his home about five miles from Vass in a fire of undetermined origin shortly before noon on Monday. McDonald's home was totally destroyed and the flames almost completely consumed his body.

McDonald was apparently alone at home at the time of the fire. His son, Woodrow McDonald and his wife, who lived with the elder McDonald work in Vass and they are said to have been there at the time. They report that so far as they know there was nothing wrong with him when they left Monday morning. He was also seen about mid-morning by a passing neighbor who brought him a package from a store.

There have been rumors of foul play with the rumored motive that McDonald had a large sum of cash in the house with him but so far these are unconfirmed. Harry Greene was appointed special coroner for the case in the absence of Coroner W. L. Roper and went to a Southern Pines funeral home with a jury on Tuesday and viewed McDonald's remains. They then went to the scene of the fire. The conclusion of the inquest is scheduled for this afternoon at the courthouse.

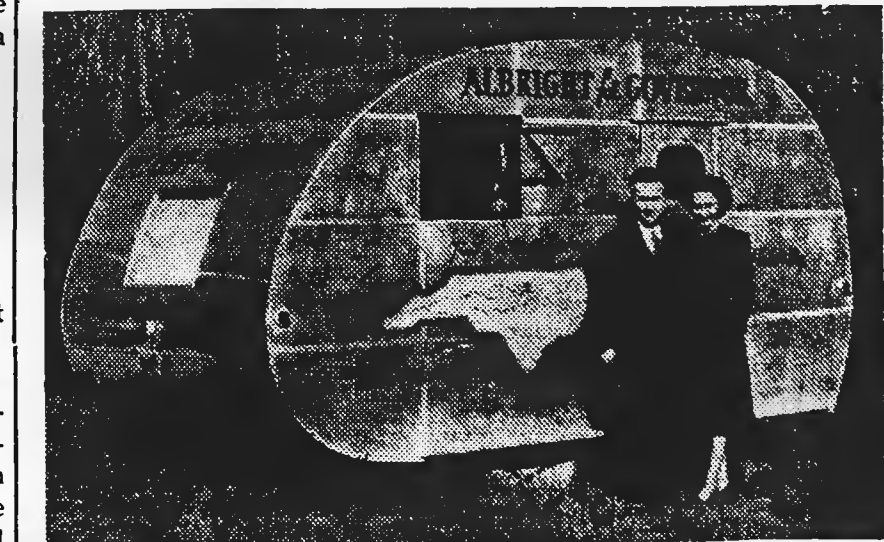
## Miss Fairley Dies In Tarboro Monday

Miss Kate Fairley, former resident of Fayetteville and sister of Dr. Watson M. Fairley, former pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edward Roberson, in Tarboro Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock after a long illness.

Besides Dr. Fairley and Mrs. Roberson, Miss Fairley is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Sam Harrell of Tarboro and Mrs. Archer Cater of Sanford.

She was born in Manchester and was the daughter of the late Rev. David M. and Mrs. Janie McIver Fairley. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at the Tarboro Presbyterian church.

## MAYNE ALBRIGHT PLANS TO VISIT RAEFORD TODAY WITH HIS TRAILER



R. Mayne Albright, candidate for governor in the Democratic Primary, will visit Raeford on Thursday, January 22nd, in his trailer Field Headquarters, the "Challenger." He will be accompanied by his wife, who is serving as secretary and housekeeper on the tour.

The "Challenger" will be park-downtown during the day and open for visitors.

Hoke will be the 61st County visited by the "Challenger" in its 100-County tour of North Carolina. Albright is taking his campaign direct to the people—in country stores, filling stations, farms, docks, offices, mills, civic clubs, women's organizations, Veterans' groups, Labor organizations, as well as in Court Houses and City Halls. With this method he expects to talk personally with more individuals than any other

## Masonic Lodge Installs Officers

Raeford Masonic Lodge publicly installed its officers for 1948 at the regular meeting of the Lodge last week. This was the first public installation ceremony ever undertaken by local Masons, who had as their guests members of the Eastern Star organization, wives of Masons, and a number of out-of-town Masons and their wives.

J. L. Teal was installed Master and succeeds M. C. Dew. C. P. Kinlaw was installed Senior Warden, B. B. Cole, Junior Warden, D. H. Hodgins, Treasurer, and N. A. McDonald, Jr. Secretary. McDonald succeeds Lacy F. Clark who has been secretary for many years. J. W. McPhaul was installed Assistant Secretary, Jesse Gulleddge, Senior Deacon, W. L. Alexander, Junior Deacon and D. F. McInnis, Tyler.

Past Master Edgar Hall presided at the installation, and addressed the group briefly after the ceremony. Edward E. Smith acted as Marshall. The District Deputy Grand Master, W. L. Allen, of Rockingham, also spoke to the group. Guests were welcomed by the outgoing master, and the response was made by Mrs. Starr McMillan of the local Eastern Star chapter. The outgoing master was presented a past master's emblem, a gift from business associates, in a brief talk by N. A. McDonald.

## Wildlife Federation Meet Next Week

The North Carolina Wildlife Federation's third Annual Meeting will be held in Winston-Salem on January 25 and 26. Headquarters will be the Robert E. Lee Hotel. Several nationally known speakers including Carl D. Shoemaker of the National Wildlife Federation will be on the program. Federation President P. K. Gravelly of Rocky Mount will preside and give a report. Wendell Tesh, president of the Forsyth County Wildlife Club, and Dr. Fred Garvey, both of Winston-Salem, are in charge of local arrangements and have promised several entertainment features. Election of officers for 1948 will be held at the business session. Officers to be elected are president, three vice presidents, and secretary and treasurer.

## Dealings With Wringer Company Near Completion

The Hoke County Development Corporation received its corporation charter from Secretary of State Thad Eure on Monday, Benton Thomas carrying the application to Raleigh and returning with the charter the same day.

Yesterday a committee from the board of directors of the corporation were on a trip to Winston-Salem where they planned to negotiate a loan for the balance of the money needed for the building project for which the corporation was organized. On this committee are R. B. Lewis, J. L. McNeill and C. L. Thomas.

Word was received from the American Wringer Company in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, this week to the effect that the contract which was sent to them from the local corporation appeared to be generally satisfactory and that Mr. George R. Toney, assistant to the president of the company, would be in Raeford this week to meet with the directors of the Hoke County Development corporation and discuss the signing of the contract for the building of the plant here.

## Hoke Should Keep Hospital Funds, Kiwanians Say

The board of County Commissioners was called upon to reconsider its action in regard to making it possible for Moore County to have access to this county's hospital and clinic help funds, by members of the Raeford Kiwanis club at its meeting last week. It was explained that under present legislation, Hoke county's chances of help under the present legislative program would be lost if the county gave up at this time its rights to Moore county, in order that the latter county might be helped with its hospital, now used by the whole area, and in need of operating funds. The commissioners, it was explained, had not so understood the law. Bob Lewis, who presented the matter, showed that while we are willing to help Moore county now, we could not do so and keep our own chance for help later, and therefore asked the club to recommend reconsideration on the part of the commissioners. After some discussion, concurred in by Robert Murray of the county medical association, action was taken asking the commissioners to reconsider.

The program was given over to Miss Blanche Owen, of the school music department, and she proceeded to teach the Kiwanians to sing, and appeared to be remarkably successful in doing so. Kiwanian Benton Thomas even developed a voice, and wants to continue his lessons.

The club is now meeting in the high school cafeteria, and will continue to do for the next several weeks.

## FARM NOTES

By A. S. Knowles

North Carolina farmers, with the exception of those depending on tobacco and peanuts, should have just as high gross income in 1948 as they received last year. The demand for the majority of farm products will be very strong. The cost of production will be higher in 1948. This will mean less net income on most farms in 1948.

In view of the higher cost of production, farmers must increase their efficiency if net income is to be maintained. Efficiency may be increased by:

1. Planning the farm business to make the best and fullest use of land and labor.
2. Using latest recommended practices to increase yield and (Continued on Page 4)