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ADDENDA

by the editor

THIS COLUMN is something that was conceived two or three summers ago to fill this space when County School Superintendent Kenneth MacDonal ran out of something to write about. Well, he wrote his last for last week's paper, so here it is again. Contents are doubtful, as almost anything that comes to mind gets in.

TO WEST POINT — First Raeford boy ever to enter the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., left yesterday and will report for duty tomorrow morning. He is Martin L. (Sonny) McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McIntyre. He is a graduate of Porter Military Academy, Charleston, S. C., and attended Wake Forest College for two years. He was nominated for admission by Congressman C. B. Deane. We've had two local boys to finish the Naval Academy that I know of but I think Sonny will be the first to go to West Point. We're proud of him and wish him success.

LIONS WILL ROAR again tomorrow night at the High school cafeteria when the newly-organized Raeford Lions club has its second meeting. The meeting will be from 7:00 to 8:00 o'clock. We're glad to wish them well, also, because a Lions club always helps a town.

HEARING ON ROADS before the county commissioners and Highway commissioner George Coble at the courthouse Monday afternoon was fairly well attended—by people who are interested in particular roads, as was expected. Each road that was marked for improvement on a map by the Highway commissioner, but no oratory by the various delegations from all over the county was permitted. The county commissioners will be notified just how much was marked on the map later. Official figure on rural roads to be fixed up with the bond issue money in the county is 92 miles.

TENT SHOW TONIGHT on the vacant lot back of the Home Food Market is sponsored by the American Legion and is about the first act of this nature to be performed by new commander Julius Jordan.

FOURTH OF JULY comes Monday and most of us will be hunting some place that's cool, I expect. The News-Journal will be closed along with most other businesses here and elsewhere. There will also be no National Guard drill next week.

ONLY 2 VACANCIES, by the way, remain in the local National Guard unit, although there may be more before the unit goes to Camp Stewart, Ga., on July 23. There are now 103 men in the unit.

ONCE IN 50 YEARS was often enough for the Presbyterian church to have an anniversary, some of us here at **The News-Journal** were saying last Friday night. Reason for that was that we underestimated the magnitude of the job of printing the programs for the occasion and had to stay on the job about 30 hours straight to get it done. Cecil Dew, who edited the program, was right here with us most of the time, too.

IN THAT CONNECTION it would be well to mention here that many persons from elsewhere who were here for the church celebration will not find their names in the list of those from out of town. Reason is that many of them had already been set up as being here for the week end when we got the church list and were deleted to avoid duplication.

THE BLACK SOX, Raeford's very excellent Negro baseball team, will celebrate "The Fourth" the way it ought to be celebrated. They're going to play the Greensboro Black Yanks at Army Park at 3:30 p. m.

R. T. Gaitley Passes Away; Buried Yesterday

Robert Thomas Gaitley, resident of Red Springs and for several years a resident of this county, died Monday night in a Lumberton hospital. He had been in declining health for the past eight years. He was born in Richmond county, August 15, 1870, a son of the late Isaac and Katherine Crouch Gaitley.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Annie Culbreth of Robeson county; four daughters, Mrs. Wallace Chandler of Franklinville, Miss Martha Gaitley, secretary of the First Presbyterian church in Fayetteville, and Misses Jean and Helen Gaitley of the home; by three brothers, E. D. Gaitley of Florence, S. C., J. C. Gaitley of Norfolk, Va.; and J. B. Gaitley of Front Royal, Va.; by one sister, Mrs. G. V. McPhail of Rowland; and by two grandsons.

Funeral services were conducted from the Trinity Methodist church at Red Springs Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. Graham Eubanks, assisted by Rev. Walker B. Healy, D.D., of Fayetteville.

Burial was in the Alloway cemetery.

Fort Bragg Plays Legion Team Here Tomorrow Night

W. L. Poole's American Legion Junior baseball team dropped from second place in the past week to a tie for second. They were leading Fort Bragg by one game, but lost, 9 to 8, in a game there last Thursday night. The local boys outthit the Fort Bragg boys but Raeford's pitchers had a rather wild time and free bases made the difference.

The local aggregation went to Clinton last night where they either took clear possession of second place by winning, or dropped to third by losing.

Next game here will be in Army park at eight o'clock with Fort Bragg the visiting team.

Road Deaths Drop In May; Hoke Second In State

For the first time since January, fatalities on highways of North Carolina took a downward turn during May, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

A total of 48 persons were killed during the month as compared with 62 persons killed during May of 1948, representing a 23 per cent decrease.

The Department attributes the decrease to less traffic on the highways because of seasonal occupations.

May's figures brought to 303 the persons killed during the first five months of the year.

Reported traffic accidents during May totaled 1,509, as compared with 1,327 during the same period last year, an increase of 14 per cent. Total accidents through the first five months of the year numbered 7,243.

Bicycle fatalities doubled during May as compared with last May. Four persons were killed in bike-motor vehicle collisions, bringing the five-month total to 11. Twenty-nine bicyclists were injured.

Brunswick County led the State in fatalities during May with 11 persons killed, seven in one accident over the Memorial Day week end.

Hoke County was next with four fatalities; Caldwell and Mecklenburg Counties reported three each; Durham, McDowell, New Hanover, and Robeson Counties, two each.

Miss Isabel Bethune of Omaha, Nebraska, arrived Saturday to spend the next two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Luke Bethune.

450 Participate In Anniversary Services Sunday

Presbyterians And Guests Spend Enjoyable Day Of Worship And Reminiscence

Fifty years of existence as a church were celebrated by Raeford Presbyterians on last Sunday as about 450 members, former members, and their guests gathered at the Raeford Presbyterian church here for two services and a picnic dinner in honor of the occasion.

Rev. C. Darby Fulton, D.D., of Nashville, Tenn., Executive Secretary of Foreign Missions and immediate Past Moderator of the Presbyterian church in the U. S., presented the anniversary message at the eleven o'clock service. His subject was "The Good and the Best," and in it he stressed the church's work; missions, stewardship and evangelism, pointing out that in all three we had at some times made a fairly good showing, but that it was hardly the best we could do. He pointed out, too, the ease with which the good could be mistaken for the best, and showed a sharp and clear distinction between the two, and reminded his hearers that God had given his best to man, in Jesus Christ.

At the 2:30 service reminiscences were presented by the first regularly installed pastor of the church, Rev. L. A. McLaurin, a retired minister now living in Mullins, S. C. Lamont Brown, of Aberdeen, son of the late Rev. W. C. Brown, second pastor of the church, presented some of his recollections as a child growing up in the manse, and spoke of his parents' intense love for the Raeford church and all their friends here. Dr. Watson Fairley, of Montreat, third pastor of the church, was unable to be present due to the illness of Mrs. Fairley. A communication was read from the fourth pastor, Rev. Harry K. Holland, now pastor of First Presbyterian church, Marietta, Ga.

A communion service followed the period of recollection. Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the church, presided at each service. The anniversary social hour was the dinner at 12:45 on the grounds, at which the invocation was made by D. Scott Poole, 91-year old elder of the church. The dinner hour provided a much appreciated time for old-timers and present day members to get together and talk.

The local church was organized on June 27, 1899, in the first main building of Raeford Institute, a school started under the influence of John W. McLaughlin, Dr. A. P. Dickson and others in 1895, after which a community began to come into existence, and the need for a church was seen by the same leaders. Thirty-one composed the charter membership, and at present the active enrollment is about 550, with a plant valued at over \$125,000. The church has had five pastors including the present one. A foreign missionary, Miss Alice Longenecker, is supported by the church, and she was present Sunday, being on furlough from her Belgian Congo post. Miss Alice Walker is the director of music and youth work.

Honored members at the anniversary were the three surviving charter members, Mrs. M. W. McLean, William Lamont and W. M. McFadyen. Two other charter members survive, J. W. Gulton, of Charlotte, one of the two first deacons, and Rufus D. Dickson, High Point attorney.

The church used the old Raeford Institute building following its organization, and built its first church building in 1901. The second building was completed in 1923 and is the building now being used, having been rebuilt and redesigned following a fire in October.

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REA HAS MOVED

D. J. Dalton, Manager of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Cooperation has announced that on Friday, July 1 at 8:00 a. m. the Cooperative's new home office in Red Springs will be open for business. The office in Raeford will be discontinued as of June 30, today.

PERSONALS

Lt. Mary Frances Tapp, who has been a member of the army nurses corps for the past several years and who has been stationed at Fort Bragg for the past ten years, was separated from the army last Friday. She is now making her home with her parents and has accepted a position at the Sanatorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinson Walters attended the Vocarillon Recital, featuring Frances Lehnerts, mezzo-soprano, and Anton Brees, carillonneur, at the Duke University Singing Tower, Thursday evening, June 23. Frances Lehnerts is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and winner of a five year fellowship at the Juilliard School. Carillon recitals will be given each week during the summer by Mr. Brees, on Thursday at 9 P. M. and on Sunday at 3:30 P. M. The last recital of the season will be Thursday, September 1, at 9 P. M.

Mrs. Alice Mooneyhan of West Palm Beach, Florida, has arrived for a visit in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Binton McPhaul.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Drummond and son, Billy, spent several days here last week en route to their home in Dunedin, Florida, after a visit with relatives in West Virginia. They left here Wednesday and were going by Greenville, S. C. to see Mrs. Drummond's father, Percy Niven, who is visiting in the home of his son, Mac.

Miss Mary Peele left last Wednesday for Montreat to spend several days with her sister, Mrs. Francis Wyly.

Mrs. W. C. Blount and Mrs. Ida Lancaster, both of Miami, Florida, who came to Raeford several weeks ago for the reunion of the Johnson family, will remain in North Carolina until September. They will make their headquarters at Hotel Raeford but plan to spend some time in Montreat and Statesville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLean spent Sunday in Statesville. Mrs. McLean remained for a longer visit in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. F. Henninger.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burkhardt and daughter, Marsha, of Seymour, Indiana, arrived Saturday for a visit in the home of Mrs. Burkhardt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McNeill. Mr. Burkhardt left the first of the week to return to Seymour while Mrs. Burkhardt and daughter remained for a longer stay.

Miss Katherine Baker of Ashboro spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Giles and daughter, Beverly Wood, of Wilson spent the week end here in the home of Mrs. C. H. Giles.

Miss Bonita Hutchinson of Hertford is visiting friends in and around Raeford.

Mrs. Billy O'Rourke and daughter, Peggy, are visiting in the home of Mrs. O'Rourke's mother, Mrs. W. F. Walters. Mr. and Mrs. O'Rourke have made their home at Langley Field, Va. for the past some time, but have moved to New York.

Young Robber Catches Officers Here Tuesday

14-Year-Old Reformatory Inmate Breaks In At Ashley Heights; Gets Caught Here

Officers of the sheriff's department chased a young negro who had escaped from Morrison Training school all around here Tuesday morning and finally gave him a ride when he thumbed them out the Fayetteville road before noon.

Authorities from the reformatory came for him Tuesday afternoon and returned him to the school. They said this was the eighth time young (14) Charlie Blue of Dunn had escaped in the little more than a year he had been there. He is in the school for housebreaking.

Blue broke in the D. H. Johnson company at Ashley Heights on Monday night and went to Aberdeen where he is said to have broken into a filling station also. He then caught a ride to Raeford and the sheriff's department assisted by the State Highway patrol got after him.

A pair of pants, two shirts and a pair of shoes in his possession were found to have come from the Johnson Co. but as he said he had the itch and looked like he had it, Mrs. Johnson told him to keep them when officers carried him there.

The officers trailed him around Raeford with Harry Dees and his bloodhounds out in front, but couldn't quite get hands on him. Then they parked Sheriff Hodgins' car which they had been using and started out the Fayetteville road in Crawford Wright's car and young Blue thumbed them for a ride. He got it.

Talmadge O. Moses, Jr., who for the past few months has been a patient at hospitals in Richmond and Washington underwent an operation at the George Washington University hospital for the purpose of relieving nerve pressure, on June 17, has returned to his home at Ashley Heights where he is satisfactorily convalescing.

Mrs. A. R. Fitzsimons and daughter left Saturday for their home in Macon, Ga. after a visit here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan McBryde.

Mrs. Tommie Upchurch and daughters, and Miss Peggy Bethune returned to Raeford Sunday after spending the past two weeks in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in the home of Mrs. Upchurch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hoyl. They were accompanied home by two of Mrs. Upchurch's sisters, Mrs. James Thomas and Miss Elizabeth Hoyl, for a visit. Miss Marie Cameron, who has been visiting friends in Cuba for the past two weeks, also returned to Raeford with them.

Mrs. R. E. Ward and son, Richard, of Florence, S. C. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Freeman Tuesday. Mrs. Freeman accompanied them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stone and son, Buzzy, of Washington, D. C. arrived in Raeford last Friday. Mr. Stone returned to Washington Sunday but Mrs. Stone remained for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Warren.

Mrs. W. S. Hood and daughter, also of Washington, are still here with Mr. and Mrs. Warren.

Miss Alice Walker is attending the Fayetteville Presbytery Young People's conference at Flora Macdonald college this week. Miss Jane McKeithan attended the Synod Leadership School for Young People at FMC last week. This school was for the presidents of the Young People from all over the state.

Julius Jordan Is New Commander Of American Legion

After enjoying a good supper at the High school cafeteria last Friday night the Ellis Williamson American Legion Post got down to the business of electing its officers for the new year. Dr. Julius Jordan, local dentist who served in the Navy during the war, was chosen commander from three candidates.

Other officers chosen were L. M. Lester, 1st vice-commander; N. H. G. Balfour, 2nd vice-commander; C. P. Kinlaw, adjutant; D. H. Hodgins, service officer; J. H. Blue, finance officer; R. L. Murray, chaplain; Clarence Brown sergeant-at-arms.

Only other business taken up was a report by R. B. Lewis on the status of the ball park, which the Legion has in possession, having installed the lights there.

Hoke Commissioner Made Officer Of State Association

The State Association of County Commissioners and County Accountants held their annual meeting at Blowing Rock on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The meeting was well attended and the program presented was of interest and benefit to all present. R. P. Holding, of Smithfield, Retiring President, presided.

At the business meeting on Wednesday, Vice-President, Clarence P. Parks of Rutherford County was elected president, F. Knox Watson of Hoke county Vice-President, and John L. Skinner of Littleton was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. W. R. Makepeace of Sanford was elected as Director for this District to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Watson to the vice-presidency. Attending the meeting from Hoke County were F. Knox Watson and J. A. McGoogan.

Draft Board Open Monday And Tuesday

Local Board No. 48 of Hoke County will be open Monday and Tuesday of each week from 9:00 A. M. until 5:00 P. M. beginning July 1. The office will continue to be located in the Court House.

Mrs. Hattie R. Talbot, clerk of Local Board 26, Fayetteville, is now serving both boards. The Board in Fayetteville will be opened Wednesday through Friday with office hours of 8:30 A. M. until 5:30 P. M. Monday, July 4, will be observed as a holiday and boards will not be open.

LIBRARY NEWS

Hoke County Library will be closed Monday, July 4. Vacation time is a good time to read, and the public is cordially invited to visit the library and select something from the interesting books being received.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the reading club for the summer. Girls and boys who have not yet joined are asked to come in and do so.

John Allan Webb and Bobby Lee Walters returned home last week after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Houn at Lorraine, Ohio.

Misses Mary Raye Freeman and Carlene Freeman left Tuesday for Kent, Conn. where Mary Raye will be a counselor at Camp Kenwood and Carlene will work in the cafeteria at the camp. The girls expect to be there for the next eight weeks. They stopped over in New York for a day and night.

Mrs. R. L. Murray and Mrs. H. W. B. Whitley will leave tomorrow to attend the women's conference at Montreat next week. Bobby Murray drove them and will join friends there for a week.

Judge McDiarmid Hears 15 Cases In Court Tuesday

Soldier Appeals Recorder's Decision When Charged Of Driving Without License

Ward B. Lockhart, white soldier of Fort Bragg, appeared before Judge Henry McDiarmid in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday on charges of driving after his license revoked. He sought to prove to the judge by witnesses that he was in Fort Bragg at the time referred to in the warrant and was not the man the patrolman charged. He failed to convince the judge, however, and got a sentence of six months to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$200 and the court costs. He appealed to Superior court and posted a \$300 bond.

J. D. Wilkes, Jr., white, was charged with giving J. K. Riley a bad check for \$100. He made the check good and the judge let him off with the costs.

Elijah Ross, colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs for violating the road laws.

John L. Morrison and Ernest Harris, both colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for driving without a license.

John T. Murphy, white of the Army who had been cited to court for speeding by a patrolman, failed to appear for trial and capias was issued to have him there next Tuesday.

John B. Cromartie, colored of Shannan, entered a plea of guilty of careless and reckless driving. As no damage was done, the judge let him off with a \$10 fine and the costs.

James Davis, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

James H. McNeill, colored, pled guilty of driving drunk and got 90 days suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs.

Charles H. Snow, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for driving with no brakes.

Daniel Goins, Indian, paid \$10 and the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Thomas Everett, colored, was charged with non-support in a case that was settled by his paying the court costs and \$20 to a midwife.

Mackie Crouch, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for speeding. William H. Dillinger, white of Florida, left a \$50 bond for speeding over 70 miles an hour. W. A. Wright, white of Moore county left a \$25 bond for speeding.

FARMING

By H. E. Vernon, County Agent

In fields scattered over most of the county, I have taken boll weevil counts on cotton that has been poisoned as well as unpoisoned fields. The average percentage of punctured squares in fields that had not been dusted ran about 40%. In the fields that had been dusted at least five days before the count, the percentage ran about 12%. These figures may not be representative for the whole county, but I think they do point out the difference in favor of dusting. Some fields that had not been poisoned ran as high as 70% punctured squares.

Remember the Tobacco Tour at Oxford Experimental Station July 6 at 2:00 p. m. Make up a carload of neighbors and friends and meet as at 2:00 at the Station farm, which is located just outside the city limits at Oxford on the South West side. If you don't have a car full, come by the county agents office about 9:00 - 9:30 a. m. and combine passengers with someone else to eliminate so many cars.