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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:
At the polls in Raeford last Saturday, I met with a very disgusting and humiliating experience which I sincerely hope will never happen to another citizen of our county.

I presented myself at the polls, having come all the way from Washington for the express purpose of casting my ballot; but I was not permitted to vote.

I was informed that I could not vote, because I had not re-registered. Yes, I was aware that re-registration was necessary; however, from previous steps taken toward that end, I thought that my re-registration had been taken care of.

Here in brief is how the unnecessary and unfortunate situation came about:

Several weeks ago (in fact, a few days before the books were opened for re-registration) I wrote the Chairman of the Board of Elections in Hoke county, requesting that he register me by absentee. I explained in my letter that I am now living in Washington but still maintain legal voting residence in Hoke county. With my letter I also enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope, with the request that: if he could not register me by absentee to please let me know.

I received no written word from the Chairman. So, naturally I had sufficient grounds for assuming that my name had been transferred to the new register.

Therefore, I took off from my job, and made the long tiresome trip to Raeford for the sole purpose of voting. But no vote.

In the city hall I called the Chairman of the Board of Elections and explained my predicament. He said he was sorry, and then explained that he could not re-register by absentee for an out-of-towner — At last I found out what I had asked in my letter of several weeks before.

He also added that he had had to write Raleigh about the matter, that he had been very busy, and thus had been unable to answer my inquiry. I'm sure that he must have been very busy.

Nevertheless, as a property owner in Hoke county, a town and county taxpayer, as well as a sincere citizen, I feel that I was fully entitled to the answer to my inquiry which would have only taken about 2-minutes of his time.

In closing, I ask that no one take me wrong, please. I have not intended to be critical or antagonistic toward anyone or anything.

I highly respect the Chairman of the Board of Elections in Hoke county. He is a loyal and distinguished citizen, a successful lawyer, and a valuable asset to our community.

I can overlook the unfortunate incident which happened to me. And my only reason for making it public is based on the hope that more caution will be exercised in the future to prevent such an incident from re-occurring.

Very truly yours,
Lester Baker.

\$8,600,000 Made Available For Primary Road Projects

Governor Scott has approved allocation of \$8,600,000 in surplus highway funds for the state's eight most critically needed primary road projects, Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan announced this week.

This special appropriations will augment the Commission's current \$21-million primary construction program for the biennium and help balance up expenditures on primary and secondary roads.

Listed for immediate attention under the special appropriations are the following projects:

1. Eight miles of 24-foot modern pavement at a new location on US 70 between Old Fort and Ridgecrest. The present highway (old NC 10 built in 1924) features restricted sight distances, heavy grades and sharp curves; cost \$1,1-million.

2. Twenty miles of new location on US 29 and 70 from the end of the Thomasville by-pass south-east of High Point to US 421 southeast of Greensboro; cost \$2-million; and 15 miles on US 70 from a point west of Efland to a point southwest of Burlington, also new location; cost \$1,500,000.

These projects when linked up, will by-pass Thomasville, High Point, Greensboro, Burlington and Graham, forming part of an eventual four-lane highway built to specifications of the Federal Government's inter-regional highway system. This is one of the heaviest traveled and most congested sections of highway in North Carolina.

3. Fourteen miles of an additional traffic lane on US 29 from a point five miles northwest of Charlotte to Concord. This highway has a traffic count in excess of 5,000 vehicles per day. The Highway Commission already owns right-of-way; cost \$1 million.

4. Eight and one-half miles of an additional traffic lane on US 29 between Lexington and the Yadkin River. Traffic count here is in excess of 5,500 vehicles per day. The Commission also owns right-of-way; cost \$800,000.

5. Twenty-two miles of widening and improvement on US 301 from Edgecombe County Line

north of Whitakers to Weldon in Halifax County. Road will be widened from 18 to 24 feet; cost \$600,000.

6 and 7. Fourteen miles of widening and relocation on US 1 from overhead crossing four miles south of Wake Forest to Franklinton; and 15 miles of construction and new location on US 70 between Clayton and Raleigh; cost \$850,000. Construction costs of these two projects will be supplemented with federal funds already approved.

8. Thirty-five miles of widening and improvement on US 258 from Fountain to Snow Hill and on NC 43 from Bruce to Greenville thence to the Craven County Line. This will widen present 16-foot pavement to 24 feet, eliminating dangerous curves and rebuilding bridges; cost \$850,000.

These eight projects were selected following a survey initiated by the Commissioner's Division of Statistics and Planning. "Allocation of our entire surplus at this time to these badly needed projects is part of the Commission's long-range plan for reconditioning the primary highway system," Dr. Jordan said. "We can't take care of all the worst spots at once, but these special appropriations will start the ball rolling. As another part of this plan, Governor Scott last week authorized using \$30,000 for a special survey to study our future primary highway needs."

This action marked the first sizeable allocation of surplus highway funds by the Scott Administration. Two months ago Governor Scott authorized two \$200,000 special projects in Ashe and Watauga counties.

The last large special appropriation was made by Governor Cherry in late 1948, totaling \$2-million.

Rutherford County's average corn yield has doubled in the past five years, jumping from less than 15 bushels per acre in 1944 to more than 30 bushels per acre in 1949.

To control the screwworm, keep some Smear 62 or Smear 82 handy if you have livestock on your farm. Treat any open wounds as soon as they are discovered.

MORE ABOUT Farm Notes

to improve the quality, raise the yield per acre and lower the cost

of production of cotton. It is hoped that a large number of Hoke County farmers will enter this contest and compete for the many prizes offered.

MORE ABOUT SCHOOL NEWS

White drivers: Clifton Dean, Roy Brock, Marion Wood, Marshall Parks, R. H. Gibson, Billy Everleigh, Archie Walters, Archie Maxwell, Donald Wood, J. C. Tew, James Easterling, Doug Clark, Davis Currie, Everett Bowen and Tiffany Cotran. Colored Drivers: John Morrison, Pauline Gilchrist, Willie Dixon, Junior McRae, Leroy McCollum, George McIntosh, Henry Mack and Spencer Dockery. Indian Drivers: George Hunt and Dearest Henderson.

These 25 drivers transported 1234 pupils approximately 415,845 miles during the year. Only 3 pupils were hurt even slightly. One was hit by a tourist, the other two were hurt slightly in the bus. In each case upon investigation by the highway patrols, local peace officers and school authorities, the driver was absolved of any blame whatsoever. We think that these drivers have made an outstanding record and are deserving of high praise.

County Elementary Supervisor of Colored Schools Annie W. Pridgen is attending conference and workshop for supervisors held by Dr. Newbold's division of the State Department of Public Instruction. She will be out of the county for about 10 days.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Dougald Graham and Miss Miriam Revelise of Fayetteville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Lytle and family Sunday.

Mrs. Arch Graham and Miss Lona Graham went to Davidson College Sunday to attend the Commencement exercises. Their nephew, Graham Newton of Faison, was a member of the graduating class, and received his bachelor of science degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Davis are vacationing this week at Myrtle Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter McLean and Mrs. W. T. Covington attended the wedding of Mrs. Mary Faith Malcolm to Mr. McLean's brother, Jonathan E. McLean, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rodgers, in Bennettsville, S. C., Saturday at high noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bryant were visitors in the home of Mrs.

Mayme Bevan Sunday. They were en route to their home in Thomasville after a vacation at Carolina Beach.

W. S. Crawley has returned home from Highsmith hospital and is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keith and Miss Doris Keith spent the week end in Raleigh with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurd Bradford spent the week end with Mrs. Bradford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Covington. They came especially to be with Mrs. Covington, who has been quite sick for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Mary Helton and Mrs. W. L. Alexander spent Tuesday in Chapel Hill with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander, Jr. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Alexander and son for a few days. W. L. Jr. will remain in Chapel Hill during the summer months and will be with the A&P Company there until this fall when he resumes his studies at the University.

Mrs. Arah Gatlin Stuart and Mrs. W. B. Crumpton left Monday to spend a few days with Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr. at Topsail Beach.

Mrs. Frances Davis of Greensboro spent the week end in town.

Bobby Huff, Jack Mortell, Bill Niven and James Alexander spent Sunday at Carolina Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander, Tom and Bobby, Mrs. R. C. Langis and sons, Ray and Joe spent Sunday at Crescent Beach with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Maultsby and family at their cottage. Mrs. Langis and sons remained for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harris of Burlington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Harris one day last week.

Mrs. Lawrence Glisson had as her week end guest her sister, Mrs. Mary Gilliam of Lexington, Miss. Mrs. Gilliam came to North Carolina to attend the nurses convention in Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McClenney and daughter, Carole, of Goldsboro were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Niven.

Jack Lentz left last Thursday for Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to spend the summer in the home of his sister, Mrs. Martin Bishop. He will work in Ft. Lauderdale until time to return to the University of N. C. next fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Tolar and children of Kinston spent the week end with Mrs. Tolar's mother, Mrs. Ruth Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris returned Friday after a honeymoon trip to points of interest in the South.

Mrs. T. B. Lester, Sr. of Newberry, S. C. will arrive tomorrow for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lester.

Sgt. and Mrs. Howard Pope and sons of Fort Lee, Virginia, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pope. Sgt. Pope will leave this month for Honolulu for several months.

Miss Betty Holtzclaw returned to Raeford last week from Winthrop College to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Holtzclaw, at Hotel Raeford.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Christopher and children arrived in Raeford Sunday night from Okeechobee, Florida, for the crop dusting season. They have the same apartment, upstairs in the home of Ed Smith, they occupied last summer.

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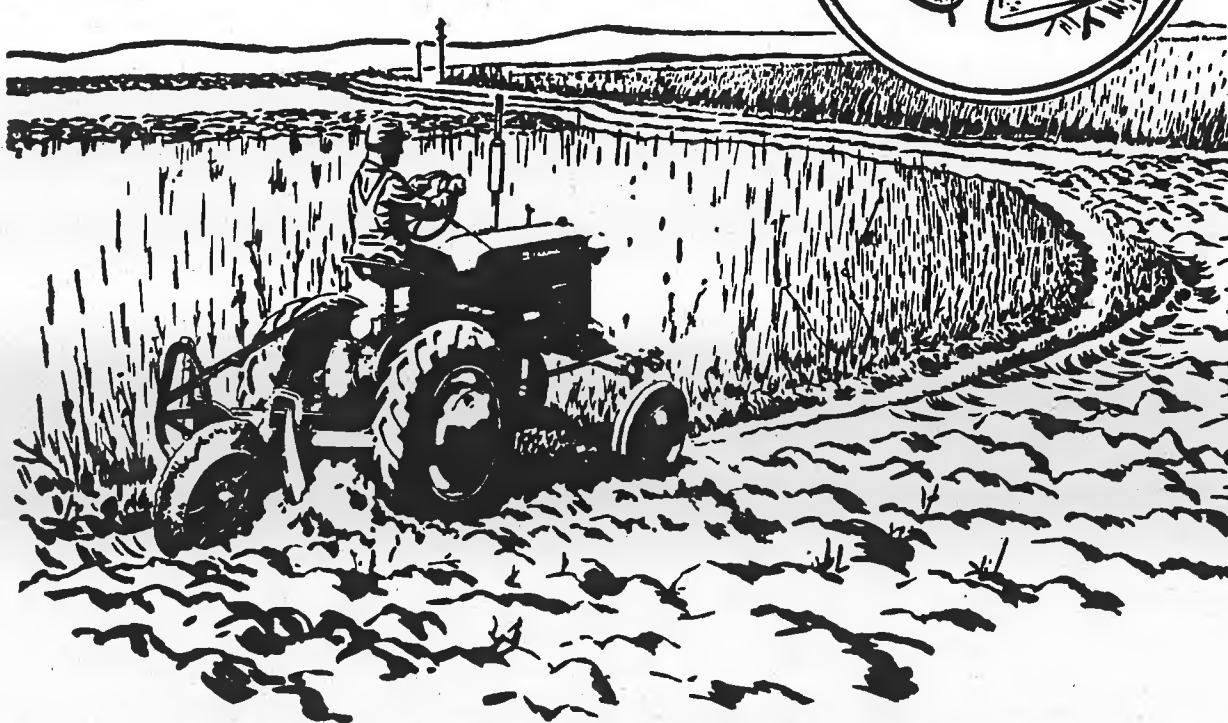
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Tired of Mule Farming?



Talked to a fellow on the street the other day, and I asked him, "Aren't you tired of mule farming?"

"Tired of it?" he says. "I've been sick and tired of it ever since I was a kid. Tired of rassing an old walking plow . . . of eatin' dust behind a cultivator . . . of chasin' the mules fast enough to plant a straight row!"

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