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Hoke Tax Rate Same, Board **Decides Monday**

Sheriff Urged To Get Back Taxes; Rural Police Job Discontinued September 1

At their regular monthly meeting on Monday the Board of Commssioners of Hoke County ruled that the same tax rate of \$1.10 per \$100 valuation would be enoug to run the county on for another three cents being absorbed or coming off of the county general levy.

The board also asked the sheriff to make a diligent effort to collect delinquent taxes that are on the county books.

It was voted to discontinue the office of county rural policeman, effective the first of next month. J. C. Wright, who came to the job from the sheriff's office, is fice at that time.

The commissioners unanimously approved the request made by the Raeford Kiwanis club not to schedule any mettings on Wednesday

It was voted to put all county employees on Social Security.

The board agreed to lease the old county garage lot to the State Highway Commission for use as a road machinery shop. The school superintendent was authorized to remove the old building.

A delegation from McLaushin township appeared before the board and asked that the road from the Philippi road at Beaver creek to 15-A at Parker's church be paved. The board advised the delegation that no paving was presently available but asked the highway commission to re-work the road and get it in good shape.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Carlton Niven is spending several days in Roxboro with her mother, Mrs. M. D. Gentry.

Jo Parker and Mrs. Tom Rogers of Liberty spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Poole.

Mrs. Harvey Cole was a patient at Highsmith hospital during the week end and the first of the week.

Mrs. Ed Baicy and five children of Aberdeen, Maryland, and Mrs. James McDiarmid and three children of Jackson, Mississippi, are spending some time here with Mrs. Baicy's and Mrs. McDiarmid's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williamson. Mrs Williamson's mother, Mrs. John A. McCormick of Rowland, is also spending this week in the Williamson home. Mrs. Williamson's sister, Mrs. Thelbert Apple, and Mr. Apple of Garner were here for the day Sunday.

Miss Donnie Lytle spent several days the first of the week with friends at Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. Johnnie King under an operation at Highsmith hospital Tuesday.

Sgt. and Mrs. R. B. Wadley and two children of Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, arrived Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Wadley's brother, Jack Pope, and family. They were accompanied here by Mrs. Howard Pope and son, who have been with Sgt. Pope at Yuma, Arizona for the past several months. Sgt. Pope is testing equipment for the conduct the camp program which army in Yuma.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McLean, Herbert McLean, Jr., Marion Gatlin, Lindo and F. B. Sexton attended the funeral of Mr. McLean's brother, E. D. McLean in Laurinburg Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

partment Store.

Telephone Hearing In Raleigh Today

Members of the rural telephone committee of Hoke county will go to Raleigh today to attend a hearing with the Utilities commission and the Rural Electrification Authority on the rural telephone situation in Hoke county. The meetings will be in the hearing room of the Utilites Commission at 2:30 o'clock and the committee will be happy to have anyone from this county who is able to attend.

. Some time ago a survey of the rural telephone situation in the the fact that the schools got anoth- of the Utilities commision. This er three cents of the levy, this survey was plotted on the map and showed the rural families not having telephone service and their locations. It was given to the Caro_ lina Telephone & Telegarph company for study, and the company was to report back after a reasonable time on what it could do about the situation.

This was done in compliance with the REA directive requiring that existing utilities be given opporexpected to return to his job as tunity to provide service to a terfee deputy with the sheriff's of- ritory before it can be served by a cooperative under REA. At the meeting today the telephone company is expected to make a report on its capacity for providing rural telephone service in this county, as well as its intentions.

LIBRARY NEWS

Hoke County Public Library Annual Report, for year ending June 30, 1951.

year 852; Mumber volumes in library June 30 8366; Number periodicals received 25; Number volumes lent in library 14,173; Number volumes lent on bookmobile, white 15,976, colored 11,-141, Total 27,117; Grand Total 41,290.

Receipts: Balance on hand from previous year \$1221.35; Appro-\$1150.00; Other sources, gifts, rentals, fees, etc. \$554.59; State aid \$3415.89; Total receipts \$6,-341.83.

Expenditures: Salaries \$2332.92; Books and periodicals \$1674.78; buying bookmobile) \$945.22; Other operating expenses \$393.18; Balance on hand June 30 \$995.73; Total expenditures and balance \$6431.83.

Ina P. Bethune, Librarian, Margaret C. Sinclair, Bookmobile Librarian, Murdoch McDuffie, Trea_ | as evidenced by the fact that prices surer, Hoke County Public Li- have dipped rather sharply from a brary Board of Trustees.

Boys To Attend Forestry Camp

Lacy H. Koonce, Jr., of Route 2, Raeford, and Philip E. Edge, Route 1, Raeford have been selected to attend the 5th Annual Forestry Camp for Farm Boys scheduled for Singletary Lake Group Camp on Bladen Lakes State Forest in Bladen County August 5 to August 12.

The camp is sponsored by N. C. Pulp Company of Plymouth, N. C., Riegel Paper Corporation of Bolton, N. C., International Paper Company of Georgetown, South Carolina, and the Champion Paper and Fibre Company of Canton, N. C. All member mills of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation As-

The N. C. Department of Conservation and Development's Division of Forestry in cooperation with North Carolina Extention Service and the Department of Public Instructions' Division of Vocational Agriculture Education is designed to give North Carolina farm boys instructon in practical and economical forestry and associated practices that will promote the basic concepts of conservation for North Carolina's vi-

tal natural resources. State Forester W. K. Beichler of Raleigh will greet the group of 100 boys in a special opening pro-Mrs. Mary McBryde is on va- gram on Sunlay evening and clascation this week from Mann's De- ses will commence Monday morn-

Hoke Woman To **Attend Meeting** In Michigan

Mrs. John Baker of Rt. 1, Cameron, a member of the Little River Home Demonstration Club in Hoke County and President of the 16th, District Federation composed of Hoke, Scotland, Cumberland and Robeson Counties, will attend the National Home Demonstration Council Meeting in Lansing, Mich. Mrs. Baker will leave Raleigh year. This was done in spite of county was made at the direction Saturday morning, August 11th. with a group of twenty six delegates from North Carolina. The meeting is to be held at Michigan State College. A number of outstanding speakers will appear on the program.

> The group will leave Lansing on Friday afternoon for Detroit where they will spend the night and do some sightseeing in the city and over in Canada. They will also stop in Steubenville, Ohio on Saturday to visit the large pottery plant. Saturday night will be spent in Cumberland, Md. They plan to arrive in Raleigh late Sunday afternoon, coming by way of Skyline Drive.

Mrs. Baker attended the National Council Meeting in Biloxi, Miss., last year when she was serving as vice chairman of the District and the Hoke County Home Demonstration Club women are proud to have her present at two National meetings.

Number volumes added during High Cotton Yield **Expected This Year**

The Agriculture Department in its first forecast of the current cotton crop, estimated it at 17, 266,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight yesterday.

000 bales more than the 10,012,000 priations from city and county bale short crop produced last year It also is much larger than the ten-year (1940-49 average of 12,-030,000 bales.

The government had appealed for a crop of at least 16,000,000 bales to replenish supplies which Bookmobile operation (including had been cut to a low level under defense program demands. Exports have been restricted because of the supply situation.

The largest crop ever prouced was 18,946,000 bales in 1937.

A big boost in the crop had been expected by the cotton markets, ceiling of 45.76 cents a pound.

In an accompanying report, the Census Bureau said 223,886 running bales of cotton from this year's crop had been eginned prior to Aug. 1. This compares with 283,-243 ginned to the same date last year and 296,843 two years ago.

The average yield to the acre to be harvested was estimated at 286.7 pounds, compared with 269.2 pounds last year and 237.5 for the ten-year average.

The condition of the cotton crop as of Aug. 1 was reported at 76 percent of normal compared with 75 percent a year ago and 77 per cent for the ten-year Aug. 1 av-

The condition of the crop, the indicated yield per acre and the production, respectively, by states included:

Virginia 90 per cent of normal 415 pounds per acre and production 19,000 bales; North Carolina 86, 383, and 860,000; Georgia 75,-303 and 920,000; Tennessee 75,-342 and 590,000; Texas 67, 137 and and 1,750,000.

Egyptian cotton was estimated at 45,200 bales compared with 64,-200 last year and 25,400 for the ten-year average.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Holtzclaw eft Tuesday for Southern pines where they will make their home. They will manage the Jefferson Inn at Southern Pines. The Holtzclaws operated Hotel Raeford very successfully for a number of years. They sold out this Spring.

N. McN. Smith Ends His Life . At Home Friday

Uses Small Pistol For Reasons Known Only To Himself; Funeral Sunday

Nathaniel McNair Smith, 48, vell-known lawyer of this county, was found dead at his home near Timberland Friday afternoon by Mrs. Smith and his stepson, Jimmy Woodhouse, when they went home at about five o'clock. He apparently died by his own hand useing a small caliber automatic

Although he had been in ill health recently, his family reported that he was in good spirits when they left him Friday morning. He had later that day attended a funeral in Lumberton and then returned to his home where his family found him.

Coroner James C. Lentz ruled that no inquest was necessary, that he had died by his hand for reasons not known. No reason for the act was advanced by his family or friends.

He was a native of Harnett county but had lived here for most of his life and practiced law here as his father did before him. He was solicitor of the recorder's court for several terms and was formerly a National Guard officer. He was the son of the late Edwin and Mary McNair Smith and was a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

Funeral was at the Raeford Presbyterian church at three

ley of Raeford and Jimmy Wood- at her home in Raeford. house of the home; his stepmother, Smith of Miami, Fla.

Youth Week Held By Local Churches

The Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches will sponsor their third annual "Youth Activities Week" beginning next Monday evening and running through Friday night, August 12.

The meetings will be held at the Raeford Methodist church and all young people aged 15 to 23 from the surrounding section are invited to attend. The theme of the week is "Christ, The Supreme Pattern."

Miss Florence Cameron is genhave charge of the worship services which will close the activities each evening.

Registration will begin at 7:00 p.m. Monday. John K. McNeill, Jr., and Charles Hostetler will teach the Bible courses and Mrs. W. L. Howell, Jr., and Mrs. W. B. Hey-5,000,000 and California 90,630 ward will be leaders of the "Home_ builder's course." There will be The production of American- recreation and refreshments each evening.

> Mr. and Mrs. I. Mann and daughters, and their week-end guests, Mrs. Abe Brooks of War- Force Base, Greenville, S. C. saw, Ed Brooks of Burgaw visited Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Soloman in Greensboro Sunday.

Mrs. Andy Wood and son, Drew, of Myrtle Beach, S. C., are spending a few lays with Mrs. Wood's mother. Mrs. Jewel Snead.

Mrs. McLauchlin Takes Field Job With College



BEATRICE HALL McLAUCHLIN

Mrs. Beatrice Hall McLauchlin of Raeford has accepted the position as field secretary at Flora Macdonald college, succeeding Miss Peggy Harris, who has held and resigned recently to enter the roads for six months. the University of Texas in Austin where she will begin work on her paid the costs for careless and with a full explanation of the master's degree.

Mrs McLauchlin is a native of Mooresville, daughter of the late Thomas Newberry Hall and Lucy driver of Alabama, was found guil- explained where the water bond Rankin Abernathey Hall, whose ty of careless and reckless driving money had gone and was going. Scotch-Irish ancestors came to and fined \$25 and the cost. Elihu There were suggestions from the America prior to the Revolution- Allen Weaver, Jr., white, was floor that taxpayers who would o'clock Sunday afternoon with ary War. She is an alumna of found guilty of driving on the should advance taxes to the town, the paston the Rev. W. B. Hey- Flora Macdonald, having received ward, conducting. Burial was in her B. M. degree with major in pay the costs. Raeford cemetery. Pallbearers piano, under the late Mrs. Linda were W. E. Yow, J. C. Wright, Rumple Vardell. She taught piano days suspended on payment of D. H. Hodgin, J. B. Cameron, at Flora Macdonald and in the \$100 and costs for driving drunk. Lloyd Crowley, J. McKay Blue, public schools of Raeford, and has This near-record crop is 7,214,- | J. D. McNeill and Howard Mc- directed school and community Survivors include his wife, the with great success. For the past suspended on payment of the costs former Rena Wood Woodhouse; several years she has had a lim- and \$300 to Jesse Tew for money two stepchildren, Mrs. C. A. Wor- ited class of private piano pupils he advanced as a result of the

> Active in the civic and religious Mrs. Edwin Smith of Raeford; life of her community, she is, a three sisters, Mrs. J. T. McNeill, member of the Daughters of the Red Springs, Mrs. E. H. Morton of Confederacy and Daughters of the got 30 days suspended on pay-Kinston and Mrs. J. R. Peace of American Revolution; was teacher ment of the costs for being drunk Chapel Hill; one brother, Curtis of the Women's Bible class in the Raeford Presbyterian church for a number of years, has contributed a number of articles to church papers and magazines; and held various offices in the Women of the Church organization of Fayetteville Presbytery and of the Synod of North Carolinais immediate past president of Fayettevile Presbyterial. She is now a member of the Executive Board of Fayetteville Presbyterial and the North Carolina Synodical, of North Carolina Synod's Council, and is a member of the Advisory Boards of both Flora Macdonald and Presbyterian Jr. Colleges.

Mrs. McLauchlin's husband, the late H. Currie McLauchlin of Raeeral chairman and has divided the ford, died in 1946. She has four responsibitities. The Presbyterians children, Thomas Neill and John will be responsible for the study William McLauchlin, both of Raecourse and fellowship singing ford, Hugh Charles McLauchlin of the Methodists will handle reg- Greensboro, and Mrs. Henry Faristration, publicity, recreation and rior Crenshaw, the former Joserefreshments and the Baptists will phine McLauchlin, now of Fort Deposit, Alabama. ,

Mrs. McLauchlin's delightful personality, vivacity and enthusiasm, combined with her loyalty and Mrs. John McMillan. He and for and intimate knowledge of her Alma Mater, will be major factors in the success of her interesting new work.

P. F. C. Franklin Niven, who course in the Aircraft and Engine Mechanic school at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, is home on furlough. He has been transferred from Texas to Donaldson Air

Mrs. Dave Kunker left Sunday for Valdese for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Long.

\$30,000 WATER BOND ISSUE

Recorder Hears More Liquor Cases Tuesday

Judge Henry McDiarmid had a few more liquor law violators, to take care of Tuesday morning in Recorder's court, along with the 50 of the taxpayers accepted the traffic violators, thieves and other assorted offenders.

Clarence R. Wilson, white, was the purpose of sale. He got two years on the roads suspended on payment of \$150 and the costs and good behavior for two years.

Ike McKoy and Charles Cain, colored, entered pleas of guilty of violating the prohibition laws and a tax rate of \$2.75 per \$100 val-Charles Henry Ford, also colored, pleaded not guilty. Each got a on payment of \$50 and the costs.

found guilty of assault and larceny revenues. this office for the past two years in separate cases and was sent to

reckless driving when he ran his car off the road and damaged it.

James W. Evans, white, got 90 Jim Edwards, white, pleaded guilty of careless and reckless

choral clubs and church choirs driving. He got one year to be wreck. The judge also recommend_ ed that his license be revoked for one year.

> Jesse James McNeill, colored, and disorderly.

Billie West, white, pleaded guilty of driving after his license had been revoked. He got six months the town. suspended on payment of \$200 and the costs.

Noble V. Miller, colored, got 30 until next Monday. days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs for driving with no brakes.

Kelly McMillan, Of California Dies

News of the death of Kelly A. McMillan of Arbuckle, California, was received here this week by his brother, Starr McMillan. Death occured on Sunday, August 5, following an emergency operation in Spokane, Washington, where Mr. and Mrs. McMillan were vacationing. Funeral services will be in Arbuckle on Satur-

He will be remembered by the older residents of Raeford, having lived here as a young man in the early part of the century and having been a son of the late Mr. Mrs. McMillan visited here last Lean, 78, who died Friday at fall.

sons and one daughter, all of Cal- at the home of his son, F. C. Mcifornia; two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Lean of Laurinburg. Dr. S. H. McNeill and Mrs. R. P. Brown of Fulton officiated, and burial was has just completed an eight months | Southern Pines; one brother, Starr in Hillside cemetery. McMillan of Raeford.

MRS. O'BRIANT'S MOTHER DIES IN NEW JERSEY

A message came here on Monday that Mrs. A. L. O'Briant's mother had died in New Jersey. Dr. and Mrs. O,Briant left here last Friday for a vacation in the mountains of western North Carolina and home in High Point Sunday for Angus Currie is on vacation it was not known yesterday several days. Miss Thomas had from the Bank of Raeford this whether Mrs. O'Briant had ever spent the past two weeks with received the message or not.

Money Already Spent Must Be Raised By Taxes If Not Bonds; Some Rise Anyway

At their regular monthly meeting on Monday night the town board moved to the courthouse and invited citizens of the town to sit in with them and help thresh out some of the financial difficult_ ies the town is facing. Some 40 or invitation.

The situation was explained by James M. Williams, certified pubfound guilty of violating the pro- lic accountant of Raleigh, who hibition laws by having liquor for had just completed an audit of the town's books. He said that the town had to get up the \$30,000 for water to supplement the last \$130,-000 issue for a deficit which already exists. He said that to do this and operate on a current basis uation would be necessary. Doing it other than by taxes seemed sentence of six months suspended wisest to all present, that is, by issuing bonds for the \$30,000 and Clifton McDougald, colored, was paying them off out of future

All angles of the situation were discussed, with several of the Alton L. McCrimmon, colored, guests offering suggestions and water financial situation being presented to the meeting by R. H. W. W. Vanderford, white truck Moore, town water engineer. He that there should be a check to see that all valuations were equitable and others.

Mr. Williams estimated that the tax rate could be \$1.50 if the \$30,-000 is raised some other way. This is only 16 and 2-thirds cents over the present rate, and he pointed out that costs of everything else have risen and that here is no rea_ son to expect that a town can get the things it needs and must supply its citizens any cheaper than anyone els**e can.**

The board therefore voted to ask the appproval of the local government commission of a water bond issue of \$30,000. This approval forthcoming, the matter will be put to a vote of the citizens of

The tax rate was not set, but the board continued the meeting

The board also voted to survey and stake the following streets for paving so that curb and gutter and sidewalks will fit in the proper place if added later. Prospect Avenue east from Main street to the town line; Fulton street north from Prospect avenue to the town line; Dickson street from Highway 15-A north to Prospect Avenue. These streets are expected to be paved by the State under the Powell bill.

It is to be assumed that the board would like to wait until after a bond election to set the tax rate, if this is possible, for if the bond issue does not pass, the money will have to come from tax.

Herbert McLean's **Brother Buried**

Funeral services for E. D. Mc-Guilford County sanatorium, were Surviving are his wife, three conducted Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

> Surviving are two sons, F. C. McLean of Laurinburg and W. B. McLean of Shelby; two daughters, Mrs. H. T. McPhaul of Yanceyville and Annie Mae McLean of Washington, D. C.; one brother, Herbert S. McLean of Racford.

Miss Ethel Sue Gulldege accompaneid Miss Peggy Thomas to her Miss Gulledge.