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Addenda - - -

By the Editor

H. W. B. Whitley, of the local bar, was telling me this week that he had suggested to the county commissioners that they try both candidates for judge of the recorder's court on the bench for a week or two before the primary so the people could see them in action before voting on them. He said it wouldn't make any difference to Judge Greene, as he's not seeking the office anyway. At first this sounded like a pretty good notion to me, but on thinking it over I am inclined to agree with the commissioners who did not do it. I'm not thinking about the spot Mr. Roper and Mr. Moses would be on, but the one the defendants during those few weeks of "tryout judging" would find themselves on. Some might feel, and rightly, that they were being dealt with a little more severely in order for the "judge" to properly impress those who like a hard judge. It might be said of others that they got out light so their family and friends would vote right. I think both men would have done the job honestly under these circumstances, but these things still could and would have been said. Judging in a criminal court is a serious thing, and quite "for keeps." The people can pick the one they want to do it for them in the primary Saturday, and then he can do it seriously and with no thought of politics.

I wonder if anyone else ever gets a full, about-to-cry-for-no-good-reason feeling when they hear The Star Spangled Banner being played and watch the Stars and Stripes rise in the breeze? Same way you feel when you see a boy who has practically nothing offer it all to a friend he thinks needs it more . . . or when you are in trouble and your friends come to you?

I see by the "Rockfish News" that Hubert Olive, Sam McGougan and Knox Watson were Rockfish visitors Tuesday. I hear they were in Raeford the same day. They didn't come by to see us here at the paper, but then I'm for Umstead anyway, and we wouldn't have had much to talk about.

A meeting was held at the county office building Monday afternoon on the program, "North Carolina Accepts the Challenge," a concerted effort to improve the per capita income of farmers in North Carolina and thus their standard of living. The County Farm and Home agents invited representatives of civic clubs and institutions in the county to attend, as being vitally interested in such a program. The response of these organizations and individuals was most disappointing. The Ruritans being about the only ones to participate.

In 1944 a Frenchman was getting ready to go to the liberation celebration his village was holding, and his conscience was hurting him only the tiniest bit. You see, there was a big wine barrel in the village square into which everyone was to pour a bottle of wine to be used by all at the festive occasion. The war had not left our particular Frenchman much, and he knew no one could possibly know that he had slipped a bottle of plain water in for his share. And what difference would one bottle of water make in a whole barrel of wine? Imagine the surprise of the whole community when they came to draw wine and found the barrel full of water.

To quote somebody, "If you don't vote, dammit, you deserve what you get." . . . And it may be plain water. (Now don't any of my teetotaling readers get the notion I'm belittling good old clear cold water. That's just the way I heard this parable . . . and parable it is.)

Raeford Wins Little League Opening Game

Large Crowd Attends; Regular Games To Start Here Next Monday

A crowd of from 400 to 500 people from Raeford and Aberdeen attended the opening game of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League at the Little League park in Robbins Heights here on Wednesday of last week and saw the Raeford Tigers, managed and coached by Alfred Cole, Lawrence Poole and Willie Hodgkin best the Aberdeen Cubs by a score of eight to four.

First game in Aberdeen was scheduled for yesterday afternoon with the Raeford Indians under Rowe Chapman meeting the Aberdeen Cards.

Regularly scheduled play will get under way next Monday when the Raeford Tigers will play the Raeford Indians here. On Wednesday of next week the Tigers will play the Aberdeen Cards here. Games thereafter will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays through the months of June and July. Monday games rained out will be played the following Saturday and Wednesday games rained out will be played the following Thursday. There will be a home game here each Monday and Wednesday starting next week with the exception that there will not be a game here July 2, but it will be played here on July 4 instead. All games start at 5:30 p. m.

Ceremonies at the opening game included music by the Hoke County High school band under the direction of J. B. Renn, followed by a few words of welcome by Younger Snead and a short talk by J. Pat Bell, president of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League. This was followed by the playing of the National Anthem by the band and the raising of the flag on the new pole in center field by members of the local Boy Scout troop. Following a very short exhibition by Make McKeithan, Lawrence Poole and Lawrence McNeill play was turned over to the youngsters and the game got under way. Umpires were Lawrence McNeill, W. T. Gibson and Julius Jordan.

The visitors went right to work and scored two runs in the first inning on Indian pitcher Bill Hodgkin, but the locals came back with four big ones in their half of the first and were never behind again, although the score was tied 4-4 in the fourth. H. McCaskill relieved Hodgkin on the mound in the fourth and was the winning pitcher. He was also the leading hitter, getting a two-run homer in the first and one with two aboard in the fifth. Six-inning games are played in Little League baseball.

Lineup for the Raeford Indians was Hodgkin, pitcher and 3rd base; White, right field; Human, 1st base; Kelly, center field; Peek, catcher; H. McCaskill, 3rd base and pitcher; Snead, shortstop; G. A. McCaskill, 2nd base; Snipes, left field.

INSECTS GET SMART

J. A. Baucom, local bird and flower fancier, brought a canna into the office this week which would appear to indicate that he has some pretty smart insects in his flower garden. This canna had been sewed up so that it could not unfurl as cannas do, and the young worm was inside, well protected, eating at his leisure. The mama had apparently sewed it up when she laid the egg. It was new to Baucom and to the printers to whom he showed it.

CHOIRS TO SING

The four children's choirs of the Raeford Presbyterian church will present a musical program at the church Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock. This will close the choir season for the children, and they will resume practice in the fall.

HONOR STUDENTS AT HOKE HIGH



JOHN McLAUCHLIN



ANNIE BLUE CAMERON

John McLauchlin was valedictorian and Annie Blue Cameron salutatorian of the 1952 graduating class at Hoke County High School. They delivered their addresses at graduation exercises at the school Tuesday night. John is the son of Mrs. H. C. McLauchlin and Annie Blue is the daughter of Mrs. Leon Cameron.

Kiwanians Entertain High School Athletes

The Raeford Kiwanis club had as its guest at a fried chicken supper at the Upchurch airport last Thursday night all members of the basketball, baseball and football teams at Hoke High school and their coaches. About 70 guests were present.

Speaker for the occasion was Head Football Coach Horace Hendrickson of N. C. State College. He was presented to the group by Alumnus Clyde Upchurch, Jr., and made a most interesting talk of particular application to young people about to finish high school and to enter college.

National Guard Unit To Close Enlistments

1st Lt. Edwin D. Newton, commander of the local National Guard battery, said this week that the battery would be unable to accept enlistments after next Monday night, June 2, until after the battery returns from Camp Stewart, Ga., on June 29.

The unit now has a strength of about 100 men and officers and the step is being taken due to the administrative work necessary to get a man enlisted and equipped and that the unit leaves for Camp Stewart on June 15.

Lumbee River REA Gets \$670,000 Loan

The State REA board of directors last Thursday approved loan requests totaling \$1,468,823.71 for several REA cooperatives in the state. Among those listed was Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation of Red Springs. Lumbee River applied for \$570,000 for system improvements and new lines to serve new members, and \$100,000 to reloan to their members for installation, wiring and plumbing fixtures and equipment.

Lumbee River serves approximately 7,000 members in the counties of Hoke, Robeson, Cumberland and Scotland.

G. Y. NEWTON HERE

Giles Y. Newton of Gibson, candidate for Congress from the 8th District, was a Raeford visitor yesterday. He wanted to get an ad in the News-Journal saying "Newton for Congress," but was too late. He is seeking the democratic nomination to the seat held by C. B. Deane of Rockingham.

Mrs. Paul Dickson, Sr. attended the (?) reunion of her class at Converse College, Spartanburg, and also attended commencement last week. She will visit Mrs. Harry Lindeman for a week before she and Mrs. Lindeman leave for Charleston, S. C. to visit Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Dickson.

Jaycees Complete Plans To Select Hoke Beauty Queen

The Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce in its semi-monthly meeting Tuesday night completed plans for the "Miss Hoke County" beauty pageant and allied festivities which they are to promote during the month of June.

Plans are for the affair to be held in the Armory on June 27. A dinner will be served by the Raeford Woman's club. This will be followed by the beauty pageant and talent show and selection of "Miss Hoke County," who will represent the county in the state contest for "Miss North Carolina" to be held in Winston-Salem in July. The evening will wind up with a dance to the music of a popular orchestra of this section.

Rules for entrants in the contests state that they must be not less than 18 years of age on September 1, 1952, and she be unmarried and never married. She must, of course, be a resident of Hoke County.

The Jaycees are preparing a program for the affair which will contain the pictures of the entrants and facts about the pageant and the community. They are also arranging an array of gifts for the winner and for her participation in the "Miss North Carolina" contest.

Hoke Man Will Get Degree From Duke

Zane Grey Norton, son of Mrs. J. M. Norton and the late Mr. Norton of this county will be among the more than 1100 who will receive degrees at the 100th commencement of Duke University on Monday, June 2. He will receive the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

He is a graduate of Hoke High school and a World War II veteran and received his B. A. degree in 1949. He will leave on June 3 for Shelby where he will become pastor of the Hoyle Memorial Methodist church. He will preach his first sermon in his new church on June 8.

Raeford Men Go To Kiwanis Banquet

Marion Gatlin, J. B. Thomas, J. H. Blue and Charles Hostetler represented the Raeford Kiwanis club at a testimonial dinner given at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh last Thursday night for Kiwanis International President Claude Hellman of Baltimore. About 400 Kiwanians from four divisions of the Carolinas Kiwanis district were present.

Various gifts were carried the honor guest from the communities represented, including peanuts from down east, a mattress from Mebane and enough Robbins fabrics by the local men to make him a suit.

Campaign Closing; Primary Saturday

With the campaign for Governor between William B. Umstead and Hubert Olive being the only hot state-wide contest and with the only two-way local contest being that between T. O. Moses and W. L. Roper for recorder, a light vote is rather dimly expected by some of the political wise men.

A factor not being considered which may make quite a difference is that there have been many new people moving to the county recently and several hundred new names have been added to the registration books. The responsibilities of citizens to vote has been forcefully brought to the consciousness of the voters this year by it being the first time in many a year that the presidential nominee is not a foregone conclusion.

For County commissioner Marshall Newton, N. H. G. Balfour, W. M. Thomas and Fulford McMillan of the old board are running along with Douglas McPhaul and William Stanley Crawley. Five will be nominated in the voting Saturday.

For the county board of education N. L. McFadyen, Richard E. Neeley, David F. Lindsay and Robert H. Gatlin of the old board are running along with Joel D. Royal, D. R. Huff, Jr. and Alfred Long, Jr.

There are state contests for the supreme court, lieutenant governor, and insurance commissioner. The day for voting is Saturday, May 31.

Churches Plan Bible Schools Next Week

Starting next Monday morning vacation Bible schools will be held in the Raeford Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches for periods varying from one to two weeks.

The school at the Raeford Presbyterian church will start at 9:00 a. m. Monday and will last two weeks, the final day being Friday, June 13. Classes will be held from nine to twelve each morning with varied activities. Misses Jean Seagrove and Betty Wardlaw, students at Assembly's Training School, will be the directors and all children aged from four to 12 are invited.

The Raeford Methodist church will hold its school next week, meeting each morning from nine until 11:30. All children between the ages of four and 15 are invited to come for mornings of music, worship, study, recreation and refreshments. Classes will be held in the Sunday School department of the church.

The Raeford Baptist church will hold "Preparation Day" for its school tomorrow afternoon between two and four o'clock. During this time the children will parade through the business district. The Bible school will be held next week from Monday through Friday with classes daily from 8:30 to 11:30. Children aged from three to 16 are invited. The pastor will conduct the school, assisted by Miss Martha Pittman, educational director.

Army Is Rotating Teals To Korea

Cpl. Samuel E. Teal, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Teal of Raeford, is now serving on the mud-bogged eastern front in Korea with the 25th Infantry Division, a release from Korea said this week.

His unit, with its attached Turkish brigade, has been holding down a battle line northwest of the Punchbowl.

Corporal Teal, a member of the 14th Infantry Regiment's Headquarters company, arrived in Korea last month. He entered the Army in June, 1951.

His brother, Cecil L. Teal, has been at home for the past few weeks, having just returned from a year of service with the Third Infantry Division in Korea.

57 SENIORS GET DIPLOMAS AT HOKE HIGH ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Recorder Hears Light Session

Only a dozen cases were disposed of in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday before Judge Harry Greene, several being continued until next week.

Four colored men entered pleas of guilty of violating the prohibition laws by possessing non-tax-paid liquor. They were T. C. Artis, Edgar Watkins, Vander Smith and Frank Smith. Each had to pay \$10 and the costs. On the same charge Sylvester Richardson was found not guilty.

Jimmy Jackson, white, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs and 12 months good behavior. Jackson appealed and posted \$250 bond.

Grantham Clark, Indian, paid \$25 and the costs for driving without a license and was found not guilty of parking on the highway.

The State dropped the cases in which Frances McNeill and Gertrude Ferguson were charged with giving bad checks to Mrs. F. B. Harris.

James Johnson, colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs and 12 months good behavior for being drunk and disorderly. Aubrey Thad Fussell, white, paid \$5 and the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Willie McLauchlin, colored, pleaded guilty of careless and reckless driving. He got six months suspended on payment of \$50 damages and court costs and on condition of 12 months good behavior.

Raeford Rebels Ready To Play

The Raeford Rebels, those annual baseball enthusiasts, have been formed again and are going all out in an effort to give Raeford a winning baseball team this year. Approximately twenty players, former high school, college, and minor league men have been practicing for the last few weeks in an effort to weld together a strong team.

One of the main obstructions in the reorganization so far is the problem of lighting the ball park. At last count close to one hundred bulbs and reflectors needed replacing due to either blowing of their own accord or to the vandalism of persons known and unknown.

The Rebels plan to raise enough money through contributions of interested persons and firms to replace the lights, reflectors and also to pay a delinquent light bill. The ball park will be leased from the American Legion and after the Rebels season is completed it will be turned over to the High School for night football and baseball games.

A practice game was played yesterday afternoon with Lake-dale with no report on the outcome available before press time. All interested persons who desire to play with the Rebels may come out and practice with the team any afternoon at 6:00.

A list of those contributing to the repairing of the fixtures and also a complete schedule will be published later.

POPPY DAY SATURDAY

Officials of the American Legion Auxiliary have announced that Saturday is "Poppy Day." Ladies of the auxiliary will sell poppies on the streets that day and proceeds will be used for the Legion's work with disabled veterans.

J. P. Bell, T. B. Phillips and M. D. Yates spent the week end at Southport.

Dr. Mark Depp Speaks; Various Awards Made

The annual commencement exercises for Hoke County High School were held Tuesday evening May 27 in the high school auditorium with the Reverend Dr. Mark Depp of Centenary Methodist Church of Winston-Salem making the address. The Rev. S. A. Ewart gave the invocation after which Annie Blue Cameron delivered the salutatory. The High School Girls Sextet, accompanied by Miss Bradley, sang "Think on Me." The Rev. P. O. Lee of Raeford Methodist Church introduced Dr. Depp, speaker of the evening. Dr. Depp's address, interspersed with humor and wit, was informative as well as interesting.

W. J. Coates, representing the Farm Bureau, presented prizes to Wagland Fulk and James Blue who tied for highest average in Agricultural Classes.

The Peace award, won by Pat Lamont, was presented by Charles Hostetler of the local bar association.

Harold Gillis of the Lions Club made awards for being best citizens in high school, grammar school, and primary grades to Mary McLean, Larry Upchurch, and Gerry Guyer, respectively.

The Woman's Club awards from the Literary Department were presented by Mrs. Hubert Cameron to Gerry Guyer, Shirley Leslie, Bettie McKenzie and Hazel McLean for the best creative writing and to Betty Jane Ashburn for the best reading presentation. Hazel McLean received an award for the highest average in Homemaking classes and outstanding work in the Future Homemakers club.

Mrs. Arthur D. Gore, representing the Education Department of Raeford Woman's Club, presented the valedictory medal to John McLauchlin.

The American Legion prizes for outstanding citizenship, presented by Clyde Upchurch, Jr., were received by Betty Jane Ashburn and John McLauchlin.

The Kiwanis awards for best all around students were presented by Marion Gatlin to Joan Sinclair, Suzanne Cameron and Larry Upchurch.

K. A. MacDonald, superintendent of public instruction, presented certificates to the bus drivers for outstanding performance and safety records for the year.

W. T. Gibson, Jr., principal of the high school, made a short talk to the seniors and presented diplomas to: Gordon Adams, Bobby Alexander, Betty Jane Ashburn, Jean Baxley, Margaret Beckwith, Frances Bobbitt, Bobby Bostic, Lewis Brock, Annie Blue Cameron, Betty Jean Clark, Herbert Clark, Tommy Clark, Ruby Cole, Sarah Jane Cole, Sylvia Collins, Earl Conoley, Joyce Conoley, Marie Cottrhan, Betty Culbreth, Carleen Davis, Eloise Davis, Douglass Dixon, James Edge, Venetia Gulk, Betty Garrison, Herman Gillis, Janet Hodgkin, Eva Mae Jackson, Neil A. Jackson, Betty Ellen Jones, W. R. King, Irene Lane, Betty Jo Lovette, George Lowmy, Billy McCormick, Betty McCrimmon, Carolyn McKenzie, John McLauchlin, Mary McLean, Bryan Miller, Harold Monroe, Edwin Newton, Elizabeth Odum, Bruce Phillips, Jerome Pickler, Pat Ritter, David Scull, John Scull, Charles Sessoms, Bobby Setzer, Jane Sinclair, Joan Sinclair, June Stanley, Betty Strother, Jimmy Webb, Lyda Williams, Robert Wood.

John McLauchlin delivered the valedictory and the Rev. P. O. Lee gave the benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Cabbage Snow of Macon, Ga., were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fannell Upchurch last night. They were on route to Durham.