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Addenda - - -

By the Editor

A hot fight appears to be in the making in the Seventh Congressional District. Congressman F. Eitel Carlyle, well known to Hoke citizens, was pushed mighty close in the primary by 31-year-old Mayor J. O. Tally of Fayetteville, and a knock-down, drag-out battle is to be expected from now until the second primary June 28. Only state-wide contest is between Superior Court Judges R. Hunt Parker and William H. Bobbitt for the Supreme Court.

With the weather staying up around a hundred like it has been for the past few days I find it mighty easy to quit doing anything and start wishing I were somewhere else—somewhere cooler, that is, doing something else. Bet I'm not so different from a few others—But it sure is fun to hit old ice-cold Rockfish, and when a cooling shower with its breeze slips in of an evening you know it's something no amount of money could buy.

Mrs. Ernest Campbell, of the County health department, announced this week that Dr. J. W. Willcox, Moore-Hoke Health Officer, had indefinitely postponed the series of immunization clinics which had been scheduled all over the county for children for diphtheria, whooping cough, etc. This action was taken due to the fact that so many children are already sick with one thing, or another, that their attendance was expected if the clinics were held. The heat's enough to make anyone sick, they say, but then that's what they say every year—not the health department people, just "they" in general.

I've thought of the something else I'd like to be doing. I'd like to go with Crawford Wright and Ben Ray on their dog vaccinating trip for the next couple of weeks. They are going to spend each day at a different country store or filling station. They'll undoubtedly tell a lot of lies and hear even more and see a lot of people, and do mighty little along with it. I believe I could stand it pretty well for that long, and I know my lying ability would improve considerably.

My lying for the next couple of weeks will probably be done in Georgia, where I expect to be with the 100-odd members of the local National Guard. Not all of them are odd, but Jesse Guldedge and Tommie Macko of the Post Office Department will be along, and they can stay right in there with Wright and Ray, I believe, so maybe my ability will improve some, even if I will not exactly be loafing around a country store.

The old swimmin hole is just about inadequate for the people we have here now. A great many Raeford people are taking advantage of the Aberdeen Lake, even if it is 17 miles away. We ought to start planning something now for another summer, when we'll probably have even more people. Lots of us are enjoying the Little League games each Monday and Wednesday afternoon, too.

I hope everybody that does anything or hears anything about anybody else will call The News-Journal with the information in the next two weeks and I hope the advertisers will cooperate with us by getting the ads in early. Reason is that Gene Smith and myself are both going to Camp Stewart with the National Guard unit and the others will have a little extra work to do getting the paper out those two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carter and family had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cashion and Mr. and Mrs. Young Brown of Mooresville.

Jaycess Have 10 Beauties Entered In June 27 Contest

Ten local girls have entered the "Miss Hoke County" beauty pageant to be held at the armory on Friday, June 27, by the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce. All girls entered so far are being sponsored by local business houses, but the Jaycess will accept unsponsored entrants until noon Saturday, June 14.

Those entered are Annie Blue Cameron sponsored by Raeford Auto Co., Ann Gore by The News-Journal, Fannette Gore by Baucom Appliance Co., Mary McLean by Graham's Gift Shop, Louise Harris by Home Furniture Co., Belle Smith by Raeford Hardware Co., Alice Sutton Matheson by Raeford Furniture Co. and Blument Beauty Shop, Mary Sue Upchurch by Israel Mann, Rave King by Hoke Drug Co., and Sara Jane Cole by Belk-Hensdale Co.

The Jaycess placed tickets for the affair on sale this week and these may be bought for the dinner and pageant, the dance and pageant, or for all three. The Raeford Woman's club will serve the meal and Hal Gore and his orchestra will furnish the music.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The Board of Education met in called session Tuesday night for the purpose of adopting a local school budget for the school year 1952-53. After discussing and going over it section by section and individual items, a budget calling for \$1,077,812.62 was adopted and ordered presented to the County Board of Commissioners with their recommendation and request for approval. This budget is \$1,011,088 less than the 1951-52 budget of \$1,088,792.70 approved for the past school year.

At this meeting a report was made to the board that the Interstate Construction Company of Charlotte has promised to have the Upchurch addition and the Indian School ready for the opening of school in the fall.

The superintendent reported that the fence around the new school garage was under construction.

Summer repair work on the school buses has started in earnest. The mechanics are finding that the hardsurface roads have cut their work considerably. On the average, the buses are in better shape than they have been when school closed. Tires are the only things that suffer from the new roads.

R. A. Smoak, principal of the Ashmont school, is working with the PMA office again this year checking tobacco acreage.

W. P. Phillips, head of the Vocational Agriculture Department at Hoke High, has returned from the yearly conference of Vocational Agriculture teachers that was held at Carolina Beach.

W. T. Gibson, principal of Hoke High and family will spend a week or ten days at his old home in South Carolina and in Florida before beginning the usual summer repair program.

James M. Street, principal of the Mildousen School, plans to work in Baltimore this summer.

The county commissioners allowed the school board to tear down the old garage. The materials salvaged from this building will be used for building purposes by the school board.

We are glad that G. A. Page, principal of the Upchurch School, has been able to secure a suitable home. It is located midway between

Second Challenge Meeting Held Friday Night

Representatives of various agricultural agencies and civic organizations met in the Lions' Club room of the County office building last Friday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss further the "North Carolina Accepts the Challenge" program and to make plans for carrying out the program in the county. The Challenge is a program for better farming and better family living and should be of interest to everyone in the county.

Various situations and problems existing in the county were discussed. It was pointed out that Hoke County ranks 69th according to the number of milk cows on farms in the county. Many people are not producing as much food as is practical. Health conditions need to be improved. Less than 15% of all the children under 6 years of age in the county are not immunized against diphtheria and other contagious diseases. It was mentioned that the Raeford Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations have done a noble job of helping to bring industry to Raeford. The suggestion was made that they develop and carry out a comprehensive program for the entire county.

The following committees were set up: (1) Soil Conservation, (2) Crops and Livestock, (3) Marketing and Farm Credit, (4) Health, Welfare, and Medical Service, (5) Youth Work, (6) Housing, (7) Food Production, Nutrition, and Preservation, and (8) Recreation and Community Activities. Various leaders from all over the county were selected to serve on the committees. They were chosen because of their ability, because they are farm and home leaders or are business or professional representatives and should be interested in farm problems. It was pointed out that since a county can be no more progressive than its citizens, progress depends upon the interest, ingenuity, and combined effort of professional and business leaders in stimulating the people. The hope was voiced that every person placed on a committee will see fit to serve in helping to mobilize the forces in the county to make it a better place in which to live and, in turn, help make North Carolina the foremost agricultural state in the nation.

The following people were present at the meeting: K. A. MacDonald, Supt. of Schools, Mrs. Ernest Campbell and M. R. Mills of the County Health Department, Furman Clark and George McIntire of the Soil Conservation Service, W. P. Phillips, Stephen and Helen Williams of the Vocational Departments of the High Schools, John R. Potter and Josephine Hall of the Extension Service, F. N. Craven, District Forester, Nellie A. McDonald of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Harry Harrison of the Lions Club, Ken McNeill and L. E. McLauchlin, Jr., of the Veteran's Classes, and G. A. Page, Upchurch school principal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ledbetter Nicholson left Raeford Friday. Mr. Nicholson, who has accepted the position of district representative for Rexall products in West Virginia, left for Nashville, Tenn. to take a training course, and Mrs. Nicholson went to Hamlet where she will remain with her sister, Mrs. Ruby Smart, until they can get settled in West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McLean, Miss Louise Blue and Mrs. McNair Smith spent the week end at Myrtle Beach.

Malcolm Glisson left Monday for Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, for basic training. Mrs. Glisson and children are staying with Malcolm's mother, Mrs. Claude Glisson.

Legion Has Regular Monthly Meeting

The Ellis Williamson American Legion post had its regular monthly meeting at the high school cafeteria last Friday night and enjoyed a steak supper prepared by W. L. Poole.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: R. B. Lewis commander, Charles Hostetler and John D. McNeill vice commanders, A. W. Wood, Jr. adjutant, W. L. Poole service officer, Younger Sneed chaplain and W. T. Gibson, Jr. sergeant-at-arms.

A short business meeting was held and the matter of ball park lights financing was discussed and a committee appointed to work out a program. The post is to meet the first Friday night in each month, but will not have supper at the meetings in July and August. Commander Lewis reported that the post had 80 members now and hopes to sign up every eligible white veteran in the county. He said any officer would take a membership fee.

White Accounts For Little League Gifts

Dean White, treasurer of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League this week expressed the appreciation of the boys playing and the league officials for the contributions made several weeks ago to buy several additional items needed to run the league here.

He said that members of the Kiwanis club gave 51, the Lions club 30, Upchurch Milling Co. 25 and the other interested individuals enough to make a total of \$144.25. To date he has spent \$22.32 for 3 dozen polo shirts, \$79.02 for additional uniforms and equipment, \$2.40 for buckets and dippers and \$18.17 for caps. This leaves a balance of 22.34.

He also wished to express the appreciation of the league officials, the boys and the fans to the high school for the continued use of the bleacher seats at the Robbins Heights playground.

Hoke County Has 10 Miles New Paving

Raleigh, June 10—The State Highway Commission completed 10.2 miles of new paving in Hoke County during the month of May, Commissioner George S. Coble of Lexington reported today.

The newly-hardsurfaced roads and their lengths are:

Road from NC 20, two miles south of Raeford to Dundarrach-Antioch Road 2.9 miles; County road from US 15-A via Johnson's Mill and back to US 15-A, 3.7 miles; and County road from Philippi Church to Rockfish-Raeford Road, 3.6.

The Sixth Highway Division brought a total of 109.9 miles of road work to completion during May, Commissioner Coble revealed.

Mrs. Snipes Buried In Robeson Sunday

Mrs. Alatha Snipes, 33, who had made her home here for the last two years, died Friday in a Lumberton hospital after undergoing an operation in a Fayetteville hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Albert C. Snipes, a Robbins Mills employee; three children, Wilbur William and Nelda Grace, all of the home here; three sisters and four brothers.

Funeral service was conducted at the Pleasant Hope Baptist church near Fairmont at 3:00 p. m. Sunday by the Rev. Judson Lennon of Raeford and the Rev. Alford Stephens of Lumberton.

Charlie Morrison is on vacation this week from the post office.

Little Paula Adams of Lumberton was the week end guest of her aunt, Mrs. Graham Clark and Mr. Clark, while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Adams were at Myrtle Beach.

Recorder Hears Same Old Stuff

With just about everything dealing with cars or liquor, recorder's court Tuesday before Judge Harry Greene was about what it usually is with a somewhat lighter docket than usual.

Howard Rogers, colored, pleaded guilty of non support of his illegitimate child. He got six months suspended on payment of \$5 weekly toward the child's support and the costs.

The case in which James Murphy, colored, was charged with disposing of mortgaged property was dismissed for lack of evidence. Pete Alphonso McLauchlin, colored, got six months suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs and 18 months good behavior for driving drunk.

For having no driver's licenses Felton Bullard and James Earl Locklear, Indians, and Buster Currie, colored, each paid \$25 and the costs.

For improper brakes Fahone Hasty and James Dempsey McNeill, both colored, each paid \$10 and the costs. Roy Smith, white paid \$5 and the costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

For speeding Walter Thomas Gilmore, colored, paid \$25 and the costs; William L. Poole, Jr., white, \$10 and the costs; John T. Revelas and Earl Hinson, both white, each forfeited a \$25 bond.

Henry Lorenze Edwards, colored, paid \$10 and the costs for improperly parking on the highway.

Mrs. O. C. Johnson paid costs and made good a bad check.

William Gales, colored, was found not guilty of having improper license plates.

Rebels Schedule Night Game Here Next Wednesday

The Rebels, local baseball aspirants, have a home game scheduled for next Wednesday night with the visiting team to be the Red Springs Robins. They played Red Springs there last night (no score available).

They have received a total of \$298.00 of their goal of approximately \$500.00. New contributors include \$25.00 from C. E. Upchurch, Sr. and \$10.00 from Morgan Motor Co. A correction of last week's list is J. K. McNeill, Sr. contributing \$25.00 instead of the \$10.00 erroneously stated.

Reports indicate that the lights will be ready by Saturday provided that the money is raised by then.

Revival Services And Bible School Are Planned At Parker's

Revival Services will begin at Parker's Chapel Methodist church with the service at 12:15 p. m. Sunday, June 15. Service will be held each night during the week starting at 7:45 with the Rev. W. N. Vaughn of Mt. Gilead doing the preaching.

The Daily Vacation Bible school will begin on Monday, June 16, at Parker's and will be held each day through Friday, June 20, at nine a. m.

Cumberland Cops Get Raeford Man

Fayetteville paper Monday told of a Raeford man, James Allen, 36, being released under \$800 bond on charges of stealing his wife's car, beating up his wife and shooting at her with a pistol. The article said Mrs. Allen was in a hospital for treatment for injuries received.

CHORUS PRACTICE

The Home Demonstration Club members are reminded to meet in the Education Building of the Antioch Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, June 13, at 8 o'clock for their regular practice.

County Agent Gives Results Of Checks On Weevil Situation

Cotton farmers throughout Hoke County are probably interested in the results of the weekly insect survey now being conducted each week on four farms in different sections of the county. On Monday, June 9, these four fields were checked for weevils in addition to four other fields. There was some increase in weevil activity in all fields checked over last week. One field in the Wayside community had a 12 per cent infestation; a field in the Bethel community showed a 3 per cent infestation; one in the Dundarrach vicinity had a 12 per cent infestation; and a field in the Duffie vicinity showed 3 per cent infestation. Square counts were made in three of these fields. Four other fields checked showed the following infestations: 1, 2, 8, and 34%. The field checked that showed 34% punctured squares was some of the largest cotton in the county observed so far and is squaring heavily for this time of year.

With weevil infestations running this high early in the season, it is time to start dusting or spraying. Fields should be checked preferably twice a week by examining at least 100 plants chosen at random from several locations in each field. At least a portion of the sample should be taken from areas near woods, buildings, or other places where weevils may have hibernated.

In areas where weevils are a consistent problem each year, it is suggested that fields with infestations of 1 or more weevils per 100 plants should receive applications at weekly intervals beginning no later than squaring. After three applications, fields should be checked regularly and additional applications made when infestations build up to 10% punctured squares. In periods of prolonged hot dry weather, as last year, additional applications may be withheld until infestations of 15 to 25% occur. We would like to encourage cotton growers to keep a close check on their fields and treat as often and as soon as needed.

Reports indicate that insecticides are moving at a faster rate and temporary shortages may possibly occur. Growers are urged to obtain at least a portion of their season's supply immediately. John R. Potter.

Guard Unit To Leave Sunday For Camp Stewart

Sunday morning the local guard unit will depart for their annual two-weeks training at Camp Stewart, Ga. Taking approximately 82 men and 6 officers the outfit will assemble at Elk Restaurant at 3:00 a. m. for breakfast and then reassemble at the armory (hall) for issuance of individual weapons and other equipment. Departure time is scheduled for 4:15. The trip to Stewart will be accomplished in only one day whereas it has heretofore been done in two days, camping overnight en route.

During the two-weeks encampment time will be spent training upon the 40 mm. guns and firing at towed targets. The second week a field problem will take up most of the time with the unit spending several days in the field.

The unit will join other units of the 130th battalion at Camp Stewart. These units, from Red Springs, St. Pauls, Southern Pines and Sanford, will make the trip by train on Sunday. The battalion will be under the command of Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr., and the local battery is commanded by First Lt. Edwin D. Newton.

The battery will return on June 29. Camp address is Batry A 130th AAA AW Bn., North Carolina National Guard, Camp Stewart, Ga.

Hail Severely Damages Hoke Tobacco Crops

Quewhiffle Hit Thursday

The heat wave that moved into Hoke county on Wednesday of last week also brought with it destruction in the form of a hail storm that in some cases caused over a 50% loss of crops. The area that was hit was the Quewhiffle township near the Scotland County line, particularly that area this side of the "Turnpike" bridge.

Farmers that were hardest hit according to County Agent John Potter were H. B. "Pat" Nixon, Horace and R. L. Walters. Parts of Horace Walters and Bobby Walters tobacco was over 60% damaged and Nixon's loss ran well over 50%.

It seems as though the center part of the storm was in the area of Nixon and the Walters brothers farms with their corn shredded rather badly and their cotton suffering extensive loss, although it is believed that the cotton will not be affected too much in the final outcome. The storm hit between 5:00 and 6:00 p. m. last Thursday and skipped about rather than making a regular path through the section.

According to the local insurance agencies the losses reported to them averaged anywhere from 20 to 60%. Farmers who carried insurance and suffered losses included J. L. McNeill, John Locklear, Clarence Webb, George Mason (two losses on two crops) C. Mc Gainey, Charlie Pendergrass, Ruben Webb, H. McC. Blue, Matt-hew McLauchlin, Carl Riley, D. P. Troutman and also the others aforementioned. There were probably more farmers who had hail to damage their crops but a list is not available.

There were some reports of hail damaging crops in the Rockfish area Monday afternoon but accurate information was not available.

Hoke County wasn't the only area hit by hailstorms Thursday according to the daily papers. Robeson County was hit by one which covered more than 1,000 acres and had a total of 175 different tobacco crops declared a total loss. The worst area was between Rowland and Fairmont and according to estimates the damage will exceed one million dollars, much of which was uninsured.

Wreck Occurs At Unmarked Street-Highway Crossing

Last Thursday afternoon around 5:30 during the rainstorm a wreck occurred at the junction of West Prospect Avenue and North Magnolia St. better known as the R. B. Lewis corner and high school corner. The vehicles involved were a pick-up delivery truck owned by Johnson Cotton Co. and an automobile. John Davis, driver of the truck, was proceeding west on N. C. 211 toward Aberdeen and Mrs. Elizabeth McMahon, driver of the passenger car, was headed south on Magnolia. The cause of the wreck was slaid to the fact that visibility was poor due to the rain and the slick condition of the streets.

None of the occupants was injured and damages were estimated for the truck at \$500.00 and the passenger car around \$400.00.

PROGRESSIVE STORE IS NOW SELF-SERVICE

Progressive Store will have its grand reopening of their new self-service store Saturday morning at 8:30. New shelves, new produce racks, and also new frozen foods equipment have been added to enable the store to carry a more complete line of groceries and produce. Free trade certificates will be given away Saturday night.