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Addenda

By the Editor

I could have written this column a couple of weeks ago when I got back from my two weeks in the sun at Camp Stewart, Georgia, but I wasn't much account then and didn't do it. What I did to rest up from being in the Georgia sun for two weeks was to go to the beach and stay in the North Carolina sun for another week. Now I'm worse off than ever . . . completely good-for-nothing (if you didn't know already.)

It comes to me on pretty good authority that the county commissioners are considering reducing the county tax rate to \$1.00. The reduction would be absorbed entirely by the county general fund and not any by the school fund. The board, however, still has several things to consider, as the budget is still tentative, before they can decide whether or not they can make this move. One thing that would move the rate the other way would be a decision to have the property re-valued. This would probably bring about a large reduction in the long run, though.

Judge Harry Greene had a pretty tough decision to make on what to do with Worth McCall in court Tuesday, and from what I can hear I believe most people thought he handled it about as fairly as possible on the evidence he had to judge.

The society department wants me to explain that it was necessary to leave out several social items this week, due to large accumulation of coming and goings, etc., in the week we did not have a paper. Most of these items will be printed late in next week's paper.

John McGoogan was telling me that Stephen Williams, agriculture teacher at Uphurch school, had applied for the job as Negro farm agent for the county before learning that there was not to be such a job this year. He did this knowing it paid less than his present job because he thought he could do the county more good as farm agent. He's the fellow who lost his home by fire recently, and from all I can hear is a real credit to the county and to his race.

After such a long layoff I'm finding it hard to get warmed up to this column, but I've got two or three things in mind to start talking about in a week or two, or whenever I feel the urge. The way people speed around this town in their automobiles unmolested for the most part will stand a lot of talking about and could stand a little action, or we'll be attending some child's funeral one of these days.

They say it's still easy to buy a pint of liquor around here. I haven't tried lately, but I don't guess it would be very easy for me any way.

NEW PLAYGROUND

Workmen have been busy since last week on the playground behind the elementary school. Equipment and the labor have been donated by Robbins Mills. The equipment includes swings, slides, see saws, a parallel bar and swing-a-round. There are two different sizes of swings and slides for different ages of children. The project may be finished next week.

Mrs. Russell Parker of Fort Campbell, Kentucky is spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McBryde. She was accompanied to Raeford by her nephew, Johnny McPhaul, who had spent a week with her Fort Campbell.

Harrison Heads Local Sponsors Of Rally For Demo. Nominee

H. D. Harrison, Jr. local attorney and Young Democrat, this week received advance information from Terry Sanford, fiancé chairman of the Young Democratic clubs of North Carolina, about the "National Democratic Presidential Kickoff Rally" which the state YDC has been planning for the month of August for over a year.

It is expected that the Democratic Presidential nominee will attend, along with men of national and state prominence in the party. In order to defray expenses of the affair the Young Democrats will make available "Sponsor Certificates" to those desiring to attend. These will be at the rate of \$10 each and will entitle the holders to special places at the rally and box lunches with the out of state visitors. Their names will also be on the scroll which will be presented to the Presidential nominee to commemorate the event.

Due to the hot weather it has been decided to call off the serving of barbecue to so many persons, as has been publicized for so long.

Harrison has "Sponsor Certificates" for any Young or young feeling Democrats who may wish to help with the affair.

Leaf Growers Urged To Cast Heavy Vote

State College officials and other agricultural leaders throughout the State have joined in urging that North Carolina farmers cast a heavy vote in the flue-cured tobacco quota referendum on Saturday, July 19.

Participating in the referendum will be flue-cured growers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. They will decide (1) whether they approve marketing quotas for the 1953, 1954, and 1955 crop years, (2) whether they disapprove quotas for the three years but favor quotas for 1953 only, or (3) whether they disapprove quotas for the three years. A favorable vote by at least two-thirds of those voting is required to make marketing quotas effective. Voting will be by secret ballot at places designated by PMA committees.

In the last similar referendum, held in July, 1949, some 97.7 per cent of the 230,719 growers voting favored quotas for the 1950, 1951 and 1952 crops.

Anyone who has an interest in the 1952 crop of flue-cured tobacco, either as owner, tenant, or sharecropper, is entitled to one vote on the question of marketing quotas. Each person concerned, however, is entitled to only one vote even though he may be engaged in the production of flue-cured tobacco in two or more communities, counties, or states.

The purpose of marketing quotas, according to agricultural officials, is to provide growers with a method of adjusting supply to demand and to help them obtain fair prices for the tobacco they produce.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gatlin, Harold Gatlin and Mrs. Lillian Oliver spent several days last week in the mountains near Waynesville. They came home Thursday accompanied by Lillmar Sue, who had been at Camp Dellwood for a month. This entire family will go to Topsall Beach Friday for a stay of 10 days or longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Dickson stopped by Raeford for a short visit Sunday. They were on their way to High Point, having spent the week end in Red Springs with relatives.

Judge Has Full Session Tuesday; Good Attendance

With a full courtroom apparently attracted by the rape hearing Judge Harry Greene heard some 25 other cases in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday in a session that recessed for lunch and came back and stayed all afternoon.

Jesse Johnson, colored, was charged with the temporary larceny of a tractor from J. H. Wright, failing to stop at a stop sign and improper brakes. He pleaded guilty to the first charge and was fined \$10 and the costs. On the other two he was found guilty and fined \$10 and the costs and he appealed to Superior Court. Bond was set at \$150.

Kenneth W. Fisher, white, was charged with careless and reckless driving and having no driver's license and was fined \$25 and the costs in each case.

Leander Blackman, colored, pleaded guilty of violating the prohibition laws and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs. In the same case the State dropped charges against Boyd Kershaw, Mary McNeill and Bernice Whitty.

J. E. McLaughlin and Hubert Purcell, both colored, were charged with having liquor for sale. McLaughlin pleaded guilty and the State dropped the charge against Purcell. McLaughlin got six months suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs and 12 months good behavior.

Mose Patterson, Jr., colored, paid costs for going 45 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone.

Louis Cunningham, colored, was found guilty of driving without a license and got 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs and 12 months good behavior. He appealed to superior court and posted \$125 bond.

Will M. McLaughlin, colored, was charged with driving drunk and violating the prohibition laws. He was found guilty of driving drunk and got six months. He pleaded guilty of the other offense and got 60 more days. He appealed and bond was set at \$300. He entered a plea of guilty of having no driver's license and got 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. He was found not guilty on a charge of temporary larceny of a truck belonging to Horace Walters.

Furman Locklear and Cash Pierce, Indians, were found guilty of stealing a calf from F. F. McPhaul. They got six months each suspended on payment of costs and a year's good behavior. Locklear, in another case, was found guilty of stealing pulpwood from the McPhaul place. He got 90 days in this suspended on payment of \$25 to McPhaul, court costs, 18 months good behavior and staying off the McPhaul place.

Delmar Thomas Hardison, white was found guilty of driving drunk and fined \$100 and the court costs. Roy Dial, Indian, was charged with allowing his stock to run at large and the state dropped the case.

Rufus McCall, colored, paid the costs for assault.

The state dropped charges of driving without license against Norman K. Bretton, white.

James Raleigh Ault, white, was found not guilty of careless and reckless driving, and Clarence Angus Burns, white, paid \$50 and the costs on the same charge.

Moody McLean and Josephus Shields, both colored, each paid \$10 and costs for having improper brakes.

Isadore Quintance, white, left a \$25 bond for speeding.

Curtis Morrison, colored, got 90 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs and a year's good behavior for being drunk and disorderly.

Mrs. Kathleen Wilson is spending this week in Spartanburg, S. C. with relatives.

Miss Hoke County To Go To Winston

Mary Sue Uphurch, better known as "Miss Hoke County," will depart for Winston-Salem Thursday, July 24 to participate in the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant. Mary Sue who is to be accompanied by her mother, Mrs. L. M. Uphurch, will join a bevy of girls from all sections of the state in the three-day event that will terminate Saturday night of next week with the crowning of North Carolina's selection for the national contest.

Mary Sue will journey to Winston-Salem in a new Nash Rambler furnished by the Nash Dealers in the state and will have it at her disposal during her stay in Winston.

The state contest will be conducted approximately the same way that the local one was held. The entrants will appear in bathing suits, evening dresses and will give a demonstration of some talent such as singing, dancing, reciting and such. Finalists will be chosen from each group and will compete against each other in the final contest Saturday night.

Local Jaycees have high hopes for their entry and are selling tickets for the three day event. A Jaycee representative will accompany Miss Uphurch and her mother to Winston and see that their stay is pleasant and comfortable.

Recorder's Court July 8; 25 Cases

Judge Greene heard about the same number of cases last week as this in Hoke County recorder's court, as 25 defendants faced him.

For driving drunk Sellers Baker and Henderson Dupree, colored, got six months suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and 12 months good behavior; Elbert Flowers got the same sentence without the condition of good behavior.

Howard Locklear, Indian, was found guilty on a charge by G. C. Lytle that he had abandoned a crop on rented land. Sentence was 90 days suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Tommie Buie and James Arthur Graham, both colored, were each charged with careless and reckless driving as a result of a wreck. Buie was found not guilty and Graham got six months suspended on payment of costs and \$90 to Buie.

Also for careless and reckless driving Harold H. McEachern, colored, paid \$25 and costs, and William Dixon, colored, paid \$10 and costs.

Other cases included: James H. Cumming, Indian failing to stop at a stop sign, \$10 and costs.

Anthony Szymanski, white, speeding and no driver's license, \$35 fines and costs in each case; Norman K. Bretton and Wilbur G. Best, white, speeding, \$10 and costs each; Samuel Aldman, Sam C. Overy and Theodore Lipstein, all white, speeding, \$25 bond forfeited by each; D. R. Baggett, white, speeding 75, \$25 and costs.

Lettie Moore, colored, Georgia Arlene Hassen, white, Belton Hasty, colored, drunk and disorderly, \$10 and costs each and 90-day sentence on a year's good behavior for Hasty.

Jean Barfield, white, violating the prohibition laws, \$25 bond forfeited.

Woodrow L. Stone, white, driving on left, not guilty.

Archie Harry Smith, colored, failing to give hand signal, costs; Rufus Edwards, white, following too close, costs.

Clara Mae Leach, colored, no driver's license, not guilty.

Mrs. Lloyd Pugh returned to her home in Thomasville, Ga., Saturday morning, after having spent a week with her sister, Mrs. Julian Johnson, during which time she was shown many social courtesies by her hostess and numerous friends.

McCall Warrant Amended; Bond Is Continued

After preliminary hearing in recorder's court before Judge Harry Greene Tuesday the warrant charging Worth McCall with rape was amended to charge "assault on a female with intent to commit rape inflicting serious bodily injury," and McCall was released under a continued bond of \$15,000 to await trial at the August term of Superior court before Judge Chester Morris. At that time the bill of indictment may be worded by the solicitor as he sees fit for presenting to the grand jury.

McCall, local white man, charged with raping Lillian Louise Harris, white, in woods near the Fayetteville road on the night of June 27-28, had been allowed bond in the amount of \$15,000 by Judge Greene at recorder's court on July 8, although hearing was postponed until July 15. McCall was represented by a Fayetteville attorney at the hearing and the prosecution was conducted by privately employed counsel from Carthage.

Prosecution presented Miss Harris, the prosecuting witness, her mother, Mrs. W. A. Harris, Dr. A. L. O'Brian, Sheriff D. H. Hodgin and Deputy Sheriff J. C. Wright. Defense put C. W. Dean and Belle Roberts on the stand to testify that the prosecuting witness had made statements to them concerning the degree of resistance she had offered to McCall's alleged advances. Motion by defense to dismiss for lack of evidence was denied.

August term of Hoke County Superior Court convenes August 18.

Young Negro Jailed On Capital Charge

The second rape charge in the county in the past few weeks became a matter of public record yesterday morning when Deputy J. C. Wright carried Lacy McRae, 19-year-old colored tobacco farmer to jail on a charge that he had had relations with a seven-year-old colored girl.

It was charged by Mack Stubbs, father of the girl, that the incident took place in the ward of his home on Tuesday night. McRae lives on the farm adjoining that on which Stubbs and his family live.

According to Wright, McRae admitted having relations with the child, saying that she urged him to it. This, if true, would not appreciably lessen his guilt, as at seven years of age she could not legally consent.

McRae will presumably be given preliminary hearing in recorder's court before Judge Harry Greene next Tuesday.

RURITAN BENEFIT

C. W. Koonce, president of the Hoke Ruritan club, announces that the club will sponsor a benefit chicken supper at Rockfish school on Wednesday, July 23, beginning at six o'clock. At eight o'clock there will be a combination talent and minstrel show. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shuford have bought the house in Sunset Hills recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Faircloth, and moved in the first of the week. Mr. Shuford is connected with McDonald's Esso Station and he and Mrs. Shuford have made their home with Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McDonald since coming to Raeford the first of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gullede, Miss Sue Gullede and Mrs. W. B. Gullede spent the day Sunday in Charlotte in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Long. Mrs. W. B. Gullede remained for a long visit.

Gibson Announces Employment Of New Athletic Coach

Earl Huggins, 29, graduate of Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., has been signed as the coach to fill the vacancy left by Haywood Faircloth who recently resigned to go into business, according to W. T. Gibson, Jr., principal of Hoke County High School.

Huggins has for the last five years been coach at Myrtle Beach, S. C. where his basketball team compiled a 66 won record against only 21 lost. Prior to this he was an athletic specialist in the Navy. Last year he had the honor of coaching the East in the annual East-West football game in South Carolina.

Huggins has experience in both the T and the Split T and his teams at Myrtle Beach ran from both. Gibson states that his qualifications are good and that Raeford is fortunate to secure him as their new coach. He and Coach Bob Rockholz will jointly coach all three sports.

Rebels Making Good Record In League Play

The number one spot in the Eastern Carolina Textile League was at stake last night as the Raeford Rebels journeyed to McCall to play their seventh game of the league season. Raeford and McCall both had identical records of 4 wins and two lost prior to last night's game. Red Springs is third in the league with a record of 3 and 3, and St. Pauls is on the bottom with a record of only one win and five losses, two of these coming at the hands of Raeford during the past week.

In a game played at the local park last Wednesday night Raeford defeated St. Pauls by a score of 3-2. Helms worked on the mound for the Rebels and turned in a creditable performance. Raeford held the lead until the late innings when the visitors tied it up. In the last of the 9th three straight bases on balls loaded the bases and the winning run scored on a hard hit single to shortstop by Dusty McLeod.

Friday night Raeford again played St. Pauls here and were the visiting team due to the fact that St. Pauls has no facilities for night ball. The Rebels jumped off to a quick 5-0 lead and added another later but five unearned runs due to infield lapses put St. Pauls back in the game. Each team scored two more runs and the final score was 8-7 in favor of Raeford. Radcliff pitched for Raeford and tossed a good game but was relieved late in the game in favor of a pinch hitter.

The next home games will be Friday night and next Wednesday night when the opposition will again be St. Pauls. The Rebels have a pretty good team and think they deserve better support from local fans in the way of attendance than they have been getting.

BRAND NEW JOHN DEERE TO BE SHOWN SATURDAY

L. W. Turner, manager of The Johnson Cotton Co. of Raeford and Smith McInnis of the repair department went to Columbia, S. C., last week end to view the new John Deere tractor and have announced that they will have a model on display at their store Saturday, July 19. Turner is not at liberty to divulge any of the features of the new tractor but he does state that it is a completely new tractor and has many radical changes of design. Free refreshments will be served at the store throughout the day.

Mrs. Leon McKay of Dunn spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. A. K. Currie.

Monthly Session Of County Board Is Active One

No Negro County Agent; Greene Reappointed Judge

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners had several matters of importance to take care of at their regular monthly meeting on July 7.

The board had received a notice from the State Extension department to the effect that the funds which were to have supplemented the county pay of a Negro farm agent and clerk were not to be available for the year 1952-53. The commissioners were therefore forced to cancel plans for the employment of these people for the present time. It has been expected that the money would be available through a re-adjustment of funds already appropriated but it was learned that this readjustment had not been made in time for use of the money this fiscal year. Board members expressed themselves as being disappointed at the loss of this position and that it would have meant a great deal to the county.

The board decided to appoint Harry Greene to serve two more months as judge of the county recorder's court, as Judge Henry McDiarmid is still ill and has been a patient in a hospital. It is expected that Judge McDiarmid will return to the bench in September and finish the year.

The board approved a tentative budget for the year of \$67,006. This figure is \$2,513 higher than the budget of last year which was \$64,487. This figure is tentative, and depends finally on several matters still to be decided on.

One of these matters which would have considerable effect on the budget is the consideration being given by the board to the revaluation of taxable property in the county. R. S. Cole, of an engineering firm specializing in this work, appeared again before the board and estimated that his company could do the job for \$25,000. The commissioners postponed action on this matter and made plans to discuss it with the board of commissioners of the Town of Raeford, as it is the board's opinion that much of the expressed dissatisfaction with present tax values is in Raeford.

Fill Vacancies On High School Teaching Staff

W. T. Gibson, Jr., principal of Hoke County High School stated this week that virtually all vacancies in the high school and elementary school had been filled. Faced with an unprecedented number of resignations this summer the school authorities have found seven teachers already and expect to have the other four positions filled by this week end.

New teachers for the two schools include Earl Huggins, coach to replace Haywood Faircloth; Miss Jean Cook of Kannapolis, graduate of Lenior Rhyne, science in the high school; Miss Romona Cornwall of Maiden, also a graduate of Lenior Rhyne, English in the high school; Miss Lydia McKeithan of Raeford, graduate of Woman's College, 4th grade in the grammar school; and Mrs. Annie M. Harter of Wagram will teach the 6th grade in the grammar school. The other two, previously announced, are Mrs. Imogene Stephens of Raeford and Miss Martha Holland of Caraleigh.

The four vacancies are an English teacher in the high school, two grades in the elementary school and one special elementary teacher.