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## Addenda - - -

By the Editor

Roland Covington called by attention to "Red Buck" Bryant's column "Reminiscences" in last Sunday's Charlotte Observer. In his column Mr. Bryant, a retired newspaper man who worked on some of the country's largest papers, discusses the visit of General William T. Sherman to these parts with his army some 88 years ago. He mentions a visit of Sherman's to old Bethel Presbyterian Church in South Carolina and goes on to quote what the general wrote in the pulpit Bible telling the preacher, a Mr. McNeill, what to preach on and signing it by order of himself, "Major General United States Forces." It had always been my impression that Sherman did this at the Bethel Presbyterian church here in Hoke County instead of in South Carolina. If this is the case maybe we ought to get the facts together and write Mr. Bryant a letter.

The Lord certainly improved the ball park Tuesday afternoon when the wind took the roof off the old grandstand. I don't know where the money will come from for another one, but with a nice fence and lights, the old run-down grandstand sure did ruin the looks of the place. The wind did a mighty neat job . . . just picked the roof off and turned it bottom-upwards outside the park.

Seems a shame that none of the operators of the big still Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin got last week were on hand for the raid. An operation that size must have had a fairly good-sized selling and distributing organization somewhere to get rid of the stuff after it was made, and catching one man might have led to the breaking up of this group as it did to the Durham outfit when the big still was found on Puppy Creek several years ago. Well, the source of a lot of hooch was cut off anyway.

Those of us that like to talk about the weather, and that is most of us, have really been having a field day in the last week or so, what with it being warmer than usual, even for this time of the year, and with the various results of Tuesday's storm around the community.

I don't know whether it's the weather or what, but it seems to me there has been an unusual amount of violence and serious misbehavior around this town and county in the last few weeks. If things keep on we are going to have a full week of Superior Court next month. I should think hot weather would get most people out of the notion of generally raising hell but the opposite seems to be the case.

It should be becoming obvious to most of us that history, already made, is being crystallized at the National Democratic convention in Chicago this week. By this I mean the disappearance of the old Democratic and Republican parties as such and the emergence of Labor and Conservatives, call them what you will. . . . And when it ceases to be the Democratic party that all or most of us in these parts were born and bred on, and begins to foster and stand for ideas that we cannot in good conscience stand for, the time has come for us to quit being loyal to a name that is nothing but a name and start voting and speaking what we think is right, whoever speaks it. I just don't believe a man will go straight to hell for voting against the Democratic party, and I'm getting more inclined to see for myself the more I hear of the goings on in Chicago.

## Hunting Licenses Placed On Sale

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A conference of burley tobacco workers will be held near Waynesville, August 20-22.

## Rebels Tied For League Lead With Red Springs

The Raeford Rebels' occupancy of first place in the Eastern Carolina Textile League lasted every bit of two days as they bowed to the cellar dwellers from St. Pauls Friday night 8-4.

The Rebels came out on top in their game last Wednesday night in McColl as Helms held the Palmettos in check and the team got enough hits for a 6-3 victory. Friday night at the local park it was a different story as the Rebels were able to collect only five hits off the visiting pitcher. Playing their most ragged game to date before their largest crowd of the season the locals made a total of four errors in the fourth combined with two hits to allow the visitors to score three times and take the lead 5-4.

St. Pauls jumped into an early lead by getting three straight hits off Lee, the starting pitcher, in the second to score two runs. In the fourth the Rebels fought back and took the lead as they scored four runs on two walks, two singles, a fielder's choice and a dropped flyball to the outfield. St. Pauls scored two more runs in the sixth and one in the eighth to make the final tally 8-4.

Lee worked for seven innings on the mound and allowed nine hits; Taylor pitched the final two innings and although rather wild struck out four of the eight batters to face him. Dusty McLeod led the Rebel batters with two for two.

Next home game for the Rebels will be Friday night when they play third place McColl.

STANDINGS				
Eastern Carolina Textile League				
July 21st, 1952				
Teams	W	L	Pct	
Raeford	5	3	.625	
Red Springs	5	3	.625	
McColl	4	4	.500	
St. Pauls	2	6	.250	

## Negro Killed With Shotgun At Bowmore Sunday

In a shooting at Bowmore late Sunday afternoon Zeth Graham, colored, shot Robert Niven, also colored. Graham seems to have shot Niven with a shotgun in the yard of his home after claiming to have been bothered by the deceased all Sunday. Niven was brought to town and quickly carried to Fayetteville where he died in the hospital Monday. Graham at present is being held in the town jail without privilege of bond pending the outcome of the coroner's inquest to be held today.

According to Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin, who has talked to several persons concerning the incident, indications are that Graham will be charged with first degree murder.

Regardless of all reports nothing official has been determined and will not be until the coroner and his jury have rendered their verdict.

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## W. J. McNeill Funeral Is Held Here Yesterday

William John McNeill, well known farmer of this community, died at his home near here on the Red Springs road Monday after a brief illness. He had been suffering with a serious heart condition for several months and was a patient at a hospital for several weeks.

Funeral service was conducted at the Raeford Presbyterian church, of which Mr. McNeill was a member, at five o'clock yesterday afternoon by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor, and burial followed in the Raeford cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were members of the J. W. McLaughlin Bible class of the church and Woodmen of the World, of which the deceased was a member. Active pallbearers were Dan McInnis, Belton Wright, C. C. Conolly, Stanley Koonce, E. E. Smith, Jesse Gullede, Leon Thrower and Bernard Bray.

Mr. McNeill was 70 years of age, having been born in Robeson County July 14, 1882, a son of the late Edward A. M. McNeill and Sarah Campbell McNeill.

He is survived by his wife, the former Addie Mae Baker; four sons, Edward, Lewis, Floyd and Robert McNeill of Raeford; four daughters, Mrs. R. L. Burkhardt of Seymour, Ind., Mrs. E. C. Barbour of Fayetteville, and Mrs. C. M. Willis and Edith McNeill of Raeford; one brother, the Rev. D. A. McNeill of Houston, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Mary Kate McKenzie of Smithfield; and five grandchildren.

## Woman Run Over Fatally Sunday

Maggie McNeill colored woman about 30 years of age and resident of the colored village north of Raeford died Sunday night as a result of being run over in a cotton patch on Roscoe Lowry's place (Old Luther Clark place) in Blue Springs township.

She was run over by Samuel James Purcell driving his 1941 Ford coach, at about 10:00 o'clock, and was dead by the time investigating officers of the State Highway patrol arrived shortly after 11:00. Coroner James C. Lentz investigated and ruled that it was an unavoidable accident as far as Purcell was concerned and he was not blamed.

Circumstances of the way the patrolmen got them were that the woman and one Jefferson McNeill, colored, were lying in the edge of the cotton patch, having apparently stopped the J. K. McNeill farm pickup truck on the farm road between the cotton patch and a corn patch. Purcell came along with his wife and children on the way home and seeing the pickup in the road, turned into the edge of the cotton patch to go around it and ran over the McNeill woman. Jefferson McNeill suffered a severe laceration of one leg and went off to the other side of the cotton patch, where the patrolmen found him at about 11:30.

The officers figure the truck was driven there either by Jefferson McNeill or Fred Campbell who was also located in the vicinity.

## POWER OFF SUNDAY

According to Ben Hurley there will be a short interruption of power Sunday, July 27, in the town of Raeford and surrounding communities that are served by Carolina Power and Light Co. The first interruption will be from 1 to 1:30 and again from 4:30 to 5:00. The interruption will be for the purpose of installing new equipment at Raeford station.

## Sheriff Takes Biggest Still In Saturday Raid

Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin got information Saturday which led him to believe there was something irregular going on in Quewhiffle township about a mile south of Timberland. He and Police Chief Dees of Raeford decided to ride up that way for a look.

They turned off the turnpike road the other side of the W. J. McDiarmid place at the old Blue pine thicket and went on up into the woods and fields to where they found signs of increased activity on the little roads and looking around until they found a whiskey still bigger even than the record-breaking one found in McLaughlin township a year or so ago. The still was not running at the time and there were no persons seen near it.

The sheriff arranged for the whole outfit to be moved to Raeford and estimated that some 10,000 gallons of "still-beer," or whiskey in process, was destroyed at the still site. It was a double steam boiler still of the upright type with circular and rectangular vats of about 10,000 gallon capacity, 1000 pounds of sugar, 100 cases of half gallon jars and a large pile of coke for fuel were also taken.

Sheriff Hodgkin has made no arrests in connection with the still. He estimates from the wear on the road and the marks on the bushes in the vicinity that the still had been at that location for about three weeks.

## J. P. Bell To Head Lions Club; Honor Harrison

Last Thursday night at their regular meeting the Raeford Lions Club held its annual installation of officers for the coming year. E. H. Mills outstanding Lion member from Pinebluff and present mayor of the town, was in charge of the installation services. He charged them to faithfully pursue their duties and for members to give their utmost for the club.

The new officers for 1952-53 are J. P. Bell, president; 1st Vice-President, Irvin Hubbard; 2nd Vice-President, E. W. (Jack) Human; 3rd Vice-President, A. W. Wood, Jr.; Sec. and Treas., Warren Childress; Tail Twister, Harry Harrison and Lion Tamer, James F. Carpenter. The new directors are Sam Hiser and A. V. Guyer while the old directors are D. B. McLeod and R. L. Carter.

The Past President's pin was presented to the out-going president, Carlton Niven and Past Secretary and Treasurer's pin was presented to Reid Childress. Key awards were presented to Harry Harrison and Pete Sawyer for outstanding work on the membership committee. The Lion of the Year award for outstanding service to the local club, the community and to Lions International was presented to Harry Harrison.

## Baptist Young Folks Go To Ridgecrest

Sixteen young folks of the Raeford Baptist Church will leave this morning for Ridgecrest to attend Training Union Week. They will be accompanied by the Rev. and Mrs. Judson Lennon, Miss Martha Pittman and Mrs. C. J. Benner. In the absence of Mr. Lennon, Dr. Fred Sandusky, Dean of Men and professor of Bible at Wingate Junior College, will preach at the Raeford Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Liquid nitrogen side-dressing demonstrations on corn are attracting considerable interest in Cherokee County, reports County Agent G. H. Farley.

## Electrical Storm Brings Some Rain Tuesday Afternoon

A rainstorm accompanied by rather severe bursts of wind hit Raeford Tuesday afternoon about three o'clock and lasted for about an hour; thoroughly drenching the town itself but doing little to alleviate the parched crops and heat-stricken areas in the county. Reports indicate that the rain fell to the northwest of the town and also to the southwest in the direction of Dundarrach but only sprinkled slightly, if any, the areas of Duffy, Antioch, Rockfish, Timberland, Blue Springs and Ashley Heights.

The rain driven by the wind was at times so severe that buildings on the opposite side of main street were obscured by the water. The storm sewers on some corners were unable to carry the load off and the water backed up in the streets and on the sidewalks. The television antenna at Raeford TV Co. was blown over on its side at the top of the tower; several TV antennas in Sunset Hills and other residential areas were twisted out of shape; a large chinaberry tree situated behind the courthouse was uprooted; and limbs were scattered throughout the streets all over town.

A few pellets of hail were seen during the height of the storm but not very many. One of the major incidents to happen was the roof of the grandstand at Army Park was lifted, flipped over and all by the wind and slipped over on the ground behind the park. A flying timber from the roof knocked down a porch corner post on the house directly behind the grandstand.

## Leaf Growers In County Turn Out In Quota Voting

Tobacco farmers of Hoke County showed the state and national farm leaders that they heartily endorsed the tobacco-quota program now in effect by voting 1078 to 24 in favor of controls for the next three years. Passage of the controls was not in doubt but what troubled the farm leaders was the fact that the farmers did not care whether they had the program or not. Leading the communities of the county in total number of votes was Quewhiffle with 292 for and only 1 against.

Tobacco Associates, Inc. was also shown an affirmative vote by the margin of 1053 for and 28 against.

Throughout the five southern states the voting was generally heavy with the total vote for the controls exceeding 250,000 and the number against 3100.

Voting in the county went as follows: affirmative votes first: Allendale 55, 2; Antioch 90, 6; Blue Springs 86, 2; Little River 110, 0; McLaughlin 153, 6; Quewhiffle 292, 1; Raeford 185, 2; Stonewall 107, 5.

## Miss Upchurch Off For Beauty Contest

Miss Hoke County, Mary Sue Upchurch, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. L. M. Upchurch, and Charles Hostetter left this morning around 8 o'clock for Winston-Salem for the Miss North Carolina beauty pageant. Hostetter, the local Jaycee representative, drove the Nash Rambler donated for the trip by West-Coates Motor Co. of Fayetteville.

Several Jaycees and townfolk have expressed the intention of attending part or all of the three-day event and lending moral support for their own candidate to carry through to the finals and victory.

The peach crop in the 10 southern early states is expected to be a little larger than the 1951 crop.

## FIRST LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR PLAYOFF TO BE HERE AUGUST 5

### Recorder Hears 17 Cases In Court Tuesday

In an average half-day session of Hoke County recorder's court 17 cases were cleared from the docket before Judge Harry Greene Tuesday.

Lacy McRae, colored, charged with statutory rape waived preliminary hearing and was ordered held for Superior Court without bond.

John Archie Copeland, colored, and Brady C. Boger, Jr., were each charged with failing to stop at a stop sign resulting in a wreck at the corner of North Main street and Prospect avenue. Copeland was found guilty and got six months to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$100 to Boger, who was found not guilty.

Elisha C. Neil Whitley, colored, pleaded no defense to a charge of careless and reckless driving resulting in a wreck. He got six months to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs and \$126.48 to M. L. Jones for damages.

James F. Chavis, Indian, charged with giving J. A. Jones a bad check for the amount of \$76, was called and failed to appear. His \$150 bond was forfeited and a capias was issued.

James R. Dye, white, was charged with careless and reckless driving. The State took a nol prosequi.

William H. Warlick, white, charged with violation of the prohibition laws, was found not guilty.

Jefferson McNeill, colored, was found not guilty of being drunk and disorderly. Burnice Cooper, Indian, plead guilty of driving after his license was revoked. He received a six months suspended sentence upon payment of \$200 and costs and two years of good behavior.

Fred Wilson, colored, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving and received 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and 12 months good behavior.

Case against James T. Long, white, charged with non-support, was dropped when his wife did not wish to prosecute.

E. H. Robinson, white, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and violation of the prohibition laws. He received a 6-months sentence suspended upon payment of \$25 and costs and 12 months good behavior.

Kinley Thomas, colored man, charged with assault on his wife, paid the costs.

Alexander Peterkin and James Glover, both colored, each paid \$10 and costs for having improper brakes.

## Mrs. J. E. Flannery Dies At McCain

Mrs. Frances Sproule Flannery, 59, who with her husband had operated the N. C. Sanatorium dairy for the last 20 years died Saturday morning at her home.

Mrs. Flannery was born in Ohio, daughter of John and Dickey Sproule. Surviving are her husband, J. E. Flannery of McCain, and a half brother. Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday at Powell Funeral Chapel, Southern Pines. Burial followed Tuesday in the Berea Cemetery, Berea, Kentucky.

## JUDGE OF BEAUTY

Charles Hostetter, local judge of beauty and law, appeared in the former capacity in Fayetteville Monday and Tuesday when he served as judge in the beauty contest for "Miss Fayetteville Athletics."

## Local All-Stars Play Norwood On Local Field

District 5 Little League playoffs will begin on August 5. Leagues in District 5 include three Durham leagues, Norwood and Aberdeen-Raeford, and toss of a coin decided that the first game between Aberdeen-Raeford All-Stars and Norwood All-Stars would be on an Aberdeen or Raeford park. Another flip of the coin made Raeford the site of this game and it will be played here at four-thirty on Tuesday, August 5.

Winner of the Aberdeen-Raeford-Norwood game here on August 5 will play the winner of playoffs in the three Durham leagues and that winner will go on to the state playoffs in Wilmington. Final winners will participate in the "Little World Series" in Williamsport, Pa.

Local Little League officials and the Raeford Chamber of Commerce and its members are cooperating to make a big day of the first game here. Several hundred boosters are expected to come from Norwood to the game, and a large crowd will undoubtedly attend from Aberdeen, and along with local Little League fans will make it about the best-attended game here in many a day. Arrangements are being made for local business houses to close for the game.

The Norwood caravan will be met at the city limits by the Mayor and President of the Chamber of Commerce and ceremonies at the ball park before the big game will be brief but impressive.

W. T. Gibson will serve as master of ceremonies at the game and Neill A. McDonald, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and J. P. Bell, Little League president, will participate in the welcome to the visitors. There will be music and special flag-raising ceremonies followed by opening game first-ball ceremony with Mayors Forrest Locke and W. L. Poole and President W. P. Saunders of Robbins Mills.

Following the game the Raeford Chamber of Commerce will entertain the visiting and local Little League players at dinner, at which time the trophies will be presented to the Aberdeen-Raeford winning team and individual player awards made.

Further details and names of the all-star players selected will appear next week.

## Churches Plan Union Evangelistic Service Here In October

The pastors of the three downtown churches in Raeford announced this week that a series of Union Evangelistic services would be held in the Raeford Methodist church during the week of October 12 to 17 with the Baptist and Presbyterian churches cooperating, and that a distinguished and prominent preacher had been obtained to conduct them.

The announcement said that Dr. Julian Lake, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem had been secured as evangelist for the series, and the ministers expressed themselves as being highly pleased that he was coming.

Dr. Lake is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and his wife is the former Elizabeth Roberta Gilmour of Wilmington, North Carolina. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Davidson College and doctor of divinity from the same college. His bachelor of divinity degree was awarded by the Union Theological seminary in Richmond in 1931.

He has been pastor of church in Warrenton, Va., Rock Hill, S. C., Bristol, Tenn., and Winston-Salem.