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## Addenda - - -

By the Editor

It turned out that my mother had already written Red Buck Bryant about Sherman stopping at the Bethel Church here in Hoke County instead of in South Carolina when I wrote about this last week. Her answer came from him this week, sayin flatly that he had been referring to a Bethel church near Clover, S. C. Receipt of the letter from Red Buck got her all the more determined to get to the bottom of the matter. She found out that the page with the writing had been carried to Montreat to be preserved, but Mrs. Ryan McBryde had a copy of it which her late husband had kept. Mrs. McBryde produced this copy and, sure enough, the wording of it is the same as that Mr. Bryant said he was quoting from the Bible of the South Carolina Bethel church. Now I'm going to leave the matter right there with the comment that it does seem to be quite a coincidence.

A letter from reader Arnold McKay starting out on the same subject seemed quite interesting to me, so I pass it on, even if it does contain a bit of sly politicking.

"Mr. Editor:  
"Of course Mr. (Red Buck) Bryant was a little off the beam when he placed Hoke County's fine old Bethel Church somewhere in South Carolina. And he implied, at least, that the old name of (Sherman) may have written the instructions to the pastor of Bethel's session book. General Sherman was nowhere around. Kilpatrick's division, composed largely of cavalry, came up the Wire road northward from Cheraw. Some Yankee soldier or camp follower wrote in the session book, not the General; for a little dip into history will show that Sherman was too grim an old soldier for such foolishness.

"Actually he must have not been such a bad guy, as such professionals go. The story has it that he was running a Mississippi boy's school when the message came that Sumter had been fired on. He broke into tears (imagine a West Pointer in tears!) closed his school and remained in seclusion for a week or more.

"Anyhow later, as a public man and military hero, (this depends on the view-Ed) he realized his limitations. (Pity it may be that in 1952 another war horse cannot realize that being successful in a narrow profession must make him efficient in the most intricate and important of all modern callings — statecraft!) General Serman's answer to his worshippers who wanted to make him President has become a cryptic classic: 'If nominated I will not accept, and if elected I will not serve.'

"But back to Bethel—why don't the members of the church take the page from the session book and frame it and hang it conspicuously? It could do no harm now. As 'death extinguisheth envy' and 'time heals all wounds,' no gentleman of the cloth would dare preach an anti-slavery sermon today taking his text from John or any other gospel; and while I'm no authority, I think some preachers still pray for things that Old Abe and men of that type mind honestly believe are imperishable and necessary if mortal man has a touch of the divine in his onerous hide.—The world 'do move'—forward, painfully, slowly."—Arnold McKay.

I got my D's mixed last week in writing about the big still the sheriff found and brought in. I don't believe I made either happy in mixing them. Sheriff Hodgins had told me that "D" went with him, and understood him to say

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**4-H CAMPERS** from Hoke and Wilson Counties are shown below studying the Care and Use of Electrical Equipment at Camp Millstone in Richmond County. The girl standing is Judy Almond of Ashley Heights. Her brother, Gareth Almond is the first boy seated at the table on the left. The girl on the right wearing a plaid shirt is Shirley McBryde. To her left is Robert Green. All of these boys and girls are members of the Ashmont 4-H Club. (Photo Courtesy of News and Observer.)



## Miss Hoke County Places In State Beauty Contest

Hoke County and the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce had good reason to be proud when Miss Mary Sue Upchurch, winner of the beauty pageant here, appeared as Miss Hoke County and came out fourth from the top in the Miss North Carolina contest in a field of 38 of the state's most beautiful girls in Winston-Salem last week. Miss Barbara Ann Harris of Salisbury was winner of the title, "Miss North Carolina," and will represent the state at the Miss America pageant at Atlantic City, N. Jersey in September. Miss Upchurch was third runner-up to Miss Harris.

Mary Sue appeared in an evening dress Thursday night, gave her dance routine Friday night in the talent show, and appeared in a green bathing suit Saturday afternoon. She then went into the finals along with fourteen other beauties Saturday night and emerged in fourth place. Girls were scored separately on each appearance and the highest total scorer was the winner.

The Sandhill section of the state dominated the final five in the contest as Miss Dorothy Ann Swisher, representing Aberdeen, received third place in the final. Mary Sue was accompanied to Winston-Salem by her mother, Mrs. L. M. Upchurch, and by Charles Hostetler, Jaycee representative.

## Funeral Today For Leroy Cottingham Who Died Yesterday

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00 o'clock this morning at Lentz Mortuary here for Leroy Cottingham, 60, who died at his home at 432 East Prospect Avenue at 1:00 a. m. yesterday after a short illness. The Rev. Judson Lennon, pastor of the Raeford Baptist church, will conduct the service, and burial will follow in the Raeford cemetery. He was a native of Anson County and had lived here since 1940, being an employee of Wood's Furniture Store. He was a son of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Cottingham of Anson County.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lillie Baucum; one brother, William T. Cottingham of Baltimore, Md., one uncle and two aunts.

## McColl Beats Rebels Here Monday, 3-2

The Raeford Rebels' inability to get base hits cost them another ball game Monday night when they were defeated by the McColl Palmettos at the Army Park 3-2. All the runs were scored in the first inning as the Rebels got to top the Rebel pitcher, for one hit, one walk, and two errors to score their three runs. Raeford scored theirs in the bottom of the first on a couple of bases on balls and one hit. That was all the scoring in the game as each team settled down.

For the second time in two weeks the Rebels were in first place all by themselves but were unable to win and stay there. Most of the blame could be laid to the cancellations due to inclement weather but a good portion could be charged to the fact that enough practices are not being held. The Rebels appear to have the makings of a pretty good ball team and were beginning to draw fair-sized crowds but their ineffectiveness upon the field has started the crowds to dwindle in size.

Games to be played this week for the locals are two with the league leading Red Springs Robins. One was played last night in Red Springs and one will be played Friday night out at the Army Park.

### STANDINGS

Teams	W	L	Pct
Red Springs	6	4	.600
Raeford	5	4	.555
McColl	5	5	.500
St. Pauls	3	6	.333

## Local Lady's Sister Buried In Norfolk

Mrs. J. M. McDuffie received a telegram Wednesday afternoon of last week from Little Traverse Hospital, Petosky, Michigan, saying her sister, Miss L. L. Odum had died. She was at her summer home on Macinach Island, Michigan, when stricken with a heart attack and was a patient at the hospital 10 days before her death. Miss Odum was at one time president of the Nurses Association of Virginia for about nine years, but had retired about 20 years ago.

Mrs. McDuffie went to Norfolk Thursday to await the arrival of the body on Saturday. The funeral was held Sunday at 3 o'clock in Forest Lawn Cemetery. J. M. McDuffie and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McDuffie also attended the funeral.

Mrs. McDuffie wishes to thank her Raeford friends for their many expressions of sympathy.

## Release Graham On \$15,000 Bond, Hear Other Cases

After preliminary hearing before Judge Harry Greene in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday afternoon, the man charged with the murder of Robert Nevins, colored, Blue Springs township on July 13, was released under a bond of \$15,000 to await trial in superior court here in August. Graham had been in jail and when bond was set it was posted by his family.

Three Southern Pines colored women were charged with shoplifting from Mack's 5 and 10 cent store here. One of them, Mary Waddel, pleaded guilty and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. The other two, Mary Helen Parker and Emma Lee Barnes, were found not guilty.

Ed Hollingsworth, colored man well known in the courthouse, pleaded guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Sentence was 12 months suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs and two years good behavior. On a charge of stealing a watch he pleaded not guilty and was found guilty and then the case was continued to hear more evidence next Tuesday. He posted \$150 bond for his appearance then.

Case against Marvin C. Martin, white, was dropped on payment of costs and on condition that he pay for a mortgaged watch.

Case against Archie Thomas Ferguson, white, was dropped on payment of the costs.

Traffic cases included: Frank McCuller, colored, no driver's license, \$25 and costs; Willie Locklear, Indian, no driver's license, not guilty; Neill Alexander Smith, white, improper lights, \$10 and costs; Willie James Johnson, colored, careless and reckless driving, costs, no driver's license, \$25 and costs; Henry Sikes, colored, no driver's license, case dropped by State; Bizzell Locklear, Indian, improper brakes, \$10 and costs.

## RURITAN CLUB MEETS

The Stonewall Ruritan Club met July 23 at 7:30 at the Milhouson lunch room with W. L. Smith, chairman of agriculture committee, in charge of the program. Furman O. Clark made a talk on soil conservation, John R. Potter talked on crops as a whole over the county and the state. A special guest was Rev. John D. Robinson, native of this county, from Arizona.

## 9 Hoke Men Take Pre-Induction Tests; 3 To Be Inducted

Nine young men from Hoke County left Raeford Tuesday, July 22 for Ft. Bragg for their pre-induction examination for the armed forces. There were three whites, five colored and one Indian. Out of the nine only three passed but as yet they have not received their induction notices.

The men going were Zeph Edward Graham, Precely Singletary, Daniel Jones Holder, Thomas Davis Currie, Douglas Eugene Edens, Alexander Butler, Newbren Tyler, John B. McRae, Robert Eddie Campbell and Willie V. Jones.

Since the last list was published the men inducted into the Army from Hoke County include Buddie Daniels, Clifford Odell Collins, Kenneth Thompson, Horace Wilkerson, James D. McAllister, George H. Laton, Jack Haynes Lentz, John Junior Eddy, Clarence Herbert Williams, Floyd Cornelius Blue, Edward Walkins, Mallie Shaw, Jr., and Forest Calton Blake. This does not include all those that have volunteered for different branches of the service because an accurate list of these is not available at the present time.

Mrs. J. M. Baker, clerk of the draft board, says that there will not be another call for men to go for their pre-induction examination before September but that there will be a call for three men to be inducted August 22. According to Mrs. Baker any registrant who has passed his exam is still eligible to enlist in any branch of service that he desires up to the time that he receives his actual induction notice. Also Mrs. Baker says that a young man who reached his 18½ birthday can join the National Guard and if he attends the drills regularly is exempt from the draft. The office in the armory is open each day from 8 to 4 and interested persons may see WO Roger Dixon during this time or on Monday night from 8 til 10.

## All Teachers Hired For High School

The entire teaching staff of Hoke County High School has been filled for the coming school year according to Principal W. F. Gibson, Jr., but there are still several vacancies in the staff of the elementary school. The hiring of Miss Ruth Harrill of Rutherfordton to teach senior English brought to a close the search for high school teachers. Miss Harrill is a 1949 graduate of Greensboro College and during the past spring and summer she has been at Appalachian College receiving additional instruction. Prior to this she spent a year and a half on the staff of the First Methodist Church of Marion.

Although it is getting harder to find teachers, according to Gibson, the four vacancies in the elementary school will be filled by the time school starts. The vacancies are in the 2nd, 7th, and two 6th grades.

## CHURCH OF GOD

There will be a series of services at the Church of God in front of Robbins Mills nightly beginning Friday night, August 1, at 7:30 according to Pastor C. O. Carter. Rev. Floyd Bogar, of Fayetteville will lead the services Saturday night. There will be special singing each night and the Dudley Sisters from Fayetteville are expected to lead the singing Saturday night. Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lises of Hope Mills and their singers are expected also. The public is invited.

Mrs. Allan McGhee of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is arriving tonight for the Cameron-Brown wedding, which takes place Saturday evening in the Methodist Church. Mrs. McGhee will be with her sister, Mrs. R. B. Lewis.

## John F. Niven Dies In Plane Crash In Japan



JOHN FRANKLIN NIVEN

Airman Second Class John Franklin Niven, 18-year-old Raeford man, died in an air crash in Japan on Wednesday of last week, July 23. He was engineer of a C-119 type aircraft which encountered engine difficulty and crashed immediately after take-off from Ashiya Air Force Base, Japan.

Airman Niven was born here December 21, 1933, youngest child of the late J. F. and Minnie McGill Niven. He volunteered in the Air Force in January of last year and received his training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, transferring later to a Troop Carrier Wing at Donaldson Air Force Base, Greenville, S. C. From Donaldson he went to Japan in May of this year where he was a member of a squadron engaged in flying troops and supplies from Japan to Korea.

His family assumes that the crash is the one reported by news services in which five members of the crew and two civilians on the ground died. Remains are to be sent here for burial, but information as to date of their arrival has not been received.

Surviving are five brothers: Sgt. Julius Niven, Berder and Carlton, all of Raeford, Airman Third Class William T. Niven of Goodfellow Air Force Base, Tex., and J. A. Niven of Charlotte; four sisters, Mrs. William J. Shellem of Townsend's Inlet, N. J., Mae Niven of Raleigh, Mrs. Martin Webb of Raeford and Mrs. Manjue Fultz of McCain.

## Raeford Cleaners Use Sanitone Process

W. A. McDonald, operator of the Raeford Cleaners and Laundry Service, this week announced the licensing of his company as a "Sanitone" cleaner by the Sanitone company.

George Laumann, Sanitone engineer of Greensboro, has just concluded a stay of 10 days in the local cleaning plant instructing personnel in the use of the Sanitone process, which he says insures that each garment handled gets expert and thorough attention from the time it enters the plant until delivery.

Laumann said that there are only 1500 cleaners licensed to use the Sanitone process and that a cleaner must meet high standards of equipment and procedure before being licensed. The Raeford Cleaners have recently completed installation of the latest washers, stills, extractors and other equipment on the market today, and with the addition of the Sanitone process McDonald feels that his plant will equal any anywhere.

Mrs. Ina T. Lentz and Mrs. Martin Bishop left Monday to return to their home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, after a visit here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Floyd and sons of Charlotte visited Mr. and Mrs. Riley Willis Saturday.

## All-Star Game Next Tuesday; Plans Complete

**Aberdeen-Raeford vs Norwood; Practice Game Here Friday Afternoon**

With the announcement of the names of the players picked for the Aberdeen-Raeford all-star team, its managers and officials, plans were practically completed this week for the first game of the district playoffs here at 4:30 next Tuesday. This will be the first step in the ladder up to the Little World Series in Williamsport, Pa., for teams which win. Winner of the game Tuesday will play winner of the Durham playoffs for the district title.

Manager for the all-stars of the local league is Rowe H. Chapman of Raeford, who managed the Raeford Indians to the league championship in regular season play. Assistant manager will be Ralph Leach, manager of the Aberdeen Cardinals during regular season play.

Members of the all-star squad are as follows: Pitchers, Dickey Hendley of Raeford, also team captain, and Jimmy Davis, Terry Farmer and Wilson Teal of Aberdeen; catchers, Tommy Freeman of Raeford and Sonny Smith of Aberdeen; infielders, Bill Hodgin and Harold McCaskill of Raeford, Raymond Wilson and Johnnie Caldwell of Aberdeen; outfielders, Johnnie White, David McDonald and Jimmy Peck of Raeford, Marvin Liss of Aberdeen.

Officials for the game Tuesday will be Bill Hutchinson of Norwood, Robert E. Lee of Aberdeen and Dr. Julius ... of Raeford.

The local team began workouts on Tuesday and will meet a mid-set team from Red Springs at the local Little League field at 5:30 on Friday afternoon in a practice game.

Word from Norwood this week is that one special bus has been chartered and another is expected to be as fans are following their team here and intending to win. Local Little League boosters, including the Raeford Chamber of Commerce and its members, are also setting together to see that the local team doesn't suffer from lack of support. All business houses in town will close for the game at 4:30 next Tuesday, so that all may attend, and a large following is expected to be on hand from Aberdeen.

Ceremonies at the game will be taken part in by Mayors W. L. Poole and Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen and Raeford, W. P. Saunders, Robbins Mills president, J. P. Bell, Aberdeen-Raeford Little League president and Neill A. McDonald, president of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce which is publicizing the affair. Principal W. T. Gibson of the Raeford schools will serve as master of ceremonies at the game and there will be band music and a flag-raising ceremony.

After the game visiting and local players and managers will be entertained at supper by the Chamber of Commerce and trophies will be presented to individual players and to the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League winning team.

## HOLLAND TO PREACH AT LOCAL CHURCH AUG. 10

Dr. Harry K. Holland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Marietta, Ga., and former pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, will preach at the local church on Sunday morning, August 10. Dr. Holland had been scheduled to preach here August 3, but had to change his plans.

Harry and Miss Julianne Hopkins of Norfolk, Va. are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Robert Quinn and family.