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By the Editor

Dean White, personnel manager of the Raeford Division of Robbins Mills (N. C.) Inc. and treasurer of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League, wrote me a letter yesterday about how good he felt at the way the community had supported the league. Dean felt so good about it that I'm going to print the letter just as I got it. Here it is.

Dear Paul:
Tuesday, August 5, 1952 was truly a Red-Letter Day for the members of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League, the Little League Officials and fans, and for all the people of both Aberdeen and Raeford. That it was indeed a Red-Letter Day is a fact beyond dispute of even the most cynical individual.

The success achieved with both the game program and the dinner program will long stand as a monument to the Town of Raeford, its business houses, its people, and its Chamber of Commerce, who sponsored and gave such a wonderful dinner to the team and guests.

To thank those who contributed, who participated, and who gave their cooperation in such full measure would be to make a roll call of the entire citizenry of Raeford, its business and professional men and women, and its ministers. The entire affair is a high tribute to the spontaneous cooperation and hospitality of the townspeople bonded together for a common purpose to present Raeford to all who attended as a town and people who appreciate the finer things of life. A town and its citizens who can pause from the rush of today's living to pay tribute to its boys, can look forward to the future with calmness and serenity.

The officials of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League, Robbins Mills, (N. C.), Inc. and all your guests, join me in expressing to each of you, individually and collectively, our warmest appreciation for your interest, your cooperation, and your hospitality. The writer was never more proud of anything than to be a citizen of Raeford.

Very cordially yours,
Dean C. White, Treasurer
Aberdeen-Raeford Little League.

Now Dean thanks just about everybody in this letter and, truly, the community turnout Tuesday was a thing to be proud of. I would just like to add for the community that we all know Dean White has been the main-spring of the Little League here this summer, the man who was always on hand to see that things which had to be done were done. For the whole community and all who are interested in boys, I'd like to sincerely say "Thank you" to Dean White. We all certainly appreciate his untiring efforts.

I neglected to mention last week that two of Hoke County's citizens who were representing the county on a state road gang had changed their residence. I refer to Edwin (Bud) Johnson and Willie B. McFadyen, who escaped about 10 days ago from a road gang in Halifax county. Johnson went up for 12 years last year for shooting Heston Rose in a juke-joint affray near Raeford, and McFadyen went for the same time from Cumberland County, also for a shooting. Officers reported yesterday that neither had been seen, in this county or elsewhere, to their knowledge.

Recent visitors in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Freeman and Sgt. and Mrs. F. M. Fippinger were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Leonard, Miss Catherine Leonard, Mrs. W. M. Long and daughter, Anne, all of Chester, Pa.

Soldiers Have To Pay Fiddler In Court Tuesday

Three white soldiers, out for a good time with a car and a bottle, got caught last week and appeared before Judge Harry Greene in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning. Luster Mullins, the driver, pleaded guilty of driving drunk and got the usual six months sentence suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs. Tommy Denny pleaded guilty of possessing the liquor and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs. Lonza Whitehead pleaded guilty of being drunk and disorderly and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs.

C. V. Gianittia, white transient charged with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate his vehicle, forfeited a \$40 bond. The state dropped its case against Henry Shields, Jr., colored, for driving without a chauffeur's license and against Willie Clifton Hurst for having no driver's license.

Robert M. McNeill, white, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs and a year of good behavior for being drunk and disorderly.

John Albert McNair, colored, pleaded guilty of careless and reckless driving and having no driver's license. On the first charge he got six months to be suspended on payment of costs and \$50 to the man he hit and 12 months good behavior. On the second charge sentence as 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs. David Cook, colored, was found not guilty.

Knowingly allowing an unlicensed driver to drive his car.

Paying \$10 and the costs were Moses Farmer, careless and reckless driving, Eugene Dobbins and Lester Johnson for improperly equipped cars.

Harry McCloy James, white, got six months to be suspended on payment \$100 and the costs for driving drunk. Glenn Evans, colored, was found guilty of having non-tax-paid liquor for sale and sentenced to a year on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs, 2 years good behavior. James Edwards, colored, paid the costs for assault.

Weldon McDonald, colored, went to the roads for a year. He was found guilty in one case of using profane and indecent language and being drunk and disorderly and in another with assault with a deadly weapon. Arthur G. Clark, colored, was found guilty of assaulting his wife and sentenced to six months on the roads. He appealed and bond was set at \$300.

Ed Hollingsworth, colored, was found not guilty of stealing a watch. Willie Elton Barrow, white, paid \$25 and the costs for careless and reckless driving. Duck McGoogan, colored, was charged by James and John Butler, white, with temporary larceny of a tractor. He charged them with assault. The three compromised the matter and the cases were dropped on payment of the costs by each.

Grady R. Setzer, white man whose car hit the McBryde house at the corner of Jackson street and Central avenue several weeks ago causing damage estimated by one Raeford builder at \$3500, was charged with violating the prohibition laws in one case and with driving drunk, careless and reckless driving and damage to real property in another. He was found guilty and paid \$25 and the costs in the first case. In the second case he was found guilty as charged and fined \$100 and the costs. He appealed this and posted a bond of \$250.

J. Quincy Wilkerson, colored, was found guilty of driving on his left, facing traffic, and fined \$10 and costs.

License Examiner Changes Days Here

L. M. McPherson, driver's license examiner with the State department of motor vehicles, this week announced that he would be in Raeford at the courthouse from 8:30 to 5:30 on Thursday and Fridays in the future instead of on Wednesdays and Thursdays as he has been. The change is due to the fact that he now goes to Laurinburg for three days each week.

McPherson said that licenses may be renewed up to 60 days before expiration dates now and cautioned drivers to watch their dates, as driving with an expired license is considered the same as driving without a license by the courts.

W. A. McLEAN ILL

W. A. McLean, who had been ill since Saturday, was carried to a Fayetteville hospital Tuesday night at about 10:00 o'clock and operated on for appendicitis. Operation disclosed that his appendix had ruptured. He was doing as well as could be expected at last reports yesterday afternoon, and his family felt fairly encouraged about his condition.

HOLLAND HERE SUNDAY

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 next Sunday while the Rev. W. B. Heyward is preaching at his old home church in Raleigh.

BAPTIST REVIVAL SET

Raeford Baptist Church will hold the first week of September according to Rev. Judson Lennon: A service each night throughout the week will be held beginning nightly at 8:00. Rev. John Lawrence of Wilmington will present the messages.

BATTERY "F" REUNION

Members of Battery "F" 252nd Coast Artillery after September, 1940, will gather at the William Lentz pond at noon Sunday for their annual reunion. Members of the old unit are invited to come and bring their baskets, or to come after noon for some conversation, as they are expected to gather from far and wide, according to Lentz.

Red Springs Mill Nears Safety Record

In recognition of the outstanding safety record of 6,000,000 manhours without a disabling accident the employees of the Red Springs Division of Robbins Mills (N. C.), Inc. were recently treated to a free chicken dinner.

Through the cooperation of every employee and assistance from the entire Safety Committee, Safety Chairman Tom Cope, and Plant Superintendent C. T. Montjoy, there has not been a disabling accident since March 7, 1949.

The employees of this plant are now striving to reach the World's Record for a Textile Rayon Mill of 6,292,821 injury-free manhours so that they may claim the title of "World's Championship Safety Team."

At the time of the celebration a Safety Flag with five stars denoting one million manhours each was presented by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in recognition of this safety record. Mr. Montjoy expressed his appreciation to the employees by stating "continuing to work together we should break the world's record for Safety in similar Textile Mills. You will then be a member of the 'World's Championship Safety Team.'"

Miss Irene Andrews is spending this week at Myrtle Beach.

Ginners Meeting Set For Friday

The Central District meeting of the North Carolina Cotton Ginners association will be held in the Hoke County High School auditorium tomorrow morning. After the morning session in the auditorium the ginners will be served luncheon in the school cafeteria, following which an afternoon session will be held.

The program will include addresses on the relation of harvesting practices to good cotton ginning and on other subjects of a technical nature of interest to those in the ginning business. Clifford H. Hardy, new secretary of the association, will discuss plans for its future activities.

Windstorm Wrecks Drive-In Theatre

A small windstorm of short duration virtually demolished the Drive-In theatre west of town last Wednesday afternoon. The storm struck between 4 and 5 o'clock from the southwest and blew down the entire fence beside the highway, tore the screen from the pole supports and uprooted trees across the highway. A large hickory tree about two feet in diameter was uprooted by the blast and a large pine about three feet in diameter was twisted off about thirty feet from the ground. Several smaller trees nearby had major branches and limbs torn loose.

Damage to the theater was considerable and it forced to close.

County Board Has Routine Meeting

The board of commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Monday, and transacted several matters of business of the usual nature.

Requests were made for "stabilization" of three roads in the county, all in McLauchlin township. The term "stabilization" as used in road requests includes straightening and rebuilding but not paving. The roads to receive this work are from 15-A by the A. K. Stevens place to the Raeford-Rockfish road, from 15-A at Wayside by the Benner pond to the Fort Bragg reservation, and from 15-A to the Fort Bragg reservation at the D. A. McDougald place.

The board also approved the making of repairs to the Raeford armory. It appeared that the roof, windows and doors are in need of repair.

It was decided that the county would furnish materials for repairs to the Allendale community house and that the community would do the work.

The sale of a 20-foot alleyway back of the old Teal garage on the south side of West Prospect avenue was approved.

TOWN BOARD MEETS; TO FIX FIRE ALARM

The town board held its regular meeting this week and took one step the public will be glad to hear of. The board decided to spend about \$200 getting the wires to the fire alarm fixed so that the alarm will not be sounded at random during rains as it has been lately when there was no fire.

Other action included the approval of the installation of book-keeping improvements and the changing of some parking areas on Main street.

PAUL DEZERNE HURT

Paul Dezerne hurt his back in the A & R warehouse here last Saturday morning and was carried to Moore County hospital in an ambulance where it was discovered that he had a fractured vertebrae. As soon as other complications, bruises, etc., are cleared up he is to be put in a cast, which will probably have to stay on for about two months.

White Schools Open September 4; Others On 22nd

County Superintendent K. A. MacDonald announced this week that the board of education had set the dates for the opening of all the schools in the county at its meeting Monday night.

The board set Thursday, September 4, as the opening date for the county-wide high school and all other white schools in the county. The county-wide meeting of principals will be held at the superintendent's office on the afternoon of Monday, September 1, and the county-wide teachers meeting will be at the high school at 8:00 o'clock on Tuesday night, September 2.

The board also set September 22 as the date for the opening of the colored and Indian schools of the county. Dates for the pre-school meetings of teachers in these schools will be announced later.

D. Scott Poole Has His 94th Birthday

With his children and all his grandchildren but one around him, D. Scott Poole celebrated his 94th birthday in good health and spirits at his home here last Sunday. His children present were W. L. Poole, Mrs. Luke Bethune and Mrs. A. K. Currie of Raeford, Miss Maude Poole and Mrs. Hugh Lowe from Charlotte. The missing grandchild, Mrs. Joe Dombrowski (nee Isabel Bethune) of Omaha, Nebraska, called her grandfather on the telephone during the day.

He gathered at his home to have supper with Mr. Poole.

For the benefit of his many friends, acquaintances and readers in these and other parts it may be stated that Mr. Poole is still quite active and is on Main street just about every day talking with his friends, and he loves to argue and talk politics just as much as he did when he represented this county in the legislature over a quarter of a century ago.

McInnis Clan Plans Reunion August 17

The annual McInnis Clan gathering will be held at Dundarrach Presbyterian Church, Sunday, August 17, the president, Miss Irene Andrews, announced this week.

An interesting program has been planned and will begin at 11 o'clock. Miss Andrews urges all members of the clan to attend. A picnic dinner will be spread on the grounds at noon.

FOOTBALL MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

Coach Bob Rockholz announced Wednesday that there would be a short meeting of all prospective junior varsity and varsity football players next Tuesday night at the Hoke High gym at 7:30. Practice sessions, games, and other football subjects will be discussed. The possibility of a week's training at Myrtle Beach the last part of August will be discussed and all interested players are invited to be at the meeting.

LIVE - SAVING CLASSES

Charles Hostetler, chairman of the Hoke County Red Cross chapter, announced this week that the local chapter would sponsor a water safety program to teach swimming and lifesaving. Plans in effect now indicate that beginning swimming would be taught to non-swimmers as well as junior and senior lifesaving courses. All interested persons may meet instructors in the basement of the Raeford Presbyterian Church August 15 at 9:30 a.m. Certificates will be given to all who pass the life saving courses.

LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM MOVES UP BY DEFEATING NORWOOD 7 TO 6

League Leading Rebels Take 3 In Past Week

A slow rolling single down the third base line in the bottom of the ninth drove the winning run across as the Raeford Rebels defeated the Red Springs Robins, 4-3, Tuesday night at Army Park.

Winning two games straight over the Robins and one Monday night from St. Pauls to make it three in a row put the Rebels still further into the lead in the ECT league.

In Tuesday night's encounter the Rebels were able to get only five hits off the Robins pitcher but made them come to score all their runs. The Robins jumped off to a 3-0 lead in the 5th on two hits, a hit batsman and four errors. The Rebels fought right back and scored three runs in the bottom of the same inning as Poole, with two men on, blasted a single into left field to drive in one run and then two more crossed the plate on an overthrow to third base. The score remained tied until the ninth when Bowen walked, Bill Upchurch bounced a double off the left field fence and J. McLeod then brought Bowen home with his slow rolling single.

Taylor went all the way for the locals giving up only five hits, striking out nine and walking five. The infield made several nice plays as time after time they trapped a Robins player in a run-down between bases.

Monday night at the local park the Rebels got eight hits off the offerings of two St. Pauls pitchers to gain another 4-3 win. The Rebels jumped off to a two run lead in the first inning on two singles and three bases on balls. They scored another in the 4th on a base on balls and a triple by Helms; and another single run in the seventh on two singles and one walk. St. Pauls came close but never held the lead as they scored one run in the fourth and two more in the seventh inning. Joe Upchurch lead the Rebel batters with 3 for 4.

Base hits rattled off the fences of Robins park in Red Springs last Wednesday night like hail off a tin roof as the Raeford Rebels pounded out a 11-6 victory over the Red Springs Robins.

The game was climaxed in the 6th inning as 12 Rebels paraded to the plate and blasted seven hits coupled with three walks to score seven runs. The big blow of the inning was Taylor's triple that cleared the bases of runners. Leading the 16-blow attack for the locals were McMillan with 4 for 5 and Conoly with 3 for 4. Taylor got the only extra base blows, a triple and a double.

Mrs. Wood's Mother Dies Here Tuesday

Mrs. Mollie Baird, 73, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kermit Wood, Tuesday morning. A native of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Baird had been visiting here in the home of Mrs. Wood for the past week. She became suddenly ill Sunday night and died Tuesday morning due to a cerebral hemorrhage.

Survivors include two daughters; Mrs. Nattie B. Decker of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Kermit Wood of Raeford; one son Sam B. Baird of Winston-Salem; seven grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 at the home of the deceased at 643 West 4th St., Winston-Salem. Burial will follow at Salem Cemetery.

Play Durham In Aberdeen Tomorrow For District Title

The Aberdeen-Raeford Little League All-Stars performed like big leaguers here Tuesday afternoon before a crowd estimated to be in excess of 1000 fans and defeated the all-star team from the Norwood league 7 to 6 in two extra innings. The victory gave the home team the right to meet the playoff winner from the three Durham leagues for the championship of District five. This game will be played at the Aberdeen Little League park at three-thirty Friday afternoon and will be followed by a game between the Norwood team and the second-place team in the Durham playoffs. Winner of the game Friday will go to Wilmington to take part in the state playoffs.

The game here Tuesday was well-attended—the town closed up for it—and all who attended seemed to be well pleased with what they saw. The program was presided over by W. T. Gibson and visitors and guests were welcomed to Raeford and the game by Neill A. McDonald, president of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce. Players and officials were introduced by J. P. Bell for the Aberdeen-Raeford league and the Rev. H. D. Gorman for Norwood. The prayer of dedication was delivered by the Rev. Judson Lennon, pastor of the Raeford Baptist church.

The flag was raised in center field by a color guard of Boy Scouts to the playing of the Star Spangled banner. First players to take the field were Mayors Forrest Lockey and W. L. Poole of Raeford and Aberdeen and J. L. McNeill, who did not stay long, and then the game began.

By toss-up the Norwood team was home team for the game, and they retired the Aberdeen-Raeford boys without one getting past first base in the first inning. In the bottom of the first Thompson, Norwood centerfielder stretched a single and an error into a score to put his team in front, 1-0.

In the bottom of the second the Norwood team picked up four more runs before Captain Dickey Hendley was moved from the mound to the outfield and Jimmy Davies took over. In getting the four runs the Norwood boys got four hits and two base on balls.

The Aberdeen-Raeford team picked up two in the top of the third on singles by Lewis, Wilson and McCaskill and one error by Norwood. They held the visitors scoreless in the bottom of the third and continued their scoring spree into the top of the fourth, picking up four more runs on hits by Lewis, Teal, Caldwell and Hendley and one base on balls. This brought the locals into the lead 6 to 5, and pitcher Raymond Morton was relieved by Larry Boles.

Norwood tied the game again in the fifth when Raymond Morton went all the way on a hit and an error in the outfield.

It stayed tied until the first of the eighth when Wilson Teal, left fielder for Aberdeen-Raeford got one by the left fielder for a fair home run and became the hero of the game. Norwood got men on first and second in the last of the eighth on a hit batter and a single, but could do no more and the game ended Aberdeen-Raeford 7, Norwood 6.

All the Aberdeen-Raeford players deserve full credit for playing an outstanding game with phenomenal catches being made all over the place when the going got tough but next to Teal Pitcher Jimmy Davies whose steady and effective pitching during the last six innings held the visitors to one run off him. Line-up for Aberdeen-Raeford was (Continued on page 6)