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Addenda - - -

By the Editor

Asked several people in the last week or two what they thought I needed to say something about. They all said the telephone service we haven't been getting lately was more in need of action than comment, but that perhaps a few words wouldn't hurt. It certainly is general conversation these days and the phones around have been out of order more than in in the past few weeks and particularly in the last ten days. From what I can learn the company has antiquated and obsolete switches or relays in use here which it cannot or will not replace. When ever the weather is wet they start acting up. You can get a service man to fix your phone and it may get stuck on a certain number the very next time you use it. This will apparently continue to be the case until the equipment is replaced, as repairs are obviously not going to work. I wonder if the telephone company realizes how this situation weakens the case for private ownership of public utilities. Maybe it shouldn't, but service is what the public wants, and how they get it will certainly become secondary if a choice is to be made.

John McGoogan came home from a trip to Bogue with the Clyde Upchurch family last week with a real fish story, and no little one, either. He said that he and Clyde watched a bunch of fishermen near Swansboro get around a school of mullet with a net about a quarter of a mile long. It took twenty men about six hours to get the fish landed on a strip of beach some 300 yards long and when they were out the man heading the operation told McGoogan there were 53,000 lbs. of mullet there on the beach. Clyde and John tried to buy a truckload from him for cash but he couldn't sell, saying he was dickering for the whole lot. McGoogan thinks many of them spoiled on him there and on the way to various places for sale. He said he walked up and down the beach looking for the various other fish, crabs, etc., usually seen in a haul, but saw nothing but mullet.

Robert Gatlin killed a snake about three and a half feet long on his lawn while mowing it Tuesday. Not recognizing it he looked it up in the encyclopedia, and found that it matched the picture of a copperhead perfectly. It's one of the four fatally poisonous snakes to be found in this section and he was somewhat alarmed at finding it in his yard here in town where children are playing about all the time. The four bad snakes to be seen, incidentally, are the rattler, the coral, the copperhead (sometimes called the "highland moccasin") and the cottonmouth or water moccasin. Hope that was the only specimen in town that Robert killed, but maybe we'd better be careful in our yards and gardens.

I stayed in Charlotte last week for two or three days talking shop with a bunch of printers... didn't hear a thing to compare with the story John McGoogan brought back from Bogue. I did talk with a printer who works in a shop that employs 1,500 people, though. I can't imagine this any more than I can imagine 53,000 pounds of mullet piled up on a beach. I do believe both, though, in case you get the notion that I'm doubting John's story.

Some others must have believed the Bogue story, too, for about 18 men of the Men's Bible class at the Raeford Methodist Church left for Bogue Tuesday to try for themselves. They planned to spend the night there and go deep sea fishing yesterday.

"You can hardly make a friend in a year, but you can easily lose one in an hour."—Voltaire.

Mrs. McLaughlin Will Return To FMC Post

Mrs. Beatrice Hall McLaughlin, of Raeford, who served Flora Macdonald College as field representative last year and who had announced her plan to remain at her home in Raeford and conduct her piano classes during the coming year, said this week that she had agreed to resume her duties with the college.

As John, the only one of her children still at home, is entering Davidson College this year, Mrs. McLaughlin plans to close her home here and reside at the college while she is working there.

Mrs. John C. Calhoun of Laurinburg will teach Mrs. McLaughlin's piano classes here during her absence. Mrs. Calhoun holds a music degree from Brenau College and is an accomplished pianist, according to Mrs. McLaughlin.

Hoke County Man Gets Air Force Bars

Robert Perry, Jr., received his commission as Second Lieutenant this week at James Connolly Air Force Base, Waco, Texas. Second Lieutenant Perry will be stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida, for six weeks' further training.

Before entering service in March 1951, Second Lieutenant Perry was a senior at the University of North Carolina. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Perry of McCain.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The white schools of the county are opening today with a full corps of teachers on the job. We are sorry that we cannot give the opening day enrollments for the various schools, but hope to give these figures next week.

Tuesday at 10:30 o'clock a county-wide bus drivers meeting was held with W. T. Gibson and K. A. MacDonald discussing with the drivers plans for the year and all safety measures to be taken. Buses and routes were assigned, and buses turned over to the drivers.

If adjustments in routes are needed the bus route engineer will be called here from Raleigh as soon as possible.

Tuesday night a county-wide teachers meeting was held at Hoke High. Chaplain C. P. Womack of the State Sanatorium held the devotional exercise. He made a most timely talk to the teachers.

K. A. MacDonald conducted the business session and W. T. Gibson, president of the Hoke County Unit of NCEA, held the meeting of that organization.

Yesterday pre-school faculty meetings were held at all schools and last minute preparations for the opening today were made.

The schools wish to express their thanks and appreciation to the State Highway Department for the hard surface drives into the school grounds and the new school bus garage. These drives add greatly to the use and looks of the school grounds.

Those parents who have children starting to school for the first time are urged if the child did not attend a pre-school clinic, to take the child to their family doctor or the Health Department for its examination and immunizations. This is required by law.

We are glad to be able to report that preliminary plans of the new building at the John W. McLaughlin Elementary School are being started right away. Deeds from the heirs to the Town of Raeford have been recorded and the deed from the town to the Board of Education has been guaranteed.

Recorder Hears Many Cases In Court Tuesday

Between 25 and 30 cases came up for trial in Hoke County recorder's court before Judge Harry Greene Tuesday morning, and 21 of these were disposed of. The others were continued for one reason or another until a later date. Traffic violations predominated among the offenses, with no driver's license and careless and reckless driving being the leaders.

Six defendants were charged \$25 and the costs each for driving without licenses. They were W. M. Davis, Patricia Cline, Carl E. Perkins and Luther Taylor, white, Grantford Lowery, Indian, and Ange McLaughlin, colored. Perkins also paid \$50 and the costs for speeding 85 miles an hour. Taylor was found guilty of having improper brakes and judgment was to have been suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs, but he appealed and posted a \$50 bond. Judge Greene later remitted the \$25 fine against Patricia Cline. Frank McCuller, colored, was found guilty of driving without a license and charged \$200 and the costs. Fine was later remitted in this case also.

For careless and reckless driving Roy Lee Monroe, Ben McNeill and Maceo Mason, all colored, paid \$25 and costs each; Henry Dial, Indian, was found not guilty of careless and reckless driving. Edwin Currie Clark, white, charged with careless and reckless driving and violating the prohibition laws, was found guilty only of careless and reckless driving. An old suspended sentence of 60 days was ordered in effect by Judge Greene and Clark appealed. He posted \$200 bond. A. C. Haire, white, paid \$10 and the costs for careless and reckless driving.

D. S. Hall, white, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws and a 60-day suspended sentence was ordered in effect. He appealed and posted \$200 bond.

Johnny McLaughlin and Ada Mae Flowers, colored, pleaded guilty of immoral conduct and paid \$10 each and the costs.

Carl Bards, white, and Theodore Hamton, colored, each paid \$10 and costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Leonard Baker, white, was found not guilty of violating the prohibition laws.

Willie James Leak, colored, pleaded guilty of assaulting Daisy Shaw. He got 60 days suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs and her doctor bill of \$10.

Sam Melvin, Jr., colored, paid \$10 and costs for driving with improper brakes.

Andrew Melvin, colored, was found not guilty of assault. On a charge of being drunk and disorderly he got 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs and on one year's good behavior.

CO-OP AUDITS BOOKS

Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation has just employed Archibald K. Lovin, CPA, to make the annual audit for the year 1951 and 1952. Mr. Lovin is now in the process of making this audit in order that all available information may be made available for members at the annual meeting which will be held within the next few months.

CHURCH OF GOD PLAY

"The Supreme Sacrifice", a three-act foreign mission play, will be presented Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7, at the Raeford Church of God at 8:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend by the Rev. C. O. Carter, pastor.

Mrs. Robert Fyles of Sunset Hills is moving this week to Fort Benning, Georgia, to be with her husband who has been transferred there. Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Clark are buying their home.

LEGION MEETS FRIDAY

The E.His Williamson post of the American Legion will hold its monthly supper meeting at the high school cafeteria tomorrow night at 7:00 o'clock. Commander R. B. Lewis invites all members and prospective members to attend.

N. C. Electric Co-Ops Meet In Morehead City

D. J. Dalton, manager, J. E. Morrison, and Mrs. Lucy Smith, directors, represented the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation at the quarterly meeting of the Tarheel Electric Membership Association in Atlantic Beach last week.

The Tarheel Association is a trade organization representing the rural electric cooperatives in North Carolina. Although it has been organized for some years, a formal organization has just been completed whereby state offices will be set up in Raleigh.

William T. Crisp, executive manager for the state office, reported that the preliminary work had been completed in order that state office might be opened in the near future, in the Commercial Building in Raleigh. The major function of the state office will be for the dissemination of news concerning the Rural Electrification program.

The state association approved budget and policy statements for the new office and also heard reports on a variety of subjects related to rural electrification program. J. W. Asher, Northeast Area Director for the Rural Electrification Administration, appeared before the group at the opening session to discuss the recent reorganization of the agency. He introduced several field men who would be working with the program in North Carolina, and explained that REA now feels that the experience gained by local co-op leaders warrants a reduction in some of the services previously offered by the national REA, and that most all the Co-operatives in North Carolina were in position to assume these responsibilities "without question."

It was pointed out that the co-operatives would make their own private CPA audits and have their independent engineer approve the final work order construction.

Dalton said that the meeting was well attended by more than 150 cooperative leaders, representing some 32 cooperatives in North Carolina from all sections of the state.

State Fair Livestock Show Is "Big League"

A livestock show, offering \$27,145 in premiums and labeled "big league" by Dr. D. W. Colvard, head of the Department of Animal Industry at N. C. State College, is scheduled as a part of the 85th annual State Fair to be held in Raleigh October 14-18. Competition "open to the world", but with special classes for North Carolina exhibitors, is planned in all four breeds of dairy cattle and in the Hereford and Aberdeen-Angus breeds of beef cattle.

Dr. Colvard is chairman of the Fair's new livestock advisory board which comprises breeder-representatives of all types of livestock, plus educational leaders. These are: Forrest Fansher of Billmore, representing the N. C. Purebred Dairy Cattle Association; Sidney Thornton of Elizabethtown, representing beef cattle breeders; W. B. Austin of Jefferson, dual-purpose cattle breeders; R. E. Byrd of Bunnlevel, swine breeders; and W. W. Hill, of Raleigh, sheep breeders.

Educational leaders on the board include: Dr. H. J. Rollins, state veterinarian; Dr. A. A. Husman, veterinarian of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Dr. William Moore retired state veterinarian; and Dr. C. D. Grinnells.

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Schools Open With Record Number Of Students Expected

The white schools in the county opened their doors this morning at 9:00 and officially began the school year of 1952-53. Enrollment at the J. W. McLaughlin Elementary school and the High School is expected to reach an all time new mark for opening day. Estimated enrollment for the grammar school is 585 and the high school from 375 to 400.

Schools will run on a short day schedule today and tomorrow with the students being released at 12:30. Monday morning the classes will begin at 8:30 and last until 3:10 for the schools in town.

Lunchrooms will be open in both the elementary school and the high school according to W. T. Gibson.

Enrollment figures for the high school on the first day last September reached 362 while the attendance at the grammar school was 503. In 1952, there were 23 teachers at the high school while this year there will be only 19. At the elementary school last year there were 16 while this year there will be 20.

FMC Plans Opening For September 12th

Flora Macdonald's 57th academic year will open on Friday, September 12, with Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., Dean of the college, presiding at the opening chapel service.

The Student Council and Cabinet will arrive the preceding Friday, September 5, for an orientation period, when they will plan the year's work, welcome the new students who will come in Monday the 8th, and initiate them into some of the activities of college life at Flora Macdonald, before the regular routine of the college year begins.

Informal parties, tennis, swimming, etc., will intersperse the more serious business of orientation week, which will end with informal receptions for the new girls at the town's churches Saturday afternoon and a reception at the home of President and Mrs. Marshall Scott Woodson Saturday evening.

The faculty members will also arrive on September 5, and the first faculty meeting will be held that afternoon at 3:30. A brief workshop will be conducted by Dean Gwynn for the faculty on Friday and Saturday.

MANN HOLDS FASHION SHOW IN ABERDEEN

Israel Mann staged a fashion show in Aberdeen last Saturday morning at 10:30 in connection with the Farmer's Day program being held. The show was held in the high school gymnasium and Annie Blue Cameron, Fannette Gore, and Shirley Mann modeled suits, coats and dresses.

Fannette Gore stayed over and was entered in the beauty contest and placed second.

REVIVAL AT EPHEBUS

A series of revival services will be run at Ephesus Baptist church starting at 8:00 Sunday night. Services will run through the week at the same time each night with the Rev. Clyde Davis of Red Springs doing the preaching.

Mrs. Luther Midgette and children returned to their home in Snead's Ferry, on Monday after spending the past two weeks with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Norton. She was accompanied home by her mother and brothers, Zane Grey and Alex Norton and her aunt, Miss Carrie Norton. They returned by Wrightsville Beach Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Stanley Crawley and Miss Mildred Crawley of Fayetteville, just returned from Savannah Beach after spending a week there with Mr. and Mrs. Deasy Rahn.

Hoke High Gridders Return From Beach

The high school charges of Coaches Bob Rockholz and Earl Huggins returned from the week of training at Myrtle Beach well advanced in their pre-schedule practice. The two practices each day did much to round the candidates into shape for the approaching season. The team stayed at the State Park near Myrtle Beach and were able to pick up pointers from three other schools that were practicing there at the same time. A morning practice was held each day from 8:00 till 10:30 and an afternoon practice lasted from 2 to 4. Sandwiched in between the two practices and lunch was a daily skull practice and two swimming sessions in the ocean. After the afternoon practice was over the boys had leisure till 9:30 when they went to bed.

Two practice games were held with the Whitmire, S. C. squad furnishing the opposition and according to the coaches the boys looked very good in the games. The entire team faced a setback this week when it was learned that Joe Culbreth would in all probability attend school in Fayetteville this year. Culbreth, a letterman, made the trip to Myrtle Beach with the team and had been counted on to fill a spot in the backfield.

A practice game was held yesterday afternoon with Laurinburg. No score was kept.

First game of the new season will be with Chadbourn on the 19th at Chadbourn. The first home game will be the following week against Mt. Olive.

Rebels Drop Finale To Red Springs, 7-6

In the final game of the season the Raeford Rebels failed to gain a playoff spot as they dropped a 12-6 decision to the Red Springs Robins last Thursday night. The game was originally scheduled for Wednesday night but was postponed and played at Red Springs the next night.

Fine fielding plays by the Robins kept the Rebels from scoring more as they had men on base in almost every inning. The Rebels scored in the second and sixth and two each in the fourth and seventh. The big inning for the Robins was the fourth as they scored five runs. Taylor pitched for the locals and gave up ten hits, five walks and struck out eight. Leading hitters for the Rebels were Taylor and Conoly.

The season record for the Rebels was nine wins and eight losses and put them in third place in the East Carolina Textile League. The top two spots were held at the close by McColl and Red Springs.

Local Lady's Brother Dies In Charlotte

George F. Goley, aged 73, a brother of Mrs. Lillian Oliver of Raeford, died of a heart attack at his home in Charlotte last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Goley had spent most of his life in Mt. Holly, New Jersey, and the remains were returned there for burial. Funeral was planned for yesterday and Mrs. Oliver attended.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DANCE FRIDAY P. M.

The local college set is planning to hold a dance at the airport tomorrow night as a send-off for the students who are heading back to school soon. The dance will begin around eight and last till 11:30. Music will be furnished by records and refreshments will be served. All in this age group are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bethune and children of Concord and Lacy Clark returned the latter part of last week after vacationing at Ocean Drive for two weeks. The Bethunes left for their home in Concord Sunday after spending the week end with Mrs. J. A. Blue and Mrs. Kate B. Covington.

David Chason In Jail For Firing Pistol At Brother

David Chason, white man of the southeastern part of the county, was apprehended Friday afternoon between Dundarrach and Arabia by State Highway Patrolmen D. G. Surratt and H. T. Herbin after officers had been on the lookout for him for 24 hours for shooting his brother, Harold Chason, on Thursday.

The shooting, according to Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin, took place near the home of Walter Melvin several hundred yards from the Chason home on the Parkton road from Sandy Grove church at about three o'clock Thursday. The sheriff said the reasons for the shooting were hard to figure, although he understood there had been some minor disagreement between the brothers lately about a tobacco barn. He said David told him he just thought he would take a pot shot at him for the fun of it. What he took was all six shots from a .32 calibre pistol, four or five which hit him.

Harold Chason is a patient in a Fayetteville hospital and is expected to be released in several more days.

After the shooting, the sheriff said, David took his brother's car and left. When he was found cruising around in it by the patrolmen the next afternoon he had the pistol and two rifles in the car with him and all were loaded, but he offered no resistance.

David Chason is married and has one child and is the same man who was sent to the State Mental hospital after cutting David Henderson in the Bank of Raeford several years ago. He has been out for a year or so now and has not been in trouble in that time, according to Sheriff Hodgkin.

He is in jail on charges of stealing the car, carrying a concealed weapon, driving without a license and warrant charging assault is to be drawn.

Fund Drive For Boy Scouts Is To Start Monday

Harvey Gobeille, chairman of the Raeford Kiwanis Club's Boy Scout Finance committee, this week renewed the annual appeal of the club for funds to keep the three troops going in the county and to participate in the activities of Cape Fear Area council. He said the drive for these funds would begin next week and last until the county's quota was reached.

Gobeille again heads the same committee which raised the necessary funds for the cause last year. Working with him are Dr. Julius Jordan, Charles Hostetler, and Bill Fann.

Following their procedure in years past, the committee will make a request through the mail to as many people as possible for contributions large and small. Gobeille asked all who are contacted to respond right away and generously. He urged no one to hold back because they feel they cannot make a large contribution, as any amount will be gratefully accepted and will do its part in the good work.

The drive is being conducted at the same time in all eight counties of the council with the exception of New Hanover, where funds are raised through the community chest.

Checks may be made to the Hoke County Boy Scout Fund and left at the Bank of Raeford or mailed to any of the above committee. These men will also accept cash contributions.

Miss Ruby Clark, who works at Pope Air Force Base, is serving on the committee for "Operation Christmas" by which the airman provide gifts at Christmas for orphan children in North Carolina.