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Addenda - - -

By the Editor

Raeftord merchants and businessmen are cooking up a year-round trade promotion scheme which really should go over. Just about all the firms expect to take part and they will give away a valuable prize in trade here to someone every week. They plan to get all the details ironed out and start it in the next week or two. The merchant's committee of the Chamber of Commerce is making the arrangements.

Gene Smith and I had lunch with the Carolina Power & Light company last Friday on the occasion of the opening of their \$15,000,000 steam electric plant near Lumberton. I heard that Robeson County would gain about \$100,000 annually in taxes by having the plant located there, in addition to the benefits to business from the payroll. Had an excellent lunch along with representatives from a dozen or more towns the Carolina serves in this area, and I really learned something about the production of electricity. As an indication of its size, the plant in Lumberton will burn 3,000,000 pounds of coal a day when operating at full load.

Something we've got to feel good about here is the \$3000 or \$4000 weekly payroll Turkalina Farms, Inc., is bringing to Raeftord. They'll get in high gear soon, and we'll carry a complete story of the operation. The labor force there is to be primarily local. You have just lost your cook or cotton picker, you should realize that the economy of the community will benefit greatly. They are going to be a nation-wide organization if things go right, and one we will all be proud to have here.

I have heard several people express their gratitude to Robbins Mills for the playgrounds they have set up, one in Robbins Heights and the other on Stewart Street behind the graded school. On the hope that Bill Saunders head man of the mill chain, reads this column, I take this opportunity to express the heartfelt thanks of the whole community to him and the company for these playgrounds which will mean much to our youngsters.

The Chamber of Commerce directors were talking the other day about the housing situation here, and just wondering if the merchants and businessmen of the county are really aware of how bad it is. What is boils down to is that we have all worked together for several years and now have a good gross payroll in the community, but we are failing to take advantage of it. People spend money where they live, in large part, and a great many people take pay checks home—away from Raeftord—to spend them. Another thing is that the payroll would be larger if there were any place for people to live, for there are plenty of good jobs in Raeftord right now. We have all got to get to figuring out some way to get some more houses here. My guess is 150 more houses would add at least a third to the "feel" we now get of our industrial expansion. And at least that many are needed right now.

Charles Hostetler is a nice clean young man, a credit to his profession and a credit to the community. I know a lot of us hate to see him leave, but wish him success. With his character and ability he will have it.

REV. WALLACE ELLIS PLANS REVIVAL SERIES

The Rev. Wallace M. Ellis, pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Richmond, Ohio, will begin revival services under a Gospel tent located at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ellis on the Turnpike for a week and the public is cordially invited.

Recorder Hears Various Cases In Court Tuesday

Judge Harry Greene heard the usual run of traffic and liquor cases in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning with a couple of immoral conduct cases thrown in. Some home disagreements and other altercations were also handled by the judge.

Roscoe Cook, colored man who was under a six-month suspended sentence on condition of good behavior, came up with a plea of guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. He went away for the old sentence and a year besides.

A. D. Dammons, colored, got six months suspended on payment of costs and two years good behavior for assaulting his wife. He paid \$25 and costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Walter Bronson and Emma Miller, both colored, got six months each to be suspended on payment of \$10 and costs for immoral conduct. Buddy Bronson and Gertrude Swan, also colored, got the same for the same offense. Sentences in case of all four were suspended on further condition of 12 months of good behavior.

Martin Coggins, colored, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Sentence of six months was suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and two years good behavior.

Willie Van Smith, colored, was found guilty of driving drunk and paid \$100 and costs.

Edward Wilkerson, colored, had to pay costs and \$11.70 to C. J. Benner for disposing of mortgaged property.

J. D. White, white, paid costs and had his license suspended for six-months for careless and reckless driving.

Lester Jr. Harris, colored man who had previously failed to appear for trial for having no driver's license, appeared this time and got six months suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Earl Robinson, white, was charged with breaking and entering and assault. Plea was not guilty and judgment was deferred for one week.

Dewey Lee Hendrix, white, and Herbert K. Harris, colored, each paid \$25 and costs for having no driver's license. Dunk McGoogan, colored, did the same but had a three to six months suspended sentence along with it.

Richard Inman, white, paid costs for temporary larceny of a car.

H. L. Kiser, white, was charged with assaulting his wife. She "took up the papers" and paid the costs.

James Roper, colored, got three to six months for careless and reckless driving, sentence to be suspended on payment of cost; license suspended for six months, and 12 months good behavior.

Robert Henderson, colored, paid \$10 and costs for no brakes and Daniel Pat McNeill, colored, paid some for no lights.

Louis A. Stutz, white left a \$25 bond for speeding, and Leonard Badalament, white, paid \$10 and costs for the same offense.

James Everette Enloe, white, paid costs for careless and reckless driving.

Oscar Leslie, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs for assault.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cothran, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Bobbitt and two children, Jimmy and Brenda, spent the past ten days in Detroit, Michigan, and Canada. They went especially to see Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cothran, Jr. and family who live in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sutton and children, Mrs. Ray Muench and Sallie Boyd, and friends from Fayetteville left Sunday for a week at Holden's Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gullledge and Ethel Sue, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gullledge and Sara spent Sunday in Charlotte with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Long.

County Board Has Active Meeting; O. K. 6 New Roads

Wants SHC Office In Moore

The Hoke County board of commissioners in their regular monthly meeting Monday took action on several matters of interest. The meeting had been postponed from the first Monday due to Labor Day.

Malcolm McKeithan was appointed cotton weigher. The request of Judge Henry McDiarmid for a leave of absence for the remainder of his term was approved and Harry Greene was reappointed to serve as judge of the county recorder's court until the first Monday in December when T. O. Moses will take office.

The board approved requests for six new public roads. These were one mile from Robbins Mill to Alex Baker place; one-half mile from Cary Stevens sawmill to Lacy McGregor store on 211 cutoff; one-half mile from Raeftord-Maxton road near Hector Currie place to Frank Everleigh place; "Bob Currie" road in Blue Springs township one mile; one-half mile "McCall road" in McLauchlin township from June Johnson farm to Galatia road at the county line; three-quarters of a mile from Major Evans place north of Raeftord to turnpike road. The last two are improbable in spite of board approval because of objection of property owners S. N. McCall and James Quick, respectively.

The board passed a resolution to take action to get the permanent Sixth District Highway commission office located in Moore County instead of in Asheboro in Randolph County. This office is about to get a permanent building and the board feels that it should be located nearer the center of the district.

In this connection John McGoogan and N. H. G. Balfour attended a meeting in Carthage Tuesday to discuss action to get the office located there. Robeson, Hoke, Harnett and Chatham counties were represented along with Moore and indications were that the office would be located in Carthage as the site. Randolph and Davidson counties were not represented nor were they heard from.

County Superintendent K. A. MacDonald appeared before the board to ask that a number of school bus routes be improved by the highway commission and asked the board to express his appreciation for their cooperation in getting the school and garage drives paved. The roads he asked for improvement on are by Will McNeill, Ernest Hair and Cliff Conolly; from Dundarrach to Archie Howard; from Gold Hill to Archie Howard; Timberland to turnpike road; through Poole's peach orchard; from Pickler's yard by Almond; by J. C. Wright pond; through Covington place; west from Bethel; by Luther Huggins and Culbreth; through Thomas farm in Antioch township; loop by J. S. Johnson place.

Citizen Finance Company opened their doors for business today for the first time in Raeftord. A new company that has recently been formed, Citizens Finance will deal in financing and refinancing auto loans and used autos.

L. V. Hearne, who for the past six years has been credit and office manager for Fleishman's Big Store in Fayetteville, will be the manager of the new concern. Prior to his position Hearne was connected with the Fayetteville Housing Authority for six years. He is married to the former Miss Edna Odom of McCall, S. C. and they have six children. The Hearnes intend to make their home in Raeftord as soon as a available quarters can be found.

Enrollment figures on the white schools in the county were released by the board of education this week and showed that Hoke High and McLauchlin Elementary schools gained pupils while Ashmont, Mildouson and Rockfish each had fewer than last year.

Ashmont dropped from 106 to 100, Mildouson from 79 to 73 and Rockfish from 91 to 82, making a net loss outside Raeftord of 21. The eighth grade in Raeftord dropped from 101 to 94, raising the total loss to 28.

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Hostetler Takes Insurance Job; Leaves October 1



CHARLES A. HOSTETLER

Commissioner of Insurance Waldo C. Cheek this week announced the resignation of Richard S. Brantley as Chief Deputy Commissioner of Insurance and the appointment of Charles A. Hostetler as his successor effective October 1, 1952. Mr. Brantley has accepted a position as Assistant to S. G. Otstot, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents.

Hostetler, who is 28 years old, was born in Raleigh and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hostetler of that city. He attended Raleigh public schools and Wake Forest College where he graduated with the LL.B. degree in 1949. While at Wake Forest he was a member of the Kappa Alpha social fraternity and the Phi Delta legal fraternity, being a charter member of the latter. Since his graduation he has been actively engaged in the practice of law in Raeftord.

A veteran of three years service in World War II and an active Democratic Party worker, Hostetler is unmarried. Active in church and civic work, he is a deacon and Sunday School teacher in the Raeftord Baptist church, member of the Raeftord Kiwanis Club, director of the Raeftord Chamber of Commerce, and a director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Hostetler is a member of the American Legion, Chairman of the Hoke County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and immediate past president of the Hoke County Chapter of the Young Democratic Club. He is a member of the local, district and State Bar Associations and is currently Vice-President of the 9th District Bar.

In making the announcement Commissioner Cheek stated that although he regrets losing Mr. Brantley, he feels that he will continue to be an asset to the North Carolina insurance industry and the insuring public. "It is not like he was leaving the State", he said. "I believe we are fortunate in securing as his successor a young man of the character and high intelligence possessed by Mr. Hostetler."

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HD CHORUS TO MEET

The Home Demonstration Chorus will meet Friday night, September 12, at 7:45, in the Ladies' Parlor of the Raeftord Presbyterian Church. All members and anyone interested is invited to attend.

INGATHERINGS

Sandy Grove Methodist, on Thursday, September 25, noon.

Shiloh Presbyterian, Thursday, October 9, 5:00 o'clock.

Antioch Presbyterian, Thursday, October 16, noon.

National Guard Unit Federal Inspection Is Set For Sept 29

Lt. Edwin D. Newton, commanding officer of Battery A, 130th AAA battalion, local unit of the National Guard, announced this week that the annual Federal inspection of the battery would be made in the armory on Monday, September 29, by Lt. Col. C. B. Irwin. Col. Irwin is assistant inspector general of the seven-state Third Army area which has headquarters at Fort McPherson, Ga.

The inspection will be the sixth for the unit, which received its first inspection and was officially activated on March 10, 1947, carrying the distinction of being the first company size unit in the state after the war with an infantry company in Shelby. At the first inspection there were three officers and 41 enlisted men, while for the one this month the battery will have a strength of five officers, one warrant officer and almost 100 enlisted men. The record of the battery on these inspections in the past has been good, and members have expectations of doing as well or better this time.

Col. Irwin will make two trips to North Carolina to inspect units of the 130th, which Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr., of Raeftord commands. On September 22 he will inspect the Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters battery in Red Springs and on Sept. 23 Battery B, in St. Pauls, will be inspected. On the 30th he will visit the Sanford unit, Battery C, and Wednesday, October 1, Battery D will be inspected in Southern Pines.

The inspections will be conducted in two parts, with the inspecting officer viewing the armories, equipment and records in the afternoon, and then inspecting the officers and men and their training activities in the evening.

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FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICERS GET ALLEN & McNEILL THURS.

Thomas A. Gray New Mill Supt.; Bell Resigns

Thomas Alexander Gray, Jr., native of Basic, Virginia, is superintendent of the Robbins Mills (N. C.) Inc. plant in Raeftord, succeeding J. P. Bell, who resigned recently and who is a patient at Moore County hospital where he underwent an operation last week.

Gray came to the Robbins firm several months ago after having been a superintendent for the Botany Woolen Mills in Passaic, New Jersey from 1946 to 1952. He had served as a consultant in the local plant until he became superintendent. He is married and has one daughter. He and his family are now living at a hotel in Southern Pines.

Assistant superintendent of the plant here is J. B. Talbot. He came here from Frank and Sons Mills in Cornelius, N. C., and has been here about six months as technical superintendent. His experience includes service with Mooresville Mills and Burlington Mills. He is married and has three sons and lives on Wright street Sunset Hills, Raeftord.

Mr. Bell, superintendent of the plant here since it began operation about the first of the year, came here from Judson Mills in Greenville, S. C., and has been active in civic affairs since coming here. He is at present president of the Raeftord Lions club and is a 32nd degree Mason. He has not announced his plans for the future but will probably remain in Raeftord for several weeks recuperating from his operation.

J. D. Sheppard, plant manager at the mill, recently returned to work after an illness of about two months.

Hold Funeral Service For E. M. A. Scully Victim Of Wreck