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Addenda - - -

By the Editor

Hearing high-ranking officers of the Regular Army and Air Force speak to the conference of the National Guard Association in Denver, Colorado, last week, I was impressed with their use of "when" instead of "if" in referring to the next world-wide conflict. I guess that attitude is somewhat habitual with people whose full time profession is that of arms, but they were certainly dead serious. It made me feel better to hear that men of the high class I heard there are worrying and planning about our protection. They are doing their job.

I resolved to come back here and do what little I am able to get more of us to do our jobs in running this great country in these times which certainly "try men's souls." We all have a part in this country's destiny, in that our votes, every one of them cast one at a time, will determine our leadership for the next four uncertain years. It seems such a small duty that none of us would shrink it, but many do. Those of us who have not registered to vote may do so at our voting places next Saturday and the one following. Without doing so we will not have the privilege of doing this part of our duty to our country on November 4. The Democrats and the Republicans both think they can run the country best for the next four years and it's up to us to decide which shall do it. The decision should be made by all of us, too, not just a few, for the result will certainly affect us all. We can see arguments for both sides in the daily papers and magazines every day and we should read them to reach an honest decision. For those who don't see these publications a letter from Dewitt Tapp in this paper gives one side, and I'll be glad to give anyone the other on any street corner any time.

One of the major speakers at the National Guard conference was Major General Bernard W. McFadyen, G-1, or chief of the personnel division of the Department of the Army. He interested me because he is a native of Fayetteville and kin to many of the McFadyens in Hoke and Cumberland Counties. He went into the Army with the National Guard at the beginning of World War I, was commissioned in the Regular Army and stayed in. I was able to chat with him a few minutes about this neck of the woods, and he was glad to see someone who had heard of Longstreet church and Rockfish creek.

I think the Jaycees and the Chamber of Commerce should get together and buy a couple of cows. Then they should take some of these unpainted street corner posts which the Chamber of Commerce was going to paint and hitch the cows in the hay fields in the middle of Main street which the Jaycees were going to keep beautiful.

Mrs. J. M. Baker, clerk of the local draft board, says that calls for induction of two men this month and 20 next month will take "all men in the county who have been examined and accepted and who have passed their 20th birthday." Of course, these men still have the privilege of enlisting in the service of their choice up until they are ordered to report for induction. Reason the Army is needing more and more men is the fact that about two-thirds of the men it has are coming and going and being trained. This is necessary so that men can be rotated from combat, that their replacements may be properly trained, and so that every man entitled to separation may reach his separation point before the date he is due to get out. As the expiration of the terms of service for more selectees and National Guardsmen run out the Army's demands for men will get even greater.

Auction Sales—Some Sold, Some Didn't

Property on the outskirts of town and some in town itself has been placed on the auction block in the last couple of weeks and while some of it sold well the rest of it either didn't sell at all or else went rather cheap.

One sale that attracted more attention than the others was the Mattie Bethune Estate which was held last Saturday. Both the farm on 15-A south and the town property at the Aberdeen highway corner were sold. Both properties were bought by the same party, A. L. Palmer of Raleigh, husband of one of the heirs. The farm brought \$18,900.00 and the house in town brought \$7,800.00. These sales are subject to a raised bid within ten days of the auction date. The house furnishings were sold to individuals at the sale.

The Neill Graham farm, the Brantley Allen residence, a single lot and the A. D. Peterson property which were offered all on the same day failed to sell with the exception of the Peterson land. The Peterson property was subdivided into residential lots and most of these sold although some opinions are that they went rather cheap.

First Concert Of Fall FMC Artist Series Next Monday Night

The Reginald Kell Players, famous chamber ensemble, will open the 1952-53 artist series at Flora Macdonald college with a concert on Monday evening, October 20, at 8:15.

Tall, British-born Reginald Kell, for whom the group was named, is unanimously acclaimed both here and abroad, as the world's greatest living clarinetist, and is reckoned one of the great Mozart interpreters of our time on any instrument. He always sticks strictly to the classics, but counts many a jazz player among those who come to admire his unparalleled technique, including Benny Goodman, to whom he has given lessons in classical technique.

Mr. Kell made his Town Hall debut in 1948 as guest artist with the Busch Quartet, scoring one more success in a long line of Kell triumphs. He was first clarinetist with Sir Thomas Beechan's London Philharmonic in 1932, and in 1939 played under Toscanini at the famous Lucerne Festival. During the war, the British government deemed Kell's music so essential to morale that it prevented his volunteering, keeping him at work before the British microphone.

Mr. Kell will be accompanied on this, his 4th tour in the United States, by the three other members of his famous group, each an artist of major stature. They are: Joel Rosen, pianist, youngest male member of the group, who has been playing with Reginald Kell since 1948; Melvin Ritter, violinist, student of the late great Koussevitzky, who made his debut at New York's Town Hall in 1947; and Aurora Natola, Argentine cellist, who made her United States debut two years ago in Boston. A graduate of the National Musical Conservatory of Buenos Aires, she has studied with such musical greats as Pablo Casals, Robert Casadesu, and Nadia Boulanger.

Reorganize Local Boy Scout Troop

Both the Boy Scout troop and the Cub Scout pack have been virtually reorganized under a new setup which was finally completed last week.

Ernest Daniels of Laurinburg, chairman of Organization and Extension of the Western District of the Cape Fear Area, was present at a meeting of local scouting officials last week and he explained how the new system will be better than the old one. The troop was reorganized at this meeting and under the new setup of zoning was assigned a new troop number.

Since the Boy Scouts were organized in Raeford over a quarter of a century ago they have always had and been proud of their troop number "which was 1."

Now it has been redesignated as Troop 401, which means that it is the first troop in the 4th district of the Cape Fear Council. All scout troops will receive new troop numbers. 400-450 will designate white troops in this district and 450-500 will signify colored troops.

Heading the troop committee as chairman is Younger Snead. Other members are Tom Cameron, Dr. R. L. Murray, J. B. Talbert and Dr. Marcus Smith. The institutional representative for both boy scouts and the cub scouts is Israel Mann. Scoutmaster of the boy scouts is Jimmy Woodhouse; assistants are Carson Davis and Gene Smith.

On the cub scout committee are Harvey Gobeille, who is the pack chairman, Marion Gatlin, Clyde Upchurch, Jr., W. L. Howell, Jr., and John W. McPhaul. Cubmaster is C. L. Thomas and his assistant is Ray Griffin. At the present time they are contemplating organizing "dens" in each section of the town. Each den should have from 5 to 8 boys in it. The ages for cub scouts are 8 to 11.

The boy scouts meet each Thursday evening in the scout hut opposite the high school gym. Any boy who is over 11 years old is welcome to join and is urged to attend the meetings.

Miss Smoak Chosen Montreat May Queen

(From Montreat News Bureau) Montreat, Oct. 15—Miss Mary Ann Smoak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smoak of Ashley Heights, has been chosen by the student body at Montreat College to reign as May Queen in the 1953 May Day festivities.

The newly-elected queen is also vice-president of the Student Christian Association, secretary of the senior class, and a member of the college chorus. A student of piano and voice, she has been president of the college music club for two years.

Other members of the May Court will be chosen later from the Montreat College and Preparatory School student bodies.

Almost No Court As Patrolmen Gone

With both State Highway patrolmen out of town on business Tuesday morning all the traffic cases set to be tried before Judge Harry Greene Tuesday morning in which they were involved had to be postponed, and not much was left.

William E. Taylor, white, entered a plea of guilty of driving drunk. Sentence was six to nine months on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$150 and costs and good behavior for two years. In another case he was found guilty of damaging the jail. He got three to six months for this, to be suspended on condition that he repair the jail and pay the costs.

Carl Babbs, white, on a plea of guilty of driving drunk, got from six to nine months to be suspended on payment of \$150 and the costs, on condition that he surrender his driver's license and that it be revoked for 18 months, and on two years good behavior. He was also found guilty of driving with improper driver's license and license plates. He got three to six months for this to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. He is still in the county jail.

Lettie Robertson, colored, entered a plea of not guilty of being drunk and disorderly and Judge Greene suspended judgment until he could get a ruling from a doctor as her sanity.

John Buster Townsend, colored, offered no defense on two charges of violating the prohibition laws. Judge Greene put a six months sentence suspended last May on his behavior into effect and gave him a total of from nine to 12 months more. He appealed and posted \$300 bond.

Burnett Held For Grand Jury Action

A coroner's jury, in an inquest last Wednesday night, decided to hold H. H. Burnett for action by the grand jury. Burnett out on bond for being involved in the alleged hit-and-run accident and death of Pearl Shipman, colored woman of Raeford, on Sept. 24.

His bond of \$2500 was continued pending the meeting of the grand jury at the November term of court.

Former Raeford Man Dies Suddenly Tues.

Charles Brown, formerly of Raeford but who now makes his home in Rockingham, dropped dead suddenly Tuesday night in the bus station. Brown, who was waiting for a bus was reported to have been to a doctor in town earlier and had received some medicine for his heart. The coroner ruled that he was a victim of a heart attack and no inquest was held.

Massey Hill High Romps To Easy 20-0 Win Friday

Hope Mills Here Tomorrow

The powerhouse eleven from Massey Hill proved to be too much for the local Bucks as they easily won, 20-0, last Friday night in Armory Park. It was the Bucks second loss of the season as against: only one win and one tie. Bench strategy backfired for the locals twice and each time it directly or indirectly led to a touchdown for the Pirates.

Raeford received the kickoff and returned it to the 25. Three line plays gained but 4 yards and the locals kicked to the visitors on the 47. The Massey Hill receiver fumbled the punt and Koonce pounced on it for the Bucks. Three more plunges at the Massey Hill line failed to dent it and with fourth down on their own 45 and eight to go a pass play was attempted. The passer failed in his attempt and he was trapped behind the line for an eight yard loss before he could throw the ball.

Massey Hill took over and began a march down the field picking up yardage on almost every play. It ended on the Bucks 9 yard line where they fumbled on a line buck and the locals took over. They gained 3 yards in two plays and then attempted to kick on the 3rd down. The kick was blocked by the hard charging Pirates line and they took over on the 6. Three plays later their large fullback went over from the 1. The placement attempt was good and Massey Hill led 7-0.

The remainder of the second quarter saw both teams beginning drives that seemed to be unstoppable only to bog down or lose the slippery ball on fumbles. The half ended and Massey Hill still led 7-0. Raeford penetrated as far as the 37 yard line of Massey Hill during the 2nd quarter.

The third quarter was almost a repetition of the second as neither team was able to score. In the fourth quarter the Massey Hill backs began to find their footing on the slippery field and reeled off gains of 25, 15, and 35 yards. The Bucks had a kicked blocked and after making two first downs the quarterback went 38 yards through the center of the line for the visitors second score. The placement was again good and the Pirates led 14-0. A few minutes later a bad pass from center which traveled higher than it did horizontally was recovered by Massey Hill on the Bucks 18 yard line. On the first play the quarterback again kicked the ball 18 yards for the third and final touchdown of the game.

Misty weather could be in part blamed for the Bucks loss and it made their passing attack almost zero. The backfield could not gain much against the bigger and tougher visiting line.

Performing well for the Bucks were Baggett, McLeod, Culbreth and Brown. The last home game for Raeford this season, barring the scheduling of additional games, will be played tomorrow night when they entertain the eleven from Hope Mills. Their last win was on Sept. 19 and they think they are about due for another one.

Presbyterian Men Set Father-Son Night

The Men of the Raeford Presbyterian Church will have their regular monthly supper meeting at the church next Tuesday night, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. This is to be the annual "Father-Son" night of the men's organization, to which each man is expected to bring his son or sons or some boy. Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Floyd L. Knight, surgeon of Sanford. Dr. Knight is a native of Moore County, an elder in the Sanford Presbyterian church and was very active in the recently completed "Program of Progress" of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina.

Farm Bureau Acts To Help Cotton Prices

Hally Blythe, president of the Hoke County Farm Bureau, and W. J. Coates, secretary, last Friday wired Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan in the name of the county bureau asking that immediate steps be taken to stabilize cotton prices so that the farmers may get the cost of production and a reasonable profit from their cotton crop this year.

The action was taken in view of the market break in the past few weeks and the secretary was asked to do anything he could to get export movement of the crop under way at once and to take any other measures possible to stabilize the price. The raise in the 1952 estimate last week was the last thing to add to the falling price.

The action was taken by State and County units of the Farm Bureau over the cotton growing belt and while too early yet for results to be seen, it is hoped and expected by local leaders that whatever action taken may still affect the market some while the cotton is still in the hands of the producers, who have been urged to hold their cotton where possible.

The secretary of agriculture made a statement on Tuesday of this week to the effect that the crop would still be insufficient for domestic and foreign needs, and this is expected to have a favorable effect on demand in a few days. The crop is still expected to be over a million bales short.

Home Demonstration County Council Meets

The Hoke County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs met in the Lions Club room of the County Office Building on Friday afternoon, Mrs. Tom C. Sinclair, County Council President, presided. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the roll was called by Mrs. B. L. Williamson, Secretary.

Several items of business were acted upon. The State Rural Health Meeting to be held in Raleigh on October 15th was discussed. Miss Hall, Home Agent, announced that a bus had been chartered to carry a group of women from Hoke County to Raleigh to attend the National Home Demonstration Council Meeting. The meeting is to be held from October 25-29, and the Hoke County women plan to be present on Tuesday, October 28. They will carry their lunch and supper and stay over for the party at the Coliseum. Mrs. Tom Sinclair was the official hostess of the meeting.

The Farm Bureau membership drive was discussed and it was found that the Pine Forest club was leading in the number of memberships written.

Miss Hall announced that the Chaminate Music Club had contracted to sponsor the Grass Roots Opera at the Hoke High School auditorium on the evening of March 26. The Home Demonstration Club women agreed to advertise the opera in the various sections of the county.

It was announced that applications for around twenty-eight reading certificates had been sent to the State Library Commission. Mrs. Bernice Williamson, of the Pine Forest Club, was county reading champion with one hundred and eleven books to her credit since last November.

The enriched Cornmeal Program was discussed. Bulletins on this subject were distributed and Foods and Nutrition leaders were asked to report on the bulletins at their club meetings at an early date.

Committees for Achievement Day were appointed. The Mildous and Arabia Clubs were asked to serve refreshments. Mrs. R. H. Williamson, Mrs. Cliff Conoly, and Mrs. Horace Walters were asked to serve on the Place Committee, and Mrs. Joe Lovette, Mrs. J. M. Norton, and Mrs. Percy Gillis were asked to serve on a committee to secure a speaker.

Capacity Crowds Attend Union Revival Services

Dr. Julian Lake preached to capacity congregations in the Raeford Methodist Church on the first three nights of the Union Revival services being conducted there this week. The services, which started Sunday night, are being jointly sponsored by the Raeford Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches and by the Peoples Methodist church.

The church was filled to overflowing on Sunday and Tuesday nights and on Monday night quite a sizable group had to sit in the chapel and listen to the service over the public address system.

Dr. Lake subject on Sunday night was "The Art of Forgetting," on Monday night he spoke on "The Glory of Christian Marriage," and on Tuesday night on "What Prayer Means to Me." Tonight Dr. Lake's sermon will be on "Worry." Tomorrow night he will use "On Being Saved" as his subject. Sunday morning he will preach on "I Build My Church," and Sunday evening on "What Is In Thine Hand."

His delivery is considered highly effective by all who have heard him. He is an earnest and direct preacher whose approach is so personal that most feel that he is talking directly to them as individuals, drawing on his broad personal experience as a pastor and counselor.

The Rev. Charles Burchette, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kernersville, has rendered solos at each service which have been well received, and has led the congregational singing. The choir is made up of singers from the four churches participating in the revival services.

The services will continue through Friday night, with no service being held Saturday night. There will be both morning and evening services on Sunday, with the one Sunday night being the last of the revival.

Escaped Prisoner Caught In County

John Bethea, Harnett County Negro, serving an 18-month term at the Scotland county prison camp for breaking, entering and larceny, escaped from the camp Friday, stole an automobile belonging to Rush Wooley in Wagram and took off into Hoke county. The escapee didn't get too far in his flight before he wrecked the car and was apprehended by several officers of the highway patrol and L. W. Frye, Wagram police chief.

Bethea was booked on five counts, two in Scotland county and three in Hoke, which were for hit and run, no operator's license and reckless driving. Scotland warrants charged him with escaping from prison and larceny of a car.

A hearing was held Saturday morning in Judge J. B. McKinnon's office and the Negro was sentenced to serve six months for escaping and bound over to Superior court in the larceny count. He was taken back to the prison camp where Warden A. D. Thames stood his bond for his appearance at the November term of Superior court in Laurinburg.

CHORUS TO MEET IN WAYSIDE NEXT MONTH

At the October meeting of the County Home Demonstration Council it was decided to hold next month's chorus meeting in Wayside, probably at Parker's church.

INGATHERINGS

Antioch Presbyterian, Thursday, October 16, noon.
Galatia Presbyterian, Thursday, October 16, 5:00 o'clock.
Bethel Presbyterian, Thursday, October 23, noon.

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EDITORIAL

The Scouts' "Get-Out-the-Vote" Drive

Since its inception in this country in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has had participating citizenship based on good character as one of its principal goals. Therefore, it is not surprising to find this organized and patriotic group, qualified to render effective service, actively engaged in another "goodturn" to the nation. It is the "Get-Out-The-Vote" Campaign which the Boy Scouts are now undertaking in cooperation with the Freedoms Foundation. The program is non-partisan, without reference to any candidate or parties. Simply, it will urge citizens to exercise their franchise, and go to the polls and vote.

In the first phase, the Scouts will place more than one million posters in public places urging citizens to register so that they can vote in November. Then just before Election Day, Nov. 4, most of the nation's 2,950,000 Scouts

and Leaders will visit 30 million homes, hanging on each door knob a Liberty Bell card which will call to the attention of citizens the importance of voting.

The job needs to be done. Citizenship is our active membership in the United States of America. It is the relationship between one person and all other persons in the community and the nation. Yet in 1948 when 94,092,000 persons in the nation were eligible to vote, only 52 per cent went to the polls to cast a total of 48,836,579 votes.

We have a long way to go to bring the percentage up to a more creditable figure. May the Scouts succeed in their efforts. Their participation in the worthy enterprise will be a lesson to them in the meaning of participating citizenship. An important outcome of this project is that probably few Scouts taking part will ever forget it.