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Addenda - - By the Editor

This column is being written in the U. S. Naval Hospital in Charleston where I am waiting while my mother is undergoing an operation. Its now about 11 a. m. on Wednesday and she has just gone into the operating room and will probably be there several hours. I spent the night with my brother who is a surgeon here. He got me up early this morning and brought me to the hospital, having invited me to watch him perform two operations. I didn't know whether or not I would be strong enough in the middle, but I watched and was. They dressed me in a cap, gown and mask and I looked over his shoulder for two hours, having first been briefed on what he was doing. I found it right interesting. Both the operations were on trick knees, and it was fascinating the way they open the knee up, see what is wrong, and correct it. Most amazing to me was the absence of blood. The technique for keeping it out of the surgeon's way while he is working was really remarkable to me.

Before leaving Raeford shortly after noon on Tuesday I spent a couple of hours trying to run down some authentic information on the plans of the Army for enlarging Fort Bragg, but was unsuccessful. The news story elsewhere on this page tells of my efforts with Congressman C. B. Deane, and I hope some definite information was received from him by the time the paper was printed. I also made a telephone call to Congressman Ertel Carlyle, of the Seventh District, in hopes that he would have some information on the subject, due to Cumberland County being in his district and the surveys apparently including part of 71st township. I was unable to get him however. (In case there is no definite news on the matter in this paper, it is our purpose at **The News-Journal** to leave no stone unturned in trying to get it by next week, as I certainly agree with Mr. Deane that it is nothing but fair for the Defense Department to be "frank and honest" in making their intentions known, where the lives and property of so many people appear to be affected.) I think the people of Hoke County are as patriotic as those anywhere, and Uncle Sam has already had several years of my life, but I certainly think the National Defense effort should rightly look elsewhere for property to use in getting ready for the next war. Hoke County has furnished upwards of 92,000 acres for Fort Bragg, the bulk of the reservation while Fayetteville has reaped all the business benefits from the proximity of the post. They have taken enough of our land. I understand that when the Army considered taking more of Cumberland County several months back, they were headed off in some way by the people of that county. It may be that we'll have to get busy and try and do some heading off, if what appears to be going on is true.

Bonus Day Winners Split \$100 Saturday

The two lucky persons who were the winners of the Bonus Day drawing last Saturday afternoon walked off with the highest amount of trade certificates yet, \$50 each. J. A. Lisenby was the first name called and received half of the amount, Mrs. J. H. Blythe was not present either, and Mrs. Ruby Conoly stepped forward when her name was called and drew a 50% token. The drawing will continue to be held at the same spot in the downtown district until further notice. The time of the drawing will be 2:30, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Logan and Dorothy of Asheville spent the holidays with Mrs. Logan's brother, Robert McPhall.

County Officials Are Sworn Into Office Monday

One New Face On Board

The Hoke County board of commissioners took their oaths of office for a two-year term before Superior Court Clerk J. B. Cameron in a brief and informal ceremony at the courthouse Monday. Those sworn in were Douglas McPhaul, the only new member, Marshall Newton, W. M. Thomas, N. H. G. Balfour and Fulford McMillan.

The old board met previous to the installation of the new members and F. Knox Watson, retiring chairman of the board and who did not run for re-election, expressed his appreciation to other members of the board and to Auditor McGoogan for cooperation and assistance given to him during his term and related that it had been a pleasure to work with him. The board responded and praised him for the fine services to the county during his term.

Elected to the post of chairman for the new board was Fulford McMillan and W. M. Thomas was elected vice-chairman.

One of the first acts of the new board was to ask J. A. McGoogan to write Congressman C. B. Deane concerning the proposed enlargement of the Fort Bragg reservation. A copy of the letter to Mr. Deane is shown below:

Honorable C. B. Deane, Member of Congress, Rockingham, N. C. Dear Mr. Deane:

The Board of Commissioners at their meeting yesterday requested me to write you to try to secure all the information that you could give us about the proposed enlargement of Fort Bragg. The people in the territory adjoining Fort Bragg are very much disturbed by rumors and they would like to have an authentic statement of what is proposed to be done.

Any information you can secure will be greatly appreciated. Very truly yours,

J. A. McGoogan, County Auditor.

J. W. Spruill, district highway commission engineer, and Luther Powell, district supervisor, appeared before the board and discussed the county roads in general. They reported recent improvements to the school bus routes.

They wrote a letter to Carolina Telephone and Telegraph stating that they were glad to hear of plans for the rural telephone lines proposed for the county.

A. D. Gore was appointed county attorney and also appointed acting solicitor for recorder's court since J. M. Andrews, past solicitor, did not apply for reappointment.

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Wreck Friday Night Injures 2 Occupants

A wreck late last Friday night on the Red Springs highway resulted in two persons going to the hospital with injuries.

According to reports a pickup truck, driven by C. C. Conoly of Route 2, Raeford was making or in the act of making a left turn when his vehicle was struck by an automobile driven by Tommy Clark of Route 3, Red Springs. Mrs. Conoly is reported to have suffered a shoulder fracture and Charles Conoly injuries to his head and back.

Damages to the vehicles were comparatively light and no charges are being pressed.

Hoke High Cagers Win Two Tuesday In Opening Game

The Hoke High Bucks opened their 1952-53 basketball schedule with a bang Tuesday night at they took both ends of a doubleheader with Rowland. The girls sextet won theirs by only 6 points, 45-39 while the boys had little trouble in downing their opposition 57-28.

The opening game saw the girls experiencing some trouble with Rowland in the first half but at the end of the first two quarters had amassed a lead of 11 points and led 26-15. They clung to this lead in the final two quarters and thus earned their first victory. Claudine Hodgkin with 24 points and Jane Guin with 15 points accounted for virtually all the points. Ellen Kate Koonce led the guards in their defensive play.

In the finale of the night the boys got past the first quarter with only a one point lead but stretched it to 8 at the end of the half to lead 21-13. They pulled steadily away in the last half to double the score against Rowland. The scoring for the Bucks was rather evenly matched between the first and second teams with McNeill leading the pack with 11, six of which were scored in the closing minutes. C. J. Benner was second with 8 points. Defensive leaders for the Bucks were Roger Dixon and Joe Culbreth.

Saturday night the Bucks play in Laurinburg as they meet the Scotties for two games. Laurinburg is the first of four Class AA schools the Bucks will meet this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard who visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McGoogan last week, left for their home in Arlington, Virginia, Monday. Mr. McGoogan was sick during the week end at his home, but is feeling much better now and is back at work.

Funeral For Rev. B. P. Robinson Held Saturday



REV. B. P. ROBINSON

The Rev. Benjamin P. Robinson, 72-year-old retired Methodist minister and beloved former pastor of the Raeford Methodist Church, died suddenly at his home here on Wednesday afternoon of last week. He was apparently alone at the time he became ill, and called a local doctor at a few minutes before four o'clock. The doctor was with him at about 4:30 when he passed away.

Mr. Robinson was a native of Cumberland County and was pastor of the local church for the four-year term, 1918-21, since which time he had spent much time here. He moved here to make his home in 1944 when he retired. He was ordained into the ministry in 1905.

His wife, the former Miss Victoria Tew of Sampson County, died a year ago.

The funeral service was conducted at the Raeford Methodist Church at 3:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. P. O. Lee. Assisting were the Rev. H. P. Porter of Troy, Bishop W. W. Peele of Laurinburg, the Rev. E. L. Hillman of Durham and the Rev. W. C. Ball of Fayetteville. The Rev. Leon Hall of Red Springs and the Rev. J. H. Miller of Laurinburg were also present.

Pallbearers were J. L. Warner, C. L. Thomas, Y. F. Snead, T. B. Gephureh, W. P. Baker and E. E. Smith. Burial was in the Raeford cemetery.

Mr. Robinson is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. S. Davis of Raeford, Mrs. D. R. Allen of Fayetteville and Mrs. James E. Harkins of Tremont, Ill.; two sons, E. H. Robinson of Raeford and Benjamin O. Robinson of Fayetteville; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Tobacco Meeting Tuesday, December 9

A meeting that should be of interest to tobacco growers of Hoke County will be held Tuesday night, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. The place of the meeting will be in the Vocational Agricultural Building at the Hoke County High School in Raeford.

Mrs. S. N. Hawks, Extension Tobacco Specialist, will be present to discuss tobacco production practices including: plant bed treatment and management, methyl bromide treatment, varieties, fertilization, sucker control, insect control, nematode or root knot control, spacing, etc.

Tobacco is an important crop to many of our farmers in the county, ranking second to cotton in cash value. He would like to encourage as many tobacco growers as possible to attend this meeting and hear the latest information on tobacco production.

LEGION TO MEET FRIDAY

The monthly meeting of the Ellis Williamson Post No. 20 of the American Legion will be held Friday night at six-thirty in the Hoke High School lunchroom. A membership drive is now on and all members and prospective members are urged to be there.

Mrs. Lulu M. Willis Dies Sunday Night; Burial Held Tuesday

Mrs. Lulu Monroe Willis, 63, wife of W. B. Willis, died at her home on Route 2, Sunday night after an illness of several years. She was the daughter of the late Henry Monroe and Alice Davis Monroe of Hoke County.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Galatia Presbyterian Church with the Rev. B. O. Shannon, officiating, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Active pallbearers were C. M. Koonce, Stanley Koonce, Graham Monroe, Douglas Monroe, Arnold Monroe and James Wood.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, William Edwin and Clarence Monroe, both of Raeford; four sisters, Mrs. J. R. Neal, Mrs. H. L. Townsend, Mrs. O. L. Kelley and Mrs. Duncan Taylor, all of Fayetteville; one brother, Henry T. Monroe of Parkton.

Rat Control Program To Be County-Wide

Kick-Off Date December 15

The rat control program, which has been in effect in Raeford for the last several weeks and which is beginning to show results will become a county-wide project later on this month according to action taken by the new county commissioners at their meeting Monday morning.

Although the two programs will differ the county-wide program will be modeled after the town program. One of the main differences will be that the bait will not be delivered but must be picked up at one of the collection points.

The kick-off date has been set for Monday, December 15, with bait being available at either the County Agent's office in the County Office building or at John McGoogan's office in the Courthouse every Monday through noon on Saturday. On Saturday afternoons persons may pick up the bait at Sheriff Hodgkin's office in the courthouse. Information as to the use of it can be secured at the places that it will be distributed. The bait is free of charge to all residents of the county with the exception of people living within the town limits. Residents of the town may still get theirs at the town hall.

The County Agent and the Home Demonstration Agent will cooperate in the drive in helping to make it effective.

H. R. Mills appeared before the board and explained the program to them. In commenting on the town program he stated that the town coverage was completed Monday, November 24 and that they had distributed bait to 600 homes in town and had also placed 50 bait boxes in alleys throughout the business and residential districts.

Fine Arts Dept. To Hold Poster Contest

The North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs in Cooperation with the State Department of Education is sponsoring a poster or chart contest on Forest Conservation in the Elementary and high schools of the state, among students of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. A prize of \$5.00 will be awarded the winner in each of the 16 federation districts, and district winners will compete for the 3 state prizes, of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00.

Competent judges will be chosen to select the three state winners which will be chosen by May 10th. By May 15th, the winners will be announced and the checks will be mailed.

The Fine Arts Department is sponsoring this contest and offering a prize of \$2.00 to the posters selected from the High School and Grammar Schools in Raeford.

CONGRESSMAN DEANE LOOKING INTO FORT BRAGG ENLARGEMENT

Santa Coming; Set Big Parade For Next Wed.

Most of the plans for the appearance of Santa Claus and the big gala Christmas parade set for next Wednesday afternoon have been completed and indications are that it will be bigger and better than the one last year.

The parade is scheduled for 4:00 p. m. and according to W. T. Gibson, Jr. who is in charge of the parade and floats it will be a good one and consist of floats from Upchurch High, Hoke High, the National Guard Unit, the Kiwanis Club and the Lions Club. Other floats will probably be entered in the parade between now and next Wednesday afternoon. Participating in the parade also will be the two scout troops, the safety patrols from the two city schools, the Halloween and Homecoming Queens from Hoke High and last but certainly not least, Santa Claus himself.

As he has in the past Santa Claus will arrive at the local airport around 4:30 and will be met by the fire truck. He will then proceed downtown and stop near the Bank of Raeford on Main street. There he will interview any interested young folks and it is expected that he will have gifts for all as the Chamber of Commerce has arranged for him to bring some 3,000 gifts with him.

The Raeford Chamber of Commerce who is sponsoring the parade and also the visit of Old St. Nick have arranged for the Christmas lights on Main Street to be turned on during the parade. According to officials more lights and street decorations have been purchased and will be added to last year's assortment.

All from far and near are invited to attend the affair and all are asked to cooperate as much as possible in keeping good order so that all may fully enjoy the coming of Kris Kringle.

PMA Election Will Close December 15

Ballots in the community PMA elections must be in the county PMA office before December 15, according to R. J. Hasty, Chairman of the Hoke County PMA Committee.

The ballots will be counted Tuesday, December 16 and the names of the committeemen elected will be announced immediately after the counting finishes.

Ballots are now being mailed to all eligible voters in each community. Any farm owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper is eligible to vote who is on a farm that is participating in any program administered by the elected farmer-committees of the Production and Marketing Administration.

Any eligible farmer who does not receive a ballot within a reasonable time before the closing date is urged to get in touch with the county PMA committee.

Chairman Hasty emphasizes that the first responsibility in farm program administration rests with the farmers themselves in electing the most capable and best qualified committeemen to administer those programs. According to Hasty, no farmer who is eligible to vote should let December 15, 1952 pass without casting his ballot.

The delegates elected to attend the county convention will meet December 19 and elect a county committee consisting of a chairman, vice-chairman, member and two alternates.

Bob Murray, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Murray, and Milton Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Mann were at home for the Thanksgiving holidays from the Medical School of UNC.

When called on the telephone Tuesday Congressman C. B. Deane, who was at his home in Rockingham, said that he was more in the dark than local people about what was going on here in Hoke County in the way of a survey by Army Engineers, and to the purpose of the survey. He promised to find out something right away.

Just before going to press **The News-Journal** received the following telegram from Congressman Deane: "Concerning your inquiry on Army Surveys now being made in Hoke wish to advise that I am making thorough study and hope to be able to give you complete picture of this matter by first of next week."

The congressman said, when read a letter the Hoke County commissioners had written him on Monday, "I am at the same loss as your board of commissioners as to the purpose of the survey and to the probability of enlarging Fort Bragg. I do thing the Defense Establishment should be frank and honest in making an explanation of the survey. I will call Washington at once to find out. I will insist on an intelligent answer to the questions that are on your minds."

Rumors as to the intent of the engineers who are undoubtedly here are various and their repetition will not shed any light on the truth of the matter. The fact is that they are here, and have told the register of deeds that they will be working in his office "for some time."

The **News-Journal** will print the facts, and only these, as it learns them.

Chamber To Elect New Officers Next Thursday

The Raeford Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting next Thursday evening, December 11 and one of the main issues to come before the body will be the election of members to fill the expired terms of members of the board of directors.

Members of the board of directors whose terms expire this year are H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Paul Dickson, Julius Jordan and Neill A. McDonald. A nominating committee has already met and approved the names of eight members to be submitted to the body for these vacancies. They are John Draughon, J. W. McPhaul, Tom McBryde, C. P. Kinlaw, J. W. Canaday, Marcus Smith, J. W. Best and Marshall Newton.

A vacancy which has been created by the moving away of Charles Hostetler will be filled at this time also. The nominating committee nominated Israel Mann and Jake Austin to be voted on for a one-year term.

Meeting time next Thursday is 8:00 p. m. at the courthouse and additional nominations may be made from the floor at that time.

Members of the board whose terms do not expire this year are J. I. Hubbard, J. L. McNeill, W. C. Phillips, Harvey Gobeille, C. L. Thomas, R. B. Lewis and W. H. Fann.

JUDGE SICK; NO COURT

There was no recorder's court Tuesday due to the illness of Judge-elect T. O. Moses. Moses became sick over the week end and was unable to attend the swearing in ceremonies which were held Monday. As far as can be determined court will be held next week as usual.

FILM AT GALATIA SAT.

A new film, "Korea Today", will be shown at Galatia Church Saturday night, December 6 at 7:45. The public is cordially invited to attend.