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Addenda - - -

By the Editor

John McGoogan hopped on me about writing him about his paper being out last week. He said it was a "mighty sassy letter for a first notice," and that "you certainly brag on your paper," I expect John is about right, on both counts. As to the "sassy letter," we got behind on our subscription notices in December, and several people whose subscriptions were running out didn't get the customary first and second notices we usually send, but got the third one which we usually send when we are taking them off the subscription list. As to the bragging, well, John sent his \$3 back with his note, which was sorta "sassy" too, it seems to me. Seriously, though, I didn't mean to be sassy to those to whom I sent the cutoff letter as the first notice. It was just too late for anything else, and I didn't think it wasn't a bad idea to just point out what you get when you pay \$3 for your home town paper, even if it did sound a bit like bragging.

Tony Drake, down at the Elk Restaurant, says he really did move the coffee last Friday for the March of Dimes. He reported a total of \$23.38 for the day. This would seem to indicate that Tony gave some 466 cups of coffee to the polio drive. I don't know how many gallons this would be, but it is a lot of the stuff, I would say, and here's a pat on the back to Tony for a good effort, for a good cause.

It begins to appear that we won't be late getting our Christmas lights on for Christmas this year.

I see by this morning's "News and Observer" that our Senator J. Benton Thomas has been named to head one of the major committees in the State Senate this term, the "Salaries and Fees" committee. This speaks well for his activity in Raleigh in the relatively short time he has been there, and it's a good committee for him to head from our point of view, anyway. The county commissioners are wanting him and Representative Greene to get something done about the out of date courthouse fee system, and Thomas seems to have got himself right in position to do it. That's what we send them up there for.

Speaking of the Legislature reminds me of the bill I heard they were going to vote in the next day or two about driver's licenses. The bill would enable drivers of the state to renew their licenses by simply applying for a new one and stating that they had no known physical defects they didn't have when they were examined before, or that is the effect of it, anyway. I hope our people and most of the others up there will vote against this bill, and beat it. People's vision, perception and hearing don't get better as they grow older, they get worse, and this would simply be a means of keeping drivers on our roads after they are not qualified physically to drive. It only takes a few minutes to get examined, and for the safety of us all, I think it should continue to be required for license renewal.

I had a big time at the governor's inauguration last Thursday, and a full day as well. Starting before day with the National Guard, I stayed with them through the parade, some four or five hours of waiting and one or two of parading. You know, that's what parades always are for the troops in them, about four-fifths waiting, and like the Army, you have to hurry up to do it. When the National Guard started home at around three o'clock I switched over and joined another group and hob-

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Missionary To Speak To Presbyterians Sun.

Miss Florence Root, missionary to Korea for many years, will speak at the Raeford Presbyterian church at 7:00 o'clock next Sunday night. The public is invited to attend.

Miss Root was principal of the Speer girl's school in Kwangju, Korea, and was the only missionary to remain there when the section was overrun by the communists in 1950. She was for 11 weeks a fugitive in the mountains of Korea, having many narrow escapes before she was able to return and reopen her school after the Americans had recaptured Kwangju.

She returned to the United States last September, and expects to go back to her work in Korea in March of this year. Miss Root is an interesting speaker and her messages have been greatly appreciated wherever she has appeared.

Red Springs High Beats Hoke Girls For First Loss

Maxton Here Friday

After winning eight straight games the Hoke High girls lost their first one of the season in Red Springs Tuesday night 61-45. The boys came through to win their game 44-26.

The Red Springs sextet, who have had a rather poor season, thus far seemed to be able to do everything right Tuesday night as they ran up the most points of the season against the Does. The first quarter ended with the score tied at 13-13. In the second quarter they pulled away to their margin of victory as they held the Does to only 8 points and scored 19 themselves. In the second half they scored 11 and 16 points in the final two quarters while the Does scored 9 and 13. Claudine Hodgins was high for the Does as she scored 26 points. Ina Scull with 9 and Janet Guin with 8 rounded out the scoring.

For the Bucks it was virtually no contest as they walked away with a 44-26 win. Culbreth led the way with 12. McPhaul followed close behind with 10 and the remainder of the points were scattered throughout the remaining varsity and subs.

Friday night at the local gym the Bucks and Does took the measure of Bladenboro in two games with the girls winning the first one 39-28 and the boys taking the nightcap 55-40. Leading scorer for the girls team was Scull with 16 followed by Guin with 14 and Hodgins with 8.

For the boys in what was probably their best game to date McPhaul was top scorer of the night with 24 points.

Friday night the teams will again play at home as they meet Maxton on the local gym court. In the first meeting of the two teams earlier in the season Raeford experienced little difficulty in winning, but Maxton is said to have improved since that game.

On Tuesday night of next week the locals will again play at home. This time their opponents will be the highly regarded 71st team from Cumberland County.

LOCAL MAN GETS AWARD FROM INSURANCE CO.

Nell J. Blue, local agent for the New York Life Insurance Co. since September, 1950, was advised this week that he had qualified for the company's "Star" club, a grouping of top producing representatives all over the country. Because of his fine record Blue has been invited to attend the company's sales conference in Daytona Beach, Florida, in the early spring.

He is now a patient in Moore County Hospital where he underwent an operation last week.

Mrs. Walter Baker is spending this week in Pine Level with her mother, Mrs. D. B. Oliver.

Judge Leo Carr To Open Court Here Monday

Light Session Expected

Judge Leo Carr will return to the Superior Court bench in Hoke County for the first time in five years when he opens the regular January term of Hoke County Superior court next Monday morning. He was last here in 1948, and also held court here in 1943. Under the rotation system Judge Chester Morris of Currituck, who held several terms of court here last year, will not return for five years unless a change in schedule is made.

A comparatively light session of court is expected, as there are only about 15 defendants scheduled for trial, as if the past is anything to judge by, several of these will get their trials postponed. Only about a half-dozen civil cases, including divorces, are to be tried.

The major cases on the docket are all continued from the November term. Zeph Graham, colored man of Blue Springs township, is charged with killing Robert Nevin last July 20. The trial has been postponed twice, last time due to the illness of the defendant. The case in which Charlie Flynn, colored, is charged with killing Benjie Lee Murchison in October, 1951, is still on the docket, and this will be the fifth term of court since then. R. P. Lambert and his daughter, Mildred Lambert Chavez, are scheduled to be tried for incestuous and immoral conduct.

George McRae, colored, faces trial on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Other cases on the docket are appeals from recorder's court and cases postponed from the last term of Superior court.

Same grand jurors that served in November will serve for next week's term of court. List of those called for petit jury duty is as follows:

T. J. Tarlton, J. L. Johnson, W. C. Sellar, L. E. Luck, E. W. Norton, Russell Jones, F. C. McPhaul, W. E. Holt, C. A. Lilly, John W. McPhaul, R. L. Brooks, R. M. Hooper, Thomas Chason, S. E. Hardin, H. W. Ellis, John T. McVieker, Johnnie W. Hinnant, Ernest Bullin, J. P. Barbour, J. W. Batten, J. W. Canaday, B. F. Hardister, Ross Miller, W. M. Davis, M. C. Almond, Lum Thomas, H. B. Walters, John Dunk McNeill, B. F. Boyles, Clyde Upchurch, Jr., H. T. Hines, Wilmer Hendrix, C. T. Crouch, Jim Williamson, A. S. Watson.

Forestry Field Day To Be Held Friday

A fence post treating and fence construction demonstration will be held Friday, January 16, at 1:00 p. m. on Carl Riley's farm. Mr. Riley's farm is located about 2 miles southeast of the State Sanatorium on the Raeford-Abbeeden highway.

There will also be a tree planting demonstration using a mechanical tree planter.

John Gray and Ross Douglass, Extension Foresters, will conduct the fence post treating and tree planting demonstrations. Howard Ellis, Extension Engineer, will conduct the fence construction demonstration.

Treating fence posts is a simple operation and practically every farm in the county has adequate posts to meet its needs if properly treated.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gattis of Raleigh and Joe Murray of Fuquay spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Benner.

Mrs. H. L. Usher has been quite ill this week.

Mrs. Martin Ray is a patient at Moore County Hospital.

Miss Libby Suddreth of UNC spent the week end at home.

Students To Give PTA Program On March Of Dimes

The Hoke - Raeford Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular meeting next Monday night in the auditorium of the Raeford Graded School at 7:30.

The program for the meeting will be given by the students of the Graded school and from the Hoke County High School in cooperation with the Hoke County March of Dimes. Various students will give vocal and instrumental renditions and dances, and there will be a playlet in which former infantile patients will appear.

Peter McLean, association president, urges all parents and teachers to attend the meeting and help with the drive for 1953.

March Of Dimes Drive Slowly Gets Going

Various communities have announced the dates of their projects in the March of Dimes fund raising campaign and some of the other planned activities are still indefinite.

Four communities, Wayside, Stonewall, Montrose and Ashmont have set their dates for their chicken, barbecue, oyster stew, or variety show and most of these will take place next week.

Wayside is holding an oyster and chicken supper Thursday evening, January 22 at the Wayside Community house from 5:30 'til 9:00 p. m. The plates will be \$1.00 each and the entire proceeds will be turned over to the Polio Fund.

Stonewall will hold a pit-cooked country style barbecue and chicken salad supper Friday January 23 at the Mildouson school lunchroom.

They will start their supper at 5:30 and will have cakes and pies for sale, and after the supper will hold bingo games and cake walks.

Also on Friday night, at the Montrose Community house a Brunswick stew dinner will be held from 6 to 8 p. m.

On January 30, Friday night, at the Ashmont school a beauty contest and a variety show will be held at 7:30.

A "Mothers March on Polio" will take place in Raeford the 31st of this month, Saturday night, between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock. During this time members of the Woman's Club will canvass town and homes which have their porch lights on they will stop and get contributions for the March of Dimes.

Any group or community that is planning a project is asked to turn it in to the News-Journal so that it can be brought to the attention of the public.

GLEE CLUB SELLS CAKES

Starting Saturday morning the Hoke High Glee Club will sponsor a cake sale in an effort to raise money for the new grand piano recently purchased for the high school. The sale will be held at Cooper's Super Market each Saturday morning and persons may either place a special order for a cake or buy one already baked.

Special cake orders will be taken any day of the week through Thursday by delivery the following Saturday by Mrs. Jake Austin at 6911 after 3:30.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott Poole of Southern Pines are moving to Raeford this week and will occupy an apartment in the home of Mrs. A. K. Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon McKay of Dunn spent the week end with Mrs. McKay's mother, Mrs. A. K. Currie.

President and Mrs. Marshall Scott Woodson of Flora Macdonald College, were supper guests of Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin on Saturday.

Name Committee To Raise Money For Land Fight

Raeford To Raise \$2500

At a meeting of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce Board of directors Monday night Harvey Gobeille, president, announced the names of those who would participate in the canvass of Raeford to raise the \$2500 which the town is expected to put into the fund to defray expenses of the effort being made to save the 50,000 acres of Hoke County land from being taken into the Fort Bragg reservation. This amount is one fourth of the total amount expected to be raised in the county.

Gobeille named Tom Cameron, chairman and the following to the committee: Israel Mann, Younger Snead, Kermit Wood, H. L. Gatlin, Jr. and Alfred Cole. This group held a meeting on Tuesday and made plans for contacting almost everybody in Raeford about a contribution to the fund. It was also announced that R. B. Lewis would be treasurer for the local committee and for the whole county drive.

It was pointed out also that contributions to the fund would be considered as business expenses and could be so deducted on income tax returns by business firms and individuals participating. This view was reached after expression by several that the success of the effort to save the land is as vital to people in business in Raeford as it is to the people in the land affected. It was also pointed out that any effect on the tax rate of the county caused by losing taxable property would certainly be felt by every property owner in the whole county. Any money not used for the purpose will be returned to the donors on a proportional basis.

The finance committee was also told to stress the fact that there is constant activity on the part of the county commissioners and the committee working on the project, but that this activity is not being given great publicity in order to take no chance of hurting the effort by the wrong thing being said.

Name Merchant's Committee

At the meeting Monday Gobeille also announced the naming of the merchant's committee of the Chamber for the year. This committee, which handles the affairs of the Chamber dealing with trade promotions and other activities concerning retail merchants only, consists of E. E. Smith, chairman, and W. C. Phillips, J. I. Hubbard, John Draughon, J. E. Byrd, Carlton Niven and Elmore Stanton.

Guard Cagers Lose First Game Wed.

A small crowd saw the local guard team start its play in the newly organized Pine Belt League last Wednesday night as they went down in defeat before a strong Pinehurst team 60-51.

The guardsmen took the lead in the second half and built it to a seven point margin with five minutes to play in the game but couldn't hold on and Pinehurst won going away.

Leading scorer for the Raeford team was Poole with 14 points. Last night they played the Air-Ground team from Southern Pines in Southern Pines.

COURT OF HONOR HELD AT HIGH SCHOOL TUES.

At the Boy Scout Court of Honor which was held at the Hoke County High School Tuesday night, one local boy received merit badges and ten others were recognized as new scouts. Leon Cameron got his final three merit badges on his Eagle Scout requirements and will probably receive the coveted Eagle award at the next Court of Honor.

Bank Holds Annual Meeting Thursday

The stockholders of the Bank of Raeford held their annual meeting in the banking rooms of the bank last Thursday morning. The report made by the management showed that the bank had a very successful year in 1952.

Directors elected for the year were H. L. Gatlin, F. B. Sexton, J. B. Thomas, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., J. L. McNeill, A. K. Stevens, C. L. Thomas, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., L. M. Upchurch and R. B. Lewis. Board of Directors elected officers as follows: H. L. Gatlin president, F. B. Sexton vice-president, R. B. Lewis executive vice-president and cashier, and Miss Jessie B. Ferguson and A. W. Wood, Jr., assistant cashiers.

A dividend of \$12 per share was paid to stockholders on January 1, 1953.

In the article appearing last week in connection with the bank entering its fiftieth year of operation, the name of the late E. B. McNeill was unintentionally omitted from those who had served as presidents of the bank. Mr. McNeill succeeded J. W. McLaughlin as president in 1931, and served the bank in that capacity until his death on March 14, 1945.

County's First Traffic Death Of 1953 Occurs

The first traffic death of 1953 in Raeford and Hoke County resulted from a collision at the corner of Fulton Street and Sixth Avenue here Saturday night. Sam Swan, 50-year-old negro, died in Moore County hospital Monday from internal injuries sustained.

Swan's car, a Plymouth about five years old, apparently was moving west on Sixth Avenue at the Edgat Hall residence. On entering Fulton Street, which has the right of way at that corner, the Plymouth was hit by a 1952 Chevrolet driven by Wayne Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Maxwell of Raeford.

Swan's car came to rest bottom upwards on the southwest edge of the intersection, with Swan and Sarah Jane Moore, also colored, pinned beneath it. James Henry Fairly, colored, was also a passenger and remained in the car throughout the accident. Swan and the woman were taken to Moore County hospital where Swan died on Monday morning.

The woman is said to have suffered hip injuries of a serious but not critical nature while Fairly, who did not enter the hospital until Sunday, is thought to have suffered shoulder and chest injuries.

Young Maxwell, who was driving south on Fulton street, suffered cuts on his face and head.

The accident was investigated by the Raeford police department and no arrests have been made. Other occupants of the Plymouth are said to have stated that Swan was driving at the time of the wreck, although no explanation has been made as to why he didn't stop at the stop sign at Fulton street. Officers state that check of his car showed that it had no brakes after the accident, although they may have lost fluid after the impact. There was a container of brake fluid in the car.

Swan and the Moore woman were under the car, which was bottom upwards with both doors shut when it came to rest.

Coroner James C. Lentz, plans an inquest when the other occupants of Swan's car are discharged from the hospital.

John K. McNeill, Jr. is out after being in since he had an operation at the Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg on December 26.

Mrs. R. A. Matheson and her mother, Mrs. L. B. Sutton, Sr. spent Friday and Saturday in Durham.

First Jury Trial Before Recorder Ends In Mistrial

Two Days This Week

Recorder's court was held Tuesday and Wednesday before Judge T. C. Moses here this week, with Wednesday being set aside for cases where jury trial had been requested. The State Supreme Court recently ruled that a defendant is entitled to trial by a jury in a lower court if he wants it, thus the first such trials in Hoke County recorder's court in at least a dozen years were held this week. It had been the practice for those defendants asking for jury trial to be sent up to Superior Court, where all cases are tried by jury. The system was ended by the Supreme Court decision.

The first case to be tried by jury was heard by six jurors Wednesday. The defendant was Josef Frank Sauline, white man of Belmont, charged with driving drunk. The morning was taken up getting the jury and hearing the evidence and arguments. The jury went out at 12:20 and at two o'clock they advised Judge Moses that they could not agree. He told them that there was no particular hurry and to continue their deliberations. At six o'clock, however, he and they gave it up and the case was declared a mistrial. The jury consisted of Merritt Herring, J. A. Jones, Arnold E. Baker, P. C. English, Lloyd Crowley and D. M. Ray.

In the other case, which took the afternoon, Leroy Murchison, colored, was charged with driving after his license had been revoked. The jury took only about 15 minutes to return a verdict of guilty in this case. Murchison was sentenced to six months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$200 and costs.

On Tuesday at the regular weekly session two defendants were tried on charges of driving drunk and one was found guilty and one not guilty. Thomas Glenn Harrell, white, was found guilty and sentenced to four to six months on the roads. Sentence was suspended on payment of fine of \$200 and costs. On a charge of hit and run driving the judge apparently concluded he was too drunk to know he had hit anything and let him off with the costs. In the other case Allen Lemmal Campbell, white, was found not guilty.

Theodore Stuart, colored, paid costs for assaulting his wife.

James Poe, colored, paid costs for being drunk and disorderly.

James Calvin McDonald, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign and 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for having no driver's license. Solomon Allen, colored, also got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs for failing to stop.

Robert McMillan, colored, was charged with assault with intent to commit rape. He was found guilty of assault on a female and of taking a coat. He got four to six months suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and \$30 for the coat.

James Fred Handon, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs in each of two cases, one for speeding and one for careless and reckless driving.

The State dropped the case against James Glover, colored, for having no driver's license.

Arthur Silvers, white, forfeited a \$25 bond for speeding.

GIFT SHOP SOLD

Miss Belle Graham announced this week that she had sold the Graham Gift Shop here to Mrs. Herbert McKeithan. Mrs. McKeithan plans to remodel and restock the shop and will operate it as "Jane's Gift Shop."

Mrs. Dwight Brown is a patient at Moore County Hospital in Pinehurst.