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Addenda - -

By the Editor

An editorial in Wednesday's Fayetteville "Observer" entitled "Hoke Dilemma: Our Attitude Should Be One Of Neighborliness," answered my comment of last week about the referendum of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and went further. It went about as far in a kindly direction toward the situation here as I think we could expect. I appreciate it, and know that we all will. I felt a little bad about the barbed remark I flung in the direction of Fayetteville last week when I learned the next day on good authority that the Chamber of Commerce there had reconsidered its referendum proposition as originally put to its members. However, I still feel that I and all of us had room to get a little madder at the way we first saw it, and I am glad that a wiser and kinder attitude prevailed.

All this publicity the affair has been getting lately, with varying and sometimes contradictory reports in the different newspapers and on the street corners, certainly tends to confuse people all the way around Fort Bragg. It can and will have a good result, though, for the more publicity the thing gets, the nearer the final decision will be to the right one. The proposition will have to be judged entirely on its merits if the public is in on it.

I hope Joe Stalin's getting out doesn't mean my getting back in.

Whenever I get to wondering about some person or event of several years ago around here I look up one of the boys or girls who were around here a bit before I was. Hallie Gatlin is usually one of my pretty good sources, because he has a good memory for people and dates in addition to having been here for several years over forty. He was telling me yesterday about Mr. E. C. Heins coming here around 1912 and putting in the telephone company and building the store building and residence on Elwood avenue. He also told me that Miss Swannie Rantz was a telephone operator for the Heins company here back in those days before she married the late Ryan McBryde. Mr. McBryde has passed on but Mrs. McBryde still lives in the McBryde home on Magnolia Street.

As these things come up to make me dig into the past of this place, where my father lived, and his father before him, the idea keeps coming to my head that one of these days the sources of a lot of this information will be gone and whether I'm here to want to hear it or not, someone will be. It makes me wish I had the time to probe around and talk to some of the old-timers more, and write it down. For that matter, a lot has happened in my 36 years around here that will go on to be forgotten if it isn't recorded. First, the boys who remember things get to talking about them, and different ones remember them differently. Then, next thing you know, those who do the actual remembering are not around, and the facts themselves get beyond recognition as time passes. This town is 50 years old this year, and it seems a shame to let the memory of its early history and people just fade away.

Lady that had a fire here the other day opened the telephone book and found "Fire" and did a lot of ringing and got no answer. Neighbors reported the fire, and she later found that she had been calling the Maxton fire number. In the telephone directory we have to use Raeford is the third town in the book. Maxton has a pretty obvious fire number displayed when you open the book. The Red Springs number is not so easy to find, and the Raeford one takes a calm, collected, determined search, something it isn't going to get when your house is on fire. Seems to me all the fire (Continued on back page)

Recorder Fines Drunk Drivers, Speeders, Tuesday

In a fairly light session of Hoke County Recorder's court Tuesday Judge T. O. Moses imposed fines on two drunken drivers, a drunk, the writer of a bad check, and handled a half-dozen speeding and other traffic cases.

To charges that they were driving drunk Lee Baker, white, pled guilty and Henry McDonald, colored, was found guilty in separate cases. Each got from three to four months on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$100 and court costs. Baker's sentence had the additional stipulation that he must leave the county in 10 days and not come back for two years.

Louis Lapetina, Sidney Weiner, and Morris Friedburg, all white, and Arvin Chavis Indian, each left a \$25 bond on a speeding charge. Also for speeding Elvin L. McDaniel, white, paid \$20 and costs and Charles Messinger, also white, paid \$10 and costs.

Thearchie McPhatter, colored, had to make good a bad check and pay court costs for writing it.

James Alford, colored, paid \$10 and costs for having no driver's license.

Brown Stubbs, white, paid \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving and having improper brakes.

Fred Loyd, colored, paid \$10 and costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Hoke High Ends '53 Cage Season With 2 Victories

Girls Enter Tourney

The Hoke High Bucks and Does closed their 1952-53 basketball season successfully Monday night with comparative easy wins over Rockingham in the local gym.

The Does were at no time hard pressed in their 45-22 win over the lassies from Richmond County and had a 26-14 lead at the end of the half. They went to score 17 points in a slow second half to build up their win margin. Hodgin with 20 and Guin with 18 were the scoring leaders for the locals.

Coach Huggin announced yesterday that the locals would play in the Girls' State Tourney at Aberdeen which will begin next Monday. Their opponents will be Carthage whom they will meet Monday night.

For the Bucks, who have ended their season, the 38-27 win over Rockingham was one in which they had to come from behind in the final quarter to win. The score at the half time was tied 16-16. Raeford hold a 12-7 lead at the end of the first quarter but losing this in the second quarter. At the end of the third quarter the visitors lead 23-22 but the locals scored 15 points in the final quarter while holding Rockingham to only four points for their win.

McPhaul with 13 and McNeill and Lovette with 6 each led the scoring. The Bucks got no further loss at Massey Hill than the first round of the sectional tournament last week at Massey Hill as they made one of their worst showings of the entire year, losing 44-34 to Stedman. Stedman had a two point lead at half time, 16-14, and increased it two more points by the end of the third quarter and to 19 during the final period. McPhaul with 10 and Culbreth with 8 were high for Raeford.

For each team a comfortable season record was proof of a better than average year. The Does won 16, tied two and lost two and the Bucks had a record of 16 and 5.

Correction: Little River Makes Quota In March Of Dimes

March of Dimes Chairman Hurley Jones of Little River Township was in town last week end wanting to get something straightened out, and did. He said the article in last week's paper which said that no community had reached its quota in the drive did not apply to Little River Township.

Jones had a receipt from Treasurer Bob Shuford for \$360.54 and a bank deposit slip to the fund for \$200, making a total of \$560.54 raised with a quota of \$500. However, as Little River was listed at \$391.10 in the paper, the figures still didn't match. It appeared after checking Shuford's records, though, that the township had received credit for \$30.56 from its school, which Jones didn't know about.

It all adds up to \$591.10 for Little River Township, almost a hundred dollars over their quota, the only township in the county to get there.

Guard Unit Plans Anniversary Party

Hoke County's National Guard Unit, Battery A of the 130th Antiaircraft Battalion, will celebrate its sixth anniversary with a supper and dance at the armory next Tuesday night, March 10, according to an announcement this week by Captain Edwin D. Newton, commanding officer. Captain Newton, who was promoted last month at the same time as Captain Luther W. Clark of the 130th battalion staff, has commanded the unit since July 28, 1950.

The battery has kept a strength of approximately 100 men for several years and shares the honor of being the oldest postwar line unit in the State with Company M, of the 120th Infantry in Shelby, which also was organized on March 10, 1947. Its officers are in addition to Captain Newton, First Lieutenant Talmadge English and William L. Poole, Jr., Second Lieutenants Thomas M. Macko and Eugene P. Smith, and Warrant Officer Roger W. Dixon. First Sergeant is Jesse N. Gullede.

The supper will be for members of the battery and their invited guests, but Capt. Newton has issued an invitation to the public to attend the dance, which will begin at 9:00 o'clock.

Town Gives Notice Of Primary, Election

The Town of Raeford this week announced that the primary for the nominations of candidates for mayor and members of the board of commissioners would be held at the town hall on Monday, April 6, 1953. The election will be held on Monday, May 4. The registration books will be open beginning Saturday, March 14 and will remain open through Saturday, March 28, for all who are eligible and have not done so to register.

Saturday, April 4, will be Challenge Day, and the registration books will be open that day for that purpose.

Thursday, March 26, will be the last day for candidates to file in the primary and the notice states that no name will be placed on the ticket unless received with filing fees on or before that date.

SUPPER AT ROCKFISH

The Rockfish Parent-Teacher association will sponsor a chicken supper and oyster stew at the school next Tuesday, March 10, beginning at 5:30 p. m. The affair is for the benefit of the school lunchroom, and the public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Ruth Willis spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Laton and Helen of Aberdeen and attended church services there Sunday.

Canada Named Fund Chairman Of Red Cross Drive

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., chairman of the Hoke County chapter of the American Red Cross, this week announced that J. W. "Pete" Canada, manager of Dundarrach Trading Co., had accepted appointment as chairman of the 1953 Red Cross fund drive in the county. K. A. MacDonald and Israel Mann are members of the fund drive planning committee.

Canada said yesterday he is working an organization for the town and the various communities of the county and that this will be made public next week, with names of chairmen of every phase of the drive.

He said that the drive was being started a little late in this county due to the fact that other drives for funds in the county had not been completed, but urged the support of every citizen of the county in making the usual fine record for the town and county in the campaign. He said that people are of course aware of the drive being conducted nationally this month by the Red Cross through the press, radio, and television, and that it would be largely unnecessary to point out the many reasons why the Red Cross is deserving of support.

Canada pointed out two reasons for the budget in this county being increased to \$3000 this year. First, he said that the Defense establishment was continually increasing its demands on the Red Cross for more facilities and services both at overseas installations and in this county. The second reason, he said, is the tremendous blood collecting program being carried on by the Red Cross due to the demand for gamma globulin. He urged the full support of the people of Raeford and Hoke County so that the fine local record of full contribution might be maintained and that people here might participate in the tremendous program of good work being carried out by this organization.

Johnson Cotton Co. Plans John Deere Day

L. W. Turner, manager of Johnson Cotton Co., of Raeford, said this week that plans were complete for the two big "John Deere Day" programs this year and that they would be held at the Hoke High school Friday, March 6, at 7:30 p. m. and at Upchurch school, Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 p. m.

Turner urged farmers to attend the programs, and said that tickets would not be necessary, as the supply had run out and they were not being charged for anyway.

The program will consist of a film featuring Buster Keaton and includes educational pictures and entertainment, as well as valuable prizes for those attending. Also to be shown is the film entitled "What's New for 1953" continuing the series showing the development of new farming equipment.

Funeral At Galatia For Pastor's Wife

Funeral service was conducted at Galatia Presbyterian church at 10:00 o'clock this morning for Mrs. Beverly O. Shannon, 58, wife of the pastor, who died Tuesday at Highsmith hospital.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, assisted by Dr. S. E. Howie and the Rev. C. M. Gibbs. Burial is to be in Tazewell, Va., at 10:00 a. m. Friday.

Mrs. Shannon was the daughter of the late George and Alice Ward, of Tazewell, and spent her early life near Charlottesville, attending Mary Baldwin college in Staunton, Va.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, and two sisters.

Raeford To Have Opera Performance In English Mar. 24

The Chaminade Music Club announced today their plans to bring the Grass Roots Opera Company of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs to Raeford on Tuesday, March 24, for a performance of Mozart's comic opera "School For Lovers" in English. The performance will take place in the Hoke High School Auditorium. Tickets will go on sale next week through the club and in the schools. Proceeds are to be used to help the high school pay for its new piano.

The Company was organized in 1949 by A. J. Fletcher, Raleigh attorney and businessman, who ities for talented North Carolina singers to gain experience in public performance. A singer himself, Mr. Fletcher realized that opera in English can be excellent entertainment, but had never been accepted as such by the American public as a whole. The average American shudders slightly at the thought of going to an opera. He associated the word "opera" with some very unreal performance in a language he can't understand. Mr. Fletcher and his Grass Root Opera Company set out to prove that the public generally can be brought to enjoy and attend operatic productions if skillfully produced in English. He says that this has been proven in over 50 cities in which they have appeared so far.

The Grass Roots Opera Company is made up not only of career singers, but also of avocational singers, such as doctors, accountants, stenographers, clerks, voice teachers, plumbers, lawyers and cosmetologists.

This effort by a few North Carolina music lovers is intended to signal a simpler approach to the opera problem in America, to acquaint people with the beautiful music in opera, and thus create a demand for this type of production which will ensure pleasurable experience for the listeners, profit for the performers, and no loss to the sponsors.

Members of the Chaminade Club feel very fortunate in being able to schedule this company for an appearance in Raeford, and hope the public will take advantage of the opportunity to attend.

E. C. Heins, Man Who First Put Telephones Here, Dies In Sanford

Edward Chandler Heins, 90, president of Heins Telephone Company of Sanford and operator of the first telephone system in Raeford, died at his home in Sanford last Saturday afternoon. A native of Columbia, S. C., he helped in the founding of telephone systems in many towns in North Carolina. He came here with his family around 1912 from Mount Airy. He built the building now occupied by Wood's Furniture Store here as well as the residence on Elwood Avenue now occupied by Clarence Lytch.

He went to Sanford in 1922 and was a partner with his sons in the telephone company there, which has grown from a small exchange to a large and modern system. His telephone interests here were sold to the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company at that time.

Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church in Sanford, and burial was at Buffalo cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Janie Underwood; four sons by a former marriage, W. H., E. C., Jr., L. C. and Max T. Heins all of Sanford; two sisters, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Max Heins is the former Eunice Blue of Raeford.

Jennie Blue and Gay Bethune, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Bethune of Concord, spent the week end with their grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Blue.

COUNTY BOARD MAKES PLANS TO STOP ILLEGAL SALE OF LIQUOR

Army Reported Planning Third Corridor Survey

News and Observer for Wednesday reported from Washington that the Army had agreed to make a third survey for a prospective new firing range "corridor" needed at Fort Bragg.

The report said that the survey would begin early next week and would cover a "possible northeast to southwest area" that would require taking over considerable new acreage in Harnett County as well as a slice of Little River Township in this county.

The Raleigh paper also stated that if approved, such a new corridor would replace previously considered areas extending south and west from Raeford, on the south central boundary of Fort Bragg and connecting with Camp Mackall.

It is not known here just what was meant by the report from Washington, as reports from Little River Township and from the Aberdeen "Sandhill Citizen" of last week were to the effect that these same areas were already under survey and had been for several days.

Individuals here who have been working on the project state that they have no knowledge of the Army's intentions other than what was said at the conference the Hoke delegation had with Army authorities in the Pentagon on February 5. At this time the Hoke men were told that the Army would "further restudy" the matter of the original proposal to connect Bragg and Mackall. Further communication has not been received here since.

Officials Silent On Mill Sale

From the Greensboro News— Officials of Robbins Mills were silent today on New York reports that the firm may soon be sold to the American Woolen Company.

William P. Saunders, president of Robbins Mills, said, "I have no statement to make. I don't know anything about it."

Saunders returned tonight from a visit to the Robbins plant at Clarksville, Va.

Other company spokesmen were also noncommittal on a report that a study of the Robbins plant is now being made by the woolen firm.

A New York newspaper reported today that the American Woolen Company first proposed a merger with the Robbins Mills, and when this was rejected, followed up with the offer of direct purchase.

Robbins Mills has plants at Clarksville, Robbins, Red Springs, Aberdeen and Raeford.

Stock in the Robbins Company has risen sharply in recent trading. The range for 1952-53 has been 29 3-4 high and 18 1-4 low. It jumped two points yesterday and closed at 26 3-4.

LEGION TO MEET

The Ellis Williamson Post 20 of the American Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting and supper in the Hoke High school cafeteria Monday night at 6:30 o'clock. Commander R. B. Lewis urges members to attend.

CHURCH REVIVAL

The Rev. Floyd D. Haywood, pastor of the Church of God of Prophecy, located on the Aberdeen highway just outside of Raeford, announces that a series of revival services is being held there. Services are being held nightly and the public is invited.

Rural Policeman Employed

At their regular monthly meeting Monday the Hoke County commissioners got busy and stayed that way until night. Several matters of interest were dealt with by the board, with the most notable probably being the action of the board to deal with what it apparently considers an excessive amount of liquor being sold in the county. Two steps were taken on this.

The sheriff was asked to write to the Alcohol Tax authorities and ask their help in taking care of the bootlegging situation in Hoke County. He was also authorized and directed to employ a rural policeman for the county, salary to be paid by the county and agreed upon by the chairman of the board, the sheriff and the man to be employed. H. M. Meeks, one time Raeford police chief and later deputy sheriff, was employed, and was sworn in by the clerk on Wednesday. The county had a rural policeman when sale of beer was legal in the county and afterward, but the office had been discontinued for some time.

Other actions by the board included:

New Electrical Inspector
The appointment of A. K. Stevens, Jr., as county electrical inspector succeeding E. E. Smith, who recently resigned after serving in the job since 1934. Smith said it took too much time away from his work at the Raeford Hardware Co.

The appointment of Commissioner W. Marshall Thomas as a member of the three-man county public welfare board to succeed Dr. Marcus R. Smith, whose term had expired. Other members of the board are R. A. Smoak and J. W. Canaday.

Wednesday P. M. Closing
Authorization for the county offices at the courthouse and at the county office building to close on Wednesday afternoons, beginning April 1.

The employment of a man to accompany Ben Ray on three trips about the county vaccinating dogs.

The hearing of three road complaints, one for improper drainage and two for poor state of repair. J. A. McGoogan, secretary to the board, was directed to write the district highway engineer and ask that the roads be fixed.

The drawing of the jury for the April term of Superior court.

Ball Park Transferred
A decision to transfer ownership of the Raeford ball park from the county to the county board of education. This ball park has been under lease to the local American Legion post for several years, during which time the post installed a lighting system for night events. Subject to the legality of the transfer, the board of education will be able to administer the park for the use of the schools and others, and to supervise its proper maintenance.

RECORDING DISCHARGES

Mrs. Graham Clark, county veterans service officer, this week called attention to the fact that many veterans are running into trouble because they have not had their discharges recorded at the office of the county register of deeds. This is paid for by the county, costs the veteran nothing and affords a source for getting a copy made if the veteran ever needs it for anything. Mrs. Clark urged all veterans to have their discharges recorded as soon as they get out and thus avoid difficulty later.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Blue, Neill James Blue, Lawrence McNeill and Mrs. Kate B. Covington attended the funeral of E. C. Heins in Sanford on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander and son of Chapel Hill visited relatives in Raeford on Sunday.