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## Addenda

By the Editor

When the Army said again this week that it still wants the land it put us right back where we started, from which point we'll just have to start again. I do not believe we are whipped yet, and feel that we need all our determination and unity of purpose more now when things seem to be going against us.

In handling this matter from a news angle for the paper, I have been at something of a disadvantage, and have not carried as much news and comment about the situation as the papers in some neighboring communities have been able to do. For the benefit of those readers who have noticed this, I just want to say that my first consideration in handling news on this subject has been its effect on our fight, and never on what would look best in the News-Journal. In taking this view it is quite possible that in some cases I may have left things out that it would have been all right to print, but where a chance of publication of anything hurting our cause existed in my mind, I have not printed it. I shall continue to use this point of view on the matter until we have finally saved the land from the Army, and if we have any readers who are not interested in seeing the land saved they'll just have to look elsewhere for their news.

With the appearance of a case or two of rabies in surrounding counties some comment has been made by residents of Raeford about the large number of apparently ownerless dogs which run around the town, without homes or collars, and presumably without having been vaccinated against rabies. They are said to be a particular nuisance in Robbins Heights. The town fathers and the health department should get together and plan some action before hot weather.

Representative Harry Greene went on record as being opposed to the compulsory inspection of motor vehicles in the State when he appeared on the radio program of Carl Gierch from Raleigh this week. Also appearing on the program was State Senator James H. Pou Bailey of Raleigh, proponent of a bill to require such inspection. Greene expressed himself as feeling that Hoke County people would not want such a bill and that mechanical failures were not the major cause of traffic accidents. Well, I believe the records will bear Greene out on the causes of wrecks, but I am not so sure about Hoke County people being against it, although Greene may have better ways of knowing how the people feel than I do. I do know that the Kiwanis Club was polled on the subject at a recent meeting and voted 29 to two in favor of some kind of mechanical inspection law.

In answer to several queries as to why the Boy Scouts carried a Confederate flag in the parade last December when Santa Claus got here, this is to state that they carried it because they had just received it as a gift from the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and they thought it was the thing to do.

### MARSHALL NEWTON ILL.

County Commissioner Marshall Newton, who has been in a Fayetteville hospital in a grave condition for the past 10 days suffering with a heart ailment and other complications, was reported to be slightly better late Wednesday. Mr. Newton is said to have suffered a heart attack after leaving the county commissioners meeting on the afternoon of Monday, March 3.

David Scott Currie of Raleigh spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie.

## Rural Subscribers Get Phone Service In Rockfish Section And Along 15-A

Completion of a rural telephone project has brought telephone service to subscribers in the Rockfish section between Raeford and Fayetteville, it was learned today from Thornton Rose, Fayetteville district manager for the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The extensive rural project by the telephone company involved construction of over 18 miles of new pole line and the stringing of nearly 80 miles of open wire circuits. Over three miles of new telephone cable was also placed in connection with the project.

Rose said that the Carolina company spent over \$32,000 to provide service to the new rural subscribers, and that the rural line could serve from 65 to 70 families. The cable, which extends along the highway about

four miles from Raeford, can serve a large number of families who live along or near it.

The facilities lie along Highway 15-A east of Raeford and extends into the Rockfish section of Hoke County. The new subscribers are served through the Raeford exchange of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Mrs. A. A. McInnis, Rockfish correspondent for The News-Journal, is among the residents of the section getting a telephone, and her calls to the paper this week have been its first experience with the new line.

Movement to get rural service in the county was begun several years ago, and was led by Representative Harry Greene, the county home and farm agents, members of the county board of commissioners, and others.

## Hoke Girls Lose In Second Game At Aberdeen Wed.

Bethel High Wins, 52-45

The local Does lost out in their bid for honors in the Girls' State Tournament Wednesday night at Aberdeen as they suffered a defeat at the hands of Bethel, after having won their first round game on Monday night. Bethel won over Raeford, 52-45. In the first game the locals won out over Carthage, 34-29.

Monday night Carthage and Raeford played on almost even terms the first half with neither team being able to gain more than a three-point margin before the other team would quickly tie the score and take the lead. Carthage had a slim 17-16 lead at the half. Each team continued their cautious play in the third quarter and Raeford held a one-point lead at the start of the fourth quarter, 24-23.

With some three minutes remaining in the game the locals began to hang on to the ball in hopes of running out the clock and holding on to their two-point lead. Carthage began to foul in their attempts to get the ball and Raeford coasted on in to their five-point margin of victory.

Hodgin scored 22 points to lead both teams. Guin was runner-up for the winners with 12.

In the game on Wednesday night which Bethel won, 52-45, the locals were constantly faced with having to come from behind in hope of winning. At the end

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## Mrs. Maggie Dees Is Buried At Rockfish Sunday Afternoon

Funeral service for Mrs. Maggie Dees, 80, were conducted at Tabernacle Baptist Church at Rockfish on Sunday afternoon by the Rev. David E. Miller, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Lloyd O. Barker of Fayetteville and Chaplain Kenneth Linder of Fort Bragg. Burial followed in the Rockfish cemetery.

Mrs. Dees died Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Baker, of the Fayetteville-Fort Bragg road, where she had resided for some time. She had been seriously ill for a few days.

She was the widow of F. J. Dees, who died in 1916, and she had many relatives and friends in this county.

Surviving are six sons, A. F. Dees of Aberdeen, G. D. Dees of Rockfish, D. L. Dees of Fayetteville, Daniel M. Dees of Asheville, William Dees of Charlotte and Robert Dees; three daughters, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. A. A. Bunce and Mrs. A. L. Sherman all of Fayetteville; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Nora Sholar of White Oak and Mrs. Dan Smith of Hope Mills, RFD; one brother, Charles Baxley of Parkton.

In the picture, and reading

# Army May Still Want "Corridor" Young To Be In Fort Bragg Tuesday

## Recorder Fines Both Involved In Assault Case

Ralph Chavis, white, appeared in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning before Judge T. O. Moses on a charge of assaulting John W. Butler, Butler, however, after taking out the warrant had decided not to prosecute Chavis, although Chavis admitted to the court that he was guilty. The judge then fined both Butler and Chavis \$13.60 each for getting the case up there in the first place.

Several defendants paid fines for public drunkenness under the new statute which makes this a crime regardless of whether or not the defendant is disorderly. These were Curtis Medlin, Ernest D. Cameron, William W. Maxwell and Frank McMillan, all white. Each had to pay \$10 and costs except Cameron. He also had a little booze in a bottle and had to pay \$25 and costs.

Willie Locklear, Indian, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Case was continued until next Tuesday and bond set at \$2500 cash. He is in jail.

Thomas Morris, colored, was charged with breaking and entering at night with intent to commit rape. Prosecution's evidence in this case was apparently not too strong, as case was continued to April 14 and defendant was set free under a bond of \$200.

The State dropped its case against T. C. Artis, colored man charged with non-support, with leave to reopen.

For having no driver's license, Edward Fuller, colored, and Ronie Walker, white, each paid \$10 and costs. Samuel J. Maley, colored, paid the same for the same offense, but also had to make arrangements to fix a bridge he hit and damaged.

Hoses and Zenella Purcell, both colored, pled guilty of assaulting Ophelia Guin, colored. Each got 60 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and on condition that they stay away

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## Township Heads Named For Red Cross Fund Drive

Canvass Set For March 20

J. W. Canaday, county chairman of the 1953 Red Cross Fund Drive, this week named chairmen in the various townships of the county for the drive, and said that the organizations in these townships would be complete and ready for publication by next week. He said it was the hope of the leaders of the campaign that they would be able to stage a complete canvass of the whole county on Friday, March 20.

The drive in the various townships will be headed by Mrs. Willie Hodgins in Antioch, Mrs. Roy Goodwin in Quewhiffle, Mrs. David Hendrix in Stonewall, Miss Margaret Gainey in Blue Springs, Mrs. Charles Ray Pope in Little River, Ralph Barnhart in Raeford, and Professor G. A. Page of Upchurch High School for the colored division. A chairman of McLauchlin township was not named, but will be announced by next week.

Each of these township chairmen will work out various community divisions within their township and these organizations will be formed so as to be able to completely cover the county and both the business and residential sections of Raeford on March 20. The drive will last one month from this week and quota for the county this year has been set at \$3000.

In a letter to the various township chairmen, Canaday spoke of the difficulties to be encountered in making the drive a success, but pointed out the opportunity for real service that is within the reach of all through the Red Cross. He asked them not to think of it as a drive, but as a means of helping humanity in distress everywhere. Pointing out that most never see the people helped, nor get much praise for the work done, he said that they still render a great service and in the words of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done unto me."

## Tillman Elected Jaycee President At Meeting Tues.

At the regular supper meeting of the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night at the High school cafeteria James E. Tillman, superintendent of the Para Thread Company here, was elected president of the organization for its second year. He succeeds James C. Lentz, who was elected president when the Jaycees formed their chapter here last year.

Tillman, a native of Wadesboro, is a graduate of N. C. State College and a veteran of World War II. He has been here with Para since 1948, is married and has three children.

Other officers chosen were Dr. Riley M. Jordan, vice-president, Gene Smith, secretary, and Bill Lilly, treasurer. New directors are Luke McNeill, Joe Upchurch, Everett Farrell, George Wilcox and Charles Daramus.

At the meeting plans were completed for the local talent show to be staged at the High School on March 30 and 31 by the Jaycees, and formation of plans for the second annual Miss Hoke County beauty pageant which they plan to sponsor and which is tentatively scheduled for June 12. This promotion will be similar to the one last year in which Mary Sue Upchurch was the winner and from which she went on to place fourth in the State beauty contest.

## Division School Leaders To Meet Here Tuesday

The Southeastern Division of the North Carolina School Boards Association will convene in Raeford, Tuesday, March 17, with 11 counties expected to be represented.

J. A. Culbrethson, Robbins, President of the Southeastern District, will preside over the meeting in which county and city school boards and school committee men and women of rural schools are expected to attend.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 o'clock p. m. with a dinner in the cafeteria of the Hoke County High School. The program will include talks by prominent educators of the state.

Following remarks by Culbrethson, who is Chairman of the Moore County Board of Education, A. B. Gibson, Superintendent of Laurinburg Schools and Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the North Carolina Education Association, will speak to the group on the teacher shortage problem.

Dr. W. E. Rosenstengel, Professor of Educational Administration, University of North Carolina will talk on school board matters.

School legislative proposals relating to appropriations for the next two years, now before the General Assembly will be discussed by Henry C. McFadyen, Director of Public Relations, North Carolina Education Association.

The Southeastern District includes Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Robeson and Scotland Counties. All school committee men and women and their principals are invited as members of the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hendrick and children of Kannapolis were here for the weekend with Mrs. Hendrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Monroe.

## Reports Vary As To Actual Situation

According to a report carried today by the News and Observer, Thomas A. Young, special assistant to the Secretary of the Army, told Senator Willis Smith's office yesterday that the Army "has arrived at what it believes to be the final solution of the problem," in considering the taking of 50,000 acres of Hoke County land to connect Fort Bragg to Camp Mackall. He did say that he would come to Fort Bragg for a meeting on the subject next Tuesday.

The News-Journal, in a conversation with Congressman Charles B. Deane this morning, learned that Young told Mr. Deane today that he had not reached a final decision on the matter and was coming to Fort Bragg Tuesday to discuss it from all angles with Hoke and Fort Bragg people. Mr. Deane said Young told him he would not be coming for the meeting if he had reached a final decision.

Senator Willis Smith's office however, confirmed by telephone today that Young had reported reaching a decision, as the News and Observer article said. Apparently the truth is that he has practically made up his mind that the Army wants the land as it originally asked for it and for the same purpose, but that he will give a Hoke delegation the privilege of talking it over with him at Fort Bragg on Tuesday. Unless something is said there to change his mind it appears that he will recommend that the Army get the 50,000 acres it asked for in the beginning.

From this point the matter would require approval by the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of Defense, and the House Appropriations and Armed Services committees. The North Carolina Congressional delegation, led by Congressman Charles B. Deane of this district and Senator Willis Smith, has almost unanimously expressed itself as being opposed to the taking of the land as originally asked for.

The complete article as it appeared in the News and Observer of Wednesday, appears below.

Washington, March 11 — The Army seems to have decided, after a resurvey, to go ahead with its original plan for adding a 50,000-acre "corridor" to the Fort Bragg Reservation, thus connecting it with Camp Mackall.

Many citizens of Hoke County, which already has yielded 92,000 acres to Fort Bragg, will continue to oppose the annexation. And they will have strong support from Tar Heel legislators.

### Final Solution.

T. A. Young, Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, has advised Senator Willis Smith that the Army "has arrived at what it believed to be the final solution" of the problem.

Young added, however, that Army officials and a congressional group from North Carolina will go to Fort Bragg by airplane on March 17 for a meeting with representatives of those opposing the expansion plan. Those invited from Congress include Senators Clyde R. Hoey and Willis Smith and Representatives Charles B. Deane and F. Eitel Carlyle.

The Army has insisted that this southward expansion is the most feasible means of getting a reservation big enough for practice firing guns with ranges up to 40 miles. It has termed suggested alternate expansions plans that would extend to the North and East as being undesirable due, in part, to "unsuitable terrain."

Estimated cost of acquiring the additional land—mostly through condemnation and purchase at an average price of \$85—is \$18,000. (Continued on Page 4)

## ROBBINS MILL GROUP AWARDED DIPLOMAS AT DINNER



Pictured above are members of the supervisory group at the Raeford division of Robbins Mills (N. C.), who were awarded diplomas recently for completing a course in "Foremanship" and "Production Methods", taken through the facilities of LaSalle Extension University. The awards were made at a dinner held at the Hoke High School cafeteria. Fifty-four awards were made for the course, which lasted 13 weeks. It was conducted by correspondence with weekly meetings of the group being held in the mill for discussion purposes.

from left to right, Front Row: Ralph W. Barnhart, James L. Teague, Roy B. Avery, Jack K. Culbreth, Thomas F. Davis, William L. Hinson, Elbert F. Jones, Robert H. Clark;

Middle Row: W. Hamp Norton, W. O. McGuire, William W. Bowen, Carl T. Statts, R. Neill Ross, H. E. Garrison, Robert F. Mishoe, Samuel F. Hiser, Rowe H. Chapman, Pledger N. Thomas, Hubert L. Hall, Morris Montjoy, Herman D. Vinson, Brady C. Boger;

Back Row: Joseph P. Davis, Willard P. Shell, William Bowen, Benjamin A. Eilledge, Anderson, Mackay, Carlton L. Thomas,

Boyd L. Cox, W. Bruce Dees, Charles A. Monroe, Everett N. Ferrell, Franklin P. McNeill, John K. McNeill, Jr., Clifford J. Lacey, Craig O. Madison, A. V. Guyer, Peter S. Sawyer, Thomas M. Ripley, Jr., J. Barney Kirk; Not included in picture: Dick R. Green, Horace F. Ramsey, James H. Woodhouse, Eugene C. Deibler, James G. Davis, Robert L. Williams, Arnold H. Stell, Carroll J. Williford, Edgar W. Norton, Cameron W. Pleasants, Grady R. Setzer, John M. Linthicum, O. Max Sprinkle, James F. Carpenter, Harold L. Gillis, John D. Fly.