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## Addenda -

By the Editor

It begins to appear that the usual shying away from jobs on the town board of commissioners is going to take place this spring. Two years ago some of the civic clubs got eight or 10 people to run for the five jobs, and most of these now say they have had enough. It would appear from here that they have done a pretty good job, and that at least some of the present board ought to offer for reelection. Looks like the civic clubs better get busy again, because I think it is bad if the positions, which affect us all, go by default when anyone who files at the last minute goes into office for lack of opposition. I expect the town's problems in the next two years will be as weighty or more so than in the past two, so it is important to us all that we keep good men to solve them.

If I hadn't learned last week that Mrs. A. A. McInnis, our Rockfish correspondent, had a new telephone, I could have guessed it from the amount of news she has turned in her column this week, and that it must also be a party line. She has made good use of it, certainly. We would sure like to have some correspondents in other sections of the county which are not covered in our personal or other columns at present.

The Chaminade Music club is doing a mighty fine thing, it sins to me, in bringing the opera company here next Tuesday night. It is something which has gone over big in many places and which proves that us average people can enjoy good music. We ought to give ourselves a chance to do so, and at the same time help get the school's piano paid for.

I hope the news item this week about the Fort Bragg conference will clear up what the people of Little River Township were thinking about us, as well as what a lot of people here were thinking about General Royall not being at the conference.

The editorial in Wednesday's Fayetteville "Observer" seems to me to be a fair-minded, realistic view of the situation. It was entitled "Annexation: Cumberland Must Be Willing to Make Sacrifices", and it reads as follows:

"The Army has demonstrated very definitely that it believes it has an important need for many thousands of acres in Hoke County that the acquisition of this land would greatly increase the quantity of defense service which the Fort Bragg establishment could provide for the people of America.

"People living on this land very definitely do not want to sell it to the government and move away.

"The governing body of Hoke County and the residents of that county living outside the affected area definitely do not want to see the acquisition take place.

"We have therefore a definite conflict of interests between the residents of a limited area and the Army.

"It is therefore up to the government to make a decision on the conflict of interests between the Army and the citizens of Hoke.

"In deciding this conflict of interests the government must take into consideration the cost of setting up a similar acreage to accomplish the same purpose in some more sparsely settled area of the country.

"If the cost is not completely out of line, then the government should abandon the Hoke annexation idea.

"But if the cost of setting up an establishment elsewhere is prohibitive, or if no other area would give the Army the comparable training facilities, the government could with some show of

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## Name Workers For Red Cross Drive

J. W. Canaday, county Red Cross drive chairman for 1953, said this week that workers in the various townships of the county had been named by the township chairmen and that the drive had already begun in several communities. The campaign was put off for two weeks in this county due to either drives not being previously completed.

In Raeford, Ralph Barnhart, chairman, said that Mrs. Jake Austin and the Hoke High school Glee club would conduct the drive in the residential areas of Raeford.

The other workers in the various townships are named in an advertisement on the back page. Canaday asked that people of the county cooperate with the workers in their communities so that each township could reach its quota and the county quota of \$3,000 may be reached.

## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The Ashmont PTA held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

The Hoke County unit of N.C. EA held its annual election last Friday afternoon. The meeting convened in the library of the Hoke County High school with W. T. Gibson, president, in the chair.

A discussion was had of the legislative program. After this discussion the election of officers was held. A vote was taken for state officers. This vote resulted in a majority for Mrs. Meekins of the Raleigh City schools for vice-president. Earl C. Funderbuss of Elizabeth City received a majority for NEA director. There was no contest for president as this year's vice-president, M. E. Yount of Graham, had no opposition.

Election of local officers was not held. Mrs. Emily B. Cameron and Miss Sarah Tatum were appointed as delegates to the state meeting to be held in Asheville next week.

A talent show was put on by the pupils at Hoke High last Friday at activity period. From all accounts the "talent" was excellent. Everyone enjoyed it. About \$80.00 was raised for the student council.

The librarian at Hoke High announces that a good number of new books have been received by the library and will be available for use shortly.

The Hoke High baseball squad is the largest in history of the school. Lack of experience is the greatest handicap the coaches will have to overcome. They played their first game at Rowland Wednesday afternoon. At this writing we haven't heard how the game came out.

The faculty of Raeford Graded school found out that a number of children were missing school on account of lack of clothing. A note was sent to all parents asking for surplus clothing. The response was most generous. The Welfare Department is collaborating in the distribution of this clothing.

The Burlington school held its March professional meeting at the school building on last Thursday afternoon. A discussion of school problems was carried out.

School enrollment, membership, and percentages in attendance for the sixth month is as follows—white: Ashmont 137, 125, 92.2; Hoke High, Elem. 148, 134, 90.7; Hoke High, 300, 272, 92.4; Mildouson 96, 85, 92.1; Raeford Elem. 617, 552, 84.9; Rock-

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## Educators Discuss School Problems At Meeting Here

More than 75 school board members, district committee members, superintendents, and principals from eleven counties of the Southeastern District of the N. C. School Board Association met Tuesday night in the cafeteria of Hoke County High School to discuss the increasing shortage of white teachers and to elect officers for the next two years.

Speakers for the occasion were Henry C. McFadyen, Raleigh, Director of Public Relations for the North Carolina Education Association; and Dr. W. E. Rosenstengle, Professor of Education at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. J. A. Culbertson, Robbins, Chairman of the Moore County Board of Education and district president of the School Board Association, presided.

Robert H. Gatlin, Chairman of the Hoke County Board of Education, was elected president of the district for the next two years and K. A. MacDonald, Hoke County Superintendent, was elected secretary. John A. Graham, Red Springs, was chosen vice-president.

Reminding the group that there are 150,000 more children of school age in North Carolina than there were ten years ago, Mr. McFadyen stated that the two most serious problems facing the public schools are a shortage of buildings and a shortage of good teachers. This year, he pointed out, superintendents have had to find two thousand new white elementary teachers. All teacher training colleges of the state, however, graduated only 536 persons last spring prepared to teach in this field. With almost every available teacher already employed, the sources of teachers are exhausted. Superintendents from various counties testified to the acute shortage of teachers in their own administrative units.

Dr. Rosenstengle pointed out that the teacher shortage is nationwide. "We are going to have to have a quarter of a million new teachers in the next ten years to meet the need," he said. In his remarks on pending school legislation in the General Assembly, Mr. McFadyen stated that the proposed appropriations for schools fall far short of what is necessary to provide for the requests of the State Board of Education, Governor William B. Umstead, and the United Forces for Education. He urged that school board members, as the persons legally responsible for the schools in their areas, request their legislators to vote for increased appropriations for support of the public schools. "The present basis for the allotment of funds for instructional supplies is 75¢ per pupil per year," Mr. McFadyen said. "The proposed appropriations would reduce this to 71¢." Speaking of teachers salaries, he pointed out that the proposed ten percent increase will not even keep teachers abreast of the cost of living and will "certainly not attract enough of the right kind of young people into the teaching profession."

A showing of a film strip on the United Forces for Education goals preceded the talks by Mr. McFadyen and Dr. Rosenstengle. The five major goals of the United Forces are: (1) reduced class size, (2) provision of attendance enforcement personnel, (3) increased funds for all school supplies, (4) a salary scale of \$2600 to \$4100 for "A" certificate teachers, and (5) a grant in aid from the state to counties to help complete the school building program.

The United Forces Program has been endorsed by the State PTA, the State School Board Association, the North Carolina Education Association, the State Grange, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Division of University Women.

## Army Intends To Acquire Hoke Land

### Judge Fines Man For Operating One Quart Still

Jury Sets Another Free

Henry Morgan, colored, came up before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County Recorder's court Tuesday charged with owning and operating a whiskey still. The still, which officers brought in for evidence and later destruction, was a complete little affair, about the size of an orange crate, with a capacity estimated at about one quart, if any sampling was done by the operator during a run. Morgan pled guilty and got from three to four months suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

With a large docket to try, case in which R. O. Cothran, white, was charged with driving drunk was tried before a jury on Wednesday. He was found not guilty.

Eulus C. Oldham, white, pled guilty of driving drunk and was given from three to four months suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs.

Willie C. Locklear, Indian, was found guilty in one case of assaulting his wife and in another of assaulting Daniel Locklear. Sentence was from 9 to 12 months to be suspended on payment of \$150 and costs, move out of Que-whiffle township and be of good behavior for two years.

Johnnie LeGrant was charged with being drunk and Lucille LeGrant and Harry Lee Daniels were charged with interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty by hitting his car with rocks and bottles. They were found guilty and got 30 days each, to be suspended on payment of \$10 fine and costs and to pay damages to the officer's car.

Will Ross, colored, was found not guilty of assault.

Angus McDuffie, colored, pled guilty of assault in two cases. In one he got two to three months.

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## Mrs. I. H. Shankle Funeral Is Held Here Wednesday

Funeral service was conducted at the Raeford Baptist Church at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Ivey Hill Shankle, who died at a Fayetteville hospital Tuesday morning after an illness of several days. She has been in ill health for about three months and had suffered from cancer, although heart failure was the immediate cause of her death. The service was conducted by the Rev. Judson Lennon, pastor, assisted by the Rev. P. O. Lee, pastor of the Raeford Methodist Church and the Rev. Dr. Samuel Howie, pastor of the Highland Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville. Burial followed in the Raeford cemetery.

Mrs. Shankle was the former Ada Burris of Stanly County and had lived in this county for about 40 years. Her husband died in 1933. She had reached her 76th birthday on March 16, the day before her death.

She is survived by three sons, Ivey H. Shankle of Sanford, B. B. Shankle of Fayetteville, and J. Eli Shankle of Raeford, Route 2; two daughters, Mrs. A. C. Swanson of Tacoma, Washington, and Mrs. J. D. McCall of Fayetteville.

## Mrs. J. J. Beard Dies At Rex Tuesday

Mrs. J. J. Beard, 77, died at her home in Rex Tuesday morning. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon.

The Rev. Earl Robinson, assisted by the Rev. John E. Price, conducted the services at Rex Presbyterian Church Wednesday afternoon at 3:00. Survivors include Mrs. Walter Maxwell of Raeford, a step-daughter.

## Jaycees Announce Plans For Talent Show March 30-31

"On Stage America," a combination minstrel show and talent night, will be presented two nights, Monday and Tuesday, March 30 and 31 at the Hoke High Auditorium according to plans mapped out this week by the local Jaycees, who will sponsor the event. The cast will consist entirely of local people.

Features of the minstrel will include the usual interlocutor, end men, a choral group, a group of dancing choruses girls and a tiny tots popularity contest. Various types of talent acts will be given with the audience voting for their choice on Monday night and on Tuesday night the winners of the talent portion will be presented prizes.

Heading the various committees for the minstrel show are Jim Lentz, publicity; Jim Tillman, tickets; Gene Smith, talent; Bill Lilly, props and stage; Chalmers Davis, parade. Anyone that desires to enter the talent show may contact members of the talent committee or any Jaycee.

Members of the cast will be announced later. Advance tickets will be placed on sale this week and may be purchased from any Jaycee.

## Baby Contest Feature

The Raeford Woman's Club is sponsoring a baby contest for the benefit of the Community Building Fund. This contest will be held in conjunction with the production "On Stage America," which is being produced under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and will be presented March 30 and 31, 1953 at the Hoke High School auditorium.

The entrants in this contest to select the King and Queen, the Prince and Princess and Duke and Duchess of Toyland are the small fry of the town. Boys and girls under six years of age are eligible for this popularity contest. The polling places for them are located in the stores. For more information about entering a child in the contest contact Mrs. Lucy McFadyen at 6151 or Mrs. T. B. Lester at 439.

## Hoke High Bucks Start Baseball Work

With the basketball season a thing of the past the Hoke High Bucks have turned their attention to baseball and for the past two weeks have been holding daily workouts under the guidance of Coaches Bob Rockholz and Earl Huggins. Only eight games have been definitely scheduled so far but several more are almost a certainty and the dates of these will be announced later.

With but five lettermen returning from last year's squad the task of picking a starting lineup from the thirty-three candidates promises to be a job in itself. But Coach Rockholz said that with the candidates at least three deep at every position a well balanced team should be the outcome.

The Bucks opened with Rowland at Rowland yesterday afternoon and their first home game will be played next Monday with Rockingham furnishing the opposition.

The schedule at this time is: March 18, Rowland there, 23, Rockingham, here; 25, Rowland here; 27, Rockingham, there; April 1, Red Springs, here; 8, Red Springs, there; 15, Southern Pines there and 24, Southern Pines, here.

All home games will start at 3:30 p. m.

## GAME RAINED OUT

The first baseball game of the season for the Bucks scheduled for yesterday at Rowland was rained out and has been rescheduled for Friday afternoon. It will be played in Rowland at 3:00.

## CONFERENCE TUESDAY AFFIRMS NEED FOR 44,370 ACRES HERE; DEANE, CARLYLE, HELMS ATTEND

### First Performance Of Opera Here Is Set For Tuesday

For the first time in Raeford's history an opera will be presented here next Tuesday. Mozart's tuneful comic opera "School For Lovers" will be given at the Hoke County High School at 8:00 o'clock by the Grass Roots Opera Company under the auspices of the Chaminade Music Club. Tickets for the performance are on sale at Howell Drug Company and through members of the music club, and proceeds will be used to help the High school pay for its new piano.

The Grass Roots Opera Company was organized in 1949 by A. J. Fletcher, Raleigh attorney and businessman. 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. Since its organization this company has proved again and again that opera is good entertainment, and attendance at their performances has steadily increased.

The Company is made up of career singers as well as singers of other vocations who sing for the fun of it. Two of the feature roles are sung by Alex Dantre of Raleigh as Don Alfonso and William Beck of Wadesboro as Gratiano.

Members of the music club feel fortunate to have been able to secure the appearance of the company here, and hope that the public will take advantage of the opportunity to attend the single performance at the High School at 8:00 o'clock next Tuesday night.

## Local Guardsmen Lose; Playoffs Tues.

The local Guardsmen All-Stars dropped their final game of the regular season Tuesday night to the Red Springs Robins 63-51 but still wound up the season with a record good enough to qualify them for the playoffs which begin in Aberdeen next Tuesday.

The powerful Robins, who have been running up lopsided scores against all opposition this season, were forced to extend themselves Tuesday night for their win. Only four points separated the two teams at the half when the Robins led 31-27. Charles Grooms with 13 points was high scorer for the locals and Van Hoy with 16 paced the winners.

The Pine Belt League playoffs will start in the Aberdeen gym next Tuesday night and the championship game will be held on Thursday night.

Teams meeting Tuesday night will be Raeford and St. Pauls at 7:30 with the Air Ground team of Southern Pines and the Southern Pines Guardsmen following at 9:00. Wednesday night at 9:00 Pinehurst will take on Red Springs with the second game featuring the winners on Tuesday night following at 9:00. Thursday night will meet to decide the league championship.

## DANCE AT GYM FRIDAY

The student council of Hoke County High will sponsor a dance at the gym Friday night at 8 p. m. The music will be furnished by the school orchestra and a small admission will be charged. The dance will be open to the public.

## Decision Announced At Meeting Was Previously Reached

J. L. McNeill, Harry Greene and Paul Dickson of Hoke County, accompanied by Malcolm Gillis of Cumberland County, attended a conference in Fort Bragg Tuesday and heard T. A. Young, special assistant to the Secretary of the Army, say that he would recommend to the Secretary that 52,370 acres of Hoke and Cumberland County land be acquired by the Army for the expansion of Fort Bragg. The land in question is 8,000 acres in Cumberland and 44,370 acres in this county and would follow the same lines as previously announced to connect Fort Bragg with Camp Mackall to the southwest.

The conference was also attended by Congressman Charles B. Deane of this district and F. Ertel Carlyle of the Seventh District as well as Jesse Helms, administrative assistant to Senator Willis Smith of North Carolina. The Army was represented by officers from the Pentagon in Washington, Third Army Headquarters in Atlanta and Fort Bragg and XVIII Corps Headquarters. The group spent the entire morning touring land to the north and northwest of Fort Bragg by helicopter and auto.

At the conference in the afternoon the Army outlined its position with maps and figures and tried to explain why unoccupied land to the north and east of the reservation would not be as well suited for training needs as the land to the south and southwest. It was immediately following this explanation by Army officers and before Hoke representatives or the Congressmen were heard that Young announced his decision to recommend the taking of the land between Bragg and Mackall. He then allowed questions and comment from the Hoke men, the Congressmen and Mr. Helms.

## Checked Wrong Land

It was at this time that Chairman Lawrence McNeill of the Hoke delegation asked Young if the Army had not promised to look into use of land to the north and northeast of Bragg, largely unpopulated, instead of the land on which it based its case, which included most of Little River Township and highly developed farm land to the north of Little River. Young admitted this was the case and said that due to unavailability of the unoccupied land, swamps, lack of roads, etc., they had gone into the other land to the west.

During the morning's tour Young was shown land eastward and to the north and south from the fire tower at Johnsonville in Harnett County. He admitted this was the land which he had agreed to check at the request of the Hoke delegation. McNeill pointed out that in the beginning the Hoke group had said the land westward and north and south of Johnsonville was thickly populated and highly developed.

## Royal Not Present

Former War Secretary Kenneth Royall, who is representing Hoke County in its effort to save its land, was not present at the conference. He was available to attend, but it was the feeling of the committee that, in view of the fact that the results of the conference were determined ahead of time, there would be little point in having him there.

This Is First Step Young said his recommendation (Continued on page 4)