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## Addenda - -

By the Editor

Well, I opened my mouth so wide last week about the opera that I wound up with my feet in it. That is, I had to go. Funny thing, though, is that I thought it was pretty good entertainment, so I'm either higher brow than I thought I was or I was telling the truth about us average people being able to enjoy good music.

People along the "corridor" and all the way from Aberdeen to Fayetteville got a good look at one of the reasons the Army wants all this Hoke County land Tuesday when the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad hauled one of the Army's 280 millimeter guns down its main line. Took four flat cars to haul the thing, with the four major components appearing to be the tube or barrel, the recoil mechanism, and big trucks with spades and a lot of hydraulic devices. The barrel by itself took up one car. It's sure a whopper, and I don't believe there is room enough in this part of the state to shoot it, much less in Hoke County.

In case you're wondering just how big a 280 millimeter gun is, the 280 mm. stands for the diameter of the inside of the tube and is equal to a little over eleven inches. How far it will shoot of course depends on the length of the barrel, and that seems to be plenty.

Notice that the Republicans of the county are planning a meeting at the courthouse Saturday afternoon at three o'clock for the purpose of picking an executive committee and chairman, and otherwise getting organized. I understand there is some little rivalry between D. C. Cox and T. C. Scarborough as to which is going to be the wheel locally, now that it amounts to something after a 20-year dry spell. Be interesting to see what happens.

I note in the recorder's court that stealing and having bad brakes are just about the same in the eyes of the law. At any rate a thief pleading guilty and a man having bad brakes each had to pay \$10 and costs over there Tuesday. Of course, just about everything in our courts these days boils down to ability to pay, and it is likely that the financial status of a petty thief and the owner of a car are generally quite different, making the \$10 and costs much more severe to one than the other. What I am trying to get at, though, is that in these days when so many moral values are becoming distorted by dishonor in high places we must continually try to keep our children from growing up with the notion that stealing is no worse than a traffic violation . . . or in other words, that anything you can get away with is all right. In my mind the law should in some way make a difference between a real crime and a violation of some rule that involves nothing morally wrong.

Saw somewhere that "You can judge a man's temperature by his choice of words. If he says alcohol he's cool. If he says liquor he's warming up and of the says booze or Demon Rum he's ready to make a speech." All of us who talk to anyone about the Army's plans for taking land should get up to the "Demon Rum" stage quickly and stay there. You never know who can help you, and I have said before public opinion can do anything, and its made up of people just like you and me.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knapp and family of Charleston, West Virginia, spent the week-end with Mrs. Knapp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Smith. They returned home Tuesday.

## Easter Seal Appeal For The Crippled Is Made In County

The annual appeal for funds by the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults is being made this week in this county by Mrs. C. P. Womack, campaign chairman, and W. T. Gibson, Jr., county chairman. As usual, the appeal is being made by letter and people are being asked to contribute by the purchase of Easter seals. Mrs. Womack said that the appeal would be made only by letter and one time only, and she urged the people of the county to give generously.

She stated that Easter Seal contributions last year made possible vital service to 31 Hoke County children and adults. Crippled children, who otherwise would have received little help, were provided with hospitalization appliances, transportation to clinics and education. Of all the money received, 55 percent was used in Hoke County.

She said that any size contribution would be welcome.

## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

### Schedule of Pre-School Clinics

Wednesday-March 25, 1953 9 a. m., Burlington by Sanitorium Doctor; Thursday, March 26, 1953, 9 a. m., New Hope, by Sanitorium Doctor; Tuesday, April 7, 1953, 1:00 p. m., Mildouson, Dr. Willcox; Wednesday, April 8, 1953, 9 a. m., Bowman, by Sanitorium Doctor; Thursday, April 9, 1953, 9 a. m., White Oak, by Sanitorium Doctor (This clinic includes White Oak, Friendship, and Rockfish Colored); Monday, April 13, 1953, 9 a. m., Hoke County Indian, by Dr. Willcox; Wednesday, April 15, 1953, 9 a. m., Laurel Hill, by Sanitorium Doctor; (This clinic includes Laurel Hill and Shady Grove schools) Thursday, April 16, 1953, 9 a. m., Ashmont, by Sanitorium Doctor; Tuesday, April 21, 1953, 1:00 p. m., Rockfish, by Doctor Willcox; Thursday, April 23, 1953, 9 a. m., Raeford Grammar, by local doctors; Wednesday, April 29, 1953, 9 a. m., Upchurch, by 2 Sanitorium doctors; Thursday, April 30, 1953, 10:00 a. m., Frye's Mission by Dr. Willcox.

It is suggested that parents with pre-school children clip the above schedules for reference. They are urged to make a special effort to get their children to the school to which they are assigned. This is a most important thing for the child who will enter school for the first time next fall. Parents are urged to accompany their children and take with them any evidence of vaccinations or immunizations that they may have. Special arrangements will be made at each school where a clinic is scheduled for the convenience of the parents and for the entertainment of the children.

The Rockfish School has received several sets of supplementary readers in the last few days. These readers were a gift of the PTA. We hope other PTAs will do likewise.

The fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades of the Ashmont school are on a trip to Chapel Hill, Durham, and Raleigh today. On this trip they will visit the Planetarium and see the Easter show. They will visit Duke University in Durham, and expect to look in on the Legislature while in Raleigh. They will visit various other points of interest while in the capital city. Thirteen parents graciously volunteered to take the group in their cars.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Annie Mae Brown has returned at the Raeford Graded School after being out ill for quite a while.

The most important social event of the school year at Hoke High (Continued On Page 4)

## Town Zoning Board Meets, Sets Public Meeting

The board of commissioners of the town of Raeford set up a zoning and planning commission for the town last year and required permits for building or remodeling in the city limits. Last week, however, the commission held its first meeting and got organized. Notice was also given to residents that the permits would be required as the law provides in the future.

The zoning and planning commission consists of F. B. Sexton, chairman, R. B. Lewis, secretary, J. L. Teal, R. H. Gatlin and T. B. Upchurch. The group met on Friday afternoon, and after getting organized work was begun on the zoning of business and residential districts of the town.

In order for the people of the town to have an opportunity to see the work of the commission a public meeting will be held at the courthouse on Thursday night, April 16. At this time citizens will have the work explained and will be given an opportunity to ask questions and to express themselves on this first zoning.

Work of the zoning commission results in recommendations to the town board which may be enforced when approved by that board under authority of the North Carolina General Statutes.

## FMC Announces Finals Speaker

Dr. George MacPherson Docherty, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church in Washington, D. C., will deliver the Commencement address at Flora Medonald college on June 1. It was announced today by President Marshall Scott Woodson.

A native Scot, Dr. Docherty was born in Glasgow and received his education at Glasgow University having received his M. A. in 1935 and his B. D. in 1939. Before coming to the United States in 1950, he served as minister of Glasgow and Aberdeen, Scotland, churches, in addition to special youth work in Glasgow for three years. His doctor of divinity degree was conferred by Temple University in Philadelphia in June, 1950, shortly after he assumed the pastorate of his present church, where he is the immediate successor of the late Dr. Peter Marshall.

## Mrs. Edna B. Ellis Buried At Ephesus Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Edna Ellis, 49, passed away Sunday night in a Fayetteville hospital after an illness of several days. She was the wife of Luther Ellis and lived on Route one, Lumber Bridge.

Mrs. Ellis was born in Cumberland County, daughter of the late Jim Brock and Mattie Green Brock, and was prominent in the civic and religious life of her community. Funeral was conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at Ephesus Baptist Church by the Rev. E. C. Taylor, assisted by the Rev. T. J. Faulk. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In addition to her husband she is survived by one adopted son, Billy Ellis of the home, and one sister, Mrs. W. L. Smith of Lumber Bridge, Route one.

Major and Mrs. Martin Baumgardner and daughter, Carol, of McDill Field, Tampa, Florida visited Mrs. J. S. Johnson for several days. The Baumgardners had an apartment in the home of Mrs. Johnson during the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Senter had as their guests on Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Mann and daughter, Terry, of Sanford and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith and sons of Southern Pines.

## Little League Plans Meeting Of Players Friday Afternoon

Local officials of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League issued a call this week for all boys between the ages of eight and 12 to meet at the high school auditorium at 5:00 o'clock Friday afternoon and hear plans for the 1953 league season. Boys who will not become 13 years old before August 1, 1953 are eligible.

It was also announced that boys who intend to take part in the league's program will be required to present birth certificates when they first participate in practice, and all are asked to bring their certificates to the meeting Friday. They are urged to attend the meeting, however, whether they have birth certificates or not.

Requirements for taking part in the league program will be explained in detail at the meeting, including arrangements that are being made for all boys who go out for the league teams to take part in organized practice and play whether they make a league team or not. Each boy must also have the written consent of his parents to take part.

Rowe Chapman and George Willcox are the managers of the Raeford teams in the league. Chapman's team won the league title last year. Practices will start in May and the league schedule will begin in June.

## FARM ITEMS

County Agent

### ROOT KNOT CONTROL

Many Hoke County tobacco growers are planning to fumigate their tobacco soil this year to control nematodes or root knot. The farmers that have not yet secured their material are advised to check on this at once.

Soil fumigation is only one way in which to help control root knot. A good rotation should be followed to control the nematodes. Other practices to follow are: cut stalks and plow out roots exposing them to the sun as soon as the tobacco is harvested, produce good plants, and follow good cultivation practices.

Many farmers are now treating or thinking about treating. The soil treatment can either be put on by broadcast or row type operations. Both of these methods are effective. Material in both methods should be applied at least two weeks before the tobacco is planted.

Materials to use and their dosage for broadcast and row treatment, respectively in gallons per acre are: DD, 20, 10; Dowfume W-40, 15-18, 8; Dowfume W-85, 4 1/2.

The soil condition of the soil must be as follows: 1. Regardless of the method of application, you need to break the land, and disk and harrow it so it is well pulverized before you apply the fumigants. 2. The soil should be free of undecayed roots, stalks, and other debris. 3. The soil temperature at six inches depth at the time of application should be between 40 degrees F. and 80 degrees F, preferably between 50 degrees F. and 70 degrees F. 4. Soil moisture should be only moderate, neither too wet nor too dry, at the time of application. Its best to have just enough moisture for planting seeds.

Miss Iris Thomas, who arrived Saturday from St. Marys in Raleigh for the spring vacation, had as her guests Saturday the following girls who are classmates: Misses Leo McCormick of Columbus, Georgia, Barbara White of Greenville, Elizabeth Holmes of Mount Olive, Elizabeth House of Beaufort and Lucy Parish of Richland, Georgia. Miss Thomas' guests for Thursday and Friday are her roommates, Miss Anne Peoples of Pittsboro, and Miss Elizabeth Gillette of Enfield. This group will leave Friday for a houseparty at Myrtle Beach.

## Greene, Thomas Resolution Thru House, Senate

Hoke Representative Harry A. Greene introduced a resolution in the North Carolina House of Representatives last Thursday requesting "the United States government not to take further lands from Hoke County, and in particular not to take said lands of Hoke County for the Corridor proposed to be made between Fort Bragg and Camp Mackall."

The House of Representatives deferred action on the resolution until Friday, at which time it was passed.

This week Senator J. Benton Thomas spoke for the measure in the Senate and read a letter from Doctors Willis and Peck, superintendent and assistant superintendent, respectively, at the State Sanitorium at McCain. It was stated that the use of the corridor as proposed would seriously impair the usefulness of the Sanitorium and that it would cost the State nine million dollars to replace the hospital alone, exclusive of other facilities there.

The resolution was amended to point out to the government these facts about the Sanitorium, and was then passed on Tuesday. It was returned to the House to be passed as amended.

The resolution goes on to relate the history of the matter and tell of the land that the Army has taken from this county in the past, and points out the effect it would have on the people and the county government.

## Baseball Team Has Bad Start; Loses First Two

The Hoke High School baseball team got their season started on the wrong foot as they dropped their first two games, 12-11 and 14-1. Friday they played Rowland and lost 12-11 and Monday afternoon here they were trounced by Rockingham 14-1.

The Rowland game started off fine with the Bucks scoring 3 runs in the top of the first on two hits and two bases on balls; they added to this in the second inning by getting another. Rowland scored two in the second and two in the third to tie the score. The Bucks jumped into a big lead in the bottom of the seventh, though, and scored six runs on three hits and two bases on balls.

Rowland scored three more in the seventh and took the lead in the bottom of the eighth to go ahead 12-10 with Raeford adding their final tally in the 9th inning. Hardin started on the mound and gave away in the seventh inning to McPhaul who was charged with the loss. Leading batters for the locals were Hardin and McLeod with two for three.

Monday afternoon it wasn't much of a ball game as Rockingham scored four runs in the second; one in the third; four in the sixth and 5 in the seventh inning. Raeford's lone run came in the fifth inning. The game was played in intermittent rain and was a rather careless affair. Raeford got but five hits and gave up fourteen. McPhaul started off pitching and gave way to Bracey in the seventh inning.

The next scheduled game is Friday afternoon when the Bucks will play at Rockingham. Next Wednesday afternoon the second home game of the season will be played here with Red Springs furnishing the opposition.

## REPUBLICANS TO MEET

D. C. Cox, county Republican secretary, announces that there will be a meeting of Hoke County Republicans in the courthouse at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon for the purpose of electing a county executive committee and chairman. He urges all Republicans to attend.

## Jaycees, Woman's Club Staging Show Monday & Tuesday

The Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce has assembled an outstanding cast for their local-talent production, "On Stage America," which will be presented at 8:14 p. m. in the high school auditorium next Monday and Tuesday evenings. In connection with the show the Raeford Woman's Club is arranging a baby popularity contest, the most popular being the one that gets the most votes, votes being based on the number of pennies in a jar.

Cast for the minstrel includes James Heacock, Henry Maxwell, Ed Smith, George Wilcox, Jim Burkhead, Neil Senter, Bill Upchurch, George Johnson, Shorty Clark, Clyde Upchurch, Jr., and Starr McMillan. Accompanist will be Carole Everleigh and Janice Benner and Dr. R. M. Jordan will be the announcer.

Three chorus numbers will feature the "Dixie Dandies" including Delayne McFadyen, Janet Guin, June Hall, Lilmar Sue Gatlin, Linda Phillips and Eleanor Biggs; the "Hoty Toties" including Frankie McDougald, Faye Baxley, Lillian Scarborough, Carol McPhaul, Joan Gobeille and Suzanne Cameron; the "Southern Belles" including Faye Dark, Sara Gulledge, Patsy Cameron, Caroline Matthews, Peggy Parks and Jennelle Snead.

There will also be an amateur show with about 10 acts being entered and the audience voting on the best three which will receive cash and merchandise prizes. The entire show will be given by local people.

## Local Guardsmen To Play In Finals Of Cage Tourney

By virtue of triumphs in the opening and semi-final rounds of the Pine Belt League tournament the Raeford Guardsmen All-Stars advanced to the finals and will play Red Springs in Aberdeen tonight for the league championship.

Tuesday night Raeford defeated St. Pauls, 52-45, in a game that saw the locals possess a comfortable lead over their opponents until the final quarter when St. Pauls put on a desperate spurt that almost paid off for them. Scoring for the Bucks was evenly divided, as it has been all year, with Scott Beasley taking top honors with 10 points; seven players tied for second place with six points.

In the semi-final round Wednesday night the All-Stars defeated a strong team from the Air Ground School at Southern Pines 62-44. The air force team led during the first half until the final few minutes when the guardsmen went ahead for a lead of 25-23 at the half. The third quarter saw the locals add four points to their lead and start the final period 37-31. In the last period after the air force team lost their two offensive stars via the foul and injury route the locals poured in 25 points and held their opponents to 13 to win easily. Bob Rockholtz with 15 points was high scorer with Bob Williams and Frank McNeill tied for second place with nine each.

Tonight at 8:30 the final game of the tournament will be played in the Aberdeen gym with Red Springs, Robins and the locals meeting for the championship. No admission will be charged for the game.

## "SING" AT HOPE MILLS

The Ruritan Club is sponsoring an old time "Singing" at Hope Mills Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, March 29. The singing will start at 2:00 o'clock, and will last until 4:30. Several quartets will appear, and the public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Haille Gatlin and Mrs. Walter Freeman attended the McArn-Crump wedding at the Spring Hill Baptist church in Wagram on Saturday evening.

## Poole To Quit; Alfred Cole To Run For Mayor

### Five File For Board

With filing time set to end at 6:00 o'clock today, yesterday afternoon found one candidate entered for mayor of Raeford and five for the board of commissioners. If this is all that enter it will mark the return by the town to the Russian-type, one-ticket elections the people here had for many years up to two years ago when there were twice as many candidates for the board as there were vacancies to be filled.

Mayor W. L. Poole, who has served since 1947, has said several times lately that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself and seemed to mean it. Anyway, Alfred Cole has filed as a candidate for the job.

R. B. Lewis, J. W. McPhaul and J. H. Blue decided that once was enough on the board of commissioners and none of the three are entering the primary. Marion Gatlin and A. V. Sanders of the old board are running to succeed themselves, however. New candidates for the board are Truman Austin, Tom Cameron and John K. McNeill, Jr.

Town primary is to be held on Monday, April 6, and election on Monday, May 4.

## 3 Brothers Fined By Recorder In Court Tuesday

Carl Thomas Taylor, Allen Luther Taylor and Johnnie Taylor, all white and brothers, each paid costs for public drunkenness after pleading guilty before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning. Luther also paid costs in another case for violating the prohibition laws. Johnnie was found guilty of giving Sunset Grocery a bad check for \$101.78. He got 60 days to be suspended on payment of the check, \$10 and court costs and was allowed to pay off at the rate of \$25 a month.

Case in which J. H. Blue, Jr., and W. E. Everleigh, both white, were charged with careless and reckless driving was dropped by the State after they had reached an agreement.

Marie Arnold, colored, pled guilty of stealing a skirt from Mrs. Ruby Glisson. She returned the skirt and had a sentence of 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs. Not probable cause was found on a charge that she also stole some jewelry from Mrs. Glisson.

Fletcher King, colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for having a quantity of non-tax-paid liquor. James D. Brown, colored, pleaded guilty of careless and reckless driving and with the second offense of driving drunk. He had paid damages and sentence was 4 to 6 months, suspended on payment of \$200 and costs.

J. C. Reagan, white, left a \$50 bond for having no driver's license and expired license plates. Joe Scott, white, paid \$10 and costs for having no driver's license.

Lettie Mae Roberson, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of costs for public drunkenness.

H. C. Norris, white, paid costs for having no license on his trailer. Speeders included G. A. Arne, Milton Schwartz, Clifford Geanpules, Josephine Huck, Abraham Wolf, W. F. Ashley and W. J. Maxion, all white. Each left a \$25 bond but Arne, who paid \$10 and costs.

Mrs. Ruth Edmonds of New London, Connecticut arrived Friday for a visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rockholtz.