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## Addenda -

By the Editor

The question of need for a full-time principal at the Raeford Graded School is one that I have intended for some time to say something about, and the news of the organization meeting of the county board of education on May 4 brings it to mind again. In my opinion there is a definite need there for a principal who does not teach. There are some 731 pupils and 23 teachers to be looked after, with all the little problems that come up all the time when you get that many people together, and it seems too much to ask of one person that he teach a room all day and try to look after everything else too. Next school year he will have another building added to his responsibilities. It seems to me that the pupils in the principal's room would necessarily be robbed of a great deal of his time, and that other matters which demand his attention from day to day would also suffer, making it hard on the other teachers in the school as well. The county can afford this, I feel sure, and I hope the board of education and the district school committee will see fit to take some action on it by next fall. If you agree with me, a word to a member of either the committee or the county board on the subject wouldn't do any harm. Sure, I have a son who will be in Mr. Turlington's room next year, but I don't see where that weakens the case a bit. Those pupils are entitled to as much time from their teacher as those in other grades, and I think they ought to have it.

Anyone who knows where there is any definite information on the old Edinborough Medical College should get it to Senator J. Benton Thomas, or either Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin or Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin of the local U.D.C. chapter. They are trying to establish the fact that it was the first medical college in the State, and actual facts, with names and dates, are hard to locate. Many people are morally certain that it was the first, but it is hard to prove. If and when facts as to the dates it was operated can be obtained and established it is probable that the State Highway Commission, or whoever does it, will erect one of those highway markers along 15-A south of town pointing out the location and giving these facts. It is a point of distinction we ought to get credit for if we can, it seems to me.

I heard a rumor yesterday that the Army was planning to move its parachute jump school from Fort Benning, Georgia, to Fort Bragg, and I am not surprised. I believe they would try to move the Pentagon itself to Bragg if by doing so they could better justify their claim that they need 44,370 acres of Hoke County land. If this is true, it sounds as if the Army has decided it's going to need some more stuff to support its claim, anyway, and maybe that sounds good. I don't know.

If you can judge by numbers, Teacher Bob Lewis of the Men's Bible Class at the Raeford Methodist Church may have to be put on the payroll there. Last Sunday as the Methodists began their "Methodist Evangelistic Mission" he had 126 men present at the meeting of the Sunday School class. A few years back that would have been a good sized congregation for the morning worship service at any of our churches here. The "Mission" officially began at the Sunday morning worship service when the Rev. C. L. Woodard of Charleston preached his first sermon. These services will be held Thursday and Friday nights and Mr. Woodard will preach his last sermon here Sunday morning.

Men of the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches were active this

## Residential Drive For Cancer Crusade Begins In Raeford

Mrs. Furman O. Clark, chairman of the 1953 Cancer Crusade here, announced this week that volunteers from the different departments of the Raeford Woman's Club would make a house-to-house canvass to raise funds for the drive during this week and next.

She said that the ladies would bring literature on the menace of cancer to every home and would accept contributions. She asked those who are not at home when called upon to please mail their donations to "Cancer" in care of the Raeford Post office.

Statistics show that one out of every five persons have cancer or will some time have it. Mrs. Clark said. She said it was therefore of vital importance to educate the public to cancer's danger signals. Funds raised during this crusade will be used for cancer literature and for research and medical education on cancer, Mrs. Clark said.

## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Below is given the commencement schedule for the white schools of the county. We suggest you clip it for future reference. May 1, Ashmont Operetta, 8:00 p. m.; May 6, Seventh Grade Visiting Day, Hoke High; May 8, Senior Play, Hoke High, 8:15 p. m.; May 16, Band and Glee Club Concert, 8:15 p. m.; May 18, Raeford Graded, May Day, 8:15 p. m.; May 21, Rockfish Operetta, 8:00 p. m.; May 22, Class Night, Hoke High, 8:15 p. m.; May 24, Baccalaureate Sermon, Hoke High, 11:15 a. m.; May 25, Mildouson Operetta and Play, 8:00 p. m.; May 27, Seventh Grade Promotion Day, Hoke High, 10:30 a. m.; May 28, Skip Day; May 28, Commencement, Hoke High, 8:15 p. m.; Schools close.

On Monday, May 4, at 10:00 a. m. the Board of Education will hold its organization meeting. The business of the meeting will be the election of a chairman and vice-chairman; the election of the county superintendent of schools, and the appointment of the local school committees.

The clerk of the Court will administer the oath of office to members. Other business may be transacted should the need arise. Teacher elections will be held just as soon after May 4, as possible.

The fifth and part of the seventh grades of Raeford Elementary school, two bus loads of them, went to Raleigh on Monday. They visited numerous places of interest. Their trip was highlighted by their visit to the capitol where they were extended the courtesies of the gallery by Senator J. B. Thomas.

The Mildouson and Rockfish seventh grades are in Raleigh today. They hope very much that the legislature will not have adjourned as they are looking forward to seeing it in action.

We are glad to announce that Miss Lora May McKenzie, typist for the Board of Education, is back at work after an extended illness. The yearly organization statement on which the teacher allotment is made is being prepared and will be submitted to Raleigh early next week. The allotment of teachers for the ensuing school year is based on the average daily attendance for the best six of the first seven months of the current school year. The allotment is made by races to the various districts and not to the schools. No teacher may be transferred from one district to another without the approval of Raleigh. Also, a teacher allotted to the elementary schools may not be used in high school or vice-versa without Raleigh's permission.

## Ginners Official Voices Warning On 1954 Acreage

Cotton growers and ginners of Virginia and the two Carolinas were warned Tuesday that unless they took immediate action to protect their interests cotton growers of the far west might seek to have their 1954 cotton allotment based upon their recent heavy plantings rather than on the five year average.

This warning was issued by Clifford H. Hardy, Executive Secretary of the Carolinas Ginners Association in Dunn.

He pointed out that "if this movement of the far west growers is successful, the old eastern cotton belt will be cut to the barest minimum." He urged all cotton producers and ginners in the Carolinas and Virginia to contact their Representatives, Senators, and the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington and express their opinions on the present regulations governing proposed acreage allotments for 1954 and any future years where acreage controls are deemed necessary.

Following is the complete statement issued by Mr. Hardy at his headquarters in Dunn:

"The present cotton law fails to provide equitable distribution of county and state allotments among farms in the Carolinas and Virginia. The law as it is now written is satisfactory for strict cotton counties in the far southern cotton states and the Delta area, but is far from being the fair method for allotting acreage for the diversified farming practices in this section of the country. Although farms in different counties will show similar acreages of cropland, yet they will receive substantially different allotments. In other cases farms having similar acreages of cropland will receive the same allotment although their individual history of cotton planting is vastly different.

"The minimum allotment provision places much of a state's acreage on farms that ordinarily do not plant cotton, except when acreage controls are in effect. This severely penalizes the regular cotton producer and gives the farmer who is not a regular producer the advantage of higher prices during a control year. Every effort must be made by Farm organizations and all interested phases of the cotton industry.

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## Hoke Clubs Win Attendance Prize At District Meeting

Sixty-three Hoke county Home Demonstration Club women attended the annual District Federation meeting which was held at Rockingham on Wednesday of last week. They received the gavel for having the largest group in attendance based on miles traveled.

F. J. Jeter, Extension Editor, gave the principle address. Mrs. Tom Sinclair and Mrs. Herman Koonce of Hoke County took part in the panel report. Mrs. A. A. Melms, Mrs. N. F. Sinclair, Mrs. G. T. Johnson, and Mrs. J. M. Norton served on committees. Scotland county extended an invitation for next year's meeting. At the conclusion of the program, the group went on a tour through the Steele plant of the Burlington Mills.

## PEOPLE'S METH. CHURCH REVIVAL STARTS MON.

Revival services will begin at the People's Methodist Church on Monday night, April 27, with services each evening at 7:30. Speaker for the series of services will be the Rev. Roy R. Narney of Conoly Springs. The final service will be on Sunday morning, May 10, and will be a homecoming service. Preaching will begin at 10:00 a. m. and will be followed by dinner on the grounds at 1:00.

## Jaycees To Sponsor "Operation Pray" In Nation On May 3

Over six million members of the nation's largest civic and veterans organizations will join forces on Sunday, May 3, to offer a united prayer for world peace, it was announced this week by the president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The program, titled "Operation Pray", was originated in March by the U. S. Jaycees to assist churches in bringing about a nationwide religious reawakening. In recent weeks the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lions and Kiwanis have offered their full support to Operation Pray, thereby initiating for the first time a consolidated religious effort on the part of major service organizations.

The Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce, along with the 2,050 other chapters and cooperating organizations in the county, has adopted a resolution calling for a national day of prayer on Sunday, May 3, asking for divine guidance for President Eisenhower, the Cabinet, Congress and the Judiciary in their efforts to lead the world to peace.

The local resolution was sent to Mayor W. L. Poole and he has issued a proclamation to the citizens of the town urging each in his own way to offer prayers on Sunday, May 3, for the successful leadership of the President, Cabinet, Congress and Judiciary in the affairs of the country and the entire world for the establishment of lasting peace and international understanding.

## Seniors Take Washington

Bright and early last Thursday morning a happy crew of 35 students and Miss Jean Cooke and Mr. Earl Huggins, the chaperones, gathered in the school yard, ready to leave for the big city of Washington. Everyone enjoyed singing to the accompaniment of C. J. Benner's harmonica. After an early breakfast, everyone opened their lunch about 9 o'clock and chicken, sandwiches, and cake were passed around. After lunch in Richmond came the longest hundred miles because everyone was excited. The first stop was at Mount Vernon where everyone appreciated the chance to rest and see the beautiful old colonial house and grounds. Arriving in Washington about 5:30, we were greeted by other buses full of high school students there for the same purpose we were. All of us were glad to reach our hotel, even though we were disappointed at the sight of the building. After a little supper, almost everyone went to the movie or walked around to see all the sights. Nobody was ready for bed until the wee small hours of morning. Friday morning we went to the Jefferson Memorial, the Mint, and Arlington Cemetery, where we saw the changing of the guard. After dinner some of the boys went to the ball game between the Yankees and the Washington Senators, while the others went to the Smithsonian Institution and the Capitol. That night though everyone was tired, we all managed to stay awake most of the night. It was mighty hard to get up the next morning at 8 o'clock but everyone was ready to go. Saturday was spent at the Zoo, the Washington Cathedral and the Washington Monument. The afternoon was free for shopping but since it was raining some went to bed. That night was spent at the movie or packing for the trip home. Sunday morning came all too early but everyone was glad to be headed toward Hoke County. Just before dinner we came to the Luray Caverns. The trip home through the mountains was enjoyed, though some were trying unsuccessfully to catch up on lost sleep, thanks to Bobby McColl and his water pistol. It was a happy crew that arrived in Raeford.

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## Town Board Puts OK On Report Of Zoning Board

At a meeting this week the town board approved the report submitted by its zoning commission in which residential and business areas of town are established and other controls and restrictions on types of buildings and businesses are set up. This approval makes the zones established legally enforceable, and requires any property owner considering construction to have a permit before he proceeds.

In the event there is a disagreement between property owner and zoning commission as to what should not be done in a particular case a hearing may be held before a zoning board of appeal which the town board set up. This board consists of W. L. Howell, W. P. Baker, Dr. R. A. Matheson, Thomas N. McLaughlin and Dr. R. L. Murray. At such a hearing the property owner concerned, as well as other neighboring and interested property owners, would be heard before decision was made.

The zoning of the town was explained at a public meeting at the courthouse Thursday night. About 30 citizens were present and much interest was shown in the step being taken. All were fully advised of what was being done and why, and the board heard suggestions from those present.

At a meeting this week the town board passed a resolution protesting the taking of 44,370 acres of land in the county by the Army, stating the various ways the proposed acquisition would damage the town and its citizens and business establishments.

At this same meeting representatives of the State Highway Commission were present to discuss the obtaining of right of way in the town for the proposed alternate highway and overpass through the town from the 211 cutoff north of Raeford to highway 15-A south of town. It was decided that a three-man board, made up of one representing the town, one the highway commission and one the property owners, should appraise the property needed for the right of way and make their report at a later meeting.

At a meeting several weeks ago the board asked the highway commission to pave the following Raeford streets: 5th Avenue from Magnolia to Stewart; Stewart from 5th Ave. to Donaldson Ave.; Racket Alley from Elwood Ave. to Central Ave. (Wood's Furniture to McDonald's Esso Sta.); the center plot on Main Street between Prospect and Donaldson Ave.; and to curb and beautify the other center plots on Main street.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Hoke County Library Board of Trustees acknowledges with thanks the annual gift of books from the Department of Literature of the Woman's Club. The books are: Charles Dickens; His Tragedy and Triumph; by Edgar Johnson, 2 volumes; Always the Young Strangers, autobiography of Carl Sandburg; This I Believe, written for Edward R. Murrow; and Destree, by Selinko. They also presented two books as memorials. Graveyard of the Atlantic, Stories of ship wrecks on the North Carolina Coast, by Stick in memory of Dan and Tom McKelhan, and Sign of Jonas, by Merton, in memory of Mrs. L. H. Shankle.

Other books recently received are: Miracle of the Hills, story of Dr. Mary Martin Sloop, by LeGhette Blythe; I And My True Love, McInnes; The Second Happiest Day, Phillips; Hands Across the Caviar, Thayer; Those Rockefellow Brothers, Morris; The Boyds of Black River, Edmonds; To Keep Us Free, Allis; On Top of the World, Petzold; The Plantation, Pierce.

## Ashley Heights And Rockfish To Lose Post Offices May 31

Postal bulletins issued April 16 and 22 announced that post offices at Ashley Heights and Rockfish in Hoke County would be among 22 post offices in North Carolina which would be discontinued in a move for more economy in the Post Office Department. The 22 offices, located in Jackson, Randolph, Montgomery, Madison, Davidson and Hoke Counties, will be discontinued on May 31, 1953.

Third in a series of closures aimed at economy, this latest wave is the largest but is spread over six North Carolina counties. Earlier 19 offices were shut down in Wilkes County alone and eight in Ashe.

Lumped with economies in Wilkes and Ashe, the newest shut-downs on tiny offices will save the Post Office Department an estimated \$75,000 a year.

## Southern Pines Beats Hoke High; Play Here Friday

The big inning, which has been used in the last few games by the Hoke High Bucks, was used by their opponents last Wednesday afternoon as Southern Pines defeated them 11-6.

Southern Pines scored seven runs in the second inning to clinch their victory and added additional runs in the third, fifth and sixth innings.

Raeford scored runs in the second and fifth innings. In the second they scored four on two hits, a walk and two errors. Their final two runs in the fifth came on a triple by McPhaul, two singles and two walks.

Jim Bracey pitched for the locals and dropped his second game of the season as against two wins. Although he gave up nine hits he struck out six and walked but two. Six errors by the infield helped the opposition get their eleven runs. Leading the locals at the plate was Hardin with two for two.

In a game that was played Thursday afternoon between the local Jaycees and the Massey Hill Jaycees the locals came out on top 17-15. The game was a seven inning affair and after the locals scored four in the second and ten in the third they added three in the fifth. The opposition scored in almost every inning but fell short of enough runs to win. Bracey, one of the few varsity members to play, won his third game of the season. Conoly with four for six was the leading hitter.

Next game for the locals will be Friday afternoon when they play Southern Pines at the local park.

## Gordon Inquest Held; Hold 3 Under Bond

Inquest was held at the courthouse Tuesday before Coroner James C. Lentz and a jury into the death of Henry Elmer Gordon following the wrecking of two vehicles on February 9 on the Timberland-Five Points road about six and a half miles west of Raeford.

Testimony of Eugene Gordon, brother of the deceased, was to the effect that he was driving the car he and his brother and Talmadge Melton were in at the time, and that another vehicle had come up beside him and for this reason he had lost control of the car. Melton testified that he had been asleep on the back seat of the car and knew nothing of what had happened. Robie Calton, who was apparently alone in his pick-up truck which was wrecked at about the same time just beyond the wreck of the Gordon car, did not testify.

Coroner's jury found that Gordon had died in the wreck and ordered that Eugene Gordon, Talmadge Melton and Robie Calton be held for action of the county grand jury under bonds of \$1000 each. These were posted.

## State Drops Case Against Lamberts; Others Sentenced

### Criminal Docket Finished

The State decided not to prosecute the case in which R. Pearson Lambert, white, was charged with rape, and the case in which Lambert and his daughter, Mildred Lambert Chavis, were charged with incest. The cases were dropped with leave to reopen in the regular April term of superior court in session before Judge Leo Carr of Burlington here this week.

Criminal cases were finished Wednesday, but civil cases were still being tried at noon today.

In another case Lambert and his son-in-law, Alton Odum, were charged with the larceny of a water pump from the State. This case was continued until next term of court.

Earl H. Robinson, white man charged with breaking and entering at night and with malicious damage to real property, entered a plea of guilty of forcible trespass on the first charge and of guilty as charged on the second. The State accepted these pleas, and Robinson was sent to the roads for eight months on the trespass charge. On the second charge Robinson got a two-year road sentence to begin at the expiration of the first sentence. This was suspended, however, on the condition that he be of good behavior for two years from the date of his release and follow certain other orders of the court about staying away from and not molesting his family.

J. D. Flowers, colored, pled guilty of breaking and entering at night and was sent to prison for not less than 10 nor more than 14 years.

Henry McDonald, colored, was found guilty of driving drunk. Sentence of four months was suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Roy Powell, white, was charged with non-support. He and his family had departed these parts apparently, so the State dropped the case.

Archie Thomas Ferguson, white, pled guilty of abandonment and non-support. Sentence was two years, to be suspended on condition of payment of \$20 weekly toward his family's support and a \$60 doctor bill.

Luther Taylor, white, was found guilty of driving with improper brakes and fined \$10 and court costs.

Cases against Johnnie Thompson, colored man charged with obtaining money under false pretences, and William McDonald, colored man charged with assault with a deadly weapon, were both continued to the next term of court.

On the civil calendar five divorces were granted and about five other matters were settled. One was still being heard this afternoon.

The grand jury report was about as usual, the group seeming to find most things around the county in order except the county jail which the group found to be "unclean." They recommended that the sanitary condition there be improved and that the hot water system be repaired or replaced.

## GUARD UNIT TO FIRE SMALL ARMS AT BRAGG

Battery A, 130 AAA AW Battalion, Hoke County National Guard unit, will go to Fort Bragg on Saturday and Sunday of the next three week-ends for annual small arms firing practice. Captain Edwin D. Newton, commanding officer, said this week. Captain Newton said about 95 men and officers of the battery would take part in the training, which would include carbine and sub-machine gun firing.

C. L. Thomas, N. A. McDonald Berder Niven and Jimmy Conoly attended a dealer meeting of Esso Standard Oil Co., in Raleigh.