

Addenda

By the Editor

The story over the radio and in some of the State papers last week-end about the Army's plans for taking Hoke County land being stalled for this year may or may not have been true, as I see it. It was somebody's opinion, for sure, but the writer's name was not given in the paper I read it in, nor was any public official in Washington quoted by name. That puts it just about in the class with ordinary gossip, to me, and I feel that we should save our rejoicing for something a little more definite. Even if it is true, and due to the press of other business the Armed Services committees of Congress can't get to the latter before they adjourn sometime in July, I don't see that improves our position greatly, except that there may be something to the saying that while there's life there's hope. I know that the Army is a formidable opponent, and that they still intend to get this land. Maybe they will and maybe they won't is about all I believe anyone can truthfully say at the moment.

Robert Gatlin and myself were in Washington last Thursday and Friday trying to do a little checking up on the situation. We knew that flying home would get us here pretty fast, but we almost fell over when the lady at the airline desk told us the plane left Washington at 5:10 and got to the Raleigh-Durham airport at 5:22. "Get in the car," she said. "Daylight to Standard time was of course the answer. Still pretty fast getting around, I'd say."

Had intentions all spring to say something about how much Annie Dezerne's little flower garden down at the depot has helped the looks of the street. Now that real hot weather is beginning to get them, I get around to it. The flowers there are still mighty pretty, though.

Speaking of hot weather, it's been over 90 for three straight days now, and I found on Wednesday afternoon that old Rockfish creek felt just as good as I got to thinking it would sitting here in this hot office. Don't know what we'd do without it, unless we had a lake like Aberdeen or a swimming pool. And then some of us would find it hard to stay away from "the creek."

Fellow brought a full grown cocklebur plant with fully developed burrs on it in here this week, saying he didn't believe he's ever seen such quite this early. I wouldn't know.

I understand the county board of education talked about the question of having a full time principal at the Raeford Graded School at their meeting this month, but didn't get around to doing anything about it. These men try to do what they think will be best for the county and what they think the people want, so if you think this school, with 23 teachers and over 700 pupils, needs a principal who doesn't have to teach all day too, speak to the members of the board about it. I understand many have done so already.

The county commissioners decided some time ago to take the ball park back from the American Legion and give it to the county board of education. It seems to me that if they are going to give it to the board of education to be used by the schools, they should give the schools enough money to get it in first class shape when they do, or before. It is not much credit to the schools, the county, the town or anybody else at the present time.

Merchants and business people here will undoubtedly be glad to see the poultry processing plant (Continued on Page 8)

Crop Argument Takes Several Hours In Court

Recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses came back after dinner Tuesday with just about everything cleared from the docket except the case in which Mrs. Lottie Thomasson of Durham had charged G. W. Layton and Harold Layton, both white of this county, with violating the landlord-tenant act on two counts. This case, however, kept court in session until past seven o'clock when it was finally settled.

The Laytons were charged with removing crops without notice to the landlord, and both were found not guilty. The second charge against both was that of disposing of cotton with a landlord's lien on it. G. W. Layton was found not guilty as to this, and Harold Layton was found guilty as charged. He was ordered to pay court costs in the case and to pay Mrs. Thomasson \$194.40 with interest for the cotton.

David Allen Ivey, white, paid \$10 and costs for speeding, and Louis L. Hall, white, left a \$25 bond for the same offense.

David Lee Dupree, colored, paid \$10 and costs for driving at night without lights.

Leon Sasser, white, paid \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving and \$20 and costs for having no driver's license.

State dropped its charge of assault against Kermit Parsons, white.

Thomas Jefferson Roberts, white, pled guilty of refusing to surrender his revoked driver's license to a patrolman. He had to give up the license and pay costs. He also pled guilty of interfering with an officer in the performance of his duty. For this he got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior.

Rosetta Rogers, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Charlie Gales, white, was found guilty of assaulting his wife and sent to the roads for from six to 18 months. Judge also ordered that he be given mental examination.

Fred Yarborough, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and damages for careless and reckless driving.

For having no driver's licenses Jess Dunlap, colored, and Lula Jones, Indian, each paid \$10 and costs; C. W. Schade, white, Noah Locklear, Indian, and William Luther Brown, colored, each paid costs.

COOKING SCHOOL IS VERY SUCCESSFUL

The cooking school held at the Raeford Theatre Tuesday was well attended and highly successful, according to Baucom Appliance Company, sponsors of the event. It was attended by over 200 women who saw five complete meals, one for 20 persons, cooked and then given as prizes to five of the audience. Other prizes were also given, including glassware, mixing bowls, oven ware and the like. The company expressed themselves as highly pleased with the success of the event, and wished to thank all who attended to make it so successful.

HOKE COUNTY STUDENT ON W. FOREST COUNCIL

William L. Moses, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Moses, first year law student at Wake Forest College, was elected to the student government for the next school year in campus elections at Wake Forest last week. A graduate of Hoke High School, Moses took his bachelor of science degree last year. He is a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon undergraduate fraternity and the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

Miss Betty Taylor of Fayetteville spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. S. B. Taylor.

Legion Post Picks Officers For Year

The Ellis Williamson American Legion Post held its regular monthly meeting at the Hoke High School cafeteria Monday night and enjoyed a fish supper prepared by Israel Mann and committee.

Main business of the meeting was the election of officers for the new year which begins July 1. These included Younger Snead commander, Israel Mann and Charles Morrison vice-commanders, Angus Currie adjutant, Jake Austin finance officer, R. B. Lewis, chaplain, Dr. Julius Jordan service officer, J. D. McNeill, sergeant-at-arms.

Balfour Head Of Farm Loan Group

N. H. G. Balfour of Hoke County was elected chairman of the directors of the National Farm Loan Association of North Carolina as the organization wound up its annual conference Tuesday in Raleigh.

George D. Richardson of Raleigh was elected a member of the stockholder's committee, succeeding S. C. Alexander of Scotland Neck. G. T. Underwood of Murfreesboro was elected alternate, succeeding Richardson.

Columbia, S. C., home of the Federal Land Bank, was selected as next year's conference city and the annual meeting will be held there in February, 1954.

The directors went on record as unanimously approving the Farm Credit Act of 1953 pending in Congress which would increase farmer participation in ownership and control of the Federal Farm Credit System.

Government To Move Grain Storage Bins

One hundred government-owned grain storage bins in North Carolina are now being dismantled and transferred to Kansas. They will be used there for storage of 1952-crop wheat held under price support loan. Farmers are forced to clear their own bins to take care of the big 1953 harvest in the next few weeks.

The move will reduce North Carolina's pitifully-small grain storage capacity by about 300,000 bushels. Each of the bins hold 3,000 bushels of grain.

The Tar Heel State's annual grain harvest, including corn, is in the neighborhood of 100,000,000 bushels. Storage capacity is only a small fraction of that amount.

Ten of the bins are located at Tarboro, 15 each at Statesville, Raeford, Smithfield, and Washington, N. C. and 30 at Elizabeth City.

PRESBYTERIANS TO MEET WITH BAPTIST SUNDAY

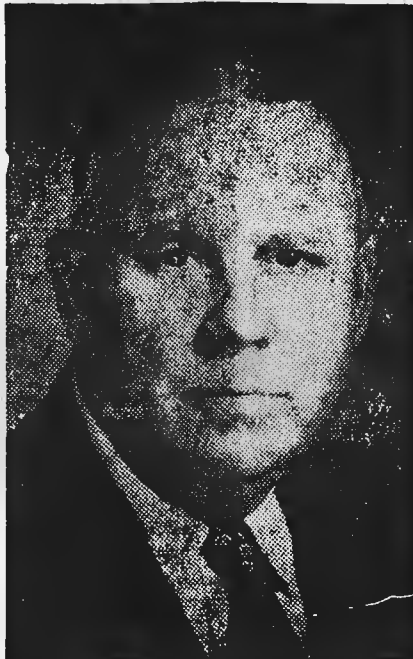
There will be no service at the Raeford Presbyterian Church Sunday night, the Rev. W. B. Heyward announced this week. Instead the congregation will attend services at the Raeford Baptist Church. Mr. Heyward said that this would be an opportunity for the members of the Presbyterian Church to hear Rev. Judson Lennon again before he leaves the Raeford Baptist Church next month.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TO ADDRESS KIWANIS

Speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club at the high school cafeteria tonight will be Major C. K. McCarthy, instructor in the intelligence division of the Air-Ground school at Southern Pines. Major McCarthy is reported to be an excellent and humorous speaker who has been well received at many clubs in this section.

William Niven of the Air Cadets is spending this week here with homefolks. He has finished his primary training at Goodfellow AFB, Texas and will leave here for Williams AFB, Arizona to begin basic training.

Governor Names Forrest Lockey To Commission



FORREST LOCKEY

To Head New 8th District

Governor William B. Umstead this week announced the reorganization of the North Carolina Highway Commission and named Forrest Lockey, former Raeford resident who has been mayor of Aberdeen for the past 12 years, to be commissioner of the new Eighth Division, of which Hoke County is to be a part.

Lockey will succeed George Coble of Lexington as commissioner, as far as this county is concerned, as Coble was commissioner of the Sixth Division with offices in Asheboro, which included Hoke County.

Lockey, long a leading citizen and mayor of Aberdeen, was born in Shelby 51 years ago, oldest of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lockey of Red Springs. He attended high school here and was later, for about a year, Raeford agent for the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad of which he is now vice-president.

An outstanding civic leader, he has been instrumental in helping bring Robbins Mills to Aberdeen and Raeford with their large new plants since the war, as well as in other activities for the general improvement of his community and the entire section.

Commission Reorganized

In announcing the new commission, Governor Umstead returned to the post of chairman of the state highway commission A. H. "Sandy" Graham, Hillsboro attorney who was a former chairman, speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, lieutenant governor and candidate for governor. No members of the highway commission during Kerr Scott's term as governor were reappointed.

Groundwork for the creating of 14 highway divisions in the state was laid by the legislative measure which allowed the governor and a special five-man advisory committee to specify whether and how the highway commission should be changed. William P. Saunders of Aberdeen was a member of this committee which decided to raise the number of divisions from ten.

The eighth division includes the counties of Hoke, Scotland, Richmond, Moore, Montgomery, Lee, Chatham and Randolph.

Robeson and Cumberland counties, along with Bladen, Harnett and Columbus, are in the new sixth division, with C. A. Hasty of Maxton as commissioner. Hasty is also well known in this county as he attended school here also, and has been for a number of years a member of the Robeson County board of commissioners.

Other members of the 14-man board are Harry Buchanan of Hendersonville, J. Emmett Winslow of Hertford, H. Maynard of Snow Hill, C. Heide Trask of Wilmington, M. E. Robinson of Goldsboro, Dennie A. Sorrell of Durham, Jack Van Lindley of Greensboro, James A. Gray, Jr., of Winston-Salem, James Hardison of Wadesboro, W. Ralph

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Main Street Wreck Saturday Afternoon

A wreck late Saturday afternoon on Main Street resulted in considerable damage to cars driven by Mrs. Talmadge English of Raeford and Miss Delore Charleton of Dunn.

The wreck occurred in front of the Bank of Raeford building where the car driven by Mrs. English was backing out of a parking space and it collided with Miss Chadleton's car which was headed up street. The impact hurled Mrs. English's car up on the sidewalk and against the bank building. Damage to the Chevrolet driven by Mrs. English was estimated at \$200 and to the other car, \$350.

The only one injured was little Carol English who suffered a cut over her right eye.

Both drivers were charged with reckless driving and the case is to be heard at next week's recorders court.

PJC Professor Talks To Presbyterian Men

At their regular monthly meeting and supper at the church Tuesday night the Men of the Raeford Presbyterian Church had as their speaker Raymond H. Dawson, professor of social science at Presbyterian Junior College in Maxton.

Mr. Dawson's subject was "Communism's Challenge to Christianity," and his handling of it was considered outstanding by all who heard him. Beginning with Konrad Hegel and Karl Marx, Mr. Dawson traced the history of the communist doctrine through its entire development to the present, at the same time clearly explaining the appeal of the philosophy and why it is so easily accepted by the one-half the world's people who can neither read nor write and by the more than one billion hungry people in the world. He showed how it answers their questions on their future and the world's, and how to its believers it is a religion as well as a political belief.

He closed by giving some of his own ideas about what Christian nations in the world should and must do to meet the threat of communism to their religion and their way of life, stating that education and practical help to the unfortunates of the world was and would be the most effective answer to this threat.

Local Man's Father Passes Wednesday

H. D. Harrison, 72-year-old farmer of Martin County, died Wednesday morning in a Williamston hospital after an illness of several months with cancer. He had been in critical condition since Saturday, and his son H. D. Harrison, Jr., of Raeford, had been with him since that time.

Funeral service is being conducted at Macedonia Christian Church in Martin County near Williamston at 2:30 this afternoon and burial is to follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Harrison is survived by his widow, several sons and daughters and grandchildren.

Joe Maxwell Gets Air Force Promotion

John J. Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Maxwell of Raeford, was recently promoted to the grade of staff sergeant from airman first class in air defense command headquarters at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, a news release from the Air Force said this week.

Sergeant Maxwell graduated from Hoke County High School and attended East Carolina College at Greenville before entering the Air Force on October 17, 1950.

Miss Nell Myers of WCUNC and A/2C C. G. Bennett of Fairchild AFB, Washington were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Webb this week.

POULTRY PLANT HERE PLANS TO PROCESS 50,000 BIRDS WEEKLY

Little League Is Ready For Season; First Game 20th

Opener Here May 27

Dean White, treasurer of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League and business manager of the Raeford Indians and Tigers, said this week that the league's organization for the 1953 season was just about complete and that play would begin with the opening game in Aberdeen May 20 between the Aberdeen Cubs and the Raeford Tigers. The first game in Raeford is scheduled for the following Wednesday, May 27, between the Raeford Indians and the Aberdeen Cards. The league is sponsored by Robbins Mills, and its first season last year was highly successful, the all-star team advancing to the State playoffs before losing to Greensboro.

Frank Powers, superintendent of the Aberdeen mill, is league president, and Tom Gray, Raeford superintendent, is vice-president. John Sloan of Aberdeen is secretary, and Dean White of Raeford is league treasurer.

Rowe Chapman is manager of the Raeford Indians and J. Bien Brower is assistant. George Willcox is manager of the Raeford Tigers and Charles W. Kluttz is assistant.

Raeford umpires are J. B. Talbert, chief, and Dr. Julius Jordan, J. L. McNeill, Herman Vinson, Edward Hester, and Willard Shell. Scorekeepers are Paul Dickson, Younger Snead and Jake Austin. Sam Hiser is grounds keeper, Jake Austin is chairman of the rules committee. Local managers will request transportation when needed and there will be no transportation as there was last year.

Tom Ripley and Neill Ross will conduct practice session for younger boys and those who do not make the regular squads, and games will be arranged for those boys also.

Games will be played each Monday and Wednesday afternoon after May 27. The games on May 20 and 27 will start at 5:00 p. m., and all others will start at 5:30 p. m. Monday games rained out will be played the following Saturday, and Wednesday games rained out will be played the following Thursday.

The season will run through Monday, August 3, with games in Raeford and Aberdeen each Monday and Wednesday, except for the weeks between June 24 and July 6 when there will be no games, as the mills will be closed for vacations.

Official Little League rules will apply at all contests.

Bucks Have Easy Time With Gibson

The Hoke High baseball team had little trouble winning their first night ball game of the season last Thursday night in Laurinburg as they defeated Gibson 22-0.

In an abbreviated contest that went only five innings Jim Bracey pitched one-hit ball to win his first game of the season. Benny McLeod and Gerald Sappenberg supplying the batting punch the locals scored one in the first, five in the third, twelve in the fourth and five in the fifth.

The locals were to play their last game of the season Wednesday afternoon.

PIANO RECITAL WED.

Mrs. Kathleen Blue Wilson will present her piano students in recital at the Hoke High School auditorium next Wednesday at 8:15 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

To Start Operating Soon With About 80 Employees

Richard D. Arndt, who will manage the chicken processing plant here for the Priebe-Pietrus Company, who have leased the property from Turkalina Farms, Inc., said this week that operations are expected to begin at the plant by June 1 or a few days before. Arndt said that about 80 persons would be employed in the operation initially, and that an output of about 50,000 processed birds weekly was expected within two or three weeks after starting.

The Priebe-Pietrus Company is a new corporation with this its first and only operation. It is owned by Priebe & Sons, Inc., and the A. J. Pietrus Co. Priebe & Sons, Inc., of Chicago, are large producers, processors and marketers of poultry and who have plants in several midwestern states, in Concord, North Carolina, and in Clarksville, Arkansas. The A. J. Pietrus Co., of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, are processors of poultry for whom the Priebe company have been marketers.

Arndt said that he would interview applicants for jobs in the plant next week, May 18 through 20, and that of the 80 persons needed, about half would be women. He said that a state health certificate would be required of all persons employed. Weekly payroll of the plant will run from \$3000 to \$3500 weekly.

The entire output of the plant expected to be about 50,000 weekly or 21 a minute, will be for the Army Quartermaster Corps. These birds, representing a cash outlay to chicken growers of over \$40,000 weekly at present market prices, will be purchased initially from sources north and west of here, but Arndt said he hoped eventually Hoke County farmers would see fit to produce many of them in this county. The manager expects the plant to be operated 12 months a year.

Arndt is a native of Wisconsin, and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He worked for Priebe & Sons at their Dixon, Illinois, plant for five years. He is married and lives in a home on Reeves Street, near the plant.

James Barnes of Fayetteville, who was here for some time with Turkalina Farms, Inc., will be plant superintendent.

New construction, adding about 5000 square feet to the plant, will be completed before processing begins.

Former Resident Dies In Charleston Sat.

Mrs. T. E. Bowers, the former Miss Eliza McEachern of Raeford, died suddenly of a heart attack at her home in Charleston, S. C., Saturday night. She was 55 years of age.

Mrs. Bowers was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John F. McEachern of Raeford, and was born in Marlow, Ga. She had lived in Charleston since her marriage to Dr. Bowers in 1928.

Funeral service was conducted at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday in Charleston by Dr. A. B. Lilly, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, to which she belonged, and burial was in Magnolia cemetery in Charleston.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Archie Boswell of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. W. T. Hendricks of Amarillo, Texas; five brothers, John McEachern of Columbia, S. C., A. A. McEachern of this county, Walter of Jacksonville, Fla., Graham of Norfolk, Va., and Laurie of Raleigh; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah McNeill of Raeford and Mrs. Cyrus Thompson of Raleigh; one granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McEachern, Mrs. McNeill, and Mrs. Paul Dickson, a niece, attended the services from this county.