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Addenda

By the Editor

A great many people in recent weeks have asked me to make mention of the dangerous speeding that goes on in residential areas of the town. It is bound to be just a matter of time before some child is killed if it is allowed to continue. I don't think these folks with these new, high-powered automobiles with straight exhaust pipes intend to be criminal, but when they break the law they are just that. I'm not worrying about the law-breaking, though, like I am the child, who is going to be killed, just as easily be mine as anybody else's. Let's figure some way to get the force of our public opinion behind this matter and stop it before it's too late, for some family.

The Hoke County PMA committee is joining Scotland and other counties in this area in trying to get the eradication of Bermuda grass set up as soil conservation practice by the State committee. Local people favoring the move are of the opinion that this practice would really be conservation, and I am inclined to agree. They also point out that it would be an easy matter to administer as some of the other practices, being a simple matter of mowing before and after the work is done. Being the threat that it is, it seems to me that the destruction of Bermuda grass would be a real conservation practice as the law intended them to be.

Going back to the subject of traffic violation in the Town of Raeford, it seems to me that the town board passed an ordinance two or three years ago forbidding U-turns on Main street except at intersections between the corner at the Laurinburg road and the corner at the Aberdeen road. There are no signs on the street to indicate this, and it has not been enforced as far as local people, who should know the law, are concerned. A stranger has no way of knowing not to do it. This week there was a wreck which apparently resulted in part from a disregard of this ordinance. It's time, in my opinion, that the town fathers either repeal the ordinance or start enforcing it.

Conversations with several members of the county board of education lead me to believe they may take some action at their regular monthly meeting next Monday on getting a full-time principal for the Raeford Graded School. Action by them would be putting the item in the budget for the next fiscal year, and it would cost about \$2500 annually according to County Superintendent K. A. McDonald. Of course, after the board of education makes up the budget, the whole thing is subject to the approval of the county board of commissioners, as the budget always is. However, their disapproval of any item approved by the board of education is a rare thing. So, there is hope that the man who has to spend his time looking after 700 pupils and 23 teachers there will not also have to try to teach a grade in whatever bits of his time are left.

Well, the opening of the Little League baseball season here Wednesday afternoon gives the kids in the community, big and little, something to look forward to and pull for in the way of local teams. We know from last season that it can and will be a lot of fun for all concerned, but we needn't expect to have a championship crowd of boys like we were lucky enough to get our first season. But then we just might, and that's what boys and men doing the coaching and arguing will all be pulling for. On behalf of the community, thanks again to Robbins Mills for making the league possible.

County Health Dept. Announce Clinic Series

A series of immunization clinics for infant and pre-school age children will be held throughout the county beginning Monday, June 1st and will last through August. According to a recent bulletin from the Hoke County Health Department.

The clinics, held regularly as part of the county health program, are set up to give immunizations for diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and small pox. The Health Department strongly urges that parents, whose children have not received immunizations, bring their children to one of the county clinics. The bulletin pointed out that diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus is given in three doses at four to six weeks intervals, and should be begun at the age of three months. The bulletin further stated that the most dangerous period for whooping cough disease is under one year of age and the danger period for diphtheria one to four. About three months after vaccination is needed to develop immunity.

The clinics will be held at the following places next week and the entire schedule will be run in next week's issue of this paper: Monday, June 1, Laurel Hill School 10:00-11:00 a. m.; Woods Store, Rockfish 1:30-2:30 p. m.; Wednesday June 3rd, Hendrix Station, Arabia, 10:00-11:00 a. m.; Mildouson School 1:30-2:30 p. m.; Thursday June 4th, Millers Station (on Antioch-Dundarrach Road) 10:00-11:00 a. m.

RELIGIOUS SING TO BE HELD AT MILDOUSON

A religious sing composed of several quartettes, trios and group singers from neighboring areas will be held at the Mildouson school house Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 p. m. An invitation to the public to attend is extended by the sponsors of the event.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The Rockfish committee at a meeting Monday night re-elected Mrs. Monroe and Mrs. Campbell. Mr. Street refused to stand for re-election. The committee wished to re-elect Mrs. Williams, but could not as the school had lost one teacher. Mrs. Williams was the last one added to the faculty. The committee and community regretted very much losing these teachers. They had done an excellent job this year. The best wishes of everyone goes with them.

The Hoke High baccalaureate service was held last Sunday. The seniors, the faculty and all concerned appreciate the churches canceling their services and the people worshipping with the seniors. We feel that this is a most generous and worthwhile courtesy on the part of the churches. See an account elsewhere in The News-Journal.

The seniors have been complimented by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howell, the Raeford Furniture Company, Kinlaws Jewelry Store and the "Mothers of the Rockfish Seniors". The class appreciates all of these courtesies.

The Mildouson Operetta was given Monday evening to a large and enthusiastic audience. It was colorful, the music catchy and the cast did their part well. The children and their teachers are to be congratulated on the excellence of the production.

The faculty of the Ashmont School were hosts at a steak supper Wednesday evening in honor of those who had been of great help to the school.

Jaycees Get Thirteen Entrants For Pageant

With the date for entries in the Miss Hoke County beauty pageant already past the Jaycees announce this week that thirteen contestants had entered the pageant slated for June 19th in the high school auditorium.

Girls entered in the contest include: Misses Sarah Jane Cole, Annie Blue Cameron, Raye King, Fannette Gore, Joan Sinclair, Katherine McDonald, Ellen Kate Koonce, Helen McDougald, Betty Lou Nixon, Jean Carroll Sherrill, Shirley Mann and Edith McNeill. Each one of the contestants are being sponsored by a local business firm.

Tickets went on sale today for the TV set which will be given away at the pageant to the holder of the lucky ticket which will be drawn during the show.

"Mission For Men" Services Draw Good Crowds All 3 Nights

"Mission To Men", the three day revival conducted at the Raeford Presbyterian church on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights of this week and sponsored by District 5 of the Fayetteville Presbytery drew a crowd of approximately 500 men in all three nights.

A crowd of 200 on Sunday night, 147 on Monday night and 150 on Tuesday night heard the Rev. J. Walter Dickson, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Belmont deliver the three sermons. The group singing was led by Whit Kennedy, student at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., and student pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Lumberton.

Jerry Pence of Wagram was the organist on Monday and Tuesday nights with Miss Martha Davenport at the keyboard on Sunday night.

Choirs to sing at Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:30

Plan Alumnae Day At Flora Macdonald Saturday, May 30

Miss Martha Gaitley of Raleigh and Professor Rodger Decker, director of the Guidance Clinic at the college, will be guest speakers at the Alumnae Day luncheon program at Flora Macdonald college on Saturday, May 30.

Alumnae Day exercises will begin at 11:30 in the morning, when the business meeting will be held in the college auditorium, with the president, Mrs. L. Franklyn Jones of Wilmington, presiding.

In addition to the speeches, the luncheon program will feature a group of songs by Miss Barbara Hill, voice major and a member of this year's graduating class. Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson, college president, will bring greetings to the Alumnae, and Dr. Leslie Bullock, senior class sponsor, will present the class to the Association. Miss Jean Underwood, class president, will respond.

Special features of the program will be recognition of the first four classes of Red Springs Seminary—'96, '97, '98 '99; and the fifty-year reunion class, 1903; and the presentation of a portrait of the late Miss Ettie Brown, a former professor, to the college. Other reunion classes this year will be 1915, '16, '17, '18, '34, '35, '36, '37, and the 25-year class, 1928.

After luncheon, a coffee hour will be held in the college parlors, when members of the college faculty and staff will be special guests of the Alumnae.

PIANO RECITAL FRIDAY

Mrs. Arah Gatlin Stuart will present her piano students in a recital at the Hoke High School auditorium Friday evening at 8:15 p. m. A varied selection of music will be presented and the public is invited to attend.

HONOR STUDENTS AT HOKE HIGH



ELLEN KATE KOONCE

Ellen Kate Koonce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koonce, and C. J. Benner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Benner, have been named scholastic leaders of the 1953 graduating class at Hoke County High school for the very high averages they maintained during their high school years. Ellen Kate is valedictorian and C. J. is salutatorian, and they



C. J. BENNER, Jr.

will deliver their addresses at the graduating exercises at the high school tonight. The exercises will begin at 8:15 o'clock and 46 members of the graduating class will receive their diplomas from Principal W. T. Gibson, Dr. W. E. Rosenstengel, professor of Education at the University of North Carolina, will deliver the commencement address.

Hoke High In Double A Sports Next Season

According to an announcement made this week by coach Bob Rockholtz the Hoke High Bucks will play double A sports next year beginning with the basketball season. Previously the locals had played "A" sports, which is the lowest of the three classifications now in effect by the North Carolina High School Association.

Raeford will now be in an area composed of teams from Laurinburg, Rockingham, Hamlet, Sanford and Wadesboro. They were formerly classified in "A" ball with Massey Hill being their only area opponent.

"A" ball is composed of schools with pupil enrollment, upon which the classification is based, of under 300. Double "A" schools have to have an enrollment of over 300 with triple A schools comprising schools the size of Fayetteville, Raleigh, Charlotte, and so forth.

Play in the new class of schools will not begin until basketball season due to previous commitments in football for this fall. The locals played two of the area "AA" teams last year in basketball, dumping Rockingham in two games and taking the measure of Laurinburg in another.

The present enrollment of Hoke High now is 301.

Commencement Set For This Week-end At Flora Macdonald

Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson, president, has announced the 1953 commencement program at Flora Macdonald college, the week end of May 30-June 1. The opening feature will be the annual commencement concert on Saturday evening, May 30, at 8:15, when Dr. Charles G. Vardell, Jr., Dean of the Conservatory, will present advanced students in piano, organ, and voice.

Sunday morning, June 1, at 11:00, Dr. Thomas A. Fry, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Bristol, Tennessee, will preach the baccalaureate sermon. At 4:30 Sunday afternoon, Professor James Cobb, tenor, and head of the FMC voice department, will be presented in a voice recital, and Sunday evening at 7:30, Dr. Leslie Bullock, head of the Bible department, will conduct Senior Vespers.

Monday morning, June 1, at 10:30, Dr. George MacPherson Docherty, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church in Washington, D. C., will deliver the commencement address to the graduates.

D. H. Pearson Dies At Home Tuesday; Funeral At Bethel Fri.

D. H. Pearson, 90, of the Blue Springs community died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. J. Hasty Wednesday morning after being in failing health for several months.

Mr. Pearson was born in Scotland County but spent the majority of his life in Hoke County engaged in farming. He married the former Miss Mataldia Peele who died several years ago.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. J. Hasty of the home and Mrs. Thomas Carter of Birmingham, New York and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Bethel church Friday afternoon at 4 p. m. with the Rev. S. A. Ewart conducting. The body will remain at Lentz Mortuary until one hour before the funeral.

Variety Of Cases In Recorder's Court Tuesday

Assault cases were in the majority last Tuesday as four of the fifteen cases tried before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court was such. The other cases included the average traffic and liquor violations.

Oscar Leslie, colored, plead guilty to assault on a Negro girl, Annie Lee Blue, and received a 30 day suspended sentence and a fine of \$25 and costs with orders to stay away from the Blue girl for six months.

Matthew James Graham, colored, in the first of two cases had judgment suspended on the charges of assaulting his wife after she decided to drop the charges. He paid the court costs on this. He was found not guilty in another case of larceny of meat and potatoes from the Sanatorium at McCain.

Daniel Milton Roper, colored, for driving drunk and it being his third offense received a 90 day term on the roads. He also received 30 days on the road for having no operator's license.

A case in which Billy Faulk, white, was charged with violating the liquor laws was dropped after a motion by the solicitor to that effect. He paid the court costs.

Glenn Evans, colored, had to pay a \$25 fine and costs in lieu of a 30 day suspended sentence for assault with a deadly weapon on one William Spruill.

Billy Hanna, colored, was found not guilty of assault with a pistol on Willie Davis, also colored.

William McRae and James Barber, both colored, each were fined with the costs for public drunkenness.

Israel Moultrie, colored, plead guilty of having home brew for sale and paid \$50 and costs.

George Hollingsworth paid \$10 and costs for speeding and Everett R. Hopper, white tourist, left a \$25 bond for the same offense.

Ada McClanahan, white, paid \$25 and costs for having no operator's license.

Waddell Burch, colored, was taxed with the costs for having improper brakes on his car.

Edward Cugin Bridges, colored, was found guilty of abandonment of crops under the landlord-tenant act. Judgment was withheld until the June 2 term of court.

CANCER FUND BENEFIT

The Rockfish community, in an effort to raise money for the cancer drive will have a weiner roast at the Rockfish School Friday night at 7:00 p. m. The public has been invited to attend and there will also be cakes and pies for sale.

COURTHOUSE TO CLOSE

The courthouse will be closed all day Saturday in conjunction with Memorial Day holiday. The bank and other business houses in town will be open for business as usual.

Raeford Loses Little League Opening Game

Large Crowd On Hand

Approximately 200 spectators, predominately children, from Raeford and Aberdeen attended the opening day game of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League at the Little League ball park in Robbins Heights yesterday afternoon and saw the Aberdeen Cards best the Raeford Indians 6-5 in a game that was close right down to the final out.

The opening game in Aberdeen was held last Wednesday afternoon with the Aberdeen Cubs defeating the Raeford Tigers 4-2.

Regular schedule will begin next week as all teams will swing into action that will see them playing two games each every week. Monday's action will see the Raeford Indians and the Raeford Tigers meeting at the Little League ball park with the two teams meeting again on Wednesday afternoon. All games will begin at 5:30 p. m. The season will close August 3 and there will be home games in Raeford and Aberdeen each Monday and Wednesday with the exception of the weeks of June 24 through July 6 when the plants will be closed down for employee vacations. In case of rain and any game has to be postponed a schedule has been set up whereby Monday games will be replayed on the following Saturday and washed-out Wednesday games will be played on Thursday.

Ceremonies were brief at the game yesterday with the Hoke High band under the direction of J. B. Renn playing the National Anthem while an honor guard composed of Scouts from the local Boy Scout Troop raised the flag on the flag pole in center field. W. B. Croxton, of Robbins Mill welcomed the spectators to the game and then threw out the first pitch to the Indian pitcher.

The visiting Cubs wasted little time in going ahead in the contest as they scored three runs off Larry Phillips, all of which came after two outs had been made. Their final three runs came in the third inning with one of their hits being a home run into right field with one on.

Dick Hendley relieved Phillips at this time and allowed no more runs.

Home runs were cheap in the game yesterday as the ball rolled faster than the outfielders could run. In addition to the home run by the Aberdeen player Dicky Hendley hit one to the scoreboard in the second inning with none on.

Larry Phillips, the pint-sized pitcher, caught hold of a pitch in the fourth inning and circled the bases.

The Indians came close to winning the game in the fifth inning as they scored three runs but the Cubs cut the rally off short and that was all the scoring.

Hendley was the leading batter for the Indians as he got a single in addition to his home run for two hits in three times at bat.

Lineup for the Indians was Phillips, pitcher and shortstop; Upchurch, third base; Williams, centerfield; Hendley, shortstop and pitcher; Cameron, second base; Lester, left field; Bracy, right field; Wesley, right field; Jenkins, first base; and Harris, catcher.

Services at Methodist Church Sunday

There will be services at the Raeford Methodist church Sunday, May 31 at 11:00 a. m. The sermon topic will be "The Right Use of the Sabbath Day." This is a special prepared sermon with the public cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Scarborough and daughters and Virginia McNeill and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cole spent the week-end at the Scarborough cottage at Tighman Beach.