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## Addenda

By the Editor

I think the boys around here are getting as much fun out of planning and doing for Rube Poole Day as Rube himself is going to get. It is always a pleasure to take part in something that is so right, I guess.

I never did know until this week that the town used to have a ball park up where Archie Stevens lives, or that a railroad ran by there. Didn't know, either, about the one that was later down by the depot, or that Rube hit a ball that got lost in the left field piny for a home run to win a game there one day.

First cotton bloom I saw this year was brought in Monday, June 8, by the Rev. J. A. McKinnon who got it from his patch five miles from Raeford on the Red Springs road. The cotton was planted on March 31. Jerry Lytle, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Lytle of Antioch, also found a bloom on Monday in his one-acre patch he planted March 31 as a 4-H project.

On Tuesday Mitchell Epstein brought one in from his Bowmore place, and on the same day J. D. McCrimmon found one in his patch on the W. G. Buie farm in Blue Springs township.

The board of education met on Monday as scheduled, and discussed the problem of a full-time principal at Raeford Elementary School at some length. Several questions as to way of accomplishing this came up that could not be answered, so the board postponed action until another meeting that they set for Thursday night. In the meantime Board Member Neill McFadyen and Superintendent K. A. MacDonald were to go to Raleigh to find some answers. So, news of whether there is to be the full-time principal or not will have to wait until next week. I understand the members of the board are generally in favor of it, but are finding several obstacles in their path, which must be overcome before they can bring it about.

All the old Battery "F" boys who did will be sorry to hear that they missed seeing Lou Gamble when he was in town this week. Gamble, son of a regular army colonel who was at Fort Bragg in 1940, enlisted in Battery "F" and went to federal service with it. He was a fine soldier and an outstanding drill sergeant. He took competitive examinations and entered West Point. On graduation he entered the Air Force and was a B-29 pilot in the Pacific Theatre at the War's end. He is now Major Louis G. Gamble of the faculty at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, and is down here at the Air-Ground School at Southern Pines. He is married and has three children.

The whole community is grateful to the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce for arranging to have the town sprayed for insects this week. That's something we will all really enjoy the benefit of, and won't have to be told about.

## WHEAT ALLOTMENTS

Farmers on land on which no wheat was seeded for any of the years 1951, 1952 and 1953 may apply for a 1954 wheat acreage allotment, according to R. J. Hasty, Chairman of the Hoke County Production and Marketing Administration Committee. To be considered for an allotment on a farm which had no wheat seeded for any of those years, the farmer must apply in writing to his county PMA committee by June 30, 1953.

Dr. Cary C. Dobbs of Philadelphia visited Jim Lentz on Friday.

## Baptists Have Supply Pastor For Summer Months

The Raeford Baptist Church has made arrangements with the Rev. W. L. Strickland, professor of Greek and Bible at Wake Forest College, to fill the pulpit at the church during the summer months.

Mr. Strickland will preach at the local church next Sunday and most of the Sundays through August, although there will be some Sundays he will not be here due to previous engagements.

## Colored Woman Dies Friday In Fall From Truck

Ida Mae Davis, 32-year-old colored woman of Red Springs, was instantly killed at about 6:30 last Friday afternoon when she fell from a truck loaded with cotton choppers going by Duffie's Station. Coroner James C. Lentz held an inquest Tuesday morning at the courthouse in Raeford and the jury ordered Cary Lee McLauchlin, colored, held for action of the county grand jury at the next term of Superior Court. The coroner set bond at \$500.

The truck was owned and operated by Joe McCormick and there were about 10 cotton choppers on it at the time. Witnesses said it was travelling at about 35 miles an hour.

It appeared from evidence at the coroner's inquest that there had been a fight in the cotton patch on Thursday afternoon between Cary Lee McLauchlin and Rosa Lee McKay, and at that time that Ida Mae Davis, the deceased, had hit the McLauchlin woman with a stick.

There was no evidence at the inquest that the two had any trouble on the truck before the movements leading directly to the fatal accident. In a signed statement to the coroner Cary Lee McLauchlin said "I went at her with my knife, and she jumped off the truck." Lentz said he heard her say that she had intended to "leave her mark" on the Davis woman.

## Rent Control Will Be Discontinued In Fort Bragg Area

Federal rent control is scheduled to be removed from the Fort Bragg area on August 1, the Office of Defense Mobilization announced Wednesday.

ODM officials told Rep. F. Ertel Carlyle that a review has been made of all critical defense housing areas where federal rent control is now in effect, and as a result the Fort Bragg area, covering parts of Cumberland and Hoke counties will not be recommended for continued rent control after July 31.

Recent reports indicate that there is a surplus of rental housing in the Fort Bragg area. Such a situation precludes the necessity for rent controls, which are usually clamped on where housing shortages are acute and landlords thus are able to exact high rental rates.

Sen. Smith has received communications from citizens in the Fort Bragg area charging that military leaders were requiring Army personnel to live in substandard housing on the base, rather than in more desirable rental property near-by. These charges, he said, have been refuted by military officials, who claimed they were merely following Army regulations in not granting extra rent allowances when government housing constructed for the use of military was available on the post.

Sen. Smith and Sen. Clyde R. Hoey have requested a report on the entire Fort Bragg housing situation from the pentagon, which is expected within the next few days.

## LAWRENCE, RUBE, CAPTAIN, COL. POOLE ON LOCAL SCENE 48 YEARS



40 Years Ago



1950

April 15, 1887, was undoubtedly hot and clear, a good day for baseball, at least up around Jackson Springs in Moore County. There's no doubt about this because it was on this day that Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott Poole's son William Lawrence was born there.

Young Lawrence came to Raeford with his folks to live on March 16, 1905, and he says he went to the ball park with Make, Martin and Dan McKeithan on that very day. The ball park then was about where the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Stevens is now, with the right field line running along Magnolia Street toward the Aberdeen road. Of course, there was a railroad along what is now Magnolia Street.

He played on the baseball teams for Raeford Institute for the next several years, and for the town teams in the summers. Strong teams they were in those days, too, with opposing teams being such as Davidson College, Oak Ridge Military Institute, Atlantic Christian College, North Carolina Military Academy at Red Springs, and others. Lawrence was a catcher then, and for as long as he played baseball.

In the summer of 1909 he went to Roxboro and caught about 60 games for the unusually strong team there that summer. That fall he entered Carolina, and was a catcher on the University team of 1910. The summer of 1910 he and several other Carolina players played for Louisville, and the picture of him on page 8 was taken in Louisville with Harry Hedgepeth, a pitcher from Carolina. Hedgepeth is now a doctor and practices in Richmond, Va.

In 1912 the Pooles went to Wendell where Mr. D. Scott started a paper. He didn't stay there long but left his son Lawrence there to run the paper. He ran the paper and played baseball, and it was in the summer of 1912 that he started Jackie May as a pitcher. All the boys thought Jackie was too young to pitch against the competition they were facing, but Rube, as they were calling him then, was running the team and he pitched him. History proved him right in short order, as Jake was effective that year, and went on to a baseball career that saw him in the major leagues for about a dozen years, and striking out Babe Ruth at the

height of his home run career. Jake is now supervisor of sales on the Wendell tobacco market and is a prosperous farmer there.

Rube played ball in Bennettsville in 1913, and was back here playing ball and was cotton weaver on the Raeford cotton market in 1915 and 1916. May 21, 1917, he enlisted in the Army and on May 28 he joined Company L, 119th Infantry, 30th Division at Camp Glenn, at Goldsboro. He went to France with this unit and saw a great deal of combat, becoming first sergeant of the company. Shortly before the Armistice he was sent to Officers Training School in France, finishing and receiving his certificate of capacity shortly after the war was over. No more commissions were granted after the armistice, so he came home with Company L a first sergeant and was mustered out on May 20, 1919.

He had been appointed Clerk of the Superior Court in Hoke County prior to his discharge, and he was sworn into this office on June 1, 1919, remaining clerk until December 1, 1930.

It was during these years that he began his service to the boys and young men of this county. He organized and coached a football team here about 1920 and it was considerably successful or several years. He was instrumental in organizing the National Guard Machine Gun company here after the war and was its executive officer under Captain R. B. Lewis, becoming captain when Lewis became major in 1924, and remaining captain until September 14, 1940, just two days before the unit entered Federal service for World War II. During these years "Captain Poole" and "National Guard" came to mean about the same thing around here. He built or arranged for the armories, first where the county office building is now and later the armory now in use which was built from Federal funds in 1937. Dollars were hard to get in those years, and he was a friend in more ways than one to the many men who were members of the National Guard in almost two decades.

He was all this time a member of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, a regular and outstanding member of the choir, and a

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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF JUNE 15

Schedule of immunization clinics to be conducted by the Hoke County Health Department in the next week and places are shown below. The clinics are for immunization against diphtheria, smallpox, tetanus and whooping cough.

On Tuesday, June 16, Calloway's Station at Five Points, 1:30 to 2:30 p. m.

On Wednesday, June 17, Brown's Station on Buchanan Farm, 9:30 to 10:30 a. m.

On Wednesday, June 17, Johnson's Store, Ashley Heights 1:30 to 2:30 p. m.

On Thursday, June 18, Parks Esso Station at Montrose, 9:30 to 10:30 a. m.

## Funeral Is Held Sunday Afternoon For D. P. Gillis

Funeral services for Duncan Percy Gillis, 55, of the Philippi community near Raeford, who passed away on Friday, were held at Philippi Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon at 4:30. Interment followed in the Raeford cemetery.

The services were conducted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, of Raeford, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Carswell of Manchester and Malcolm Bullock, student pastor of Philippi Presbyterian Church. Pallbearers were John Lee, Smith McInnis, H. L. Long, Jr., Kermit Riley, John Parker, Alton Potter, Ernest Campbell and Charlie Baker.

Mr. Gillis had been active until he suffered a stroke on Tuesday of last week. He was taken to a Fayetteville hospital where he died at 8:00 a. m. on Friday.

A son of the late Daniel Calvin Gillis and Flora Isabella McGooogan, he was born in the Philippi community and spent his entire life there. He was a lifetime member of Philippi Church, where he was a deacon for 22 years and church treasurer for a number of years. A farmer, he served as PMA committeeman for several years and was also a member of the Rockfish school committee.

He was a Mason, a Woodman of the World, a member of the Farm Bureau and of the Farm Grange.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ada Guin Gillis; two daughters, Mrs. Hubert Warwick of Raeford and Clara Mae Gillis of Raleigh; three sons, Sgt. Clyde B. Gillis of the Army at Fort Bragg, Luther Gillis of Hamlet and Herman Gillis of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Claude Wood of Rockfish and Mrs. Hugh Haire of Raeford; Route 2, four brothers, N. G. Gillis of Fayetteville, D. W. of Red Springs, A. C. and O. W. Gillis of Raeford; four grandchildren.

## Short Session Of Recorder's Court Tuesday Morning

One of the briefest sessions of Hoke County recorder's court in a long time was held before Judge T. O. Moses on Tuesday morning. Court was finished and closed by about 11:00 o'clock.

Adell Watson, colored, paid \$10 and costs for public drunkenness. Luther Jr. Locklear, Indian, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving, and exactly the same for having no driver's license.

Preston Johnson and Gomer Johnson, colored, each had to pay \$10 and costs for speeding with trucks. Robert Sloan, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs for being drunk and disorderly and had to pay \$10 and damage to the jail.

The State dropped the case in which Eugene Melvin, colored, was charged with violating the landlord and tenant act.

Freddie Fisher, white soldier, forfeited a \$50 bond for careless and reckless driving. James Jr. Pope, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$30 and costs for careless and reckless driving.

Walter G. Davis, white, was charged with failing to yield right of way to an oncoming car. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs. For passing on a curve, T. S. Mase, Jr., white, had to pay \$10 and costs.

Casey McNair, colored, paid costs for driving with improper brakes.

Robert Little, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for speeding 75 miles an hour.

Preston Moore, colored, was charged with speeding and failing to stop at a stop sign. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$15 and costs.

## Aberdeen Cards Lead Little League; Raeford Tigers Next

A clean single over second base by Derry Williams in the bottom of the sixth inning scored Larry Phillips and Dicky Hendley with the tying and winning runs yesterday afternoon as the Raeford Indians defeated the Aberdeen Cubs 11-10.

What started out to be a run-a-way game to the Indians turned into a tied up ball game when the Cubs went ahead in the fifth inning as they scored five runs to lead 10-9.

The Indians got off to an early start by scoring two runs in the first inning when Dickie Perkins hit a home run with two men on base but the home run was nullified when he forgot to tag third base and was called out. The Indians added to their lead in the second inning when the scored 6 times, three of which came in on Perkins bases loaded triple. Allen McDonald's home run into right field in the third inning finished the Indians scoring until the sixth inning.

The Cubs scored one run in the second inning and three in the third on a single and two triples. They scored a lone run in the fourth inning and were trailing as they went into the last inning 9-5.

In the sixth and last inning Phillips loaded the bases and with none out Henley was brought in to stop the rally. After one was out three wild pitches cleaned the bases and the Cubs scored two more on a walk and two hits.

The Indians won the game when they scored their two runs with none out in the sixth inning.

Leading batters for the Indians were Perkins with a double and a triple in two turns at bat and McDonald with a home run and single in three turns at bat.

**Cubs Beat Tigers Monday**  
Monday afternoon in Aberdeen in the only game played that day the Cubs defeated the Tigers 9-5. Yesterday afternoon the Raeford Tigers lost a 5-4 game to the Aberdeen Cards.

The Aberdeen Cards are in first place in the league with the Raeford Tigers in second place; third place is held by the Cubs with the Indians in the cellar.

## Hoke Roads In 11 Projects Set For June Letting

Raleigh, N. C.—The State Highway Commission today advertised for low bids on eleven projects for 60.74 miles of road improvements and the building of eleven structures.

Eleven counties will participate in the letting which will be held June 23, in the auditorium of the new highway building in Raleigh. Of the eleven projects, one will be financed by secondary road bond funds.

One of the major projects calls for the construction of eight bridges on the relocation of US 70 between Greensboro and Whitsett.

A Carteret County job calls for a swing span bridge over thoroughfare between Atlantic and Cedar Island.

A Rockingham County project calls for sidewalks on the Dan River Bridge at Madison on US 220.

The Commission will meet Friday, June 26, in Raleigh to review the low bids.

In Hoke County 5.4 miles of bituminous surface treatment from Wire Road, 1.4 miles east of Dundarrach, southeast to road junction 0.4 miles north of NC 20; from Rockfish-Raeford Road, 2.5 miles west of Rockfish, southeast to road junction at Rockfish Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dull and children of Sanford visited Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ellis and family the past week end.

## Rube Poole Day Plans Go Forward; Crowd Expected

Plans are proceeding apace for Rube Poole Day next Wednesday during what somebody has aptly called "Hell's Bells Week." Several developments promise to make the chicken supper at Upchurch Airport a highly successful affair, and arrangements for the trip to Washington for "Rube" on June 20 have been made. It is expected that he will see games between Cleveland and Washington on June 21 and 22.

Colonel Poole's friends from far and wide are all beginning to get a big kick out of plans for the party next Wednesday night, and indications are that it is going to be a real reunion of his many athletic and military associates during the past 40 years. A few of his contemporaries will of course be present, as will many of the boys who parade through the last 30 years in Rube's mind as kids on a diamond, or a football field, or in the Boy Scouts, or a little bigger kids in the National Guard, or in an Army Training center, or in a Sunday School class.

Just who and how many are on hand, and just what is going to happen seem to be changing so rapidly that a full report cannot be given in advance. The thing is beginning to snowball, though, fully justifying the opinions of the originators that it would be something a great many young and old boys would like to participate in, honoring a man who has contributed time, energy, and anything else he had through the years to boys and sports.

Tickets for the feed are available in any of a dozen places in Raeford, and members of the committee are trying to give everyone an opportunity to get one. They can be obtained at McLauchlin Co., Graham's Service Station, Teal Oil Company, The News-Journal and several other places.

The committee working on the affair are planning to have several men who have known Colonel Poole through the years and who live outside the county here for the supper as well as those from home. Those having already accepted invitations to attend include Jake May of Wendell, Gus Hasty of Maxton, Tom Neal of Laurinburg, Punk Singleton and Zeb McMillan of Red Springs, Wal Armstrong of Salisbury, Tom DeVane of Fayetteville, Ralph Chandler and John Ponzer of Southern Pines. Others have been contacted by the committee and are yet to be heard from.

## Jaycees Arrange For Spraying Of Insects In Town

At their meeting Tuesday night the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce made arrangements to have the Town of Raeford sprayed for insects. The work is to be done on Friday and Saturday mornings of this week, and has been contracted to the Johnson and Poole Aerial Dusting and Spray Company of Raeford, and is to be done by William L. Poole, Jr.

The excessive number of flies, gnats and mosquitoes around town this year caused the Junior Chamber to decide to undertake the project, for which most of the residents will undoubtedly be grateful.

The work is expected to cost the Jaycees about \$85 and is expected to last all summer. Persons living outside town who would like to have their premises given the same treatment for insects may contact Poole directly.

Charles Gordon of Springfield, Penn. arrived last Saturday to join his wife and son at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. P. Smith.