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## Addenda - -

By the Editor

The number of people who have commented to me about it have convinced me that I am not the only one who disagrees with the county board of education in their decision that the Raeford Elementary School does not need a principal who does not teach. Of course I know that the ones who don't agree with me and who do agree with the board are those who will not mention it to me, so I don't know how many people feel as the members of the board do, I do, however, know that quite a few agree with me, and I feel that if we can keep this subject alive something may be accomplished in another year anyway. I do not intend to let it die.

Rube Poole Week was wound up with his friends giving him a trip to Washington and New York over the week-end, where he saw the sights and several major league baseball games. He was accompanied by Mitchell Epstein and Lonnie Teal. Lawrence McNeill, Harry Greene, Crawford Thomas and myself, in Washington trying to hit another lick at Army's effort to take Hoke land, sat with them at one ball game and all seemed to have a mighty good time. Washington at "leveland" were playing an. Rube said that Clyde Upchurch, who was also there, was good enough 30 years ago to play infield on either team. Well, I don't know how good Clyde was, of course, but those boys on the field could certainly handle the ball. It was a lot of fun watching a game with a pair who know the game as Rube and Clyde do and hearing their comments on the technical aspects of the game... what each player could and couldn't do, and who in the past could do it better.

About the land situation, the committee has contacted and enlisted the support of just about everyone in position to do anything for us, and these people are pledged to help where and when they can. This being done, there is nothing to do but wait for the next move by the Army. With only about five more weeks of Congress probable, we are hoping that it is fast getting too late for the Army to do anything this session. While this thinking may be in error, I believe the committee and the members of Congress who support its stand feel a little more encouraged with each day that passes. As to definite information on the matter one way or another, I wouldn't even chance a guess as to when that may be forthcoming.

Suggestion has been made that one way to slow down some of the speeding in town would be to put more stop lights around. I don't know what installation and operation costs on these are, but it would surely be one way to do it. That, it seems to me, is going to be about the only way traffic up and down Main Street can be slowed. There should be lights at the corner at the bank and at the courthouse. That would fix 'em. I also hear that Mayor Alfred Cole and the police force are teaching a few speeders a lesson, having caught and fined several lately. That will slow them down, too, if kept up.

The Fourth of July, as I see it, is a patriotic holiday and should be observed on the fourth, not the sixth or any other day in order to use the Fourth in the eternal chase for a buck. It's a free country, thank God, and we can do as we please, but I don't think it right to move the holiday from the anniversary of our Declaration of Independence to some other day for business reasons. While I hate to bite the hand that feeds me, them's my sentiments.

## Philippi Church Sets Homecoming Sunday

(contributed)

On Sunday, June 28, past and present members of the Philippi Presbyterian church, and their friends, will meet at the church to celebrate their annual homecoming.

The church history begins with a deed of Allen McCaskill, who in 1860 deeded eight acres of land for the purpose of a Presbyterian church.

In 1886 Rev. A. McQueen began to preach once a month at the present cemetery of the Philippi church.

In January 1887 a congregational meeting was held and it was unanimously resolved to build a church. A survey followed by Rod McMillan and appointed committees chose a building site.

In April 1887 a petition which bore the signature of more than

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## REV. WALLACE ELLIS PLANS REVIVAL SERIES

The Rev. Wallace M. Ellis, pastor of the Union Baptist church of Richwood, Ohio, will begin revival services Sunday evening, June 28 under a gospel tent located at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ellis, on the Turnpike Road. The services will be held nightly beginning at 8 o'clock and will continue through Sunday, July 5.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Neill S. Stubbs Dies Saturday; Funeral At Ephesus Monday

Neill Shoemaker Stubbs of Raeford, route two, died Saturday in a Fayetteville hospital. He was born in Richmond county, the son of John Wellington Stubbs and Catherine McKenzie Stubbs.

He was a civilian employe of the Post Engineers at Fort Bragg for the past nine years and was a member of Sandy Grove Methodist church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alma McMillan Stubbs; two sons, Curnie and Charles Stubbs of Fayetteville; one daughter, Mrs. Catherine Wood of Rockfish; two sisters, Mrs. R. L. McCadyen and Mrs. Minnie McMillan of Raeford, route two; one brother, Hoover Stubbs of Raeford; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p. m. at Ephesus Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Taylor, assisted by Rev. N. P. Eden and Rev. D. E. Miller.

Pallbearers were John Ailen Jones, Lennon McFadyen, Brown Hendrix, M. A. McInnis, Clifford Bostic, Eleby Jackson,

## Mrs. Mary P. Bethea, Of Rockfish, Passes

Mrs. Mary Portia Bethea, 72, beloved and respected citizen of Rockfish, died last Friday morning, June 19, 1953 in a Fayetteville hospital after a long illness.

She was a daughter of the late Neal Black Lindsay and Mary Jane Carmichael Lindsay, and had been a life-long member of Galatia Presbyterian church.

She is survived by one brother, A. G. Lindsay, of Memphis, Tennessee and a number of nieces and nephews, her husband, Franklin Pierce Bethea, having preceded her to the grave by thirteen years.

Funeral services were held at Galatia Presbyterian church conducted by Rev. B. O. Shannon, assisted by Rev. D. E. Miller. Interment was in Cross Creek cemetery in Fayetteville. Active pallbearers were Gilbert Ray, J. McN. Gillis, Graham Monroe, John Parker, E. T. Brock, Sr., D. A. Gillis and Donald Wood.

## AT KIWANIS CONVENTION

T. O. Moses and Marion Gatlin of the Raeford Kiwanis Club attended the convention of Kiwanis International in New York City the first three days of the week. They left on Saturday.

## Miss Hoke County - 1953



SARAH JANE COLE

## Mayor Alfred Cole Crowns Daughter County Beauty Queen Friday Night

Miss Hoke County II, the new queen for 1953 is Miss Sarah Jane Cole, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Alfred Cole. She was crowned at the end of the beauty pageant held last Friday night in the Hoke County high school auditorium.

Sarah Jane will represent Raeford and Hoke County in the State beauty pageant which will be held in Morehead City July 15, 16, and 17.

The winner will represent North Carolina in the "Miss America" contest which will be held in Atlantic City, N. J., late in August.

From a field of eight which saw Miss Cole crowned, runners up were Miss Katherine MacDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. MacDonald in second place and in third place was Miss Annie Blue Cameron, daughter of Mrs. Leon Cameron.

Between 300 and 400 persons crowded into the Hoke High Auditorium to see the array of talent presented to the audience in bathing suits and evening dresses. Their talent demonstration was given in street dresses or appropriate costumes. One of the best dances in recent years, from the standpoint of the crowd, followed in the armory with Hal Gore and his orchestra providing the music.

For the second straight year Vestal Taylor, news director and commentator of Radio Station WFNC in Fayetteville, acted as master of ceremonies.

The contestants appeared first in their bathing suits and then after John Davis sang "Where Is Your Heart" they appeared in street dresses for their talent. Annie Blue Cameron, daughter of Mrs. Leon Cameron and sponsored by Israel Mann recited "Casey at the Bat". Betty Nixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Nixon and sponsored by Bill's Motor Company, sang "Cowboy Sweetheart" accompanied by Autry Collins and "Shorty" Miller. Jean Carroll Sherill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector McNeill, Jr.,

and sponsored by Howell Drug Company recited "Our Hired Girl". Joan Sinclair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sinclair and sponsored by Dundarrach Trading Company sang "A Kiss in the Dark". Katherine MacDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. MacDonald and sponsored by J. W. Canaday recited a poem, "Don't You Be What You Ain't". Fannette Gore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gore and sponsored by Baucom's Appliance Company gave a dance interpretation of "Stardust". Pat Lamont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lamont, Jr., and sponsored by C. P. Kinlaw, Jeweler, gave a recitation "Guilty or Not Guilty". Sarah Jane Cole, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Alfred Cole and sponsored by Home Food Market sang "Side by Side". Mrs. Doris Austin was pianist for the pageant.

In the drawing for the TV set, James Radcliff of Raeford won the prize and it was presented to him after the pageant. Many pretty and useful gifts were presented to the winners of the pageant by business firms in and near Raeford.

## Mills To Close For Vacations Next Week

Robbins Mills and Para Thread Co. will close their plants here next week for vacations. They will close Saturday and will reopen on Monday, July 6.

Personnel in both mills qualifying will receive vacation pay, and others will have the week off.

## D. J. DALTON ILL

D. J. Dalton, manager of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, who lives in Raeford, suffered a heart attack last Thursday, and was taken to Scotland Memorial hospital. He suffered another attack on Saturday, but is reported to have shown some improvement since.

## Vice Recorder Fines Speeders In Court Tuesday

Vice Recorder J. M. Andrews, substituting for Judge T. O. Moses, dealt mainly with speeders in the ten cases tried and completed in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning. All but four of the cases were for exceeding the speed limit.

Those paying \$10 and costs of court for speeding were Gene Speece, James Albert Smith, and Glenn Frost, all white soldiers, Lawrence M. Moore, white.

Leaving \$25 bond for the same offense were Joseph Watson, white tourist and E. L. Mathias, colored.

Thomas M. McCormick, colored soldier, paid a \$10 fine and costs for passing a vehicle in the face of oncoming traffic.

Pat R. Ranson, white soldier was fined the costs for careless and reckless driving.

James Scott and Marybelle Strong, Indians, were found guilty of immoral conduct and each received a six-months sentence; his on the roads and hers to be worked out at the jail.

For selling blocks of wood that didn't belong to him, Floyd Cameron, white, received a six-month sentence upon his paying Glenn Sessoms, owner of the wood in question, \$46 and fine of \$25 and the costs.

## Hoke To Get 2 More Roads Paved Soon

Bids were opened Tuesday in Raleigh for 11 new State Highway Commission projects with this County having 7.9 miles of the total 60.74 miles of road work contemplated.

Bids on the work totalled \$811,141 and included 11 structures in addition to the 60.74 miles of paving and improving.

The Propst Construction Company, Inc., of Concord submitted the low bid of \$13,362.40 for the work to be done in Hoke county which includes: 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.

## FARM ITEMS

### WEEVIL SITUATION IN HOKE COUNTY

Early square counts in Hoke County for boll weevil damage shows a high infestation on untreated fields. This count runs from 17 to 34% with reports of some fields in the county running higher. Prospects now look bright for a good cotton crop if we control the boll weevil. It would be wise to start spraying and dusting immediately if possible. Applications should be continued as long as the weevil population and damage stays high. This can be determined by examining the squares for punctures. This square count should be made every five days and if the punctured squares go as high as 10%, the cotton should be dusted or sprayed at 5 day intervals.

The recommended materials for treating are 3% BHC—5% DDT at the rate of 10 pounds per acre as a dust; 20% Toxaphene at 10 to 15 pounds per acre as a dust or 2 lbs. per acre as a spray; or 2% Aldrin—30% DDT at the rate of 10 pounds per acre as a dust or 1-4 lb. Aldrin—1-2 lb. DDT as a spray. Any of these materials will give a good control on the weevil.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Mann and daughters spent Sunday at Wrightsville Beach. Miss Shirley Mann remained there for a visit with relatives.

## Hoke Men Attend County Officials Meet In Asheville

A five man delegation from this county attended the annual convention of the North Carolina Association of county commissioners and accountants in Asheville Saturday through Wednesday. Those attending were Chairman Fulford McMillan and Commissioners N. H. G. Balfour, County Accountant J. A. McGoogan, Senator J. Benton Thomas, and F. Knox Watson, former chairman of the Hoke board and former president of the association.

Balfour appeared on the program and delivered an address on the attempt by the Army to annex more Hoke county land for use as a firing range. He is also to deliver a similar address to the National Association of County Officials at their convention in Boston next month.

## Little League Indians Defeat Tigers Twice

A bases-loaded single in the bottom of the second inning scored two runs for the Raeford Indians Wednesday afternoon and enabled them to defeat the Raeford Tigers 5-4.

The Tigers jumped into an early lead in the top of the first inning as they got one run on three bases on balls and a wild pitch. They scored again in the second inning on two walks and a fielder's choice.

The Tigers kept their two run lead until the Indians scored for the first time in the fourth inning on a walk, fielder's choice and a hit batsman.

Each team scored in the fifth inning with the Tigers scoring one run off Henley on two walks, an error and a wild pitch. In the bottom of the fifth the Indians tied the score at 3—all as they scored twice on two hits and an error. The score remained tied until the top of the seventh inning as Hodgkin, the Tiger pitcher, got the first hit off Henley and then stole second and went to third base on a wild pitch. He scored the tie-breaking run on a bounding ball to first base and slid home under the throw.

But it wasn't the ball game yet as Hodgkin, who had pitched superb ball, walked three men in a row in the bottom of the seventh to set the stage for Jerry Williams base hit to score Larry Phillips and Dickie Henley.

The Raeford Indians jumped on three Tiger pitchers for 13 hits and five bases on balls to score 14 runs Monday afternoon and defeat the Tigers 14-7.

It was a wide open game from the start as each team scored in the first inning; the Indians scoring one time on one hit, one walk and one hit batsman. The Tigers scored twice on three walks and an error.

The Tigers did the rest of their scoring in the third and sixth innings, one run in the third and four in the sixth. The Indians scored two in the second, four in the fourth and seven in the sixth.

McCaskill started for the Tigers on the mound and gave way to Byrd in the third inning. Phillips was the Indian pitcher. Leading the 13 hit attack for the Indians was Cameron with 2 for 3 and Henley with 3 for 5. Henley was the big gun as he drove in 6 runs with two home runs. Faircloth and McDonald with 2 for 4 led the Tigers.

Next game for the little leaguers will be July 6.

## Stores Undecided About Taking Fourth

Most of the stores here in town are not definite about when and if they are going to close for the Fourth of July. The Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce is trying to get the business houses to close on July 6th. Final and definite information will be given next week, if such exists by that time.

## Carolinas Ginners Told That Cotton Outlook Is Bright

Cotton ginners from seven counties, meeting in Dunn Wednesday for the annual session of the Central District of the Carolinas Ginners Association were given an optimistic outlook for the season and were told that the National Cotton Council is finding more and more uses for cotton.

Charles E. Boyce, Jr. of Charlotte, representative of the council, told of the efforts being made to promote the use of cotton and the research program to find new uses for the lint.

He reported that cotton is again stylish in the women's clothing field and that the biggest promotion of cotton is now taking place in ladies' clothing.

Myres W. Tilghman, of Dunn, president of the Carolinas Ginners Association, presided over the meeting, held in the General Lee Room of Johnson's Restaurant. Today's meeting was one of six to be held in the two Carolinas.

Present for the meeting were ginners of Harnett, Johnson, Sampson, Cumberland, Robeson, Lee and Hoke counties.

Speakers included representatives of agriculture, the cotton manufacturing industry and officials of State College Extension Service.

## POISON FOR WEEVILS

Reports were heard from each county that the cotton crop is good despite the fact that boll weevil infestation is heavy. The ginners said they were stepping up promotion of poisoning efforts to kill the weevils.

Two panel discussions were held.

Vernon W. Hill, of Raleigh, was moderator of a discussion on "Technical Problems." Members of the panel were: George Lennard and Lee O. Penno of Wilson, Pat Jones and Candler C. Miller of Raleigh.

The second panel discussion, "The Ginners Interest in Cotton Quality," was moderated by D. H. Stancil of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Raleigh.

Members of the panel were: O. L. Stubbs of Fayetteville, T. H. Sansom of Dunn, and Fred P. Johnson of Raleigh.

During the business session, Mr. Tilghman and Clyde E. Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford, were re-elected to the board of directors of the Carolinas Ginners Association as representatives of the Central District.

A report of the ginners association's past year was given by Cliff Hardy of Bennettsville, S. C., executive secretary-treasurer. A luncheon was held at noon.

President Tilghman said he was highly encouraged over reports made at the session.

## Hoke Home Agent Named Secretary State Association

Miss Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent for Hoke of the North Carolina Home Demonstration Agents' Association for 1954 at elections during the Farm and Home Week held in Raleigh recently.

Other officers elected were Miss Rebecca Collwell, of New Bern, President; Mrs. Ona Humphrey, Wilson, First Vice President; Miss Mary Cornwell of Waynesville, Second Vice President; Miss Marion Bullard of Reidsville, Third Vice President; and Miss Lucille Tatum, Gastonia Treasurer.

The NCHDAA is made up of approximately 185 Home Demonstration and Assistant Home Demonstration Agents in the 100 North Carolina counties.

Miss Hall will finish out the unexpired term of the present secretary beginning in July and will serve the entire year of 1954.