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Addenda

By the Editor

Unofficial reports this week to the effect that Governor Umstead plans to leave the present adjutant general of the State in office will meet the approval of most of the National Guardsmen in North Carolina, I believe. North Carolina has been almost unique among Southern States in that the office of adjutant general has not been a political appointment changing with each new governor, and the National Guard has greatly benefited thereby. General John Hall Manning is the second adjutant general of the State since 1912, succeeding General J. Van B. Metts during the Scott administration. He is without much doubt the man best qualified by training and experience for the job, and he has taken no active part in State politics in recent years. It is heartening to know that the administrative control of the National Guard is to continue on a permanent, non-political basis, and General Manning's administration should continually improve as time passes.

Little story going around here for some time can now be printed, I guess. Story goes that some months back when the 82nd Division was on maneuvers away from Bragg a pay day happened to come up. Seems that a crowd in Fayetteville got together and talked the situation over, with the result that the mayor went to see the commanding general at Bragg and asked that the pay of the troops be withheld until they got back there. It is said that the general of course refused to withhold the money the men had coming, and in no uncertain terms. This little tale, true or not, certainly illustrates the love of Fayetteville people for the Fort Bragg soldiers, how they love them and why.

Many people, friends of all the four families who were bereaved by the accident last week, have expressed the desire to contribute something to some sort of memorial for the boys. Some of these people felt like sending flowers but didn't feel able to send them to each family at the same time. In view of this the members of Bethel Presbyterian Church have decided to start a fund to set up a memorial to the five. They will accept contributions from any who wish to take part, and Mrs. Julian Wright has been named treasurer of the fund. The type of memorial is to be decided later, and will of course depend on the amount of money that is contributed. I think the idea is certainly a good one, and that much thought should be given to the type of memorial to be established. Something which could in some way continue to help other young people of the community in the name of these boys would be appropriate, it seems to me. Maybe some sort of revolving fund which could be used to help deserving youths in some specific field of endeavor could be worked out. Anyway, it's something most of us will certainly want a part of, and I know the church will find the right thing to do.

Someone has remarked after the article on boll weevil last week that farmers should pray for rain instead of spray for weevil. That, I expect, is the truth. There's not going to be much for the boll weevil to eat in a lot of places if it doesn't soon rain, a lot of farmers tell me. I don't know, myself, as I got cured of farming several years ago... vines, stalks and bushes.

Senator Lennon has two people who have learned the ropes in Washington. In Jesse Helms and John Slear, and feeling generally is that he is wise in his decision to keep them.

Tar Heel Crops Feel Effects Of Drought

Raleigh, July 28—Insects and diseases are reported to be damaging Tar Heel crops in some areas, but dry weather presents the most serious threat to crops at the present, according to the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service.

In a crop report summary for the week ended July 25, the agency reported that soils are "dry" to "very dry" throughout most of the state. The condition of growing crops for the state as a whole continued to decline during the week, except in localized areas.

Boll weevil infestation averages about 28 per cent, little change from the previous week.

The condition of the tobacco crop ranges from poor to very good throughout the state. The burley crop in most mountain counties is said to be in fair condition.

Other reports follow:

Corn—Condition of the crop dropped slightly during the week. In the mountain area, where soil moisture conditions were favorable the crop is in good to very good condition. However, in the Piedmont it is reported in only fair condition, with a few localities reporting "poor."

Cotton—Fair to excellent, with good predominating throughout the state.

Peanuts—Fair to very good.

Soybeans—Generally in fair to good condition, with poor prevailing in all areas except the central coastal plains counties.

Hay crops—Fair to good.

Apples—Harvest of crop is about one-third complete. Condition is fair to good.

Peaches—Harvest averages about two-thirds complete. Good to fair condition.

Members Of Congress To Address Meets Of Cotton Growers, FCX

Raleigh — Three members of Congressional agriculture committees will take part in the annual meeting of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange and the N. C. Cotton Growers Association in Raleigh September 8, according to M. G. Mann, general manager of the two farm organizations.

Principal speaker will be Clifford R. Hope of Kansas, chairman of the House committee on agriculture. Also included in the program will be two members of the North Carolina delegation: Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, a member of the Senate agriculture committee, and Harold D. Cooley of Nashville, ranking minority member of Congressman Hope's committee.

One of the features of this year's program will be a question-and-answer session during which selected questions on farm problems will be directed to a panel composed of the three members of Congress, plus Dr. D. W. Colvard, newly appointed dean of the N. C. State College School of Agriculture, and Dr. L. Y. Ballentine, North Carolina commissioner of agriculture.

Farm people from North and South Carolina have been sending in questions at a steady rate during the past month, Mann said. Shortly before the meeting a committee from State College will screen the lot and select ten or more questions considered most appropriate or timely.

Mann said the questions submitted thus far indicate farm people are deeply concerned over the outlook for agriculture. Many questions have to do with falling farm prices and the rising cost of production. Others deal with specific parts of the federal farm program, while still others have to do with research, irrigation, and other state and local problems.

The annual meeting of the two associations usually attracts around 5,000 farm people to Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium. Indications are a record-breaking crowd will attend this year's session, Mann said.

Judge Sends GI, Handy With Gun, Away For 90 Days

A soldier, giving the name of Charles Fisher, white, appeared in recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses Tuesday morning and entered a plea of guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. It appeared that he had become somewhat aggravated with some people in a car at the restaurant just outside town on the Fayetteville road, and had discharged firearms at them. Fortunately, he was not much of a marksman, but Judge Moses took a serious view of the matter and gave him 90 days, to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$250 and court costs and a year's probation. He went to the roads.

Another crowd, out for a good time along Rockfish creek one night last week, also got sentences as well as a good lecture on the evils of drinking and frolicking by the judge. Ralph Cox and his wife, Bertha Cox, Edward Webb and Leamon Tart, all white, pled guilty of being publicly drunk and of illegally possessing the white lightning they were drinking. Cox and his wife and Webb each got 60 days, to be suspended on payment of \$50 each and costs and a year of good behavior. Cox went to the roads, his wife is still in jail, and Webb made a bond to get out and get up the money to pay off. Tart got 30 days to be suspended on the same conditions, but he went to the roads.

Marvin Blue, white, was found guilty of forcible trespass, and was fined \$25 and court costs.

James Long, white, had to pay \$10 and costs for being drunk and disorderly, and also got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for damage to the jail while in that condition.

Ernest Burke and Will Burke, both colored, each paid \$10 and costs for public drunkenness.

June Bredend, colored, paid costs for careless and reckless driving.

Ross Ballentine, colored, pled guilty of failing to stop at a stop sign. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

Eward Wilkerson, colored, was found guilty of driving after his license was revoked. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$200 and costs.

John McNeill, white man who was convicted last week of a second offense of driving drunk, was again charged with the same offense, having been arrested on Friday. It appeared that McNeill had been committed on Monday to the alcoholic division of the State Hospital in Raleigh, so the case was continued.

James Lee, white oil truck driver, and Barney Kelly, colored, were each charged with careless and reckless driving as a result of damage to their vehicles when the truck was backing up on a highway on the Wire road in Stonewall Township. The judge found each guilty of violating the traffic laws and let each pay costs in his case.

J. H. Rennie, colored, paid \$10 and costs for speeding.

Roy Wood Taking Jet Pilot Training

Aviation Cadet Roy W. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Wood, 507 Main Street, Raeford, is nearing completion of jet pilot training.

During his training at the Nation's first jet fighter school, he will fly the T-28, dual-seat, conventional-type trainer, and the T-33, only dual-seat jet trainer.

Upon successful completion of a grueling six months of intensive flying, academic and military training, this pilot trainee will earn his wings and second lieutenant's commission in the USAF to take his place as a defender of democracy in the best-trained air force in the world.

Miss Doris Keith of New York City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keith.

John K. Parker On FHA Committee

John K. Parker, Route 2, Raeford, was appointed to the Farmers Home Administration committee for Hoke County this week. Hubert C. Chaney, local supervisor for the agency, announced Wednesday. The appointment was made by J. B. Slack, state director at Raleigh.

Mr. Parker is a farmer and long-time resident of the Wayside community. His experience in developing a successful family-type farm fits him well for his new assignment in aiding other farmers to do the same. He will serve three years.

The supervisor explained that the county committee must approve all applications for Farmers Home Administration credit before loans can be made. When a real estate loan is being considered to buy, enlarge, or develop a farm, or to improve housing and farm buildings, the committee also determines how much the farm is worth as security for the loan.

Advice of the committeemen is sought on good farm management and on the refinancing of Farmers Home Administration loans when borrowers build up enough equity in their property to get credit from local banks or other lenders. Farmers who can get private or cooperative credit are not eligible for loans from the agency.

Mr. Parker succeeds J. DeWitt Tapp of Raeford, whose three-year term expired June 30. Members who continue to serve are W. M. Monroe, Route 2, Raeford, and G. C. Lytle, Route 1, Red Springs.

Mr. Lytle will serve as committee chairman through next June.

Lennon Plans To Keep Helms, Slear

Sen. Lennon (D-NC) issued a statement saying he hoped both Jesse Helms and John Slear will remain on his office staff.

Both men served the late Sen. Willis Smith (D-NC), whom Lennon replaced. Helms was administrative assistant to Smith and Slear was secretary.

They have remained in those jobs with Lennon at his request and they told a reporter today they plan to stay. Helms is formerly of Raleigh and Slear of Charlotte.

Lennon's statement said: "Speculation suggesting I am contemplating changes in my staff is entirely unjustified. I think it is only proper that I clarify the situation. I have not given thought to contacting directly or indirectly a successor either for Helms or Slear. Nor have I authorized anyone to make such contacts in my behalf. I am hopeful that both will remain to assist me."

Younger Sneed Is Area ADA Chairman

Younger Sneed of Hoke Auto Company, Raeford, has accepted the appointment of Area Chairman for the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association. It was announced today by Association President T. L. Black of Pinehurst.

In making the announcement, President Black indicated that Sneed will represent the State and National Automobile Dealers Associations in this County during the coming year. Black stressed the importance of this position, stating that Area Chairmen serve as liaison between individual new car and truck dealers and the Association headquarters.

PLAN REVIVAL SUNDAY

Revival services will start Sunday night, August 2, at the Church of God of Prophecy on the Aberdeen road just outside of Raeford. The preaching will be by the Rev. Robert Stump, evangelist, and the public is welcome, according to the Rev. Floyd B. Haywood, pastor.

Guard Unit Plans Annual Camp Trip

Battery A, 130th Antiaircraft Battalion, local unit of the North Carolina National Guard, is busy getting ready for its annual trip to Camp Stewart, Ga., for 15 days of summer training, according to Captain Edwin D. Newton, commanding officer, and Warrant Officer Roger W. Dixon, unit administrator. The battery will leave on Sunday, August 16 for Camp Stewart, and will return on Sunday, August 31.

Mr. Dixon said that the unit now has a strength of five officers, one warrant officer and 92 enlisted men. There are still several vacancies in the unit for men who wish to attend camp with the battery, but due to administrative detail of enlisting men no new enlistments will be accepted after Monday night, August 3.

The local battery will go with from 12 to 15 hundred other North Carolina guardsmen to the Georgia camp and will be under the command of Colonel Kenneth M. Corbett of Wilmington while there. Other units of the 130th battalion, under the command of Lt. Colonel William Lamont, Jr., of Raeford will attend from St. Pauls, Red Springs, Sanford and Southern Pines. Col. Corbett commands the 252nd AAA Group from Wilmington with the 725th and 150th Battalions. The 150th will be attending its first summer encampment since returning from a year of active federal service. It is commanded by Lt. Col. Benjamin Platt of Wilmington, and the 725th is commanded by Major John C. Maulsby of Whiteville.

The 94th Army Band of Raleigh also will attend camp with the 252nd Group and the 130th Battalion.

Curbs Not Set For Cotton Yet

The question of whether acreage allotments and marketing quotas will be imposed on next year's cotton crop may not be decided until October 15.

The law gives Secretary of Agriculture Benson until that date to make a decision.

Benson's action will be determined by the size of this year's crop. The first official forecast for the crop will be issued by the department on Aug. 10. A later report on Oct. 8 could be expected to give a better picture of the crop.

Controls probably would be invoked if this year's production exceeds 12,000,000 bales, officials said.

A planting report issued July 8 indicated that sufficient land had been planted to cotton this year to produce a crop of more than 13,000,000 bales if acre yields were favorable. However, some of the cotton has been affected by drought.

The department will await the August production forecast before starting any preliminary work on controls.

Meanwhile, Congress has been debating legislation which would change the basis determining allotments for various producing areas. Far Western states contend that they would be forced to take excessive reduction in acreages under terms of the law as it is now written.

RAEDEEN "BAKE" SALE

The Raedeem Home Demonstration Club will sponsor a Bake and Fresh Vegetable Sale on Friday afternoon, July 31, on main street near the A & P store. The sale will begin at 3:30 o'clock. Club members invite the people of Raeford to stop by the sale when they do their marketing on Friday afternoon.

Baseball School In Red Springs Aug. 3-5

The Philadelphia Athletics will hold a tryout camp and Baseball School in Red Springs, August 3, 4, and 5. Scout M. C. Norris will be in charge assisted by Joe O'Rourke of Philadelphia.

All boys between ages of 17 and 25 who have completed their high school eligibility are invited to attend, and should bring shoes and glove. There is no tuition fee and boys signed to contracts will be refunded their expenses.

Border Belt Markets Prepare To Begin Selling Season Mon.

With South Carolina's 11 flue-cured tobacco markets opening the 1953 selling season today the eight markets of North Carolina's Border Belt are ready to start receiving on Friday for their opening sales on Monday, August 3.

Markets to open on Monday are Lumberton, Fairmont, Whiteville, Fayetteville, Clarkton, Chadburn, Fair Bluff and Tabor City.

W. P. Hedrick, North Carolina tobacco marketing specialist, said this week that "drought hangs like a spectre over some eastern and central North Carolina Counties."

Discussing the question of prices on warehouse floors, Hedrick said that "farm prices generally are declining, but tobacco averaged \$51.89 a hundred during the opening week of sales on the Georgia-Florida belt. With the prospects of favorable quality tobacco being offered on our markets and the increased need for larger quantities of cigarette tobacco by the domestic companies, there is all reason to believe that the averages for our crop will be equal to or above the Georgia-Florida average."

Hedrick said that Tar Heel farmers should dispose of about 900 million pounds of tobacco for more than 450 million dollars during the next 85 days.

In Hoke County tobacco quality has been considerably damaged by dry weather recently, but in several areas of the county showers have fallen in time to help it. There has been no appreciable rainfall in the immediate vicinity of Raeford in a good many weeks. While the quality is hurt, farmers say that it hasn't gone so far it can't come back if they just get a little rain.

Rehearing Asked On Phone Rates

The attorney general's office has asked the Utilities Commission to reconsider its decision authorizing the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., to increase its rates.

The appeal means the case may wind up in the courts.

About two weeks ago CT&T was authorized to increase its rates by \$537,210 a year. CT&T's petition had been opposed by the attorney general's office and a number of eastern North Carolina towns and communities.

If the petition for rehearing is denied by the commission, it will be up to Atty. Gen. Harry McMullan's office to decide whether to appeal the case to the courts.

Scout Honor Court In Red Springs Friday

July Court of Honor for the Western District of the Cape Fear Area Council of Boy Scouts of America will be held next Friday night, July 31, in the Red Springs High School at 8:00 p. m. Presentation of the Eagle Scout award will be made to Willie Dorman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dorman, of Red Springs.

Merit badges and other awards will also be presented to scouts from the troops in Hoke, Scotland, and Western Robeson Counties which make up the Western District.

All scouts, parents and friends of scouting are invited to attend the ceremony.

NEW HUNTING LICENSES

District Game Protector H. R. McLean said this week that 1953-54 hunting licenses are now on sale with agents in the county. All licenses now held by sportsmen are void after July 31 except the regular fishing license, which expires December 31. Those who hunt and fish will save money by purchasing the combination hunting and fishing licenses, McLean said.

Players Picked For Little League Playoff Monday

Names of players from Raeford and Aberdeen teams of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League were announced this week as the boys got down to hard work in preparation for their playoff game against South Wilmington in Aberdeen Monday. The roster includes three Raeford boys, two from the Indians and one from the Tigers.

Dickie Hendley and Jerry Williams were picked by the four managers for the squad from the Indians, and Willie Hodgins, Jr., from the Tigers. The entire squad was picked by the four managers by ballot and includes six players from the Aberdeen Cards and five from the Cubs in addition to the Raeford boys. From the Cubs Raymond Wilson, Herman Ritter, Sterling Carrington, Billy Marts, and Tommie Smith were chosen. Cards who will play are Marvin Lewis, Sonny Smith, Jessie Wilford, Jimmy Vessey, Sherrill Babbs and Wade Lewis.

The game will be played in the Aberdeen Little League park at Colonial Heights in Aberdeen Monday, August 3, at 5:00 o'clock. Following the game there will be a supper for the players of the two all-star teams, managers, officials and invited guests at the Aberdeen Lake.

Manager of the Aberdeen-Raeford all-star team is Leonard Sanders of Aberdeen, and George Willcox, Jr., of Raeford is his assistant. Umpires for the game Monday will be John Helms of Raeford, chief; Robert Lee and Landon Tyson of Aberdeen and Ray Griffin of Raeford.

Arrangements for the game have been made by Dean C. White, personnel manager of the Robbins Mill in Raeford, who is tournament director for district 2. In the event that the Aberdeen-Raeford all-stars and the North Wilmington all-stars are winners on Monday they will meet in the Raeford Little League park on Wednesday for the district title and the right to play in the State Tournament in Greensboro starting August 10. North Wilmington meets Jacksonville there on Monday, August 3.

42 Registered For HDC Mountain Tour

The following people have registered to go on the mountain tour which is sponsored by the Hoke County Home Demonstration Clubs: Meadames G. C. Lytle, Lucy McFadyen, F. K. Watson, Sr., Jim Reynolds, Bill Powell, B. F. McGregor, J. A. Jones, John Baker, N. A. Maxwell, D. D. Koonce, W. I. Strider, Will McBryde, R. H. Livingston, Lucy Smith, D. R. Huff, Sr., A. W. Wood, Frank Davis, N. H. G. Balfour, C. L. Wood, M. L. Wood, Foster McBryde, L. A. McGugan, Will Hare, R. W. Posey, Stanley Crawley, J. A. Love, L. M. Maxwell, Maude Gillis, E. L. McKeithan, Dan McMillan, G. B. Rowland, Lee Carter, Misses Annie McKeithan, Isabel McFadyen, Sara Neal Stephens, Eloise McGill, Joyce Conoly, Josephine Hall, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Lang, James Carter, Angus McFadyen, Mrs. Lena Jones and Mrs. Alex McFadyen.

The group will leave from in front of the Raeford Courthouse promptly at 7:30 on Tuesday morning, August 4th.