



# The News-Journal



The Hoke County News

The Hoke County Journal

VOLUME XLVIII; NUMBER 10

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1953

RAEFORD, N. C.

TEN CENTS PER COPY

\$3.00 PER YEAR

## Addenda

By the Editor

Citizens will doubtless be glad to hear that the town board has intentions of improving the appearance of the town's offices in the town hall, although we'll have to wait and see just what is to be done. It can sure stand some improving.

Others are happy about the town's decision to get after the stray dogs. A great deal of the complaining on this score has come from Robbins Heights, and I understand the plan is to put the dog pen at the water tank there. It is easy to understand why this part of it is not so popular with residents, many feeling that the town could find a more isolated place... say down near the sewage disposal plant. Don't guess anybody can suit everybody, though.

Cotton picking is going to get going in this county on a big scale earlier than in many a year, I hear. It is usually about the last week in August before most people get started, but they say most will start next week, about the 10th, this year. Guess the dry weather is the reason.

As to the dry weather, a rain finally came to Raeford. Got here Monday night about 11:00 o'clock. It rained for several hours, and unofficial estimates run that it rained anywhere from two to four inches. I don't know, but I am inclined to go along with the higher, although the ground was so dry it got gone in a short time. Believe it was the first real rain in about seven weeks in the town of Raeford.

I figure I might as well talk about the weather at some length, for I know I can't do anything about it, or get it done. Some of the other things I have talked about have not moved any more than the weather would have, so I might as well have been talking about it then. One of these is the cemetery, and the fact about that seems to be that people here don't give a dam how it looks and are not going to do anything about it. On that basis it is a closed subject as far as I am concerned, and will not be mentioned again.

Another thing that did as much as if I had hollered up a hollow log was that business about a principal at the Raeford Elementary School. About every one I talked to about it agreed with me, except the county school board, and they were the only ones who could do anything. This, however, is not like the cemetery with me, and I don't intend to quit talking about it. If it takes until I have grandchildren going to school there to bring it about, I am going to be talking about it until then if I am here. If the people agree with me that say they do, it ought to show in an election some time in the next 20 or 30 years. I do think each candidate for the board next time should express himself on this matter so the people can express themselves at the polls. I will ask each this question and publish his answer.

### RAEDEVEN BAKE SALE

The Raedeen Home Demonstration Club will sponsor a Bake and Fresh Vegetable Sale on Saturday afternoon, August 8, on Main street near the A & P Store. The sale will begin at 2:30 o'clock. Club members invite the people of Raeford to stop by the sale when they do their marketing on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Herman King and Mrs. Marvin Gaster of Sanford spent last Friday with Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. J. P. Smith.

Tomnie Macko, Jessie Peoples, Bob Rockhols and Ernest Haire fished at Kure Beach last Saturday and Sunday.

### D. Scott Poole Celebrates His 95th Birthday Monday

D. Scott Poole, veteran legislator, printer, publisher, school teacher, turpentine slasher and columnist celebrated his 95th birthday on Monday of this week, August 3, and says he is feeling fine.

Mr. Poole's column, "Poole's Medley," was enjoyed by many readers of papers in this section until last spring when he decided not to fool with it. He does plan to write more columns when he gets around to it, however.

He was given a birthday supper on Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Poole. Attending were Mr. Poole's 15 children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Attending from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lowe of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Leon McKay of Dunn.

### Wheat Referendum Set For August 14

The wheat marketing quota referendum to be held August 14 will be conducted at the Hoke County PMA Office, advises R. J. Hasty, Chairman of the County Production and Marketing Administration Committee. Polling places will be open from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., and will be in charge of a local referendum committee of wheat growers appointed by the County PMA committee.

Chairman Hasty urges every eligible wheat grower to vote, since the outcome of the referendum will materially affect the price farmers receive for their 1954 wheat. He points out that if two-thirds or more of those voting favor marketing quotas, wheat loans at 90 per cent of parity will be available to those who plant within their wheat acreage allotments.

If marketing quotas are rejected by the growers, quotas will not be effected and the support rate on 1954 wheat will drop to 50 per cent of parity for cooperators.

Acreage allotments will be in effect for the 1954 wheat crop regardless of the outcome of the referendum, he explains. If marketing quotas are in effect, those who exceed their allotment must store or dispose of their excess wheat as directed by the Secretary or pay the marketing penalty on the excess wheat. The marketing penalty is 45 per cent of wheat parity as of May 1, 1954.

### Border Belt Markets Start Sales Monday; Average Price \$53

History repeated itself Monday as North Carolina's Border Belt tobacco markets began the 1953 selling season with big offerings of common tobacco, small crowds of farmers and spectators on hand, and an opening-day average of approximately \$53 per 100 lbs. Conditions were strikingly similar to those of 1951 opening day, including prolonged dry weather which has hurt crops in most areas and the sizzling heat which kept warehouse crowds uncomfortable throughout the long day.

As was the case last year, the carnival spirit was lacking, and everyone seemed anxious to get on with the business at hand. Farmers generally seemed pleased with Monday's prices. Very few tickets were turned in dealings by the Flue-Cured Cooperative Stabilization Corporation did not exceed an estimated five per cent.

The demand for medium grades was strong, with companies paying (Continued on Page 4)

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Matheson are spending a few days in Asheville with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Sutton. They will return home tomorrow, accompanied by Mrs. Matheson's mother, Mrs. L. B. Sutton, Sr. of Live Oak, Florida, who has been visiting her son and his family in Asheville.

### 5 Assault Cases Before Recorder Tuesday Morning

Five defendants appeared before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning on charges of assault of one kind or another, with no particular damage being done in any of them. Suggestion was made that warm weather was causing tempers to run a little warm, too.

Willie Anderson Purcell, colored, was charged with assaulting another colored man with a flashlight at a cafe near the Sanatorium. Purcell admitted hitting him but contended that he did so in self defense. There was some evidence to support this contention, so Purcell was found not guilty. Cannon Oxendine, Indian woman, was charged with assaulting Beulah Locklear with a butcher knife in a disagreement over who was going to sleep with the latter's husband. She was found guilty as charged and sentenced to six months in jail, sentence to be suspended on payment of costs and six months good behavior.

James Archie Ross, colored, had to pay \$10 and costs for hitting his wife with a stick broom.

William Blakeney, colored, was found guilty of assaulting his wife. Judgment was suspended for 30 days on payment of costs.

William Byrd, colored, was found not guilty of assaulting his wife.

Fletcher King, colored, entered a plea of guilty to a charge that he had in his possession several gallons of non-tax-paid liquor for the purpose of sale. Sentence was 90 days, suspended on payment of \$200 and costs and two years good behavior.

Louis Edward Pate, white, entered a plea of guilty of careless and reckless driving. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and on condition that Pate attend a highway safety lecture to be given at the courthouse on the night of September 24.

Henrietta Hoyt and Wayne R. Hoyt, white, were charged with public drunkenness and violating the prohibition laws, respectively. They each left a \$75 bond.

Johnnie Kimbro, white, left a \$25 bond for speeding.

Roosevelt Delaney, colored, left a \$25 bond for violating the prohibition laws.

Oscar Lomax, colored paid \$10 and costs for public drunkenness. For the second offense on the same charge Junior Ross, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$20 and costs. Theodore Harrington, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for public drunkenness.

Nelson L. Shaw, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving.

### BOY SCOUT BOARD IS HELD ON THURSDAY

Following their practice of meeting the last Thursday night of each month, the board of review for the Raeford Boy Scout troop met last Thursday. Members of the board are Dr. R. L. Murray, Younger Snead, Israel Mann, and Tom Cameron. Boys appearing before the board for advancement in Scouting were Robert Weaver, Jr., Jerry Ellis, Allen McDonald, and Steve McDonald. Jimmy Woodhouse is scoutmaster of the troop here, and Gene Smith is assistant.

### ATTEND PIONEER CAMP

The Raeford Presbyterian Church is being represented by seven Pioneers at the Fayetteville Presbytery Camp at Lake Singletary this week. Attending are Carol McPhaul, Linda Phillips, Lois McLean, Johnny White, Pat Kelly, Buddy Talbert and Mark Smith.

Mrs. Murch Butler of Lumberton and Miss Willis McLaughlin returned Sunday from a visit at Fontana Village.

### Mrs. James S. Poole Dies On Saturday; Funeral Monday

Mrs. James S. Poole, former Lydia Ann McKeithan, died late last Saturday afternoon at Moore County Hospital in Pinehurst after suffering a stroke, or cerebral hemorrhage, at about noon. She was taken to the hospital shortly after noon and suffered another attack after getting there. She passed away without regaining consciousness. She had been well until Tuesday of last week when she began to feel bad. It was discovered that her blood pressure was high, and rest was prescribed. She had no more trouble until the fatal attack Saturday.

Mrs. Poole was a daughter of the late Daniel McKeithan and Lydia Blue McKeithan of Cumberland County and had been a resident of this section all her life. She was active in church work, singing in the choir in the Raeford Presbyterian Church for many years and being at one time president of the Women of the Church. She studied voice at Flora Macdonald College, and did summer school work at the University of North Carolina and the Woman's College of the University to obtain her "A" teaching certificate. She taught in the school at Antioch for several years and was a full time teacher in the Raeford schools for nine years, substituting at various times afterwards.

Funeral service was at 4:00 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Raeford Presbyterian Church, conducted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor. Burial followed in the Raeford cemetery.

Surviving are her husband; three sisters, Misses Eliza and Mayme McKeithan and Mrs. Christian Davis, all of Raeford; four brothers, John, M. L. Martin and Herbert McKeithan, all of Raeford.

### Farm Bureau Leaders To Meet August 12 In Lumberton

Greensboro — State Farm Bureau headquarters announced here this week that the organization's leaders from seven counties will hold their Annual District membership meeting on August 12, at Robeson County Courthouse, in Lumberton, at 10:00 a. m.

County leaders from Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland are expected to be on hand for the session to discuss plans for conducting the 1953 state-wide Farm Bureau membership drive and formulate a program of policy development for this year.

Farm Bureau officers scheduled to appear on the program are Executive Vice-President R. Flake Shaw and Director of Organization Will H. Rogers, both of Greensboro and Walter G. Lowry of Pineville, district representative. Representatives from all agricultural agencies in the area have also been invited to attend the meeting.

Farm Bureau officials said every effort will be made this year in policy development to obtain the expressions of all members on such important issues as farm income, stability and improvement, general price levels, the federal budget, production and marketing adjustments, the role of government, conservation and improvement of farm resources, the free choice system, capital needs of agriculture, two-way trade or aid, labor management relations and many others.

### PLAN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A county-wide tennis tournament with persons of all ages eligible to enter has been planned and will begin August 18. Four different age groups will be run off with champions crowned in each group and trophies given.

Anyone desiring to enter the tournament may do so by contacting George Wilcox or Gene Smith, and drawings for pairings will be at the Hoke High tennis courts August 17 at 8:00 p. m.

### Little Leaguers Lose Playoff To Wilmington, 2-1

The Aberdeen-Raeford Little League All-Stars were eliminated from the District 2 playoffs in their first game, which was played at Aberdeen Monday afternoon, by the All-Stars from the South Wilmington Optimist Little League. Score was 2-1 in favor of the visitors.

The game was largely a pitcher's duel, with Dickie Hendley of Raeford and Roman Gabriel of Wilmington each allowing only three hits. Gabriel for the visitors struck out 13 and Hendley struck out nine, and each allowed one earned run.

The margin of victory was the run which South Wilmington picked up in the fifth inning on a walk and several errors.

Outstanding at the plate was Marvin Lewis of Aberdeen who got a two-base hit in the first inning and knocked one over the left field fence for a home run in the fourth. The home run tied the game, but the visitors came back in the fifth and got the winning run on a fielder's choice and two scratch hits.

Third hit for Aberdeen-Raeford was a single by Sonny Smith of Aberdeen in the second inning.

Lineup for Aberdeen-Raeford was Bill Hodgins 3b, Raymond Wilson 2b, Marvin Lewis ss, Dickie Hendley cf, Sonny Smith c, Jessie Williford cf, Herman Ritter rf, (Billy Marts in 5th) Wade Lewis 1b, Stefling Carrington lf (Jimmy Veasey in 5th).

### Feed Follows Game

Following the game the players of both teams, officials and others were guests at a barbecue supper at Aberdeen Lake. At this supper players of the Aberdeen-Raeford team were presented their Little League All-Star pins by John Sloan of Aberdeen and Mayor Alfred Cole of Raeford. Arrangements were in charge of Dean White of Raeford, district tournament director for District 2. He attended the game on Wednesday in Wilmington in which the South Wilmington team won the district championship by defeating North Wilmington, 4-0. South Wilmington will represent District 2 in the State Tournament which begins Monday in Greensboro.

The Wilmington folks were enthusiastic in their praise of the reception and treatment they were given by the Aberdeen and Raeford folks at the game and at the barbecue supper.

### Heyward On Leave For Next 4 Sundays

The Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, is on vacation for the remaining part of August, and the pulpit for the four Sundays will be filled by four different preachers.

Next Sunday, August 9, the Rev. Gower Crosswell, pastor of Antioch Presbyterian Church, will deliver the sermon. On Sunday, August 16, Dr. Marshall Woodson, president of Flora Macdonald College, will preach. An August 23, the Rev. Carlos P. Womack, chaplain of the Sanatorium at McCain, will bring the message, and on August 30 the sermon will be preached by Whit Kennedy, rising senior at Union Seminary who is summer supply pastor in Lumberton.

### McINNIS CLAN REUNION

The McInnis Clan will hold its annual gathering at the Dundarach Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 16. The program will begin at 11:00 o'clock, and all members and friends are invited to attend and bring picnic lunches.

Jack Baker, who was inducted into the Army July 17th, is now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. for his basic training.

### County Board Deals With Road Matters At Monthly Meeting

The county board of commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on schedule this week, and most of their time was spent in dealing with various road matters in the county.

Request was received, approved and forwarded to the State Highway Commission for a road in Little River Township beginning at Mrs. A. D. McLaughlin's tobacco barn and running one mile in a westerly direction, a dead end road.

The highway commission was requested to stabilize the road by Neil James Ritter's place in McLaughlin Township.

The road in Raeford Township from North Jackson Street in Raeford north by the Upchurch Airport at Robbin Heights to the paved highway at the Wonderland had been previously asked for as a public road, and the board received unofficial information that this road will be worked in the near future. There are 21 families living on this road.

The board also received unofficial information that the road from the East Prospect Avenue extension north to the Rockfish Creek swimming hole would be staked out and worked in the near future.

Arrangements were made by the board for billing the town for town prisoners kept in the county jail.

### Fewer Speeders Tried Before Mayor During July; All Pay Costs

Only seven speeders were tried before Mayor Alfred Cole during the month of July, compared to 31 who paid the costs for the same offense during the month of June. General members of the town board and police force have expressed the opinion that speeding in town has decreased, and this would appear to be the case. Those paying costs for speeding in town during July were Mrs. L. P. Huggins, Ray Handon, P. H. Dawkins, John Hyatt, Jimmy L. Parker, Herbert L. Bullard and Furman M. Hair.

A. C. Hair and Ethel Locklear paid costs for public drunkenness and indecent exposure.

E. B. Aycock paid costs for improper parking.

Paying costs for public drunkenness were Joseph L. Lucas, Seavy Barefoot, John H. Mischat, Tom Baxley, J. A. Jenkins, and A. E. Smith.

Mayor's court is held each Monday night at 8:00 o'clock at the town hall. Up to this time Mayor Cole has only charged defendants costs of court. Second offenses will get more severe treatment, however, he says.

### John Thoms Cox, Former Hoke Citizen, Dies In Albemarle

John Thomas Cox, prominent elderly resident of Albemarle, died at about 9:00 o'clock Tuesday morning in the Stanly County Memorial hospital. He had been in declining health for a long period of time and death was not unexpected.

Mr. Cox, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cox of Jonesboro, Lee County, was for many years rural mail carrier from the Timberland Post Office in this county, and was a farmer in Quehuffle township. He moved to Albemarle after his retirement.

Funeral service was held yesterday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church in Albemarle, of which the deceased was a member. The pastor, Dr. C. D. Whitely, conducted the service and burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Cox is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marcelle Thompson Cox; a niece, Mrs. H. J. Walters of High Point; two nephews, John Cox of Rockingham and Jim Cox of Mississippi. He was related to G. W. and D. C. Cox of Raeford also.

### Town Fathers Plan Action To Get Stray Dogs

To Improve Town Hall

At the regular monthly meeting of the Raeford Board of Commissioners on Monday night plans were made for the control of stray dogs in town and the construction of pens, or a dog pound, was authorized. Plan is that loose dogs will be confined for three days and then destroyed if not claimed by their owners. Owners must at this time settle charges for catching and keeping the dogs, as well as for allowing them to run at large contrary to town ordinance.

Dog catcher not named, but complete details will be announced after construction of the pound. This action by the board is in response to a large number of complaints by residents of the town about the nuisance of stray dogs.

Other business by the board included authorization for the water superintendent, L. S. McMillan to drill another well for the town water supply at a cost of not more than \$2500. The well is to be drilled on the lot with the reservoir, on the assumption that water will be found there.

The laying of a new two-inch water line on Jackson Street was authorized, lack of water pressure there having been a source of complaint by residents of that street for some time.

The mayor was authorized to purchase cabinets, desks, etc., for the town hall, and to take action generally to improve the appearance of the place. Specific things to be done were left to the judgment of Mayor Cole. One item specified was the providing of a place for the orderly storage of town water and sewer maps so that the location of lines, taps, meters, etc. will be readily available in the future.

### White Schools To Open Sept. 10th; Others On 21st

County Superintendent K. A. MacDonald announced this week that the board of education had set the opening dates for the schools of the county at its regular monthly meeting this week. The schedule for the entire year was fixed at the meeting, although the board had to consider the possibility of the new Raeford Elementary school building not being complete in time. September 3 was considered as an opening date, but due to the situation on this building a week later was the date chosen, and the board feels fairly certain the building will be finished by this time.

The white schools of the county will open at 9:00 a. m. on Thursday, September 10, 1953. They will close on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving holiday. For Christmas the schools will close on Friday, December 18, and they will reopen on Wednesday, December 30. Skip day will be Wednesday, June 2, 1954, and the schools will close the year on Thursday, June 3, 1954.

The colored and Indian schools of the county will open on Monday, September 21, 1953, at 9:00 a. m. They will close for Christmas on Tuesday, December 22, and reopen on Tuesday, December 29. They will be closed on Easter Monday, April 19, 1954. After the seventh month of school, there will be school on four Saturdays, and schools will close on Monday, May 31, 1954.

Dates for pre-school meetings of principals and teachers will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Latham of Springfield, Pa. visited in the home of Mrs. J. P. Smith Sunday. They were en route to Florida for a two-weeks' vacation.