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Addenda -By The Editor

Regarding the rather frequent turnover in county farm agents in Hoke County, it has been my impression that there must be a reason why they don't stay here. People in other lines of work usually go or stay for one of two reasons, except in unusual cases, and these are working conditions and pay, in that order. I have not been able to get sufficient information to reach any reliable conclusion as to the situation on pay in this county as compared to other counties. I have been able to learn that there are 11 counties in North Carolina with about the same or less property county is wrong not to emphasize It is obvious to anyone,

valuation as Hoke County which Recorder Severe have more county farm agents employed than does this county. With Old Liquor Until I can see some statistics to show that these counties have a better farm income, per family or per person, than Hoke County, I couldn't come out and say this farm extension work as others though, that this county does not believe in using the extension service like most counties in the State. There are only 12 counties in North Carolina, including Hoke, which have only one farm and home agent. Of these 12 counties, seven are poorer than Hoke County from a standpoint of property valuation. Some of the counties in the State with less property valuation that have more farm and home agents have several more than Hoke County Could it be that our farmers and homemakers are so modern and up-to-date In their methods that they don't need this service like the rest of the State? I doubt it. The State has a system set up whereby it pays a larger proportion of the salaries of extension workers in smaller counties. In this county, as I figure it, the county has to pay only 38 per cent of the salary of a white farm or home agent, or would only be required to pay 20 percent to a Negro farm or home agent. are 717 white people's farms in Hoke County and 1,233 farms operated by non-white per-We have one white farm agent (usually) and one white home agent. We have no Negro farm or home agent. It seems to me that this county should take advantage of what the State offers to improve the standard of living and the incomes of its farm dian, but I can't say definitely that we are wrong until I can get to all the figures, as I said to start with. I don't need the figures to know that the standard of living of many of the farm families in this county could stand improving, though, and neither does anyone else who will just take a look around. That's what these extension people are trained to do, to show our farm families how to make a better living and then how to live better on what they do get. I think it is beyond question that the two agents we have had have made some accomplishments along this line, and it stands to reason that we would get more of the same if we had more of them. It is my opinion that our county commissioners should put more emphasis on this work as a service to more of the county's people. I hope the people of the county don't they should.

A sure sign of fall is the fact that two ingatherings have been announced. Antioch Presbyterian \$10 and costs for having no driv-Church will have its ingathering, usually the largest in these parts, on Thursday, October 15. Bethel Presbyterian Church will have its ingathering on Thursday, October 22, one week later.

Harvey Gobeille, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has personal property. Sentence of 30 asked the Telephone Company a- days was suspended on payment and Brends of Wilmington, spent erated by and at the Raeford bout putting addresses of Raeford of \$10 and costs and damages. people in the directory, now that

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Greene Announces Bond Meeting Mon.

Representative H. A. Greene announced this week that there For Festival Day would be a meeting at the courthouse at 8:00 o'clock Monday night of citizens interested in passage of the two bond issues by the voters of the State in the election on October 3. The issues are lion for the improvement and enlargement of the State's system of val Day, November 25. mental institutions.

Greene urged all citizens interested in the passage of these issues to attend the meeting and assist in making plans for getting voters in the county to register and go to the polls on October 3, and to pass the issues.

Violators Tuesday

Ed Hollingsworth and his wife, Lou Mattie Hollingsworth, colored, both previously convicted violators of the prohibition laws, appeared before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday on charges of doing it again. Officers H. M. Meeks and L. F. Hester of the county and town police departments raided the Hollingsworth place Saturday with a search warrant and found four and a half jars of illegal liquor and some beer. Ed pled guilty and Lou Mattie was found guilty. Ed was sentenced to two years on the roads with his old suspended sentence to run concurrently. Lou Mattie was sen tenced to one year in jail with her suspended sentence also to run concurrently. They had no attorney at trial but on Wednesday one went to the solicitor for them and he set appeal bonds of \$500 each, which were posted.

On the same day the same tw officers raided the home of Bertha Leslie, colored, also north of Raeford. They found four jars there, and in court Tuesday she pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws. She having also been previously convicted, the judge sent her to jail for a year. She appealed and posted a \$200 bond. Bertha Willis, also a colored woman of the same section, was also raided by the same officers and indicted, but wil not be tried until next Tuesday.

The five white boys who were convicted last week of entering damage to property." He talked with their parents in private and then suspended judgment on condition that they go to Sunday School and church every Sunday for one year, be of good behavior for two years, and pay \$25 each to Terrell for damages. The boys were J. C. Atkinson, Jimmie Atkinson, Jude West and Alex Butler. Bobby Pate, 14, was dealt with in much the same way by Juvenile Judge John B. Cameron except that he had to pay no dam-

Speeders dealt with were J. D. Innis, white, \$25 bond; Elmer Goodrich and W. T. Ashmore, white, and O. B. Smith, colored, \$25 and costs each; W. W. Ornduff, white, \$25 and costs.

Roscoe Holder, white, was sent feel the same way, and if they being drunk and disorderly, with to the roads for six months for the recommendation that he be checked by State authorities for alcoholism

Howard Stevens, colored, paid er's license. Bobble Ruth Good? son, white, paid costs for the

same offense. Archie Elbert Bunday, white, forfeited a \$35 bond on a charge of careless and reckless driving Donnie McLauchlin, colored, was found guilty of damage to

Kershaw, colored, Lindberg (Continued on Page 4)

Merchants Offer Valuable Prizes

Beginning Saturday September 12 the merchants of Raeford will give out tickets with purchases made which will make the buy-\$50 million for improving the ing public eligible to win one or schools of the State and \$22 mil- several of the numerous prizes to be awarded on Raeford Festi-

> With each dollar purchase the stores will give a numbered coupon to the customer and will deposit the stub in a container in the store; then when the drawing is held all the stubs will be placed in a single box from which the tickets will be drawn.

The prizes which are being of-

fered by the Merchants Division of the Raeford Chamber of Com-merce include a Hot Point electric range, a Frigidaire refrigerator, an Apex electric dishwasha Kelvinator electric hot water heater, a General Electric washing machine and two Rolfast bicycles, a boy's 'and girl's model. In addition to these prizes various stores will offer individual prizes to be awarded at the same drawing. A separate drawing will be made for each prize that more persons will be given a chance to win.

On Festival Day, which is the day before Thanksgiving, a program will be put on with various types of entetrainment. At present time the schedule is not complete but a half day program is being planned.

Funeral Held Sunday For C. T. Crouch At Ashley Heights

Funeral service was conducted at 3:30 Sunday afternoon at Ashley Heights Baptist Church for Chesley Crouch, prominent farmer of that section of the county who died at his home on Aberdeen, Route 1, Thursday night. The service was conducted by the Rev. Ray Gosnell, pastor, assisted by the Rev. W. A. Parsons of Pinebluff, Burial followed in the Ashley Heights ceme-

Mr. Crouch was born in Montgomery County, son of James C. Crouch and Della Strother Crouch, and moved to this county in 1919. He was 54 years of age and had been ill for some time before his death.

He is survived by his wife, the the home of James Terrell east former Ina Thompson; two dau-of Raeford appeared before the ghters, Mrs. R. D. Hodgson of of Racford appeared before the guess, and Mrs. Keith Corbitt morning. He found them guilty of Cleveland, Ohio; three sons, morning. He found them guilty of Cleveland, Ohio; three sons, last week of "wilful trespass and C. T. Crouch, Jr., and Harden T-Set. Ernest Crouch of the U. S. Air Force at Roswell, New Mexico; two brothers, J. C. Crouch, of Southport and Arlie Crouch of Shreveport, La.; four sisters, Mrs. Roger Slate of King, Mrs. James Davis of Sophia, Mrs. D. S. Sauls of Apex and Mrs. Harley Evans of Anchorage, Alaska; and six grandchildren.

Music Program

The Johnson Brothers and their five piece hillbilly band will present a musical show at the Hoke High auditorium Saturday night at 8:00 p. m. The show is under the auspices of the Raeford Junfor Chamber of Commerce with

Miss Fronde Kennedy, retired English professor, arrived recently to spend the winter with the Rev. and Mrs. Gower Crosswell and family at Antioch, Dr. Kennedy, an aunt of Mrs. Crosswell, was professor of English at Montreat College before her retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson, KINDERGARTEN TO OPEN Mrs. Don Thomas, Faye Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Barnes the past week end in the moun- Presbyterian Church, will begin tains of North Carolina. have them. The company says pled guilty through counsel of also visited Mr. and Mrs. Huey Long of Charlotte.

24 Cases Heard By Mayor During August; 11 Speeders

Twenty-four cases were tried Paving Streets mayor's court during the month of August and of these 17 were cases in which, in addition to paying costs for traffic violations, defendants will be compelled to attend the safety school to be held September 24 in the courthouse at 7:30. Indications are that the meeting will be a large one inview of the fact that all violators in town court and county recorder's court will both be there. Those paying the costs for speeding or forfeiting bonds during August were Bobby Harwood, James L. Hughes, Clifton Hamilton, Arthur Graves, Jr., J. M. Shaw, Joseph Johnson, Barbara Shoemaker, Berner Doonelly, Fred Thompson, Russell Chadwick, Willie Oscar Jordan and

David G. Deans. Fisher, Giles McLauchlin, James McNeill, Herman Crowley and John F Holeson

John Leslie paid the costs for double parking and blocking traf-

Millard Storms paid the costs tags and was ordered to do so by the mayor.

For passing in the face of oncoming traffic Bobby Harwood forfeited a \$25 bond. Court costs were deducted and the balance turned over to the school fund.

James Armstrong paid costs for operating a car with improper equipment and Richard Shaw paid the costs for turning in the middle of the block.

Broughton Addresses Kiwanians On Bonds

J. M. Broughton, Jr.; Raleigh attorney and son of the late governor and United States senator. spoke to the Raeford Kiwanis Club at its regular weekly meeting in the high school cafeteria last Thursday night. Broughton was the guest of State Senator J. Benton Thomas, and was accompanied by Charles Hostetler and Laurie McEachern of Raleigh, both former members of the club. McEachern introduced the speak-

Mr. Broughton's talk was a factual discussion of the things involved in the election October 3 on whether the State should issue \$50 million in bonds for the schools of the State and \$22 million for improvement and enlargement of the State's mental institutions. It is his opinion that the people of the State should vote for both bond issues and he quoted State Treasurer Edwin Gill who recently said "The need is great, the cause is worthy, and the sound financial condition of North Carolina amply justifies the issuance of these bonds".

The speaker gave a thorough description of the need for the bonds for both purposes, and talked at some length on the way the money will be used, if voted for, to improve the schools and mental institutions of the State.

Attend Funeral Of Drowning Victim

Mrs. J. M. Norton and son, Alex Norton, attended the funeral of oJhn Merrill Midgett at Snead's Ferry Monday afternoon at 3:30. Mr. Midgette was a brother of proceeds to go to their civic fund. Luther Midgett, husband of the treasurer. former Doris Norton.

He was drowned in New River Inlet when rough water capsized his boat Saturday morning. He was able to hold his son, J. M. Midgett, Jr., 7, above water long enough for him to be rescued, but then he went down himself and drowned, along with a companion, Otis George Burrows of Greensboro.

The Raeford Kindergarten, op They the 1953-54 term on Tuesday

Steps Toward

At its regular monthly meet-Raeford began to get the machinthe town's streets paved in the extension supervisor, attended next few months. Some commissioners have been heard to say that they expected to see most of the town's streets paved in the next three or four years.

Streets under consideration at the moment are Fifth Avenue from Fulton Street to Stewart Street, Stewart Street from Seventh Avenue to Donaldson Avenue, Edinboro Avenue from Stewart Street to Jackson Street, and Jackson Street from Donaldson Avenue to Central Avenue.

R. H. Moore of the engineering Paying the costs for being firm of Moore, Gardner and Mc-drunk and disorderly were Jesse Millan of Asheboro, appeared before the board and discussed the cost of curb and gutter work on these streets where it will be necessary before paving. His firm had previously done a curb and is to engineer and supervise the for not having purchased city laying of the curb and gutter to see that the streets will drain properly after they are paved.

The board authorized its finance officer to ask the Local Government Commission to authorize the sale of the \$50,000 bonds for the work. Proceeds from this are to be available April 1, 1954, and the board will also ask the commission to allow the sale of short term nites for expenditures be-

fore this time. The new town clerk was instructed to advise all delinquent taxpayers of the amounts due and that the accounts would be turned over to the town attorney for collection if not paid in 30 days. The new clerk was bonded

for \$10,000 as of September 14 board ruled that town taxicab license were not trans-

ferable. A ruling was made that all dogs in town must have collars bearing their owners' names by October 15. Dogs caught in town without these after that date will be impounded for five days and owners will have to pay \$1.50 plus 50 cents a day to get them back. If found not to be vacci-

have to be paid for at the rate of \$1.50. The Carolina Power and Light Company was asked to install a street light near where the grandstand stood at the ball park.

nated within a year this will also

A fee of \$2.00 per month was set for picking up garbage for residents of the community who live outside the city limits.

Old Battery "F" Men Have Meeting

About 40 members of Battery 'F" 252nd Coast Artillery after it was called to service in World War II brought their families and met for a barbecue dinner and reunion at Bay Lake in Moore County last Sunday.

After eating and talking old times the organization, known officially as the "English-Gore Organization," after the unit's two casualties, elected its officers and made plans for another reunion next year. J. H. Blue was elected president, Frank Rogers and Jack Pope, vice-presidents and Carlton Niven secretary-

Plans were made to hold next year's meeting at a beach to be jecided on and to obtain a roster of all men who were in the unit after it began Federal service so that all can be notified of next year's meeting.

Member coming the longest distance for the meeting was probably Major Louis G. Gamble of the U.S. Air Force, who flew U. S. Military Academy.

Town Takes First County Board Gets 2 Applications For County Agent's Job

At their regular monthly meeting the Hoke County board of commissioners took up routine ing Tuesday night the board of business mostly, and received apcommissioners of the Town of plications from two men for the position as Hoke County farm ery in motion to get several of agent. C. M. Brickhouse, district the meeting to advise the board on the employment of a farm agent.

The applications were from John A. Smith, Hoke County native of Little River Township, who has done this work in Chatham and Forsyth Counties, and Chesnut, who has worked in Jackson County and has been temporarily farm agent in Northampton County. The board took on neither application pending further investigation and a recommendation from Brickhouse. They expect to call another meeting to act on the matter

within the next week. A ruling was made by the board that the precedent of long of last year's team will be a threat standing regarding religious services in the courthouse or on its gutter survey for the town, and grounds should not be broken. A request to hold services on the the Bucks opponents this season. grounds was received and dis- Conoly was counted on heavily approved by the board.

The board approved as a public road the old Kaiser road from near the J. A. Webb place in Quewhiffle township by Edgar Barrett's place about three miles. It will recommend this to the State Highway Commission.

Improvement was requested on the road from the W. L. Poole farm north of Raeford to U. S. Highway 15-A at Wayside com munity house.

The board voted to ask the State Highway Commission to put up more stop and speed signs in the county, and particularly in the vicinity of Upchurch school.

Fund Drive For Boy Scouts Is To Start Monday

Harvey Gobeille, chairman of the left guard post. the Raeford Kiwanis Club's Boy Scout Finance committee, this of the club for funds to keep the form of Ernie Bracey. three troops going in the county and to participate in the activities of Cape Fear Area council. He bourn has an even smaller squad said the drive for these funds with but twenty men out for the would begin next week and last team. According to last week's county's quota was reached.

essary funds for the cause last action year. Working with him are Dr. Julius Jordan and Bill Fann.

to as many people as possible for ville "B" there. contributions large and small. Gobeille asked all who are con generously. He urged no one to hold back because they feel they cannot make a large contribution as any amount will be gratefully accepted and will do its part in the good work.

The drive is being conducted at the same time in all eight coun- day night of last week. ties of the council with the exception of New Hanover, where community chest.

Checks may be made to the mailed to any of the above committee. These men will also accept cash contributions.

LEGION TO MEET

The Ellis Williamson American Legion post will hold its regular monthly meeting in the down from West Point, New York | Hoke High School cafeteria on where he is an instructor at the Monday night, September 14, at 7:00 o'clock, according to Youn-

Hoke High Opens With Chadbourn **Tomorrow Night**

Kickoff Set For 8:00

A large crowd is expected to be on hand at the armory park here tomorrow night as the Hoke High Bucks officially open the 1953 football season against Chadbourn. This will be the first of six ball games to be played this year, five of which are scheduled for home affairs. Kickoff time has been set for 8 p. m.

backs and four linemen back from last season the job of finding a fullback and halfback and also two guards and an end has caused quite a problem.

Captain Benny McLeod will lead the backfield forces from the left halfback position and the speedy swivel-hipped youngster is one of the few bright spots in the present setup. The speed king on all occasions and the junction of Bobby Conoly at right halfback will spell twin trouble for last season but had the misfortune to break an ankle in preseason practice and was unavailable for the entire season.

At the quarterback position will be another letterman, Jim Bracey, who saw action last year as the reserve QB. Leading the race for the fullback position so far is stocky Mal Maxwell McLeod and Neill McFadyen, Jr.

giving him plenty of competition. In the line Jim White, the leader in touchdowns last season, has a firm hold on the left flank. Leading off from the right end will be either Jim Hendley, a rangy prospect or glue fingered

Charlie Daniels. Giant Lacy Koonce will form the bulk of the line and will have little trouble from other hopefuls at right tackle. J. L. Jackson and Bob Parker are at present the two leading candidates for left tackle. Jimmy Hedgepeth at present has the inside track at right guard and Lester Linthicum the lead at

Letterman Grady Butler hold down the center of the line week renewed the annual appeal and has ample substitution in the

While Raeford has one of their smallest squads in years Chad-Columbus County News four of their expected starters were out Gobeille again heads the same with injuries and it was doubtcommittee which raised the ne- ful if they would get to see much

The schedule: September 11, Chadbiurn, here; 25 Elizabeth-Following their procedure in town, here; October 23, Rohann, years past, the committee will here; 30 Edwin, here. November make a request through the mail 6 Fairmont, here and 13 Fayette-

tacted to respond right away and Hoke Lady's Brother Buried In Penderlea

Calvin Sims Ray, 66-year-old Penderlea man and brother of Mrs. I. L. Newton of this county, died at his home there on Tues-

Funeral service was conducted at Potts Memorial Presbyterian funds are raised through the Church, of which he was an elder, on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 by the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Nes-Hoke County Boy Scout Fund and bitt. He was assisted by the Rev. left at the Bank of Raeford or N. P. Edens of Parkton, the Rev. D. A. Clark of Burgaw and the Rev. O. W. Hewlett. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In addition to Mrs. Newton Mr. Ray is survived by his wife, two daughter, one son, one brother, one grandchild, and one other sister.

BETHEL SERVICE SUN.

There will be a The Rev. and Mrs. Gus Craig the post. Snead says there will byterian Church next Sunday. of Back Bay, Virginia, are viist- be a good supper and a good pro- The sermon will be delivered by ing in the county this week. Mrs. gram, and he urges all members the Rev. C. M. Gibbs of Fayettemorning, September 15, according Craig is the former Miss Nora to attend and asks each to bring ville, and the service will begin to Mrs. John Scull. director. Smith of the Antioch community, a new member.