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Addenda -

By The Editor

The traffic lecture to be given in the courtroom at the Hoke County courthouse next Thursday night will be well attended. There is no question about that, as Judge Moses in recorder's court and Mayor Cole in his court have been including attendance as part of their sentences in cases involving traffic violations. The way I understand the thing, it would do a lot of us good to be there. It is to be a simple and short presentation of some facts dealing with highway safety, so that you can see what is involved when you don't drive right. It will start at 8:00 o'clock and will only last about an hour. Parents of youthful drivers would do well to take them.

Response to the appeal for clothing and home items for Ed and Beulah Locklear, who were burned out a couple of weeks ago was most generous, according to Mrs. Helen S. Barrington of the local Red Cross office. She said that people who read the item brought some of about everything you could think of, and that the Locklears were most grateful.

Situation on the hiring of John Alex Smith to be county agent here is a good example of what happens when you take outside money to operate with. They'll sure tell you how to use it. Of course, they told us how to build the school here when it was being done with our own money, because, I suppose, the State kicks in so many other ways to the operation of the schools. As to the county agent, my guess is that the extension service is not going to approve the employment of Smith in this county, in spite of the fact that Little River is cut off from the county and Smith went to school outside the county as all children of that township have to do. That isn't to say the reasons of the State extension department aren't good ones, because it's easy to see what could result from the jobs being held by local people. However, in our particular case, Josephine Hall is local, and most people seem to think she has been doing a good job.

There doesn't seem to be much doubt that people of this county and of the whole State are going to approve the \$22 million bond issue for the improvement of the mental hospital facilities of the State. The public seems to know that the situation as it exists is intolerable, that something must be done, and that the State can stand it financially.

From what I can hear around here, the vote on the \$50 million for the schools is likely to be a little different, at least in Hoke County. My opinion is that we must support this bond issue, too, by going to the polls on October 3 and voting for it. Just read your daily papers for the past few days and you'll see that about all the schools in the State are bursting at the seams. The same thing applies here, the new school building in Raeford was full when it opened, for example, and space at some of the other schools in the county is woefully inadequate.

The plan for using the \$50 million if the voters approve it seems to be acceptable, too. Each county in the State is to get \$100,000 of the first 10 million. The next \$15 million is to be used on a basis of population, and the remaining \$25 million will be used according to need as seen by the state board of education. We'll be the same as the others from the first division, run rather short on the second, and come in on the high side in the third and largest division, it seems to me.

People who know the State's financial condition say it can well afford to spend this money, and I feel that we cannot afford not to. (Continued On Page 4)

Lions Club Sponsors Circus Here Monday On Fayetteville Road

The Beers-Barnes circus will appear in Raeford Monday night under the auspices of the Raeford Lions Club. The circus, an old fashioned circus with aerialists, has the largest group of performing animals offered by any circus playing in towns under 8,000 population, according to the advance agent.

It will move into ground on the Fayetteville road beyond Bill's place on Sunday, and the public is invited to come out on Sunday afternoon and see the animals with their children. There will be ample parking space off the highway, according to the management.

There are no gambling concessions or objectionable shows of any kind with the show, according to Reid Childress and Red Scarborough of the Lions Club, who investigated the show thoroughly before deciding to sponsor it.

The circus, which features the largest and smallest performing elephants in America, will give only one performance here, at 8:00 o'clock Monday night. The doors will open at 7:00 o'clock.

The Beers-Barnes circus is the third oldest circus in America from the standpoint of operating under original title and management. Most of its animals are on exhibit at Crandon Park Zoo in Miami during the winter months. Among the big acts of the circus is 23-year-old David Hoover and his jungle-bred lions who appear together in a steel arena. Clowns, wire walkers, performing dogs, seals, monkeys are also included in the show.

Former Treasurer Brandon Hodges Favors Bond Issues

"Better educational facilities in the underdeveloped sections of North Carolina is the quickest and surest way of lifting these areas from this unfavorable position to one nearer on par with some of the wealthier counties," Brandon Hodges told a group of Wake County workers interested in the October 3 bond election.

Addressing the meeting last week Hodges, former State Treasurer and Legislator, now an official of Champion Paper and Fiber Company and co-chairman of the current bond effort, discussed the problem of low per capita income in North Carolina. He said: "The underdeveloped areas of the State are not wards of the State by choice."

He added that new industries would help the poorer counties, but these industries will not go there unless adequate schools are available. He said passage of the bond issue would help put new payrolls in these areas.

The people of North Carolina will vote October 3 on 50 million dollars in bonds for public schools and 22 million for mental hospitals.

"For more than fifty years North Carolina has endeavored to equalize educational opportunity," Mr. Hodges continued. "In 1901 the state recognized that county lines were political lines and did not represent economic lines and that if we followed the political sub-division alone there would always be a wide variance in the ability of the several counties to provide educational opportunity."

"It should be taken into consideration also that as we have developed commercial activity in the centers of population the metropolitan areas have been enriched through the trade and commerce with the rural and underdeveloped areas, represented to a large degree by the so-called 'poor counties'."

"The problem confronting all of North Carolina is the low per capita income and the only way that individual income can be increased is through further diversification in agriculture and spreading manufacturing establishments." (Continued on page 4)

Buck Passing Is Successful In Recorder's Court

A case in which the charge was relatively minor, but which otherwise bore considerable resemblance to a murder case which was tried here some years ago, came up before Judge T. O. Moses in recorder's court Tuesday and worked out much the same way that the murder case did. There was a jar of non-tax-paid liquor involved, and three colored men, Amos McNeill, Eldon Smith and Lawrence Butler, were charged with violating the prohibition laws by possessing it. The jar was passed back and forth so fast and skillfully that the court was unable to determine whom it did belong to, and all three were found not guilty.

William Weldon Maxwell, white, was found guilty of driving drunk. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. He appealed and posted \$500 bond. In another case he pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Sentence of 30 days was suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Margaret Willis, colored, pled guilty of possessing non-tax-paid liquor for the purpose of sale. She was sentenced to not less than three nor more than six months in jail. She appealed and posted \$250 bond.

James R. Sisk and Dan Crowley, white, pled guilty to public drunkenness in separate cases. Sisk paid costs and Crowley \$10 and costs.

Stacy Jones, Indian, was found guilty of the temporary larceny of a car from Bobby Collins. Sentence was 30 days, suspended on payment of a \$15 fine, \$35 to Collins and court costs.

Bobby Brunson, colored, was found guilty of wilful damage to personal property. Sentence was 30 days, to be suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and one year of good behavior, during which time he is to stay away from the Wonderland theatre.

John William Malloy, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of not giving proper hand signals. For speeding Louis L. Johnson, white, paid \$25 and costs; Wendell Singletary, colored, \$10 and costs; C. B. Seay, white, left a \$35 bond.

For having expired driver's licenses James Melvin, colored, \$10 and costs; S. M. Jacobs, Indian, costs and attend traffic lecture September 24.

Cornell Covington, colored, was found not guilty of having bad brakes, and Cliff Ray, colored, paid \$10 and costs on the same charge.

Hoke Marine Gets Purple Heart Medal

Inchon, Korea — Marine Pfc Mack Kennedy, Jr., husband of Louise Kennedy of Raeford was awarded the Purple Heart Medal recently for wounds received in action against the enemy in Korea.

Major General Randolph Pate, Commanding General of the First Marine Division, made the presentation aboard the U. S. Navy Hospital Ship Haven in Inchon Harbor, Korea.

FORMER PASTOR COMING TO TABERNACLE SUN.

The Rev. G. Scott Turner of Lillington will preach at both the morning and evening services at the Tabernacle Baptist church at Rockfish Sunday. Mr. Turner is a former pastor of the church.

Marshall (Jap) Davis, who has been a patient in a Fayetteville hospital for some time, returned to Raeford yesterday and is at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Will Davis, on Stewart Street. He has improved considerably, but will have to take it easy for a while.

17 Merchants Offer Festival Day Prizes

Tickets for the prizes to be awarded at Raeford Festival Day, November 25, were given out with purchases beginning last Saturday and will continue to be given by the merchants participating until the drawing November 25. In addition to the large prizes small individual gifts by the various stores will be added to the group to be given on Festival Day.

Stores participating in the event at this time are Belk-Hensdale, Baucom Appliance, McNair's Dry Cleaners, McDonald's Ezzo, Collins Department Store, Home Furniture, Home Food Market, Wood's Furniture, Cole Feed and Seed Store, McLaughlin Co., Raeford Super Market, Bon Mari, Progressive, Raeford Hardware, City Market, Israel Mann and Raeford Furniture.

A complete list of stores participating and the prizes to be given by each will be published as soon as it is available.

Wayside Grange Passes Resolution On Extension Situation

The Wayside Grange at its regular meeting at the Wayside community house last Monday night, passed a resolution taking notice of the turnover in county agents in the county in recent years and asking the board to explore ways and means of taking full advantage of the facilities and funds offered by the extension service for the farmers of the county. The resolution follows:

Whereas, the agricultural development of Hoke County can be materially accelerated through the service of extension workers trained in the interpretation and demonstration of the findings of research and the promotion of community improvement projects;

And, whereas, the unusual turnover of extension personnel in Hoke County has in the past been a serious handicap to extension activities, thereby depriving Hoke County farmers of the full benefits of the funds expended for this service;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved that Wayside Grange, meeting in regular session this 14th day of September, 1953, does submit to the Hoke County board of commissioners that the conditions and circumstances responsible for the foregoing situation be thoroughly explored and reviewed and that action be taken whereby Hoke County farmers may have the advantage of an adequately staffed county extension service;

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the director of extension service in Raleigh and to The News-Journal in Raeford.

Adopted this September 14, 1953. Fred P. Johnson, Master. Mrs. Mary A. McInnis, Secretary.

Airman Attending New York School

Claude T. Campbell, airman first class, USAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Campbell of 211 Edinborough ave., recently began a six weeks course in Information and Education at the Armed Forces Information School at Ft. Slocum, N. Y.

During their training in Information and Education, the students receive practical exercises in discussion leading, effective presentation of current news, use of modern teaching aids, and the administration of the Armed Forces Education Program.

Ingatherings

Sandy Grove, Thursday, Sept. 24, noon.
Centre Presbyterian, Thursday, Oct. 1, noon.
Shiloh Presbyterian, Thursday, Oct. 8, 5:00 P. M.
Antioch Presbyterian, Thursday, Oct. 15, noon.
Bethel Presbyterian, Thursday, Oct. 22, noon.

Bucks Beaten By Chadbourn, 19-6 Here Friday P. M.

A strong second half offensive couldn't make up for a poor first half showing as the Hoke High Bucks lost their first game of the 1953 season to Chadbourn 19-6, last Friday night. A large crowd took advantage of the good weather to see the first game for both teams.

The Bucks got into a hole on the opening kickoff which they received and couldn't get started. The visitors scored early in the game as they blocked a kick on the Raeford 3 yard line and recovered for a touchdown.

Chadbourn scored twice in the second quarter, once on a 12-yard pass and again on a 55-yard pass. They made only one of their extra point attempts and led 19-0 at the half.

In the second half it was a different story, as the Bucks picked up three first downs and appeared to be on their way to a touchdown when Chadbourn intercepted a pass on their own 20.

They continued their march four plays later though, as they took a punt on their own 30 and alternated passing and running plays to pick up five first downs during the 70-yard drive. Bracey picked up 15 yards on the first play; he picked up four more and then handed off to McLeod who gained six. Two passes were no good with pass interference being ruled on the second one. McLeod, passing from the single wing, completed a 15-yard pass to White and Bracey carried to the 15-yard line. McLeod on a handoff from Bracey moved the ball to the two-yard line where Conoly carried it across on the second play. The extra point attempt was no good and Chadbourn still led 19-6.

While all the scoring was completed at this point the Bucks made one more attempt when they moved the ball to the Chadbourn 29-yard line and then failed to complete their passes.

Frank Inman and Lack Koonce were outstanding on defense for Raeford with Jim Bracey and Benny McLeod taking honors as the offensive stars.

A game was scheduled over the week end for tomorrow night in Raeford when the Bucks will look for their first win as Dunn last week to Fayetteville, 19-0.

Several changes were made in the lineup during this week with the expected lineup for Friday night to be White, Jackson, Butler, Walker, Hedgepeth, Koonce and Daniels in the line. The backfield will be as last week: Bracey, McLeod, Conoly and Maxwell.

Miss Mary McFadyen Passes Away At Home Near Vass

Miss Mary Belle McFadyen, member of a family long prominent in Hoke and Cumberland Counties, died at her home near Vass last Friday morning.

Miss McFadyen was born in the Longstreet community, now a part of the Fort Bragg reservation, Feb. 11, 1874, the daughter of the late Douglas Alexander McFadyen and Annie Black Lindsay McFadyen. She was a member of Cypress Presbyterian Church in Moore County near Vass.

Miss McFadyen was a sister of the late J. F., A. B. and D. B. McFadyen of this community and had many friends here, where she was a frequent visitor. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Katie Graham, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was conducted at First Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. A. D. Carswell, pastor of Cypress Church, assisted by Dr. Walker B. Healy, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Cross Creek cemetery, Fayetteville. Pallbearers were nephews of the deceased.

County Schools Show First Day Increase 100 Over Last Year

White schools of the county opened last Thursday with 1311 students enrolled, as compared to 1211 who entered on opening day last year. The picture was considerably different this year, though, in that all schools in the county had more students, when last year they all showed a decrease from the year before except those in Raeford.

Largest increase was again in the J. W. McLaughlin Elementary school in Raeford which had 624 pupils on opening day as compared to 587 last year, an increase of 37. Last year this school showed an increase of 81 over the previous year when there were 506 on opening day.

The eighth grade went up 14, from 94 last year to 108 this year. The Hoke High School gained nine students, having 284 this year and 275 last year.

Mildouson gained 16 students, having 73 last year and going up to 89. Rockfish had 93 on opening day this year as compared to 82 last year, an increase of 11 pupils, but enrollment there has gone up to 107 since opening day. Ashmont gained 13 pupils, going up from 100 last year to 113.

There were 133 pupils in the first grade here this year, enough for four teachers, and it is probable that the third grade will be put in two sections instead of three, and the first grade in four. Total enrollment in the schools on opening days was 1311 as compared to 1141 year before last, an increase of 170.

Colored, Indian Schools To Open Monday Morning

Hoke County's 12 colored schools and one Indian school are set to open their doors for the 1953-54 term on Monday, September 21, with a total opening day enrollment of close to 2,000 pupils.

Last year the colored schools had about 1750 on opening day and this year school authorities expect about 100 more. During the year the enrollment at the colored schools went to over 2,800. Colored schools are Upchurch High School, New Hope, Buffalo, Bowmore, Burlington, Freedom, Shady Grove, Laurel Hill, White Oak, Rockfish Colored, Friendship and Frye's Mission.

The Hoke County Indian School which opened last year with an enrollment of about 100, is expected to have about 125 on opening day this year. The school reached a total enrollment last year of 267.

Teachers meetings will be held for colored and Indian teachers on Friday.

Lytle In Far East On USS Wantuck

Far East (FHINC)—Aboard the high speed transport USS Wantuck on her fourth tour of duty in this area, is Grover C. Lytle, gunner's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Lytle, Antioch.

Lytle was graduated from Hoke County High School before joining the Navy in March, 1951.

This type ship serves as a control vessel during amphibious invasions, insuring ultimate arrival of landing craft and providing communications between assault waves and the force commander.

For their duty the crew wears the United Nations and Korean Service ribbons.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN TO HAVE MEETING TUESDAY

The Men of the Raeford Presbyterian Church will have their first meeting and supper of the fall next Tuesday night at the church. Supper will start at 7:00 o'clock, and the Rev. P. O. Lee, pastor of the Raeford Methodist Church, will be the speaker.

County Board Has Meeting Tuesday; Working On Agent

The Hoke County board of commissioners held a special meeting Tuesday night to discuss the situation regarding the employment of a county farm agent and to take action on an invitation from Cumberland County to participate in a celebration in Fayetteville next year.

The board had interviewed candidates for the position as county farm agent and felt that they would like to employ John A. Smith of Little River Township. The extension service representative, C. M. Brickhouse, who met with them last week, said that it was not the policy of the extension service to approve the employment of agents in their home counties, due to the fact that in a large majority of cases where this had been done it had not worked out satisfactorily. He was to return to Raleigh and discuss this matter with the authorities in the extension service there, and advise the Hoke board of their findings about Smith's employment here.

In a letter received this week, Brickhouse advised that it was their feeling that the policy should be adhered to rigidly, particularly in view of the fact that other good men were available and that "no real basis for an exception to the rule exists."

He was answered by J. F. McMillan, chairman of the Hoke board, as follows: "I called a meeting of the Board to consider the election of County Agent on Tuesday, September 15th. The Board considered your letter, and interpreted it as not closing the door to John Alex Smith."

"They considered the fact that Smith, while a citizen of Hoke County, was born and raised in Little River Township which is virtually cut off from the rest of the county by Fort Bragg. He, like all other white children in Little River, attended school in Moore County and he is almost a complete stranger to the farmers in Hoke outside of Little River Township. In short, they could think of nothing that would hinder him in his work as county agent and voted unanimously to elect him and respectfully request that you use your best efforts to get his election approved by the Directors of the Extension Service in Raleigh."

The board considered an invitation from Cumberland County to participate in its 200th anniversary celebration to be held next April 23-25, and to be known as the "Cape Fear Valley Festival". Hoke County was asked to one of 10 counties taking part. The board answered John A. Oates, festival chairman, to the effect that, in view of unsettled condition of the proposed expansion of Fort Bragg and the feelings of people here about the attitude of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and newspaper, it had decided to decline the invitation.

Hoke One Of 24 Counties Declared In Disaster Area

Disaster relief was authorized Wednesday for 24 counties of North Carolina, and Hoke County was one of them.

At the instance of Governor Umstead, the President directed the Department of Agriculture and the Commodity Credit Corporation to allow drought-hit farmers to purchase feedstuffs at far below the market price. They can also obtain financial relief, but this is expected to be done mostly through normal financial channels.

Under the order, these farmers in order to feed their livestock will be allowed to purchase cottonseed meal for \$35 a ton, compared with a mill price of \$63; wheat at \$1.10 a bushel, compared with a market price of \$1.65; and corn at \$1 a bushel, compared with a market price of \$1.70.