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Addenda -

By The Editor

Well, it looks as if John Alex Smith will not be the Hoke County farm agent. Chairman J. F. McMillan of the county commissioners got a letter from the district agent this week which read as follows: "After reading your letter and thoroughly considering all phases of the question it was decided that we would not forego the policy of not appointing a man as county agent in his home county. Therefore, it will be necessary for the board of commissioners and the administration at the state office to mutually agree on some man that is acceptable to both parties before an appointment can be made." This just about closes the matter as far as Smith is concerned, and I don't believe the commissioners will carry it any farther. They will probably consider some of the other applicants at their regular meeting on Monday, and we'll probably have an agent before too much longer, as the state people will approve any of the others.

Lamont Brown, Southern Pines lawyer and native of Raeford, got the Hoke County Young Democrats on something of a spot when he decided only two weeks ago to run for president, with the convention coming up next week. Many of the local members of the YDC would like to support Brown, who was born and reared here while his father, the late Rev. W. C. Brown, was pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church. They would also like to support a Moore County man, when Moore and Hoke get along so smoothly on politics. It looks, though, like Brown came out too late to get much support here. Horace Kornegay, Greensboro attorney who has been an active Young Democrat for several years, has been running for president for about a year. Kornegay had pretty well sewed up the support of the boys here before they ever heard Brown was running. So, the decision of the Hoke club to send its delegates uninstructed to the convention was something of a concession to Brown, for most of those present were obviously committed to Kornegay, and while they go uninstructed, they will be inclined to stick with him.

Talk around lately has inclined much commendation for the way Judge T. O. Moses has handled bootleggers in his court lately, giving the repeaters road and jail sentences instead of fines, and ordering them to serve their suspended sentences. It seems to surprise these people that their ready cash, of which they seem to usually have plenty, doesn't continue to be all they need. I'd like to add my good word to the others and pass it along to the judge. Good job!

The local Boy Scout fund committee say they hope to wind the drive up in the next week, but that they are still several hundred dollars short of their goal, and short of the amount raised last year. Many people who usually contribute have not yet done so, and this committee would certainly like to hear from those who are just putting it off, so that they can finish successfully next week. They'll be glad to accept just a single dollar bill, addressed to Boy Scout Committee, Raeford.

County School Superintendent K. A. MacDonald thinks this county will get at least half a million dollars from the school bond issue if the voters of the State approve it Saturday. This would certainly be a good business proposition for this county, for we don't pay taxes to the State on anything like that proportion. If the county had to get up that kind of money we'd really have to pay.

Way the people around Rockfish went out and got their school teacher back shows you what (Continued on Page 10)

21 Local Scouts To Go To Caswell Fri.

Twenty-one local boys and scouts will leave Raeford tomorrow to attend the 1953 Round-up Campfire Program which will be held this week end at Fort Caswell.

The boys will be under the supervision of Archie McDiarmid, adult leader, and Leon Cameron, senior patrol leader of the local troop.

The boys will join the more than 1,000 scouts from 122 troops in Eastern North Carolina for the three-day event. They will sleep in pup tents, cooks and eat their meals in the open and participate in the program which will include an Inspection Contest, a soft-ball game and a campfire program which will feature Indian pageantry. Sunday morning after Worship Service and their midday meal the boys will return home, arriving sometime in the late afternoon.

Tentative list of those to attend in addition to McDiarmid and Cameron includes Hugh Wright, Billy Floyd, Phil McBryde, Younger Spead, Jr., Jerry Ellis, Jack Ellis, Robert Weaver, Johnny Maulsby, Pete Brown, John Lester, Dick Perkins, Allen McDonald, Steve McDonald, Johnny Baker, Jerry Wilson, Bill Dalton, Bobby Wright, Mike Wood, Jack Talbert and Sandy Snead.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

We have good news so far as the Rockfish and J. W. McLauchlin Elementary Schools are concerned. They both have been added an additional teacher. The J. W. McLauchlin School on account of the fact that the whole school, elementary and high, had grown to where there were over 30 state allotted teachers; consequently, they were allowed an additional teacher to free the principal from teaching duties. The Rockfish allotment was in effect a "restoration". They were promised last year if during the first two weeks of this year they made the required attendance the fourth teacher would be granted. Well, they made it, and the teacher was granted.

This bespeaks really cooperative and good work on part of the entire Rockfish School district. Teachers, pupils, parents and the school committee worked 100 per cent. The committeemen actually took their cars and brought the pupils to or from school. They and the principal visited the homes and explained the gravity of the situation. The parents responded practically 100 per cent. You can't beat this kind of co-operation.

Repairs are going on apace and we hope that every wing will be shipshape before cold weather sets in. Mr. Davis, maintenance superintendent, is working long hours with his crews, trying to get everything right.

The John W. McLauchlin Elementary Primary building is practically completed. A few odds and ends in the lunchroom is about all that is left to do.

Fire prevention week is next week and we hope that all schools will observe it with appropriate exercises and study. Fires are extremely dangerous and destructive. One starts every 20 seconds, so we should all be careful.

There will be a colored principal's meeting held at the Upchurch School tomorrow, Friday, October 2, at 2:00 p. m.

Attendance in all the schools has been unusually good for this time of year. Also cotton picking is far ahead of the usual amount picked at this time. Somewhat of a paradox. Ginners explain it by saying the mechanical pickers make a difference.

To date we have received an unusually large amount of surplus commodities which should do a great help to the various lunch- (Continued on Page 10)

Preliminary 1953 Hoke Farm Census Is Made Public

The North Carolina and United States Departments of Agriculture, Crop Reporting Service, in Raleigh, last week released a preliminary summary of the January, 1953, Farm Census Survey.

The information was contributed by farmers to the county commissioners through their Farm Census Supervisors and Township Listers during January. The several township reports were summarized and the county adjusted, or expanded, for 100 per cent completeness thereafter. The information in the summary is for the year 1952 and livestock and population items are inventories as of January, 1953.

According to the survey there are 158,903 acres of land in Hoke County farms. Crops were harvested in 1952 from 61,598 acres, while 8,338 acres were idle cropland, 2,608 acres were improved pasture, 2,346 acres were all other pasture land, and 84,013 acres were woods, wasteland and the like.

Corn and cotton were the major crops harvested in 1952, with corn accounting for 19 per cent of the harvested crop total and cotton 42 per cent. Tobacco represented 8 per cent, wheat 5 per cent, oats 8 per cent, and hay crops 10 per cent of the total.

The survey showed that there were 9,897 people living on farms of three acres or more in the county in January, and that there were 84 farm telephones when the survey was made. There were 887 sows and gilts farrowing, 786 milk cows, 623 beef cattle and 38,561 hens and pullets of laying age. There were 14,575 tons of commercial fertilizers used in the county in 1952, according to the survey.

Cotton Report As Of September 1st

North Carolina

Cotton production in North Carolina is estimated at 460,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight by the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service. This is the same as the August 1 forecast and compares with 569,000 bales harvested last year and the 10-year (1942-51) average production of 522,000 bales. A crop of 460,000 bales would be 19.2 percent below last year and 11.9 percent below the 10-year average production.

The condition of the crop is reported at 70 percent of normal as of September 1. The 1942-51 average condition on September 1 is 76 percent of normal.

Total acreage for harvest is now estimated at 762,000 acres—17,000 acres more than was harvested in 1952.

Lint yield per acre is now estimated at 290 pounds. This compares with 366 pounds last year and the 1942-51 average yield of 345 pounds. Yields for the current year have been lowered by prolonged hot-dry weather and heavy weevil infestation. Red spider infestation has also been heavy in some localities.

United States

The U. S. Cotton crop is estimated at 15,159,000 bales (500 pounds gross weight). This is slightly more (0.2%) than the 15,136,000 bales harvested last year but 24 per cent above the 10-year average. Production prospects are below last year in all states except South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas.

Ingatherings

Shiloh Presbyterian, Thursday Oct. 8, 5:00 P. M.
Ephesus Baptist Church, Thursday, October 10.
Rex Presbyterian, Wednesday, Oct. 14th, noon.
Antioch Presbyterian, Thursday, Oct. 15, noon.
Bethel Presbyterian, Thursday, Oct. 22, noon.

Young Democrats Hold Annual Meet; Elect New Officers

The Young Democratic club of Hoke County held its annual meeting at the courthouse Friday night. Attendance was light, but usual business was transacted and plans were made for the club to be represented at the State Young Democratic convention in Raleigh next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sam C. Morris was elected president of the club for the coming year.

George Wilcox, retiring president, presided at the election of officers. Those elected in addition to Morris were Willard Shell, vice-president, and George Wilcox, secretary-treasurer.

In making plans for attendance at the convention it became known that the treasury would not stand the price if registering the six delegates to which the club is entitled. In view of this plans were made for an intensive membership drive in Hoke County in the next week. Those present were issued membership cards and authorized to accept the \$1.00 membership fee from Democrats of the county.

The group also decided to have a rally at some date in the near future in the form of a supper, and to have Senator Alton A. Lennon, who has not made a public appearance in this county, as speaker for the occasion. Date for this is to depend on the availability of the Senator and will be announced later.

Raeford Girl At Mars Hill College

Miss Beverly Jane Connell of Raeford and Hoke county is among the many students registered at Mars Hill College this fall.

At the close of the registration period this week 820 students were enrolled in the college, an increase of 9 per cent over the enrollment for the same period last year. These are from 69 counties of North Carolina, 18 states, and from 6 other countries and territories.

Hoke Marine Gets Back From Korea

San Francisco—Marine Corp. Billie D. Holland, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Holland of Route 3, Raeford, was one of 654 Marine and Navy veterans of the First Marine Division who returned to the United States recently aboard the USS General Howze.

Holland will be processed and released from active service. He was inducted into the Marine Corps on October 17, 1951 and will have completed two years active service when discharged.

The Raeford Marine served as an auto mechanic with a Marine combat service group during his eight months in Korea.

Holland's wife, Mrs. Peggy Jane Holland, lives in Raeford.

Hal Gore Attending Presbyterian College

Clinton, S. C.—Hal W. Gore of Raeford is now attending Presbyterian College during the fall semester of the 1953-54 school year.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gore of Magnolia Street and is enrolled in the sophomore class at PC.

Altogether a total of 484 students are registered at Presbyterian College for the start of its 72nd session.

GASOLINE EXPLODES

Morris Montjoy, Jr., about 10 years old, of 807 Saunders Street, received less serious injuries than were first thought last Friday night when a drink bottle of gasoline he was playing with at home exploded and cut him on the face and neck.

Reports have it that Morris was holding the bottle of gas over a fire, "making coffee", when it exploded. The most serious cut was on his cheek, approximately one inch from his eye. Treatment by a local doctor included several stitches on the cuts.

Recorder Hears About Shooting In Court Tuesday

Johnny Thomas and Roy Lee McLauchlin, colored men of Stonewall Township, came up before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County Recorder's court Tuesday morning on charges of assault and damage to personal property. Charge resulted from some shooting at the Thomas home at about 10:00 o'clock Saturday night, when Lewis Ellerbe came there in his mother's car. The defendants said that Ellerbe, whom they referred to as "Sugar Boy," came there to see McLauchlin's wife, and that they intended to discourage him. They did so to the extent of \$200 worth of holes in the car. Ellerbe left, afoot and fast. Thomas and McLauchlin were found guilty. Thomas got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior. McLauchlin got from four to six months suspended on payment of costs, \$200 damages, and two years good behavior.

John Henry Johnson, colored, pled guilty of driving drunk and sentence was 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Clarence B. Sellers, white and Roger T. McKeithan, colored, were both charged with careless driving and damage, from an accident they were in. Sellers was found not guilty and McKeithan got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and \$10 damages to the town.

State dropped a case in which Ruby Ethel Galloway, colored, patient at the Sanatorium, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, and Sadie Harris, colored employee there, was charged with disorderly conduct.

Dot Singletary, colored was found guilty of possessing non-tax-paid liquor for the purpose of sale. Sentence was 60 to 90 days, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and two years good behavior.

James Franklin Williams, white, paid costs for driving with improper license plates.

Donnie G. Faulk, white, paid \$10 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

James Melvin Brown, colored, paid costs for careless and reckless driving.

Speeders were W. L. Passmore, I. U. Camp and S. H. Stern, all white, \$25 bond forfeited by each; Ann Mason Delones, white, \$10 and costs; Herman L. Gillis, white, speeding and failing to stop at a stop sign, \$25 and costs.

Woodmen Circle District Convention In Fayetteville 8th

Members of the Southeastern district of the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle in North Carolina will hold their district convention October 8 in the Woodmen of the World hall, Fayetteville, according to Mrs. Janie Campbell, district president.

Delegates will register at 6:30 p. m. in the hall where they will be welcomed by members of Cape Fear Grove 237, hostess group.

Two drill teams will assist in ritualistic work to be featured during the evening session. They are the Raeford team, captained by Ruby Conoly and the Lumberton team, captained by Gertrude Thompson.

The Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle has assets of over \$49,500,000 and over \$125 million insurance in force. The Society is managed by a Board of Directors composed entirely of women and insures only women and girls.

Among the officers expected to attend are Mrs. Florence Macko, first state vice president, Raeford; Mrs. Vonelle M. Singletary, state assistant attendant, Lumberton; Mrs. Myrtle Gerard, national representative, Mrs. Estella Hardin, second state auditor, both of Fairmont and Mrs. Ethel Donaldson, state manager, Charlotte.

Mrs. Virginia Melvin and Mrs. Mary Ellen Carter are co-chairmen in charge of local arrangements. They are assisted by Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Bertie Haire of Raeford.

County Gains Two New White Teachers

Superintendent K. A. MacDonald in his column, "School News", this week explains the fact that the graded schools of the county, on the basis of the enrollment figures for the new term, gained two additional teachers. One of these has already begun her duties while the other teacher will start her work next week.

Mrs. Jim McPhaul of Antioch is the new teacher at the John W. McLauchlin Graded school in Raeford. She is teaching the fourth grade section that was being taught by Miss Caroline Parker. Miss Parker is now teaching a new section of the first grade. The three sections of the first grade all had between 35 and 40 pupils each so a new section was put in.

The other teacher for Rockfish has not been selected as yet but it is reported that she will be announced Friday.

Bucks Bow To Elizabethtown Friday, 13-0

After their performance last Friday night in losing to Elizabethtown 13-0 it is probably a good thing that the Bucks don't have a game scheduled for tomorrow night. It's an even bet that there would be few if any people there to watch it.

Definitely the better team of the two, Hoke High couldn't seem to do anything in the second half and except for one long drive very little in the first half.

Elizabethtown scored early in the second quarter when Bracey's attempted punt was partially blocked and was returned by a Yellow Jacket player to the Raeford 25-yard line. On their fourth play of the series Elizabethtown completed a 20-yard pass that moved the ball to the 5-yard line. They scored two plays later but failed to increase their score when the extra point attempt was blocked.

In the second quarter the Bucks showed their only spark and drive of the entire ball game as they took possession of the ball on their 44-yard line and moved it down the field to the one, Bob-bey by Conoly gained two yards, Bracey four and Benny McLeod picked up six to move the ball into the Yellow Jacket territory. The next two plays carried the ball all the way to the five yard line as Conoly drove through the line for 12 yards and McLeod gained 15 around left end. A roughness penalty made up the additional yardage for the Bucks. McLeod and Bracey on two plays carried the ball to the 1/2 yard line as time ran out and the half ended.

In the second half the Bucks got worse instead of better as their running attack bogged down and their passing offense, usually a good yard gainer, was ineffective. In all they threw only three passes during the first three quarters and then after Elizabethtown had scored 7 more points and they were behind 13-0 they began to pass more in the fourth quarter. They threw a total of nine passes during the game and only one was caught—it being an interception on the last play of the game.

The line play for the locals during the first portion of the game led by Koonce and Butler came in for honors on defense. On the offensive side Conoly and McLeod were the sole bright spots.

The Bucks will be still trying for their first win of the season on October 23 when they will play Rohanan of East Rockingham. In the event of the scheduling of another game between new and then, which is highly unlikely, it will in all probability be away from home. Last year Rohanan defeated the locals 13-7 and little is known of their success this year.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Tapp are spending this week with relatives in Durham, Roxboro and Greensboro.

People Will Vote On \$72 Million Bonds Saturday

The question of whether the State will issue \$50 million in bonds for the construction of public school buildings will be decided in a called election on October 3. At the same time the people will decide whether \$22 million in bonds will be issued for the State's mental hospitals.

Both of these questions were provided for by acts of the 1953 General Assembly. If voted, the school bond issue will make the second \$50 million which the State has provided. The 1949 Legislature appropriated \$25 million for this purpose and provided for a bond issue of another \$25 million which was voted. Approximately all of this first \$50 million has been allocated by the State Board of Education, but the need is still great for additional aid.

According to Edwin Gill, State Treasurer, and a member of the Board, "the need is great, the cause is worthy, and the sound financial condition of North Carolina amply justifies such action."

Former State Treasurer Brandon P. Hodges and John Harden, former State official, both now engaged in industrial pursuits, have headed a State campaign to get a favorable vote on both issues. The legal name of the organization is "Public Schools and Mental Care, Inc." The Governor, members of the State Board of Education, and other State officials signed the certificate of incorporation of this agency.

Rep. Harry A. Greene was named county chairman for the campaign to get voters to approve both issues by the state campaign chairmen last week, and scores of organizations of all types in North Carolina have passed resolutions approving the issues and urging the people to vote and vote "For" both issues.

Mrs. Nellie M. Bowen Is Buried At Shiloh

Mrs. Nellie Mae Bowen died Saturday at her home near here. She was the daughter of the late Henry Sessoms and Margaret Smith Sessoms of Richmond County.

Funeral service was conducted at Shiloh Presbyterian Church at 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon by the Rev. Marvin Smith of Rockingham. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Marvin Saunders; one son, John Walter Bowen of the home; two stepchildren, Edom and W. P. Bowen, Jr., both of Laurel Hill; two sisters, Mrs. L. B. Seals and Mrs. J. C. Currie, both of Raeford, Route 1; three brothers, Red of Apex, Norman of Raeford, Route 1, and R. H. Sessoms of Rockingham.

Dr. Vardell Will Present Recital At FMC Monday

Dr. Charles G. Vardell, Jr., Dean of the Conservatory of Music at Flora MacDonald College, will be presented in the first faculty recital of the college year, on Monday evening, October 5, at 8:15.

His program will include Prelude and Fugue in C minor, Bach; Two pieces, Allegro in C major and Pastorale in F major, Domenico Scarlatti; Andante with Variations in F minor, Haydn; Sonata in B flat minor, op. 35, Chopin; Jeux d'Eau, Ravel; Stealth, Mist in the Valley, and Witch Rabbits, all by Vardell; and two Etudes, Liszt.

The public is cordially invited to attend both the recital and informal reception which will follow in the college parlors.

TABERNACLE PREACHING

The Rev. Millard Crumpler of Wake Forest will preach at Tabernacle Baptist Church at Rockfish Sunday morning.