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Addenda

By The Editor

In Robeson County there are four kinds of schools, white Negro, Indian and "set aside" ones. There is an Indian "screening committee" which examines the blood lines of children who wish to attend the Indian schools and rules on whether they qualify to attend. Children they find not qualified attend the set aside schools.

Now this county has only one Indian school, a fine new one, and no set aside schools and no screening committee. It has been an increasing source of worry to Hoke County Indians that their children would later be barred from Robeson County Indian schools after attending the un-screened Hoke County Indian school. It has worried them so much that they got a lawyer and went to the State Department of public instruction about the matter. Result of this was a meeting of the county board of education on Monday with the State superintendent, Dr. Charles F. Carroll, in attendance, along with the county commissioners.

This meeting was held in the hope that something could be worked out to make the Indians of this county satisfied with their school. No final solution was reached, but a statement of policy from Robeson County, to the effect that having attended the Hoke County Indian school will not in itself be a bar to a pupil later attending a Robeson County Indian school, is hoped for. Since the meeting on Monday the Hoke County board of education has received copy of a letter from Dr. Carroll to the Robeson County board of education making the request.

Heard from Tony Drake, who ran the Elk Restaurant here for some time, that he is now operating the HighLife Restaurant in Lillington and wants The News-Journal sent up there. Before I could get around to sending it I got the message two more times. Boys say he is getting along well there and is always to glad to see Raeford people when they are passing through.

Question of whether Charlie Gales was given a mental examination when sent to the roads from here last May is indeed a serious one. As the News and Observer said this week, if Gales was not given this examination as directed by Judge Moses, whoever is responsible for his not getting it certainly also has a moral share in the responsibility for the way he beat his wife to death Friday. Judge Moses ordered examination, and Clerk of the Court J. B. Cameron wrote this order on Gales' commitment to the roads. No report of the examination ever came back, and it is the opinion of the judge, clerk and sheriff that it was not done. Of course, there is no basis for assumption that Gales is mentally unbalanced, but the judge must have had some reason for ordering the examination.

When the possibility of getting home delivery of mail came up the streets had to be marked, the houses numbered and mail boxes up before the post office could start it. The Town and the Chamber of Commerce got busy and did enough marking and the residents did enough numbering and putting up of boxes to get the deliveries started. There is where it stopped, and where it is still stopped. There are still many streets unmarked, and large sections of town not getting home mail delivery, when it is available. The Town and the Chamber of Commerce are about to complete the marking of the streets, and house numbers are available at the town hall. When this work is complete residents should get their numbers and boxes up and demand the service to which they are entitled. This will enable the post office to put these sections on the mail carriers' routes, and will increase the post office pay roll by

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W. E. "Ed" Willis Announces Plan To Run For Sheriff

1954 politics got off to a start in Hoke County this week when William E. Willis announced that he would be a candidate for sheriff of the county in the Democratic primary to be held next May. Willis said that he had given the matter much thought in the past few months, and had discussed it with citizens from all sections of the county before deciding that the people of the county would probably favor another man and a younger man for the office. Sheriff D. H. Hodgins succeeded Edgar Hall, the county's first sheriff, in 1928, and has held the office since that time. He has made no public announcement as to whether he will seek another term or not.

Willis is the older son of W. B. Willis and the late Mrs. Lulu Monroe Willis of this county, and is 35 years of age. He was married in 1948 to Miss Ellen Southerland of Kenansville, and they have one daughter.

He entered the Army with the local National Guard in 1940, and was first sergeant of Hoke County's First Battalion Headquarters Battery of the old 252nd Coast Artillery in Fort Screven, Georgia, and in Trinidad, British West Indies. He later served in the Field Artillery in the Pacific Theater, and in 1948 returned to Raeford as Regular Army Sergeant Instructor for the newly reorganized National Guard here. In 1950 he went to Germany as a lieutenant. He was separated from the Army and returned here last year during his mother's last illness.

He is an elder in Galatia Presbyterian Church, is representative for an automobile battery manufacturer, and helps his father with his farm.

Willis has never sought political office before.

Hunting Season Will Open 15th; Wildlife Protector Gives Rules

The hunting season opens officially on Oct. 15, with the season opening on squirrel, deer, opossum and raccoon, Wildlife Protector H. R. McLean reminded hunters this week. Hunting hours shall be from sunrise to sunset, except on opossum and raccoon.

All hand operated and automatic guns must be plugged, except while hunting deer and bear. Minimum fine for first violation of any and all laws, unless otherwise prescribed, is from ten to 50 dollars, McLean said. Killing doe deer is one hundred dollars and night deer hunting two hundred fifty dollars. Cars will be confiscated for night deer hunting and transporting doe deer.

Further information as to bag, possession and season is in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations which may be obtained from license agents.

Woman's Club Will Hear U. N. Visitor

Mrs. J. M. Andrews, Hoke County Citizenship Chairman of the Home Demonstration Clubs, will be the guest speaker at the open meeting of the Raeford Woman's Club.

Mrs. Andrews is at present on a five day tour to the Nation's capital and New York where she will observe the functions of the United Nations Assembly.

Her subject for Wednesday afternoon will be a report of her trip.

Ingatherings

Ephesus Baptist Church, Saturday, October 10.

Rex Presbyterian, Wednesday, Oct. 14th, noon.

Antioch Presbyterian, Thursday, Oct. 15, noon.

Bethel Presbyterian, Thursday, Oct. 22, noon.

Town Board Lets Paving Contract For \$56,293

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held Monday, Oct. 5th, 1953 at the town hall. Mayor Alfred Cole, presided and all members were present.

A motion was made by Tom Cameron and seconded by Arch Sanders to pay all current bills due.

A motion was made by Marion Gatlin, seconded by John K. McNeill, Jr. to deposit \$3500 in Home Federal Savings and Loan Assn. as a Town of Raeford Bond Sinking Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

R. O. Heater of the Heater Well Company was present and answered questions in regard to the proposed well contract. A motion was made by Tom Cameron, seconded by John K. McNeill, Jr. to accept proposed contract for well. Motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Arch Sanders, seconded by Tom Cameron, to open bid proposals on curb and gutter contracts. The bids were read and recorded.

A motion was made by Marion Gatlin, seconded by Tom Cameron to wit: It is moved that Thompson-Arthur Paving Company of Greensboro, North Carolina be awarded contract in accordance with proposal submitted Oct. 5th, 1953, 8:00 P. M. for street improvements in the amount of \$56,293.50 and that the mayor and clerk hereby be authorized to make contracts on behalf of the Town of Raeford with Thompson-Arthur Paving Company for execution of work proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by John K. McNeill, Jr., seconded by Truman Austin, to purchase a filing cabinet and a stapling machine.

L. S. McMillan, water superintendent, and Mr. Moore, sulating engineer, were requested to present recommendations in regard to elimination of bad odors arising from town disposal plant.

The board recommended that a careful study be made and a definite plan to be initiated to improve the care given to the Raeford Cemetery in order that this part of town reflect credit and evidence of civic pride.

The board also decided to ask the Raeford Kiwanis, Lions and Woman's Clubs and the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce to appoint one member each to a committee to study the situation on the cemetery and make recommendations to the board for a permanent solution to the problem of its maintenance. The board decided to ask Paul Dickson to serve as chairman of this committee.

Recommendations for the operation and function of the Police Department included:

(1) That a Policeman will be on duty in the mornings at the main street crossing to the graded school.

(2) That Policemen will make the City Hall their headquarters, and make at least one trip down the street each hour.

(3) That the Chief of Police will make at least two rounds daily in inspection of the Street Department.

(4) That the Chief shall be responsible for reporting any Stop signs that should be replaced or any obstruction which might block the view.

(5) That the policemen will be on the streets as much as possible on each Saturday.

Hoke Ladies Go To United Nations

Mrs. J. M. Andrews, a member of the Antioch Home Demonstration Club and County Citizenship Leader, and Mrs. Martin Cameron, a member of the Little River Club and County International Relations leader are among the 108 North Carolina Home Demonstration Club members who are spending this week in New York City observing at the United Nations. They left Raleigh at seven o'clock Monday morning and will return Saturday night.

Hector B. McNeill Passes Tuesday; Is Buried Today

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon for Hector B. McNeill, 67, who died at his home late Tuesday night.

Mr. McNeill, who had been in failing health for several years, was the son of the late Franklin Purcell McNeill and Katherine Buchanan McNeill of Scotland County. He was a lifelong resident of the Blue Springs community and was a prominent farmer. He was for several years a member of the Hoke county board of commissioners.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at 3:00 o'clock today by his pastor, the Rev. W. K. Thompson, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church. Interment followed in the Spring Hill cemetery at Wagram.

Surviving is his wife, the former Doris Matheson; three daughters, Mrs. Jack Roper and Mrs. Harlee Johnson, both of Wagram, Miss Flora Kate McNeill of the home; four sons, Hector B., Jr., Robert and Franklin, all of Raeford, and Thomas of Fort Sill, Okla.

Board Answers Wayside Grange On Farm Agent

J. F. McMillan, chairman of the Hoke County board of commissioners, last week wrote a letter to Mrs. A. A. McInnis, secretary of the Wayside Grange, in answer to a resolution passed by the Grange at its meeting on September 14 in which the board was urged to look into the turnover of county agents here and explore possibilities of getting the people of the county more benefit from the extension service. His letter follows.

Dear Mrs. McInnis: Replying to the resolution adopted by the Grange, I wish to say that in the selection of a farm agent, we, for the most part, have followed the recommendation of our district agent, Mr. C. M. Brickhouse. However, at our last meeting, in an attempt to get an agent that would stay with us and meet the approval of our people, we elected John Alex Smith of Little River Township. After waiting two weeks, we were informed that Raleigh turned him down on the ground that it is against their policy to employ a native of the county.

In regard to Mr. Prevette, he quit the Extension Service to take a better paying job in Raleigh.

Mr. Potter was doing good work and was well satisfied, but he resigned to return to Anson County when their agent died. He will draw a better salary, but it is a much larger county with more responsibility. He gave as the main reason for his leaving, the threatening expansion of Fort Bragg and the fear that it would abolish Extension Service in the county. Mr. Prevette also mentioned that he was afraid of the Fort Bragg expansion.

Mr. Stallings quit to go into private business. Mr. Vernon resigned on account of the death of his father-in-law who left a large farm with no one to look after it except Mr. Vernon.

We appreciate the interest of the Grange and will be glad to have your suggestions at any time. When we secure a new agent, we hope that you will try to get the people more interested in extension work than they have been in the past few years. We believe that this can be accomplished by the co-operation of The Grange, The Farm Bureau, and county officials in working out an extension program that will meet the favor of Hoke County farmers.

Respectfully yours, J. F. McMillan, Chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Mann and Joyce spent Sunday in Warsaw with Mr. and Mrs. Abe Brooks.

County Board Will Meet Saturday To Consider Farm Agent

The Hoke County board of commissioners will meet Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock with C. M. Brickhouse, district farm agent of Raleigh, to consider the question of hiring a farm agent for Hoke County and to interview applicants for the position.

At their regular monthly meeting on Monday the board wrote Brickhouse asking him to come on Friday and bring any men he had in mind, but he answered and said he could not come until Saturday, so Saturday it is. The board is also inviting some citizens of the county to meet with them and help with the problem of hiring a suitable man.

The board spent most of their day Monday working with the school of education on an Indian school matter, other items of business being largely routine.

The Army was granted permission to repair some bridges in the section of the county nearest Camp Mackall.

The jury for the next term of Superior court was drawn, and the board approved the requested extension of Green Street in Raeford to the new 13-A bypass.

9 Speeders Pay In Recorder's Court Tuesday

In a routine session of Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses Tuesday 25 cases were disposed of, with nine of them being speeding charges, and all but one of the others involving liquor or automobiles. The speeders were C. W. Cooper, H. D. Pike and T. M. Farrell, each a \$25 bond; Peter Demarzo, and W. A. Smith, \$35 bonds; Charles Heinz, Jr., \$20 and costs; Ellis M. Brooks, \$20 and costs for speeding and \$10 and costs for having no driver's license; Manuel Z. Enriquez, \$65 bond. All were white.

Other traffic cases included Martin Gilchrist and Coidon Harris, colored, and Margaret Wilson, white, no driver's licenses; Harris not guilty. Gilchrist \$25 and costs, Wilson \$10 and costs; Pleaser McNeill, colored, improper parking on highway, not guilty; Wilbert Jr. Brown, careless and reckless driving, not guilty; John Carlyle McCormick, colored, improper lights causing a wreck, \$50 and costs; W. C. Mason, white, driving on wrong side, not guilty.

Furnie Howard, colored, was sent to jail from not less than 12 nor more than 18 months for careless and reckless driving resulting in a wreck and having no driver's license.

Alford Chavis, Indian, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving resulting in a wreck. Sentence was not less than four nor more than six months, to be suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and damages to J. W. Webb.

Quince Little and Anna Lee Baldwin, colored, paid \$10 and costs each for public drunkenness.

On a charge of stealing some money, Herbine Wilson, colored, was found not guilty.

Convicted of having non-tax-paid liquor for sale, Len Peterkin, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior.

Alton Eugene Odom, white, pled guilty of driving drunk. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Scouts Return Sunday From Fort Caswell

The twenty-five scouts who went to Fort Caswell last week returned home Sunday rather tired but happy over the big time that was had. Archie McDiarmid, adult leader who accompanied the boys, had much to say over the way they carried themselves and performed their duties.

All scouts have been reminded to register for the new year in Scouting which begins October 13. They must turn in their names and dues by October 10.

HOKE MAN BRUTALLY MURDERS WIFE WITH GUN BARREL THURS.

Bond Issues Pass County & State; Vote Is Light

There weren't many, but those who did vote in last Saturday's election for the issuance of \$72 million in bonds for school and mental hospital improvements carried Hoke County and North Carolina rather decisively. A total of 489 persons voted in the ten precincts of the county.

For the state as a whole the voting total was an unofficial 157,502 for the school issue with 23,259 votes being cast against it. For the mental hospitals 159,344 voted for with 19,701 casting negative ballots.

Hoke County voted 353 votes for the schools issue; 36 against. The mental hospitals was even more decisive with 368 votes for and 15 votes against.

One reason given for the light vote and easy passage has been the fact that there was no organized opposition to the question with about all the state authorities heartily in favor of it.

County School Superintendent K. A. MacDonald estimated that Hoke County would get at least half a million dollars from the school bond issue.

The voting by precincts in this county for and against the \$50 million school bonds was as follows: Allendale 12, 4; Antioch 27, 5; Blue Springs 12, 3; Little River 24, 2; Mildouson 22, 0; Puppy Creek 22, 2; Quewhiffle 37, 2; Raeford No. 1 81, 2; Raeford No. 2 102, 12; Rockfish 14, 4.

For and against the issue of \$22 million mental institution bonds by precincts was: Allendale 16, 0; Antioch 28, 4; Blue Springs 13, 1; Little River 24, 2; Mildouson 20, 0; Puppy Creek 23, 1; Quewhiffle 39, 0; Raeford No. 1 80, 0; Raeford No. 2 110, 4; Rockfish 15, 3.

Former Pastor Of Baptist Church Here Dies In Winterville

The Rev. James Edwin Hoyle, 68, retired Baptist minister and poultryman of Winterville, near Greenville in Pitt county, died at his home at 11:00 o'clock Friday night.

Mr. Hoyle was a native of Franklin County and grew up in Wake County. He was a minister for 44 years and was pastor of churches in New Mexico and at Wingate, Lenoir, Nashville, Andrews, Raeford, Whitakers, Pacetown and Chocowinity in North Carolina. He was pastor of the Raeford Baptist Church about 25 years ago, immediately preceding the Rev. J. R. Miller.

He was first married to Deane Mae Horton of Zebulon, who died in 1930. He was later married to Bertha Carroll of Winterville, who survives with their daughter, Patricia, of the home. Also surviving are three sons by his first marriage, J. Edwin Hoyle, Jr., of Richmond, Va., Daniel S. Hoyle of Hickory, and Ransom G. Hoyle of Winterville; four grandchildren; a brother and two sisters.

Funeral was in Greenville Sunday afternoon and burial was in the Winterville cemetery.

LEGION TO MEET MON.

Younger Shead, commander of the Ellis Williamson American Legion Post, this week reminded members of the regular monthly meeting and supper which will be held in the cafeteria at Hoke High school at 7:00 o'clock next Monday night. He urged all to attend.

ROCKFISH PREACHING

Rev. G. Scott Turner, Jr. of Wake Forest will preach at the Tabernacle Church, Rockfish, on Sunday at both the morning and evening services.

Back From Roads 2 Weeks

Charles Edward Gales, 39-year-old Hoke County farmer, is being held in the county jail after the shotgun barrel beating that killed his wife, Virginia Lucille, late Thursday afternoon in a cotton field near his home.

Gales, who had only recently returned home after serving a six-months road sentence for assaulting his wife, was in recorder's court two weeks ago on charges of family troubles, and Judge T. O. Moses tried to get his troubles straightened out without another jail sentence. The case was dropped on her recommendation.

According to Hoke Sheriff D. H. Hodgins Gales told him Friday morning that his wife and their five children were picking cotton while he was at the house "sticking tobacco". After he had finished his work he lay down across the bed and was resting when his seven year old daughter came in and told him that "someone had sent for the law".

He said he then proceeded to the cotton field and asked his wife if she had sent for the law. She told him that she had not and he returned to the house and began packing his clothes. Finishing this he picked up the barrel of an old double barreled shotgun and returned to the cotton field, according to the sheriff.

Gales told Sheriff Hodgins he then stood in a small field road and asked his wife to come to him but that she refused to leave the field. He said he then told her that he had tried to make a go of their marriage but it was apparent that they could not get along and that he was leaving. When he started into the field where she was she began hollering to James Oldham, landowner for whom he is a tenant, for help. Oldham, who was in the field and a witness to the entire affair, threw a drink bottle at Gales who swung the gun barrel at him and told him to stay out of it.

The sheriff said Gales then swung at his wife and hit her on the foot, causing her to fall to the ground. While she was on the ground it is reported that he told her that he didn't want to give her up for another man and he would give her "three or four minutes to get right with God."

Mrs. Gales was still screaming at Oldham, pleading with him to stop her husband, but Gales is said to have told him that God was the only one that could help

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Deadline Wednesday In PMA Mail Voting

Ballots in the community PMA elections must be in the County PMA Office before October 14, 1953, according to R. J. Hasty, Chairman of the Hoke County PMA Committee.

Ballots will be counted October 14, 1953 and the names of the Committeemen and Delegates elected will be announced as soon as the votes are counted. The Delegates elected to attend the County Convention will meet Friday, October 16, and elect a County Committee consisting of a chairman, vice-chairman, member and two alternates.

Ballots have been mailed to all eligible voters in each community. Any farmer — owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper — is eligible to vote who is on a farm that is participating in any program administered by the elected farmer-committees of the Production and Marketing Administration.

Chairman Hasty emphasizes that the first responsibility in farm program administration rests with the farmers themselves in electing the most capable and best qualified Committeemen to administer those programs.

"This is especially significant this year when agriculture has such a great responsibility. No farmer who is eligible to vote should let October 13th pass without casting his ballot."