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Addenda

By The Editor

An act that I think would meet widespread approval in this county would be the appointment of Charles Hostetler as insurance commissioner to succeed Waldo Cheek. Governor Umstead offered the position to John D. Larkins last week, but he didn't take it. I don't believe the Governor did wrong in offering it to Larkins, as Larkins is talked of some as a possible candidate for the U. S. Senate against Alton Lennon next year, and Umstead wants to cut down his appointee's competition all that he can. Being unable to thus use the job politically, it would seem to me to be highly in order for it to be filled on the basis of qualification and merit. Hostetler, as chief deputy to the commissioner, certainly has the experience necessary, and he had the ability all the time.

"At long last," as a king said once, I can finally say that I believe John McGoogan is a little conservative in his estimate that the creek road "has a fifty-fifty chance of getting worked on some time next year." I have been a little superstitious to say this before, but the road is done now. If the truth were known I expect McGoogan had more than a little to do with making his prediction about a year off, and those of us who expect to use the road next summer are really grateful to him, the board of commissioners, the town board, Commissioner Locke, and any and all others who had anything whatever to do with getting the road fixed. . . . Starr McMillan and Raeford Power and Manufacturing Co., for right-of-way, too. It's a nice road and I know a lot of folks here are going to enjoy it next summer.

There has been some complaint whispered around about the county tax notices for 1953 not being out yet. The law requires that the stubs and receipts be in the hands of the sheriff or tax collector on or before the first Monday in October, so they are almost two weeks late already. I couldn't find, in the short time I had to give it, just when the notices should go to the taxpayers, but I don't believe it is until the first Monday in October, the month the 1953 taxes become due and payable. After this month penalties are added to taxes for every month they are not paid. The book says "Should any taxpayer desire to make prepayment of his taxes between July 1 and October 1 he may do so," and then goes on to state who may take prepayments and what the discounts are. It also tells how adjustment is to be made for variations between what is estimated for prepayment and what the tax actually is when the records are prepared later. There is a slip-up over there, for sure, but up to now it's only two or three weeks, as I read the law. There should certainly be something worked out in a case like this so someone could take the taxes of those who want to pay them, and give a valid receipt, for this is the time of the year for collecting in these parts, and when it's gone it's about the gonest thing you ever did see. I tried to sell McGoogan tax receipts three or four months ago, and he said he'd "see if they've ordered them yet." I never heard any more, but if "they" had ordered them at that time they would have been here sooner. I betcha, I, a taxpayer, didn't even get a chance to bid on them.

J. A. McGoogan sent the following note over about the farm agent situation:

The Commissioners met on Saturday in an attempt to secure a farm agent. C. M. Brickhouse, District Agent, was present but he wanted to make further study before recommending a man for the place. He had four men un-

A. V. "Arch" Sanders Is Another Entry In Race To Be Sheriff

It became certain this week that Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin would have at least two opponents if he decides to seek to succeed himself when A. V. "Arch" Sanders, lumber and saw mill man of Raeford, announced that he would be a candidate for sheriff in the primary next spring. W. E. "Ed" Willis announced his candidacy for the office last week.

Sanders, a native of Moore County who has been a local resident since 1910, has been for several terms a member of the Raeford board of commissioners, and has been commissioner in charge of the town police force. In the lumber business he was a partner of the late Ryan McBryde. He is a steward of the Raeford Methodist Church and was a member of the building committee for the recently-constructed building.

He is a veteran of the first World War, and served in France with the Field Artillery of the 81st Division. He is married to the former Pearl Lancaster, of this county, and they have three daughters.

In announcing that he was a candidate, Sanders said that he had been urged by friends all over the county to run, and that after talking it over with many of them he had decided to do so. He said he had reached his decision several weeks ago and had already told several friends about it before making public announcement this week.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennett of Winston-Salem are visiting Mrs. Bennett's sister, Mrs. John K. McNeill and Mr. McNeill.

Robert Whitley and daughter, Ann, of Philadelphia, Pa. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. B. Whitley. He and Ann came especially for the Whetstone-Whitley wedding on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fuller and family of Mt. Holly were guests Sunday of Mr. Fuller's mother, Mrs. A. J. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Mann and Joyce spent Sunday in Greensboro with Miss Shirley Mann who attends WCUNC.

Mrs. N. A. McDonald and Neill spent the week end in Greensboro with Mrs. McDonald's sister, Mrs. Claude Bishop.

Mrs. M. D. Gentry of Roxboro is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carlton Niven and Mr. Niven.

Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin returned Friday from Montreat where she spent the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Upchurch and Eloise were week end guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilkins and family in Durham.

Buist Bethune of San Antonio, Texas was a Raeford visitor last Thursday.

Mrs. Frances Wylie of Montreat spent the week end with her father, E. L. Peele.

Capt. and Mrs. Cecil Boutwell and children left Tuesday for St. Johns, Newfoundland where Capt. Boutwell is stationed. Mrs. Boutwell, the former Grace Parker, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Louis Parker, for the past two months.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Reaves of Fayetteville and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Epstein are spending this week in New York City and will attend the Duke-Army football game there on Saturday.

Mrs. R. A. Matheson spent the week end in Durham as guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brooks, Jr.

Congressman C. B. Deane was a visitor in town today and will address the Kiwanis club tonight.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Beginning next Monday, October 19, the first grade pupils at The John W. McLaughlin School who have been going home at noon will go on the regular primary schedule and will remain at school until 2:00 p. m.

Lunches for these children will cost 20 cents each. Tickets can be bought at \$1.00 per week.

The October meeting of the Rockfish PTA was postponed until Tuesday evening, October 20, at 8:00. This postponement was on account of various conflicts in the community.

The total enrollment and the percentage in attendance for the first month of the white schools is as follows: Ashmont, 131, 95.7; Hoke High 8th Grade, 113, 8.9; Hoke High grades 9-12, 278, 95.6; Mildouson, 94.98; J. W. McLaughlin Elementary, 656, 95.6; Rockfish, 108, 98.2.

Rockfish led the county in attendance with a percentage of 98.2. This is almost unbeatable, but the attendance was good in all the schools. When you can make above 95 percent in attendance, that is mighty good.

Reading Readiness tests were given to the first grade at The John W. McLaughlin School on Wednesday. The county supervisor showed the pupils who were not taking the tests film strips on Children's Literature.

Mrs. Council, with the Birmingham Paper Company was here yesterday and today working with the teachers in the white schools, and in a general meeting, on the use of paper in the general program of the schools.

The office of elementary supervision of white and Indian schools has been moved from Hoke High to The John W. McLaughlin School. The office is in the basement in the room in which Mrs. Snead taught last year.

We have received a letter from Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in reference to the Indian dispute about the Hoke County Indian School. With this letter Dr. Carroll inclosed copy of a letter addressed to Supt. B. E. Littlefield and signed by the chairman of the Indian committee on Schools. This copy is reproduced below and we feel that it should settle the matter satisfactorily to all parties concerned:

Pembroke State College
Pembroke, North Carolina
October 7, 1953

Supt. B. E. Littlefield, Secretary Robeson County Board of Education, Dear Mr. Littlefield:

Reference is made to the letter dated October 5, 1953 from Dr. Chas. F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction to you concerning the reluctance on the part of "Robeson County Indians" living in Hoke County to attend the new Consolidated Indian School along with the Hoke County Indians.

The Indian committee on schools has not been requested to make a ruling with reference to this matter. However, I may say that if this question is presented to the committee, then the committee would rule on the racial status of each child. I do not believe that the attendance of Robeson County children in Hoke County would change their racial status.

Very truly yours,
James A. Jacobs, Chairman Indian Committee on Schools.

O. J. Royster of the Veterans Administration and J. B. Taylor of the Division of Trades and Industries of the State Department of Public Instruction were in Hoke Wednesday in reference to the T & I department at the Upchurch School. Plans are being worked

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Bucks To Play Apex High Here On Friday Night

The Hoke High Bucks will play their first football game in three weeks tomorrow night when they will be hosts to the Apex High school football team. Idle since September 25 when they played Elizabethtown, the Bucks are reported to have been drilling hard every school day since then to overcome their mistakes and deficiencies and get in shape to win a game, after losing all three so far.

Frank Inman, who recently suffered a broken leg and who was a defensive standout in the previous games, has been hard to replace. Numerous changes have been made in the starting lineup with the major ones in the backfield. Ray Thomas has taken over the quarterback slot from Jim Bracey and will be calling the plays Friday night. Bracey has been moved to fullback. Ends will probably be White and Daniels with Jackson and Koonce at tackles; Linticum and Hedgepeth are the probable guards and Ernest Bracey the center. In the backfield Thomas will be quarterback; Captain Benny McLeod will hold down the left halfback position with Bobby Conoly running from right halfback.

The Bucks haven't set the woods on fire with their touchdown scoring, as they have made only one, that one being in the first game with Conoly doing the scoring. Eight touchdowns and five extra points for a total of 33 points have been run up by the opposition.

Kickoff time Friday night will be 8 p. m.

Presbyterian Church Begins To Remodel

The remodeling program which the Raeford Presbyterian Church has been planning for a year or more started this week, and officials estimated the work would take about four months.

The Sunday School section of the building is to be completely remodeled and rearranged, as is the basement. New heating and cooling facilities are to be added. Contractor for the general construction is the Pickler Company of Pinebluff. Plumbing is to be by the McMinis Co. of Raeford, and wiring by M. A. Maxwell of Raeford.

State Fair Entry Lists Are Filling

Record-breaking entries for the 1953 N. C. State Fair to be held in Raleigh next week were predicted today by Robert W. Shoffner, assistant director of the N. C. State College Agricultural Extension Service, who said: "We expect this year's State Fair to be the biggest display of North Carolina products and rural life in the 100-year history of the Fair."

Entry lists for livestock, poultry, pigeons, rabbits and dressed turkeys have already closed, reported the State College leader who serves as educational aide to Dr. J. S. Dorton in the management of the State Fair. "We haven't had time to check and total all entries," Shoffner said, "but we know all display space in these departments will be well filled." The assistant fair manager said entries in most other departments may be postmarked as late as 6 p. m., Saturday, October 17. This includes entries of field crops, fruits, nuts, vegetables, bees and honey, culinary products, clothing and house furnishings.

Cotton Report As Of October 1st

North Carolina

The North Carolina cotton crop for 1953 is forecast at 460,000 bales (500-pounds gross weight) by the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service. This October 1 forecast is unchanged from the August 1 and September 1 predictions and is 19 percent below the 1952 crop of 569,000 bales and 11 percent below the 10-year (1942-51) average production of 522,000 bales.

The current crop is the most rapid-moving on record in North Carolina, with approximately 50 percent of the crop ginned prior to October 1. The crop has been completely harvested on many individual farms, particularly throughout the eastern counties.

Lint yield per acre is placed at 290 pounds - 76 pounds below 1952 yield and compares with 345 pounds for the 1942-51 average yield per acre. The lower 1953 yield is the result of the combined onslaught of drought and heavy weevil infestation. The above production is based upon the prospective 290-pound yield from a currently forecast 762,000 acres for harvest.

United States

The Nation's 1953 cotton crop is currently forecast at 15,596,000 bales (500-pounds gross weight). This is 3 percent more than the 15,136,000 bales produced last year and is 28 percent above the 10-year (1942-51) average production.

PERSONALS

On October 8 Clarence Lytch entertained the members of the Session of the Presbyterian Church at a supper meeting in Scotland County at the home of Mrs. Joe Warwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Covington returned from Huntersville Monday after spending the week end with their daughter, Mrs. Hurd Bradford and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jones and Sally spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Louis Parker.

Mrs. Max Heins of Sanford is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. A. Blue.

Mrs. Charles Gordon and son, Johnny of Springfield, Pa. arrived Monday night for a visit with Mrs. Gordon's mother, Mrs. J. P. Smith.

Pat McAnulty, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McAnulty, is recuperating nicely from an operation he had recently at Highsmith hospital.

Warren Phillips entered Moore County Hospital on Saturday and underwent an operation on Tuesday.

Mrs. I. E. McAnulty is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Troy Brisson of Lumberton.

Wayne Diggs entered Highsmith Hospital on Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Randall and children of Kinston and Dr. and Mrs. Milton Jordan and children of Fairmont spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jordan.

J. R. Hubbard is spending a few days in Charlotte on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Campbell of Raeford and Rockfish school visited Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Campbell at Sardis, Ga. the past week end.

Mrs. Carlton Niven returned Tuesday from Moore County hospital in Pinhurst where she underwent an operation on Monday.

Mrs. William Shellem of Townsend's Inlet, N. J. arrived Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Niven and other relatives.

Legion To Present Minstrel Revue Next Tuesday, Thursday

More than 60 Raeford residents will appear next Tuesday night in the spectacular Minstrel revue and Follies sponsored by Ellis Williamson Post No. 20 of the American Legion, at the local High School. A second performance will be given Thursday night October 22nd. Curtain time is 8:00 o'clock. Tickets may be gotten from any Legionnaire or at Hoke Auto Co. and Howell Drug Company.

From the opening minstrel circle to the first act finale in which the entire singing chorus and endmen back up a line of dancing girls in the nostalgic "Waltin' for the Robert E. Lee", there will be a series of songs, dances and stories, with satin-costumed performers in gay numbers spotlighted before what Legionnaires hope will be a full house.

The second act will be a "Follies" Revue, with many precision dance numbers, sketches and songs, featuring black light and a beautiful "Calendar" number parading 12 beautifully costumed girls. The finale, featuring the entire cast, includes 24 girls in a Radio City Music Hall type of precision number.

The Interlocutor will be Devote Austin; Endmen will be Ed Smith, Starr McMillan, Jim Burkhead, Henry Maxwell, Robert Gatlin and Joe Upchurch. Included in the singing chorus and soloists are: Iris Davis, John Davis, Douglas Dixon, Ernest Bracey, Israel Mann, Retha Ashe, Paula Pegz, Ramona Cornwell, Peggy Stanton, Janice Benner, Ava Gosnell, Helen Rose, Treva Duncan, Carol Everleigh, Harriet Hodgin, Alma Lee Lovette, Sheila Ralfour, Hazel McLean, Younger Snead, Roy Avery, Jack Guver, Everett Farrell, W. L. Poole, Pete Sawyer, Maurice G. Henry.

In the amusing Pony Ballet will be: Younger Snead, Luke McNeill, Everett Farrell, Joe Upchurch, Roy Avery, Bob Lewis, Henry Maxwell, Starr McMillan, Maurice Henry and Pete Sawyer. In the precision dance lines will be: Faye Dark, Joan Gobeille, Betty Kinlaw, Peggy Parks, Janet Guin, Claudine Hodgin, Sarah Gulledee, Carol McPhaul, Carol Cokerly, Nora Peele, Mary Kate McInnis, Lillian Scarborough, Linda Phillips, Delaine McFadyen, Frankie McDouald, Lilmar Sue Gatlin, June Hall, Mickey Brock, Anne Bracey, Mary Henson, Anne Hamor, Jennelle Snead and Eleanor Bliss.

The production is directed by Robert Seiler of Pinehurst, who will also conduct the orchestra which has Mrs. Doris Bradley Austin at the piano; Reggie Perkins, Derry Walker and Cecil McKelthan on drums, trumpet and clarinet.

Choreography and dance direction is by Rob Speller, Jr., who will also appear in a solo tap number. Lights are by Jon Speller. Costumes were designed by Maxine Watkins Speller.

HOMECOMINGS

Pittman Grove
The annual Homecoming of Pittman Grove Baptist Church will be next Sunday, October 18. Everybody is invited to come and bring a picnic lunch.

Tabernacle
The annual Homecoming at Tabernacle Baptist Church will be Sunday, October 18. Tithes and offerings will be received. Everyone is invited to come and bring a picnic basket. Rev. E. B. Booker of Timberlake, a former pastor, will be the guest speaker Sunday morning.

INGATHERING OCT. 23

The Community Chapel Methodist Church at Five Points will have its Ingathering on Friday night, October 23. Serving will begin at five o'clock.

Mrs. H. G. McLean of the McLean Flower Shop attended the State Florists Convention at Pinehurst on Monday and Tuesday.

John McNeill Is Convicted Again Of Drunk Driving

Dog Ownership Unsolved

John McDiarmid McNeill, local white man appeared before Judge T. O. Moses Tuesday morning in Hoke County recorder's court for the third time in the last few months on a charge of driving a motor vehicle on the public highways while under the influence of intoxicating beverages. For the third time he was convicted after entering a plea of not guilty. Sentence was six months on the roads to be suspended on payment of fine of \$500 and court costs. He appealed and bond on the other cases, also being appealed, was considered sufficient to cover this one.

About mid-afternoon, when criminal cases were over, the court turned its attention to the civil matter of the ownership of a hound-dog. James Scurlock, colored, had asked for claim and delivery papers for a dog in the possession of Joe Scott, white, saying the dog was rightfully his property. At almost six o'clock Tuesday the evidence had been heard but the argument between attorneys H. W. B. Whitley and H. D. Harrison had not started, so the judge deferred the remainder of the case until next Tuesday, Scott to keep the dog in the meantime.

Jesse Pate, white, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs for driving drunk. Ruby C. Tate, colored, got 90 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and two years good behavior for the same offense.

Traffic violators were Roosevelt Mason, colored, careless and reckless driving, not less than eight nor more than 12 months suspended on payment of \$50 and costs; Elaine C. Hendrix, white, same offense, judgment suspended on payment of costs and damages; J. P. West, white, same, forfeited \$50 bond; W. M. McFadyen, white, failing to yield right of way, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs and damages; Lucy Smith, colored, no driver's license, \$10 and costs; Bill Hendrix, white, same, \$25 and costs; Leo Willis Parker, white, same, \$20 and costs; improper equipment: Fred D. Campbell, colored, \$10 and costs; Frank N. Leach, colored, \$20 and costs. Paying \$10 and costs each for public drunkenness were Charlie Kemp, John L. Morrison, Thomas McLean, and Buddie Hollingsworth, all colored, and Earl Acree, Jr., white. Acree also had to pay for damages to the jail.

John Breeden, colored, had to pay costs for disposing of mortgaged property and pay C. J. Benner for the property disposed of.

BETHEL INGATHERING

Ingathering box on this page was discontinued, but the Bethel Presbyterian Church Ingathering will be held at the church next Thursday, October 22, at noon. There will be a booth at this ingathering where those who wish to contribute to the memorial fund for the five victims of the automobile accident last July. All were members of the Pioneer Department of the Sunday School.

SHILOH REVIVAL

The Rev. R. H. Poole of St. Pauls will preach at a series of revival services at Shiloh Presbyterian Church starting Sunday morning, October 18, and continuing through the following Friday night. The Sunday morning service will be at 11:00 o'clock. The evening services will be at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. McPherson spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Parker, after visiting friends in Kenly where Mrs. McPherson reviewed the Mission Study Book at Kenly Presbyterian Church.

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