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FALL FESTIVAL DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY

Addenda - -
By The Editor

Judge Q. K. Nimocks said in court this week, during the trial of Bertha Leslie for violating the prohibition laws, that he understood Raeford was ringed by bootleggers or "blind tigers" and that they were getting much business from white and colored people. He went on from there and sent the woman to prison for six months, as she had a previous record of liquor violations. She told him in court that she sold the white stuff for \$2 a pint and paid \$3 a half gallon for it.

Ed Hollingsworth, colored, was charged with the same thing, and entered a plea of guilty. He was appealing a sentence of two years given him in recorder's court by Judge T. O. Moses. At the same time Judge Moses had ordered that he serve an old sentence suspended on condition of good behavior. After hearing uncontradicted evidence that Hollingsworth had been convicted several times before and had always paid out, Judge Nimocks sent him to the roads for six months.

Now I would answer the judge's remark about Raeford being "ringed with bootleggers" in fairness to our law enforcement officers, however good or bad they may be. I would tell him that Raeford will continue to be ringed with bootleggers as long as one with the record and reputation Ed Hollingsworth has is able to get off with a sentence of only six months. Ed got up from the counsel table and went to the prisoner's box after his sentence grinning like a monkey. He was really happy. He had a good lawyer, but I think the solicitor could have and should have gone to more trouble to make certain the judge knew of Hollingsworth's record and reputation.

I don't know whether a judge in superior court is supposed to pay any attention to what the recorder did in a case or not, but his sentence of six months where Judge Moses had given a much deserved two years amounted to a slap in the face for an honest effort on the part of Moses. I know of at least one case in times past when a superior court judge has taken notice of what he considered undue leniency on the part of a recorder. I refer to Judge R. Hunt Parker in the same courthouse some 15 or 20 years ago.

I can see where it wouldn't be fair for a superior court judge to assume that a man needed a stiff sentence just because he had gotten one in the lower court. I do think this stiff sentence should cause the judge, and solicitor, to take a long deep look into the circumstances that caused the lower judge to think as he did. I do not think the Hollingsworth case got this consideration from either the judge or the solicitor.

Now I'm not "after" anybody, and I have nothing whatever against Ed Hollingsworth. I do feel that for this place to be cleaned up the courts have got to be behind the officers. I don't feel that they were behind them in this case where there was no question of guilt, because the plea was guilty. Sheriff D. H. Hodgin has done quite a job in getting at the source of this white liquor in capturing 34 stills during the year; town and county officers have done pretty well at catching people with the stuff for sale. . . . We don't want them to have to say "What's the use," do we?

Methodists have informed me that they have a Methodist preacher in the Rev. J. H. Miller, and not a Baptist one as may have been indicated in this paper
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Gales Sent To Asylum; Trial Is Postponed

The county grand jury returned a true bill of indictment charging Charlie Gales, white, with the first degree murder of his wife, but trial was postponed at the regular November term of Hoke County Superior court here this week. Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., of Fayetteville, presided over the session, and criminal cases were either tried or postponed by early Wednesday afternoon.

Gales, charged with killing his wife in a cotton field with a gun barrel, was ordered by the court to be sent to the State Hospital in Raleigh and observed for 30 days, as there was some question of his sanity. The court ordered authorities there to report their findings to the clerk of the court here. The case will therefore remain on the docket until next term.

Three defendants entered pleas of guilty of violating the prohibition laws, two of them getting sentences and one getting a suspended sentence. All had appealed from recorder's court. Margaret Willis, colored, pled guilty and got six months suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and on condition of five years good behavior. She had no record of previous liquor law violations.

Bertha Leslie, colored woman who had one liquor offense on her record, was sent to the state prison for six months. Ed Hollingsworth, colored man who had, according to testifying officers, a record of several convictions and who had always paid out, was sent to the roads for six months.

Lou Mattie Hollingsworth, colored, was also charged with a liquor law violation, but the State dropped the case with leave to reopen when Ed claimed the liquor was all his. Another case charging her with the same offense was postponed due to the absence of a witness for the State.

John McDiarmid McNeill, white man charged with driving drunk in three cases he had appealed from recorder's court, pled guilty in all three. He got six months in the first, to be suspended on payment of \$200 and costs, and was ordered to surrender his driver's license. In the second he got six months to be suspended on payment of \$500 and costs. In the third he got six months, to start at the end of the first six months, to be suspended on payment of \$500 and costs. These made a total of one year or \$1200, and he paid off. Solicitor stated in court that his license would be revoked permanently, but that it could be applied for again in five years.

Albert Graham, colored, was found guilty of assaulting Lucy Wall with a deadly weapon and was sent to the roads for three months.

Annie Lee Blue, colored, pled guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. She got 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, a \$20 doctor bill and five years good behavior.

Jack Offenhauser and Fred Evans, both white soldiers, appealed their 30-day road sentence in recorder's court for driving 95 and 90 miles an hour, respectively. They pled guilty and each got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and on condition that they won't violate a motor vehicle law for five years.

In an old case Johnnie Barber, white, pled guilty of driving drunk and was sentenced to 60 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of \$100
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Benefit Dance At Armory Friday, 27th

The Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with Pope Air Force Base, will hold a dance at the Raeford armory on Friday night, November 27, from 9:00 until 1:00, with music being furnished by the outstanding Pope dance orchestra of 16 pieces.

The affair will be entirely for the benefit of the Air Force "Operation Christmas," in which the airmen play Santa Claus on a large scale at all the orphanages in North Carolina. Admission will be by contribution and Jaycees say a dollar a person in all that is expected. There is to be no division of receipts and no charge for the orchestra, so all receipts will go to the fund to make a better Christmas for the children.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

All schools and teachers in the county are cooperating in raising funds for the Clyde A. Erwin Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Holmes of the faculty of the Department of Education of East Carolina College appeared before a county-wide white teachers meeting last Monday afternoon and discussed problems in the teaching of reading and demonstrated the use of the Teletubular as an aid in the screening process and for the diagnosis of reading handicaps on the part of the student.

That evening Dr. Holmes addressed the Hoke-Raeford PTA on the "Problems of the Teenagers." He said that teenagers find that parents are their number one problem. He gave some excellent advice on the solving and handling of problems arising in the school, the church and the home. He insisted that the three named agencies had to cooperate in order to solve the teen-age problems of today.

Four delegates from the Hoke County unit of NCEA will attend the Southeastern district meeting in Wilmington Friday.

The colored school will operate a short day schedule the same day and all teachers will attend the district meeting of NCTA to be held in Fayetteville.

The Mildowson PTA held its regular monthly meeting at the school building on Wednesday evening. Routine business was transacted.

All schools took note of American Education Week last week. We have not had a report on how many parents visited the schools but we hope a goodly number did.

Two Are Killed In Auto Wrecks In Hoke County

A Charlotte man and a Fort Bragg soldier died in automobile wrecks in the county last Friday and Saturday, and a Robeson County colored man was killed about 20 feet from the Hoke County line in Robeson County near Shannon on Tuesday night. The two fatalities in the county brought to 12 the number who have died from automobile wrecks in Hoke County in 1953. A Conover man was also seriously hurt in a wreck near Raeford Saturday afternoon.

Friday Afternoon Wreck
Roger Adecock, 37-year-old Charlotte man died in Scotland Memorial Hospital about 9:00 o'clock Friday night from injuries sustained in a three-car smash-up on Highway 15-A about three miles south of Raeford at about 4:30 that afternoon. A Rocky Mount soldier was charged with manslaughter in connection with the wreck.

According to Highway Patrolman W. T. Herbin, investigating officer, John Davis Williams, 23, Rocky Mount, a Fort Jackson, S. C., soldier, was released under \$2,500 bond for his appearance at a coroner's inquest to be held here on Monday, November 23. Herbin said Williams, headed home on a three-day pass, hit the car being driven by Adecock head-on and bounced off it into the side of a vehicle operated by Rufus Gibson, 26, of Laurel Hill.

The Adecock and Williams cars were described as a total loss. Gibson's damage was estimated at about \$100.

Early Saturday Morning
One Fort Bragg soldier was instantly killed and another seriously hurt early Saturday morning when their car failed to make a curve, ran off the road and hit three trees on the Rockfish-Arabia road about six miles from Raeford. Killed was Britt C. Singletary, 28, 82nd Airborne Division.

Owner of the car, Ray A. Mickow, 23, also of the 82nd Division, was reported in a critical condition at a Fayetteville hospital. He was reported suffering from a head injury and severe shock.

Saturday Afternoon
At about three o'clock Saturday afternoon a car driven by D. B. Webb of Conover was going toward Raeford on Prospect Avenue just outside the city limits beyond Robbins Heights. He lost control of his car in trying to pass another car and left the road on the left and then on the right, turning over about three times. He was carried to Scotland Memorial Hospital where he was still unconscious the next day, according to Patrolman Herbin, investigating officer.

JAYCEES TO PRESENT HILLBILLY BAND WED.

The Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce will present the Johnson Brothers, famous hillbilly show of Radio Station WPTE, Raleigh, in a program at the Hoke High School next Wednesday night at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited, and proceeds will be used in the civic work of the Jaycees.

Charlotte Firm Will Design Highway Hq.

The Charlotte architectural firm of Biberstein, Bowles and Meacham has been selected to draw plans and specifications for the Eighth Highway Division headquarters, soon to be constructed by the State near Aberdeen, it was announced last week by Highway Commissioner Forrest Lockey. L. H. Meacham will have charge of the project.

The firm is rated one of the State's best. Examples of its work are seen in both the Aberdeen and Raeford plants of Robbins Mills, Inc.

T. G. Poindexter, division engineer, and Meacham went to Greensboro last week to inspect the Seventh Division headquarters building. The building in Aberdeen is expected to be designed along the same lines, adapted to the two-acre tract just north of Aberdeen on U. S. Highway No. 1.

Funeral Sunday For Mrs. Annie B. Lisk

Mrs. Annie Belle Lisk, 62 formerly of Rockingham but for some time a resident of Raeford, died Friday morning at 4:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. U. A. Daniels, here.

Mrs. Lisk was born in Roberdel Richmond County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Dunn. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Daniels, of Raeford; one son, W. M. Lisk of Charlotte; two brothers and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Community Church in East Rockingham. The Rev. W. H. Boggan, pastor of the East Hamlet Baptist Church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. R. Brothers of Rockingham and the Rev. Thomas Hearne of Loris, S. C. Burial was in Kink cemetery at Laurel Hill.

Rites Held For Lt. David Cook At Galatia Sunday

Full military funeral rites were held Sunday at 2 p. m. for 1st Lt. David Leon Cook, USAF, who was killed in Korea, June 2, 1951. Services were conducted at Galatia Presbyterian Church by the Rev. B. O. Shannon, pastor, assisted by Chaplain (Major) Winans F. Beadle of Pope Air Force Base. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Lt. Cook, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cook of Fayetteville, route three, served three years in the U. S. Navy during World War II and enlisted in the United States Air Force in Oct., 1949. He and his six brothers all served in the armed forces overseas at the same time during World War II.

Active pallbearers were W. M. Lindsay, Jr., E. L. Cooks, Jr., W. A. Cook, Edison Capps, Alexander Capps and Frank Capps.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR PARADE, DRAWINGS; EXPECT BIG CROWD

Church Men's Annual Joint Meeting Is Set For Friday Night

The annual joint meeting of the men's organizations of the Raeford Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches will be held in the Methodist Church on the night of Friday, November 20, and will begin at 7:00 p. m.

The Men of the Methodist Church will be hosts for the occasion with dinner being served on an individual contribution basis as in the past. According to the normal rotation of programs it would be time for the Methodists to have the program also, but in order to give the men of the other two churches an opportunity to hear the outstanding supply pastor the Baptists have had since the Rev. Judson Lennon left, they have traded programs with the Baptist Men. Presbyterian men, presumably will have nothing to do but eat.

The speaker, the Rev. W. C. Strickland, is professor of New Testament Interpretation at the Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest. He has recently completed his thesis for the degree of doctor of theology and is considered an outstanding preacher by all here who have heard him. He has preached here most Sundays since June.

Grand Jury Report Commends Mayor, Justice Of The Peace

The Hoke County Grand Jury in its regular report to the presiding judge of the November term of superior court this week commended Mayor Alfred Cole for the work done in the town against speeding, and complimented Mrs. Helen S. Barrington for her good work as justice of the peace. Other items in the report included reports on the condition of county and state facilities in the county and dealt with a report on toilet facilities at the theatre. The report follows, in part.

"The report of Mrs. Helen S. Barrington, Justice of the Peace, was inspected and found to be in good order. This county is very fortunate in that it has only one J. P. and one that we feel it is just to compliment due to the fine reports from her office.

"The report of Alfred Cole, Mayor of the Town of Raeford, was examined and found to be in good order. The Mayor is to be commended for the action he has taken in enforcing the speed laws in the city limits. His action will in due time save lives and property.

"The Court House, the County Jail, the County Office Building, and the State Sanatorium Prison were inspected and found to be in good order.

"Highway Patrolman D. G. Surratt reports that all school buses were inspected on or about November 1, 1953 and all were found to be in good condition. "A complaint has been made to the Grand Jury concerning the unsanitary condition of the toilet facilities at the Raeford Theatre. A letter has been mailed to the County Health Officer informing him of this report and asking that he take necessary action to correct this condition."

Four Bands; Several Floats; Starts At 2:00; 35 Prizes

Ed Smith, chairman of the Raeford Festival Day committee of the Merchants Division of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday that plans were complete for the affair which is to start at 2:00 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, and that he thinks it is going to be a big one.

He said that four bands were scheduled to take part in the big parade which will start down Main Street promptly at 2:00 o'clock, and that there was still a possibility that there would be a fifth. The four bands which will definitely be on hand are the Hoke High school band, the Upchurch school band, the Aberdeen High school band and the Red Springs colored high school band. Smith said there would be floats of various descriptions, saddle horses and clowns, as well as the student body of the local school, the National Guard unit and the Boy Scouts.

The parade will assemble at the J. W. McLaughlin school on North Main street and will be led by Mayor Alfred Cole and the town officials. At the conclusion of the parade Mayor Cole will open the ceremonies with a few remarks in front of the Bank of Raeford, and the drawing for the prizes will follow immediately.

Prizes to be given for the lucky ticket holders at the festival include a Kelvinator water heater, an Apex dishwasher, a Frigidaire electric refrigerator, a General Electric washing machine, a Hot-point electric range and two Rol-fast bicycles, all being furnished by the merchants together. Individual prizes will also be drawn for 26 of them. These are given by the different stores participating and include Sarnsonite luggage from Belk-Hensdale, 50 lbs sugar from Progressive Stores, barrel of Red Star flour from Home Food Market, Jonathan Logan dress from Israel Mann, case of Carnation milk from City Market, 5-piece card table set from Home Furniture Co., ladies coat from Collins, portable dishwasher from Baucom Appliance Co., Brownie Hawkeye camera from Hoke Drug Co., a ladies quilted robe by Roni from Bon Mart, a Winchester .22 rifle from McLaughlin Co., a GE electric iron from Wood's Furniture store, a Universal toaster from Raeford Hardware, a barrel of flour from Cole's Feed store, a Universal toaster from Raeford Television Co., an Atlas battery from McDonald's Ezzo Servicer, an Aladdin floor lamp from Raeford Furniture Co., \$25 in trade from C. P. Kinlaw, Raeford Super Market and McNair's Dry Cleaners, \$10 in trade each from Howell Drug Store and Niven's Ezzo Station, \$5 in trade from Mack's 5 & 10.

Smith cautioned all participating stores to have the ticket-stubs in the container at the Bank by noon on next Wednesday, and said that the drawing would start right after the parade. There will be a drawing every five minutes until all prizes have been drawn for. Any items which have not been claimed by winners when the drawing is finished will be drawn for again at that time.

Stores will be closed during the parade, but will reopen right after it is over.

GET NEW PASTOR ALSO

The Community Chapel Methodist Church, located in the Five Points community, got a new pastor last week also. He is the Rev. James Hamilton, succeeding the Rev. C. L. Ledford.