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Addenda

By The Editor

W. C. Phillips, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Merchants Division, reports that the Chamber has again made arrangements for Santa Claus to visit Raeford before Christmas. Phillips said that he had received information that the gentleman would arrive in Raeford on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 16, and would, as usual, bring a small gift for each child. In view of the parade held last week there will be no parade for Santa, he said. Exact hour of his arrival will be announced next week.

They didn't give me a chance to comment on the fact that it was time to get the Christmas lights up as they have in the past. The Chamber of Commerce committee, headed by H. L. Gatlin, Jr., has already had it done, and they are to be cut on Monday. Expenses are being paid entirely from the Chamber of Commerce treasury this time.

M. R. Mills, sanitarian with the county health department, told me this week that there had been several mad dogs in the county recently. This is usually a difficulty that arises in hot weather, but Mills said that livestock had been bitten two or three times.

S. M. Jacobs, Indian who pled guilty of operating a still and having liquor and who got two years for it, appealed to Superior court. It will be interesting to remember this case when it gets to 'g court and see if the court has a stronger view with another edge on Raeford being "tinged with bootleggers." Along that line, Lou Mattie Hollingsworth went away for six months just a week behind her husband, in spite of his successful efforts to get her cleared in court two weeks ago.

The dance the Raeford Jaycees held at the armory last Friday night for the benefit of the "Operation Christmas" which Pope Air Force Base stages each year was quite successful, according to Jim Tillman, Jaycee president. He said that the affair would contribute over \$200 to the fund for getting a Christmas present to every child in every orphanage in North Carolina this Christmas. The Pope base orchestra played for the affair and a large crowd attended and enjoyed it.

It would appear to me that it is about time to quit driving over 55 miles an hour, something I imagine just about every person who drives has done at one time or another, most of us not getting caught. The coming of the "whammy" is going to make it more expensive, and whether we like it or not, the Highway Patrol is going to save many of our lives with it. I don't know just how many they did catch with the thing around here the other day, but 31 cases went through recorder's court Tuesday, and they didn't get through with the docket. Friends, by the time you know it's there, it's got you. Minimum cost seems to be \$25, going upwards with higher speeds.

Ben Hurley, of the Carolina Power and Light Co., came in the other day with a tale of woe which he asked me to publish. He was talking about the recent power interruptions, and particularly about those in the Antioch-Dundarrach area last Monday. He said the power was off for several hours there, two different times on the same day. The first was caused by a line burning out near Oakdale gin. This took quite some time to get repaired and shortly after it was fixed and the power was back on, a pine tree was accidentally felled across the line at another place, cutting off the juice again. This time it took several hours again

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Overpass Here One Of Highway Projects For Dec. Letting

The State Highway Commission this week called for bids on 81.34 miles of road work and the building of 17 structures. The letting will be held December 15. Two days later on Thursday, December 17, the Commission will meet in Raleigh to review the low bids received.

There will be 20 projects in the letting; 23 counties will participate. Among the major road jobs is a Hoke County project calling for a bridge over the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad and N. C. 211 at the west edge of Raeford.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The County Board of Education will meet next Monday, December 7 at 7:30 p. m.

The Rockfish PTA is sponsoring a supper at the school lunchroom on Thursday night, December 10 beginning at 6:00 o'clock. The supper is for the benefit of the lunchroom.

Miss Essey's third grade of the McLaughlin School had charge of the chapel program last Tuesday morning. Their program was enjoyed by the whole primary school.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are chapel days at the school. Parents are invited to attend.

Reading tests will be completed at the McLaughlin School this week. They have been finished at Rockfish and Mildouson and the Hoke Co. Indian School. Ashmont will finish this week. A special effort is being made this year in all the schools to check on the weaknesses in individual students in their reading and improve the student's ability to read whether in the primary, elementary or high school.

We are proud of the showing the schools made in the Harvest Day Festival Parade—the 4-H Club float, the Hoke High Band and Upchurch Band and last and least, but not least in praise, the Burlington Rhythm Band and its tiny majorettes. We understand that plans for next year will be begun much earlier and we hope that all schools in the county will be able to participate.

A great many people were astonished at the number of pupils in line from the Raeford and Upchurch schools. There were nearly 2500 than 2000 school children in the parade.

The yearly Junior play will be given by a selected cast of Juniors in the high school auditorium Friday evening at 8:00, December 4. The Juniors have been working long and hard on the production and a good evening's entertainment is in store for all who attend.

Hoke High opens her 1953-54 basketball season with Laurinburg Thursday evening at 7:30. The girls teams takes the floor first followed by the varsity boys. At this writing we don't know how they will come out, but here's to them!

Hoke High and the McLaughlin school were minus the services of Mesdames Gore, Cameron and Roberts for several days this week. They were out sick. We hope that they are fully recovered by this time.

The County school buses had their final inspection by the highway patrol for 1953 this week. They received their usual clean O.K. We think that pupils and

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Henry McDiarmid Passes Sunday; Funeral Tuesday

Henry William McDiarmid, former judge of the Hoke County recorder's court, died Sunday afternoon in a Fayetteville hospital after being in a critical condition for several days. He had entered the hospital on the previous Wednesday, and a circulatory ailment was the immediate cause of his death.

Judge McDiarmid was born in that part of this county that was then Cumberland in January 1884, son of the late Norman McDiarmid and Mary Jane McDiarmid. He attended the University of North Carolina for about two years, 1907-09, and was unable to return because of the development of rheumatoid arthritis, with which he was afflicted for the remainder of his life.

He was a farmer, and was appointed judge of the recorder's court by the county commissioners on May 3, 1943, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge W. B. McQueen. He was thereafter elected to the office and served until February 19, 1952, when he suffered a fall in leaving the courthouse from which he never recovered. He was relieved as judge on a temporary basis by Harry Greene, in the hope that his health would get so he could return to the bench. It did not by the time of the primary, so he did not offer for reelection.

The funeral was conducted at the home on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, and burial followed in the Raeford cemetery. Pallbearers were J. A. Williams, Henry Maxwell, Neill McFadyen, Raymond McLean, T. N. McLaughlin, N. A. McDonald, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., and L. H. Koonce.

He is survived by one brother, N. McL. McDiarmid, and two sisters, Miss Margaret McDiarmid and Mrs. Kate King, all of Raeford.

4-H Club Members Build Winning Float

On Tuesday night, several 4-H members and adults along with the Farm and Home Agents of Hoke County spent several hours in the Hoke County High School Agriculture work shop working on a 4-H float. The theme of the float was "To Make The Best Better".

Riding on the float were two girls and two boys. Hazel McLean was holding a large U. S. Flag which represented the Citizenship 4-H project. Another girl — Elizabeth Overton who was the Improved Ironing champion — was demonstrating new methods of ironing.

The two boys who rode on the float were George Dees and James Potter. James was the Dairy Demonstration champion. The float was done in green metal paper on a tractor wagon and was very attractive and educational. This was a cooperative project between the Farm and Home Agents and won first prize of \$25.00 in the Hoke County Fall Festival. The float was sponsored by Belk-Hensdale Company of Raeford.

Cpl. and Mrs. Chester Dlugokinski, who have an apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Niven, left Wednesday for Durham to spend several days with Mrs. Dlugokinski's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gatlin had as their visitors Sunday, Mrs. Eustis Russ, Mrs. Frederick Russ and son of Myrtle Beach, and Mrs. Layton Bennett of Shallotte. Mrs. Lillian Oliver accompanied Mrs. Bennett home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Howell, Jr. and family spent Thanksgiving Day in Ellerbe in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Howell.

Outlook Meeting To Be Held Monday

On Monday afternoon, December 7th, Hoke County will have its annual Outlook Conference. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the probability of price changes and production costs for 1954. Expenses for most farm enterprises are getting higher and profits are getting smaller. The cost and availability of consumer goods will be discussed. For this reason both men and women are invited to the meeting.

Two representatives from the North Carolina State College Extension Agricultural Economics Department will be present to lead the discussion and help set up a practical program for Hoke County. The public is cordially invited to be present at the meeting, which will be held in the Lions Club room of the County office building at 2:30 p. m.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Berder Niven had as their guests for Thanksgiving Mrs. Niven's sister, Mrs. Richard Duke, Mr. Duke, their daughter Judy of Richmond, Virginia, and Patsy Clark of Portsmouth.

Sgt. C. J. Augustoni, Jr. arrived Tuesday night of last week from Okinawa, where he was stationed for the past year. He is spending a 30-day furlough here with Mrs. Augustoni and children.

Johnnie and Spookie Riley of Edwards Military Academy, Salem, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Riley.

Misses Betty Upchurch and Florence Cameron of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., were here to spend the holidays with their parents.

Miss Elsie Norris of Fayetteville was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norris for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Guin, Janet and Jimmy Guin, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Freeman and daughter spent the day Sunday in Burlington visiting.

Miss Marilyn Tapp spent the holidays in Rutherfordton visiting Miss Pat Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morrison had as their guests during the holidays, Mr. Morrison's sister, Mrs. Robert Booth and Mr. Booth of Portsmouth, Virginia.

Charles Thomlinson of Edwards Military Academy, Salem, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Mammie Fultz, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Webb.

Mrs. June Johnson and children visited in the home of Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Clark in Lumberton during the week end. While they were there Shirley had the misfortune of breaking her arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gullede, Mr. and Mrs. George Wood and son and Miss Sarah Gullede were spent-the-day guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Floyd in Lumberton Sunday.

David McFadyen and Johnny McLaughlin returned to Davidson College Sunday after spending the holidays here with their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hostetler of Raleigh were here for the week end with Mrs. Hostetler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Gore. Mrs. Hostetler remained to spend this week while Mr. Hostetler is attending a meeting of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners in Miami, Fla.

Pvt. Jimmie Sinclair was transferred from Fort Jackson, S. C. to Fort Eustis, Virginia, last week, where he is attending a transportation school.

Mrs. Dickson, Sr., Former Publisher, Dies Suddenly



MRS. PAUL DICKSON, senior

Mrs. Paul Dickson, senior, widow of the late Paul Dickson and editor-publisher of The News-Journal for several years after his death, died suddenly of heart failure at her home here Saturday morning at about 8:30 o'clock. She had a dangerous heart condition since about 1946 and had suffered from cancer for about a year, but her doctors did not consider her death in any way due to the cancer.

Mrs. Dickson was the former Annie Barnes, daughter of the late Deatur Barnes and Lucy Holderby Barnes of Reidsville, where she was born June 9, 1886, being 67 years of age. She graduated from Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C. in the class of 1907. She came to Raeford in the fall of 1908 and taught in Raeford Institute and later in Raeford High School when it was organized. She was married to Paul Dickson in 1915. He died on November 29, 1935, and she passed away on November 28, 1953.

During her husband's life Mrs. Dickson was active in the life of the community, and she was a charter member of the Raeford Woman's Club. Following his death she took over the active management of The News-Journal and the Paul Dickson Insurance Agency, the latter being later sold to The Johnson Company. She gave up active management of the paper in 1943, but continued as society editor until her health caused her to stop last year.

The funeral service was conducted at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Raeford Presbyterian Church by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor. Burial followed in the Raeford cemetery.

Pallbearers were T. B. Lester, William Lamont, Jr., Sam Morris, Clyde Upchurch, Jr., Jake Austin and Carlton Niven.

Surviving are two sons, Paul Dickson of Raeford and Dr. Alvis Barnes Dickson of the Navy at Camp Lejeune; five grandchildren; one first cousin, Mrs. E. D. Watt of Reidsville.

Presbyterian Men To Meet Next Week

The Raeford Presbyterian "Men of the Church" will have their regular monthly supper meeting next Wednesday night, December 9, at the Hoke County High school cafeteria at 7:00 p. m. The meeting is being held there due to the remodeling now going on at the church.

At the meeting officers for 1954 will be elected and an outstanding speaker, will address the group.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Campbell were Miss Margie Campbell of Laurinburg; Mr. and Mrs. George Burn of Society Hill, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson, Miss Vera Ellis and Leroy Ellis of Hartsville, S. C.; Lt. Hake and Lt. Norberg of Fort Bragg.

G. A. Patterson of Asheboro was a visitor in the home of his sister, Mrs. B. L. Cox, Sunday.

Chest X-Ray Unit To Return To County

Announcement was made this week by the Hoke County Health Department that the Mobile Chest X-Ray unit would operate in Hoke County from January 11 through February 7, 1954. A complete schedule of its stops will be published at a later date, but it will be in operation Tuesday through Saturday of each week during this period.

The X-rays are painless, take only one minute and are free to all. Health authorities strongly urge every person to take advantage of the facility while it is here and point to the many persons who are saved by the units every year by learning that they have tuberculosis — in time to do something about it—besides dying with it. This has happened in this county in the past and will again, in all likelihood.

"Whammy" Fills Recorder's Court Docket Tuesday

The "Whammy", otherwise known as a mechanical device for the detection of speeding automobiles, made its entrance into Hoke County last week in the hands of the State Highway Patrol, and there were 31 charges of speeding processed through the regular weekly session of recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses on Tuesday. With cases against 14 other defendants being handled there was a total of 41 defendants, some with more than one charge, who were dealt with Tuesday. Court was adjourned at 1:00 p. m. until next Tuesday because of the funeral of former Judge Henry McDiarmid. Cases remaining at that time were continued.

Speeders leaving \$25 bonds were Charette Hector, R. C. Bowlden, R. L. Hannah, Vernon J. Rogers, Jr., J. H. Karmms, Angelo Pillo, William Jennings Bryan Haddock, Charles Van Dingle, W. B. Glaskox, Talmadge D. Johnston and Dow H. Finsterwald, all white, and George Preston and Augusta Cook, both colored. Leaving \$35 bonds were Calvin A. Burgess, Bernard J. Freed, C. F. Eubanks, Robert P. Powers, all white, and James E. Battle, Joseph G. McCalop and Ethel Williamson, all colored. Thurman J. Helms, colored, paid \$50 and costs and lost his license for six months for speeding 80 miles an hour, and Freddie Fisher, white, left a \$100 bond for going 90.

Paying \$20 and court costs for speeding were William H. Faulk, Dorothy Sherman and Robert McDarby, all white, Arthur E. Herring and Fannie M. Odom, both white, each paid \$10 and costs. Bernard C. Avery and Samuel W. Kesler, both white, each paid costs. Ralph D. Ford, white, left a \$30 bond.

Gilbert S. Sauls, white, left a \$35 bond for careless and reckless driving. Greenburry Jones, white, left a \$50 bond for speeding and having no driver's license.

Clara Mae Johnson, colored, paid \$25 and costs for having no driver's license, and William E. Johnson paid costs for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive his car.

Lou Mattie Hollingsworth, colored, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws by trying to slip a pint of white lightning to her husband in jail. She was sentenced to six months in the State prison with instructions that she be given a mental examination there.

S. M. Jacobs, Indian caught by Sheriff Hodgkin and Rural Police-man Meeks at a still a week or two ago, pled guilty of having the still and having the liquor they found there. He still insisted the still was his property and that he did not know the name of the man who had been helping him. Judge Moses gave him a year on (Continued on Page 4)

Cotton Acreage Quota For Hoke 71% Of Average

The 1954 cotton acreage allotments for North Carolina counties were released Wednesday by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State office.

The allotments call for an acreage reduction of about 27 per cent for next year as compared with an average planting for the years 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951, and 1952.

Allotment notices for individual farms were placed in the mail Wednesday in some counties. H. D. Goffrey, State ASC administrative officer, said all such notices will be mailed by next Tuesday.

Robeson has the highest county allotment. Other high counties, in order, are Cleveland, Sampson, Halifax and Johnston.

In some counties the 1954 allotment is as low as 68 per cent of the average five-year plantings. In others it ranges as high as 83 per cent.

In Hoke County the allotment for 1954 is 15,963 acres. This is slightly more than 71 per cent of the five-year average in this county of 22,350 acres, not including 1949.

"The difference in percentages," Goffrey said, "is due to provisions of the law for distribution of the 10 per cent State reserve. The law requires this State reserve to be used for specific purposes, one of which is for adjusting farms with an initial allotment of less than 15 acres.

"In North Carolina," Goffrey continued, "the State reserve was distributed to county ASC committees for use in making these adjustments on the basis of the history of cotton planted on these farms during the past three years."

Cotton growers throughout the nation will vote in a referendum on December 15 to determine whether marketing quotas are to be in effect for the next three years. However, acreage allotments will be in effect next year regardless of the results of the quota referendum.

Post Office Changes; Morrison To Robbins

Charles Morrison, who has been an employee of the Raeford Post Office for some years and who was acting postmaster from the death of Lacy Clark until D. C. Cox was named acting postmaster, this week left the post office and started work at the Raeford plant of Robbins Mills. He is to be personnel manager at Robbins.

Thomas Macko, who has been a city mail carrier since city mail delivery started here, moved into the post office to replace Morrison and Johnny Hinnant was employed as mail carrier to replace Macko on the west side of town.

Collision Tuesday; No Serious Injury

Mrs. Lucy Smith and Ed Buile had a collision at about 11:30 a. m. Tuesday at the corner of Edinboro Avenue and Magnolia Street. Mrs. Smith, alone in her 1953 Ford, is reported to have been going north on Magnolia and Buile is said to have been going west on Edinboro in his Buick when the wreck occurred.

Mrs. Smith was knocked unconscious and suffered cuts and bruises. She soon recovered consciousness, however, and was not thought to have had any bone broken. Buile was shaken up, but other than a bruise on his head he was unhurt. Both vehicles were extensively damaged.

Miss Pearl Rouse, who recently came to Raeford from her home in Bennettsville to live with her sister, Mrs. Malcolm McNeill and family, is now employed in the office at Para Thread Company.