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Addenda - - By The Editor

If a cotton farmer believes in the price support system, I don't see how he can fail to have his tenants, sons, daughters and anyone else who had a share in the 1953 crop at the polls next Tuesday to vote for the marketing quotas. If two-thirds of them don't vote for the quotas the support will drop from 90 percent of parity to 50 percent with next year's crop. If he doesn't believe in the system he can vote against it. Main thing boys around here seem to fear is that farmers will assume the thing will go by a two-thirds vote and not bother to go vote. Every person has a hand in running this country, and that's one time you can take a hand without making a move.

My agreeing to become a member of the Raeford District school committee is not a case of something like the hollow horse they pulled into Troy that time, I am not getting on to sabotage the outfit. Of course, a member of the district committee has but little if any say in matters of policy, anyway. I am encouraged that the county board would have me on the committee when my views on some things are certainly no secret. If I ever do get a change to hit a lick for a full time principal at the McLaughlin school, I'll hit it, on the committee or not. If anybody converts me he'll be some converter.

Work started this week on the Methodist Parsonage on the North Main Street lot purchased by the church. The late T. B. Upchurch left funds for the construction and these have been supplemented by the Upchurch family in order to make it a complete and modern home and due to the fact that building costs have risen since Mr. Upchurch died. It is being built by Dabney Allen of Fayetteville, son-in-law of the late Rev. B. P. Robinson, who was a pastor of the church and later pastor emeritus. It is expected to be ready for the Rev. and Mrs. J. Herbert Miller to move into by April 1.

Speaking of Methodists, when Bill Howell was giving me the item about the men's meeting tomorrow night and said Terry Sanford was to be the speaker, I accused him of holding a political meeting there. He said this was not the case and that Terry had been dealt with to make the talk before he ever became a member of W. Kerr Scott's informal campaign staff in the race he is expected to make for the United States Senate next spring. Of course I was joking, but Terry does have a lot of brains and personality and should make a mighty fine Methodist lay leader as well as a good politician. The men should expect a real message from him tomorrow night.

Avery Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Connell and a junior at the University of North Carolina, has made a somewhat notable achievement this fall in becoming varsity football manager at Carolina. This job is usually filled by a member of the senior class after three years of doing the dirty work. The manager receives a varsity letter and is a member of the Monogram club. In these days of big-time football it's a big job, even if the team isn't a very consistent winner. Avery graduated from Hoke High School in the class of 1951 and expects to receive his degree next year.

Josh Scull, one of the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Scull of Lauchlin Township, and a senior in Agriculture at Louisburg, was recently complimented in the college paper. With his picture was an article speaking of
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Hoke Boys Win, Lose; Girls Win; Play Here Friday

The Hoke High "Bucks" outclassed Hamlet Tuesday night 32-19 at the Hamlet gymnasium. Against Laurinburg Friday night they lost against another good Laurinburg outfit 40-29. High scorers for Laurinburg were Guest with 12 and Watts with 11. Hoke's offensive leader was Jim White with 10 points.

Hamlet led the "Bucks" at the end of the first quarter, but from then on Hoke completely outclassed them. White and Daniels were high for Hoke and Mitchum was high scorer for Hamlet. Roger Dixon was outstanding on defense. The "Does" fought off a good Laurinburg sextet in the final quarter coming out on top 73-68 in a high scoring affair. Janet Guin was high with 43 points and Hodgkin with 24. The game was tied 60-60 as the final quarter started. Defensive stars were Ina Scull, Hazel McLean and Carol Everleigh. Tuesday night against Hamlet the "Does" took the lead in the first quarter and were never seriously threatened the rest of the game finally winning 54-41. Guin and Hodgkin were again high for Hoke with McDougald high for Hamlet. Tomorrow night the Hoke High teams play their first home games. The opposition will be Laurinburg. The first of 3 games gets underway at 6:30. Tuesday night, Hamlet will be here for a return match.

County Board Has Meeting Monday

The Hoke County board of commissioners held its regular meeting Monday with all members present. No unusual or outstanding action was taken, matters of most interest being Christmas holiday plans for personnel of offices at the courthouse and the county office building and discussion of pay of the judge of recorder's court.

The board authorized county offices to close for Christmas after business on Tuesday, December 22, and to reopen on Thursday, December 31. They will be closed again on January 1, 1954. Judge T. O. Moses, of the county recorder's court, appeared before the board in the interest of getting more pay for being judge. He also asked that the solicitor be raised. The judge now gets \$109 a month and the solicitor gets \$125. They were getting the same, but when no one ran for solicitor the board had to raise the pay to get a lawyer to take the job. The board deferred action on Judge Moses' request, and County Attorney Gore came up next day with a ruling that they could not raise his pay during a term of office.

John McGoogan was instructed to write Highway Commissioner Locky about repairing a school bus route from the paved road in Allendale Township to Arch Locklear's home. He was also instructed to write the attorney general to find out who is responsible for making death certificates in cases where no physician is in attendance when death occurs. The county health officer says this is not his job, and the coroner has been doing it in some cases.

Laurinburg PCA Now Member-Owned

Final payment has been made by the Laurinburg Production Credit Association in retiring all of the capital provided by the Government in getting the credit cooperative started. According to President N. H. G. Balfour, the association has been returning some of the capital for several years, and on November 30, 1953, a check was issued to retire the balance of \$10,000.

"Retirement of the last \$10,000 of Government capital enables us to achieve a goal of complete farmer-member ownership which was set 20 years ago when the production credit association came into being. They were organized to create a system fitted to needs of the financial and seasonal farmers," Mr. Balfour said. According to H. L. Morgan, secretary-treasurer, records show that the Laurinburg PCA was organized on December 5, 1933, when a small group met in Raeford, with agricultural leaders and a representative of the Production Credit Corporation to organize the association and elect directors.

"The association began with 223 members and lent \$111,921 the first year. There are now 939 members, and total loans are running about \$733,000 annually. Loans made since organization
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WOODMEN CIRCLE PLANS DANCE NEXT FRIDAY

The Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle will hold a square dance at the Raeford Armory on Friday night, December 18, from 8:30 until midnight with proceeds going to the circle's welfare fund. Music will be furnished by Ed McNeill and his string band.

HOKE HIGH GLEE CLUB, BAND, PLAN CONCERT

Announcement was made by Hoke High School this week that the annual Christmas concert of the glee club and band would be presented on the night of Thursday, December 17, at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The public is invited, and further details about the program will appear in next week's paper.

Two Sessions Of Recorder's Court Held This Week

In an effort to cut down the increasing backlog of cases on the docket in Hoke County recorder's court, the court was in session most of Wednesday as well as all day Tuesday this week. Most of the time was spent on a few cases, however, and some of these were not finally disposed of.

Cases taking a lot of time were those in which Alexander Person and Lester Spencer, both colored, were charged with stealing pulpwood from the Winecoff farm. Both were found guilty, Person getting 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and \$25 for the wood. Spencer got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and \$14.30 for wood.

Sammy Lee Blue, colored, was charged with assault with intent to commit rape, but the State accepted his plea of guilty of assault on a female, not a felony. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, two years good behavior as to assault, and stay away from Esther Lee McRae and the Wonderland Theatre for a year.

Bobby Southern, white, and Otha Williams, colored, each pled guilty of driving drunk. They got 20 and 60 day sentences, respectively, to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs each. Southern also had to pay \$10 and costs for having no license plates. Jacqueline Southern, white, forfeited a \$25 bond on a charge of public drunkenness.

Elbert Adams, colored, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and damage to a bridge. He got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and \$78.20 for the damage.

F. S. Faulk, white, had to pay costs for allowing his hogs to run out.

Edwin McRae, or Hadley, colored, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Probably cause was found and he was held for superior court under \$500 bond.

James Calvin Harris, white, pled guilty of driving after his license had been suspended. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$200 and costs.

Romey Baker, colored, paid \$10 and costs for public drunkenness. J. B. White, white, paid costs for driving too close to another car.

Ed Bonner, colored, paid \$10 and costs for careless and reckless driving, and Walter E. Handon, colored, paid costs for falling to stop at a stop sign.

Dominico Esposito, white, left a \$50 bond for speeding and having no driver's license. David W. Byers, H. H. Blakley, C. E. Robertson and Robert Lee Owens, all white, and Irving Veazie, colored, each left a \$35 bond for speeding. Other speeders were Paul C. Harris, white, 80 miles an hour, \$40 and costs; R. G. Jackson, white, \$20 and costs; Harry Wasserman, \$40 bond; W. E. Gunn, white, \$40 and costs; Raymond Ell Johnson, white, \$20 and costs.

Hoke Auto Men See New Chevrolet

A new line of Chevrolet passenger cars, improved in appearance and performance, will go on display here soon. Younger Sneed of Hoke Auto Co. said on his return from Spartanburg, S. C. where Chevrolet retail dealers of this area saw 1954 models and heard a discussion of their features.

"In line with the customary Chevrolet policy at these annual closed meetings, we have been asked not to reveal details of the new cars," said Mr. Sneed. Accompanying him to the showing were Ernest Campbell and Archie McDiarmid of Hoke Auto Co. They went to Spartanburg Monday and returned to Raeford Tuesday afternoon.

Arch Sanders Decides To Drop Campaign For Sheriff's Office

A. V. "Arch" Sanders, local lumberman and farmer who announced some time ago that he would be a candidate for sheriff of Hoke County in the primary next spring, told The News-Journal yesterday that he had changed his mind.

Sanders, who has a record of several terms on the Raeford Town board and considerable experience as police commissioner, said that he had come to the conclusion that he would be unable to give the office of county sheriff the time it deserved if elected and that he felt it would be unfair to the people of the county to seek it under those conditions. He said his lumber and farming interests would not allow him to do justice to another job.

In making his statement he expressed his deep appreciation to all those in the county who had offered him their votes and support in the primary, and said that he hoped they would understand his reasons for deciding not to run.

The withdrawal of Sanders leaves two announced candidates in the field to oppose Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin, who presumably will seek another term. William E. "Ed" Willis, local wholesale battery distributor and farmer and the first to announce, is still in the race along with Floyd Holland, employee of the Red Springs plant of Robbins Mills, who was the third to say he would run.

Dr. Matheson Hurt In Wreck; Is Improving

Dr. R. A. Matheson lost control of his car last Friday night near Ashley Heights while returning from Moore County Hospital, ran off the road and suffered severe injuries. He was taken to Duke Hospital where reports yesterday were that he was improving satisfactorily.

He is thought to have been trying to reach a package of cigarettes from the back seat when the car got out of control. He suffered several fractured ribs and cuts and bruises on his head and body. One of these was on or near his kidney, of which he has but one, and was considered quite dangerous. The car was extensively smashed up.

Rev. Dixon McDonald Passes At Angier

The Rev. Dixon McDonald, 64, retired Presbyterian minister, died at his home in Angier Thursday afternoon of a heart attack. He was a son of the late John and Sallie Woodley McDonald of the old Sandy Grove section of this county and was a nephew of the late J. A. Wilson of Raeford.

He organized the Bunn Level Presbyterian Church, the Unity Presbyterian Church near Benson and the Plain View Presbyterian Church near Angier.

Funeral service was conducted at the Bunn Level Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. E. G. Clary, Jr., the Rev. A. C. McCall of Bunn Level and the Rev. C. M. Gibbs of Fayetteville. Burial was in the Bunn Level cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fannie Byrd McDonald, and two brothers, Johnnie McDonald of Mullins, S. C. and Make McDonald of Texas.

METHODIST MEN WILL MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

W. L. Howell, Jr., president of the men's club of the Raeford Methodist Church, this week reminded all men of the church of their regular monthly supper meeting, which is to be at the church at 7:00 o'clock Friday night. He said the speaker would be Terry Sanford, Fayetteville attorney who is Methodist lay leader for the Fayetteville district.

COTTON GROWERS TO DECIDE 50 OR 90 PCT. PARITY TUESDAY

Soldier Killed In 15-A Wreck Friday Night

13th 1953 Traffic Death
One soldier was instantly killed and four others injured last Friday night at about 11:20 o'clock when their car turned end over end on highway 15-A about six miles east of Raeford. All five occupants of the machine were thrown clear before it came to rest.

Pvt. John N. Blasczyk, of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, was dead on arrival at the U. S. Army hospital at Fort Bragg. His home address was 315 Beech Street, Fulton, N. Y.

The four men injured were also members of the same company of the 82nd. They are Cpl. Edward C. Tucci, fractured elbow; Cpl. Thomas R. Lane, chest injury; Pfc. James L. Phillips, owner and driver of the car, and Pfc. Alfred Gutierrez, lacerations and abrasions. Lan and Tucci were reported in fair condition at the Fort Bragg hospital while the other two were said to be in good condition.

The car was reported to have been traveling toward Raeford when it failed to make a curve, went out of control, overturned and rolled approximately 75 feet. The wreck took place between Parker's Methodist Church and the Puppy Creek bridge down the hill from it.

Investigation was made by the Fort Bragg CID and Hoke County Coroner James C. Lentz.

Town Board Handles Routine Matters Mon.

The town board held its regular monthly meeting Monday night with Mayor Alfred Cole presiding and with all members present but Tom Cameron. The board discussed and acted on matters dealing with current bills, water, sewage and taxes.

They decided to make an additional charge of \$10 for an additional driveway for a residence when it is put in when curb and gutter is being installed. This work is now going on in parts of town. There is no charge for one driveway.

The board decided to ask the consulting engineer to make a survey with a view to providing additional sewer service for the town. It was also voted to build a pump house and install a pump at the town's new well.

The board approved installation of streetlights at corner of Elwood and Fulton streets, on Cameron street and on Wooley street.

Edwin A. Johnson Captured Wednesday

Fayetteville police announced Wednesday that they had captured Edwin A. Johnson, an escaped convict of this county, and had turned him over to State Prison authorities.

Johnson, who was serving 12 years for felonious assault, escaped from the Transylvania prison camp at Brevard on October 12. Two of the others were captured in a few days and one is still at large.

LEGION TO MEET MON.

Younger Sneed, commander of the Ellis Williamson post of the American Legion, this week reminded all legionnaires of the regular monthly supper meeting of the post which will be held in the high school cafeteria at 6:30 next Monday night. He urges all to attend.

Referendum Will Determine Support Level For '54 Crop

"The outcome of the cotton marketing quota referendum to be held throughout the Nation's cotton-growing area December 15 will determine the level of price support for cotton produced in 1954 and therefore is of vital concern to every cotton grower," says R. J. Hasty, Chairman of the Hoke County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The marketing quota program will be in operation for next year's crop, the chairman explains, if at least two-thirds of the votes cast in the referendum are in favor of the program. In that case the grower who stays within his acreage allotment will be eligible for 90 percent of parity price support on his 1954 cotton. If his farm has more cotton acreage than the allotment, he will be subject to a 50 percent of parity penalty on his excess cotton. If more than one-third of the votes are against quotas, the price support level to cooperators drops to 50 percent of parity. Whether the vote is favorable or unfavorable, no price support will be available on cotton for the grower who overplants his cotton allotment.

The choice before cotton growers, according to Chairman Hasty, essentially is whether or not they want a reduced acreage and 90 percent of parity price support. He explains that acreage allotments will be in effect even though quotas are disapproved and that compliance with such allotments will be required for eligibility for price support at 50 percent of parity.

He suggests that specific questions which each grower will want to answer for himself are: Will my prospective income be greater from the allotted acreage and 90 percent of parity price support, or from an unlimited acreage and whatever the market will bring for the crop? What effect will this decision have on my income in future years in the light of current and prospective large surplus supplies of cotton? What would be my decision if I could decide for all the cotton growers in the country?

Chairman Hasty emphasizes that he cannot and will not indicate how cotton growers should vote, but he emphatically urges all growers to vote in the referendum. In his opinion, the decision will have far-reaching effects and the question deserves the serious study and the carefully considered vote of all who grow cotton.

The referendum will be held between the hours of 8:00 and 6:00 on December 15 at the following polling places:

- Allendale, Allendale Community Building; Antioch, J. A. Hodgkin's Store; Blue Springs, Hoke Trading Company; Little River, Community Building; Wayside, Marshall Newton's Service Station; Rockfish, A. W. Wood's Store; Quewhiffle, R. W. Parks' Service Station at Monroe; Raeford, County Office Building; Stonewall, Dundarrach Trading Company.

All who had a share in the 1953 crop are eligible to vote.

Santa Claus

Will Be In Raeford
Next Wednesday
December 16
At 3:30 P. M.
With Gifts For All
Boys & Girls