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Addenda

By The Editor

They say everyone makes mistakes, and it's a certain fact that we make our share in running this newspaper. Most memorable example, and one that cost us the revenue from a half-page advertisement, was the used car ad which Hoke Auto Co. wanted run last week in connection with the county-wide sale of "OK" used cars being staged by Chevrolet dealers. It was a real pretty ad when we got through with it, but early Friday morning somebody happened to notice that there was no mention of Hoke Auto Co. in it, around it or near it, just a lot of used car bargains listed. Younger Snead's face was red when he saw it, but mine was redder. . . . Learned one thing for sure, though, and that is that they read 'em, or at least they sure read the ones that are wrong. Bet 50 people have given me a dig about that ad this week . . . and not one has offered me my sympathy in the loss of the few bucks we worked so hard for setting it up and running it and then didn't get. Tried to salvage something by getting Snead to let us run it again this week with a name on it, but he had his mind on new cars by that time. The new 1954 Chevrolet will be presented to the public tomorrow, you know.

We have a new TV star rising in our midst, I hear, and is I don't know for sure whether he will offer Jimmy Durante and Jack Benny any real competition or not. At any rate Tommy Upchurch, as far as I know, has the distinction of being the first Hoke County television performer. He appeared on the Greensboro channel on Monday in the interest of the cotton referendum taking place Tuesday. Tommie already had considerable experience on the radio, but he said he was a little scared of TV. Said he could scratch, and pull at his collar and do most anything he wanted as long as he kept talking on radio, but that he would have to pose as well as talk on TV. Those that saw him say he did mighty well, though.

Tommie's favorite story in recent weeks (he always has one going) is of his trip out west a year or so ago. Said he was in a crowded place out there one night when this cowboy came in waving his six-shooter and letting fly into the ceiling occasionally. The cowboy decided it was too crowded and said "All you blankety blank so and so's get out of here, right now." Tommie said they really scattered, and a little later no one was left but the cowboy and one little fellow sitting over in the corner. The sight of him irritated the cowboy, so he blustered over to him, apparently about to take steps to get him gone, too. The little man met him with "There sure was a lot of them, wasn't there?" . . . Sounds like it might have been a bar-room, doesn't it?

General talk around town is that the kids, for whom Santa Claus comes, got a bigger kick out of his coming to Raeford this time than they have previously, because, perhaps, Santa was the main attraction this time. The Merchant's Division of the Chamber of Commerce did a good day's work, I think, when they separated their trade promotion from the Santa Claus Christmas party. The parade and festival promotion three weeks ago was certainly handled well and was a success. The party Wednesday was the same but aimed at the little ones where, I believe, Christ would have a Christmas party pointed. Kids are who birthday parties are for, and sometimes we forget the birthday in Christmas. Let's not. It's a lot

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CLINIC CHANGED

Dr. E. R. Hardin, Robeson County Health Officer, Lumberton, N. C. calls attention to a change in the date for the Orthopedic Clinic in Robeson County for the month of January 1954. The clinic is held regularly on the first Friday of each month, but since the first Friday in January falls on January 1st, which is a holiday for many of the attending personnel, the clinic will be held on the first Tuesday, January 5, 1954.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Rockfish is having their Christmas program Friday morning, December 18. The parents are cordially invited.

The J. W. McLaughlin annual Christmas program was given Tuesday evening to a packed house. The music and the play were exceptionally well done. A Christmas lesson was taught. After the entertainment Mrs. Flannery's sixth grade held open house for the mothers and fathers present. The room was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif. All work was done by the children.

In the afternoon Miss McNeill's third grade had a Christmas party for their parents. Refreshments were served, all prepared by the children and gifts had been made for all parents. In this case also, all work was done by the children.

Several teachers have been ill recently or had serious illness in their immediate families. Mrs. Gore of the Hoke High faculty returned to work Tuesday after having been ill for several weeks. Mrs. Autry is also out. The mothers of Misses McNeill and Parker have both required hospitalization. We are glad to report that they both are doing well. Mrs. Thrower of the Mildouson faculty is quite ill.

The date for final inspection of the J. W. McLaughlin Primary Building has been set by the architects, W. D. Harper and Sons of Florence, S. C., for 11:00 o'clock, Tuesday morning, December 22.

The highway patrol has made their last 1953 inspection for all school buses and found them in apple-pie order.

The Hoke County Indian school is having their Christmas program on the night of Tuesday, December 22.

We attended a meeting of the Laurel Hill PTA on Tuesday night. The main business of the evening was a decision to buy venetian blinds for the school. The PTA was divided into five groups, each working to raise one fifth of the cost of the blinds. The superintendent and the dentist with the State Health Department both made short talks. The dentist stressed the need for oral hygiene among the children, but among adults as well. The whole building was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif. After the program refreshments were served to all the parents.

The Upchurch basketball teams continue their winning ways. Tuesday night they won a doubleheader from Pinehurst. So far this season the boys have won all their games. The girls have lost only one. They play the strong St. Pauls teams here Thursday night. We hope they can continue to take the long end of the scores.

We wish to remind you of the Christmas Candlelight Program to be given by the band and chorale club and other departments of the school, Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock, December 20. There

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Cotton Growers Favor Quotas

Hoke County cotton growers joined with other throughout the state and nation Tuesday in expressing their approval of production and marketing controls and continued high support prices for these crops.

About 50 percent of the eligible farmers in the county voted in the referendum, according to an estimate by Miss Louise Blue, county secretary for the Production and Marketing Administration. Miss Blue said there were about 1300 farms in the county and she figured about 2500 eligible voters. A total of 1004 voted in the referendum Tuesday.

In the voting in this county, the sentiment was much more overwhelmingly in favor of quotas than in many counties and in the State as a whole. Of the 1004 votes cast in Hoke County Tuesday, 988 were in favor of quotas and only 16 were against.

Both North Carolina and South Carolina voted in landslide proportions for the controls.

Unofficial returns from 74 of North Carolina's 78 cotton-growing counties gave 46,225 votes for cotton quotas and 2,142 against, a percentage of 95.6. Forty-one of the 44 peanut-producing counties gave 14,290 for quotas and 388 against. This was a 97.4 percentage.

Cotton farmers in 20 states turned out about 500,000 strong and voted nearly 16 to 1 in favor of limiting production of the 1954 cotton crops. The percentage of "Yes" votes was about 94 percent - a new record - compared with 89.4 percent in December 1949, the last time cotton controls were voted in a referendum. The unofficial but nearly complete vote was about 447,000 yes to 29,000 no.

Peanut growers in 13 states voted about 17 to 1 for controls on peanut production for the next three years - 1954 through 1956. The unofficial but nearly complete vote showed more than 61,000 farmers voted for peanut controls to 3,600 against. This was a "Yes" percentage of 94 percent, compared with 70.8 in the referendum three years ago.

By approving controls growers are assured that the government next year will continue to support these two crops at 90 percent of parity. Had the farmers rejected the controls the support price would have dropped to 50 percent of parity. Once marketing quotas are voted, excess sales subject the seller to a penalty of 50 percent of parity.

Businesses To Take 2 Days For Christmas

According to W. C. Phillips, manager of Belk-Hensdale Co. and member of the Chamber of Commerce Merchant's Division, most Raeford stores and business houses will be closed from after hours on Thursday, December 24 until they open for business on Monday, December 28. The Bank of Raeford has already announced that it will do this, and the others will probably do so later.

The News-Journal expects to reach local post office subscribers on Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday of next week, and to be in the hands of city and RFD carrier subscribers Thursday morning. Cooperation of all having news or advertising for next week's paper is therefore requested. The paper's office and plant will be closed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH CHRISTMAS PLAY 24TH

The Foursquare Church of Raeford, located at 506 E. Prospect, Robbins Heights, announces the date of their Christmas Play for Christmas Eve at 7 o'clock. The play, "Beneath His Star" will be presented by the young people of the church. The pastors, Rev. and Mrs. William Hartness, extend a cordial invitation to all.

Woodman Circle Inspection Is Held

The Supreme Forest Circle, Cedar Grove No. 179, held inspection Tuesday night, December 15, at the Woodmen hall with 26 members present. Mrs. Ethel M. Donaldson, national committeewoman and state manager, was present for the meeting and two candidates were initiated for the grove.

Plans were made for a Christmas party next Monday night and were completed for a square dance on Friday night. After the business was over Jayne Campbell and Florence Macko served refreshments of cake and coffee and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

Recorder's Court; 2 Found Guilty Of Running Still

Joe Scott, white, and Carson Locklear, Indian, appeared before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday on charges of violating the prohibition laws by owning and operating a whiskey still and possessing the whiskey and other paraphernalia that go along with such an operation. Both entered pleas of not guilty, but were found guilty as charged. Judge Moses sentenced each to eight months on the roads. Both Scott and Locklear immediately gave notice of appeal and bonds were set at \$500 each. Later, however, the judge withdrew these sentences and left the case open until next week for sentencing. At the same time he lowered the bonds to \$200 each, and both have since been released under bond.

Walter Kemp, colored, pled guilty of working for Scott and Locklear at the still. He was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and on condition of two years good behavior regarding liquor.

An old case in which Matthew W. Graham, colored was found guilty of failing to yield right of way was settled. Graham was fined \$25 and costs, as he had already settled damages.

William R. Elliot, white, pled guilty of driving drunk and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. Herman L. Stackhouse, colored, pled guilty of driving drunk and went to the roads for from four to six months when he could not pay \$100, court costs and \$95.89 damages.

Pearson Hall, white, went to the roads for 30 days for violating the prohibition laws and for being drunk in public.

Zeno Johnson, colored man charged with giving Mrs. H. H. Johnson a bad check, was found not guilty when Mrs. Johnson admitted she had agreed to hold the check, knowing it was not good when she took it.

Rodney Heath, white, left a \$50 bond for having no driver's license, and Milton E. McDaniel, also white, left a \$45 bond for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive his car.

John Allen Johnson, colored, was found guilty of using profane and indecent language and sentenced to 30 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and two years good behavior.

Nathan Thomas, white, left a \$20 bond for passing in the face of oncoming traffic. David Williams, colored, paid \$10 and costs for driving with improper brakes. Rodney Locklear, Indian, paid costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Wiley R. Swearingner, white, left a \$50 bond for speeding and A. M. Privette, white, left a \$25 bond for speeding. All other speeders left \$35 bonds. They were Roy G. Hill, Jack M. Goldberg, W. G. Harris, Raymond W. Hicks, Bobby Jernigan, David L. Rich, Edward T. Smith and Gary E. Adkins, all white, and Joe Hartfield, colored.

Sue Upchurch May Be 1954 Maid Of Cotton

Memphis, Tenn., December 17, 1953—Sue Upchurch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Upchurch of Raeford, has been named one of the twenty finalists in 1954 Maid of Cotton contest, the National Cotton Council announced today. She will come to Memphis January 5 and 6 to compete with finalists from throughout the cotton belt for the honor of serving the United States cotton industry as goodwill and fashion ambassador on a six-month international tour.

A graduate of Hoke County High School, the Maid of Cotton candidate attended Hollins College for two and one-half years and now is a student at the University of North Carolina. Sue has been an outstanding student throughout her school career. She was a member of the North Carolina Youth Caravan to Europe in 1951 and was winner of county public speaking contest with "Soil Conservation" her subject. She has been active in many campus organizations, modern dance clubs, school newspaper and yearbook, sports, YWCA International Relations club, glee club, and served as student government Assistant House President.

Sue is a blue-eyed brunette, 20 years old, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, and was "Miss Hoke County in 1952."

The winner of the 1954 Maid of Cotton contest will be announced June 6. Shortly afterwards she will begin the exciting tour to more than forty cities in the United States, France, England and Canada.

The tour is sponsored annually by the National Cotton Council, Memphis Cotton Carnival, and cotton exchanges of Memphis, New York, and New Orleans.

CONCERT TONIGHT

The Glee Club and Band of Hoke County High School will present their annual Christmas concert on Thursday, December 17th. The time has been changed to 7:45 instead of 8:00 o'clock as was announced in last week's paper. A program of Christmas songs, both old and new, will be presented by the Glee Club and Band. The public is cordially invited to attend.

TWO MORE TRAFFIC FATALITIES MAKE COUNTY TOTAL OF FIFTEEN

Bucks Divide, Does Win Two

(Contributed)

The Hoke High girls team had little trouble with Laurinburg and Hamlet winning both games by scores of 71-41 and 62-36. Against Laurinburg the Does started fast and had a 13 point advantage at the half. Claudine Hodgins was high scorer for both teams with 29 points. Carol Everleigh held Laurinburg's ace forward, S. Turner, to three field goals to grab defensive honors.

Tuesday night the girls broke the game wide open against Hamlet in the second period by scoring 25 points. Hoke led at the half by 25 points. Hodgins and Janet Guin were high for the locals and McDougald, with 23 points was high for Hamlet. Hazel McLean and Ina Scull were defensive standouts.

The Hoke High Bucks came from a ten-point deficit at half-time to within one point at the end of the third quarter to turn what looked like a rout into an exciting ball game against Laurinburg. The Bucks didn't quite have enough, however, as the Scots edged them 40-39. Jim White was high for the Hoke team with 12 points and Watts led the Scots with 15. Roger Dixon played a leading floor game.

It was about the same story against Hamlet as the Bucks got off to a slow start, but rallied in the second half to trim Hamlet 51-34. Hamlet led at the half 19-14, but a 23 point scoring spurge in the final quarter gave the local five a convincing victory. Hamlet's excellent zone defense had the locals throttled until they solved it in the last half. White, Daniels and Bobbitt all hit double figures for Hoke, while Samuels, who also starred on Hamlet's successful football team, was high with 19 points.

Tomorrow night the Does will meet their strongest opposition when they travel to 71st for their last game before the holidays. The 71st girls team is unbent, so it should turn out to be a terrific battle. The first of three games starts at 6:30. Support your team!

Teacher & Ex-Marine Die

With the year 1953 nearing its end there was no letup in the continually rising toll of deaths in Hoke County from traffic accidents, and the past week saw a school teacher killed near the Scotland County line Saturday morning after a young man recently discharged from the Marine Corps had been killed in a wreck on Main Street in Raeford the night before. The 13th victim of highway tragedy in the county was a soldier who was killed on December 4, and the two on Saturday, December 12 brought the county total for the year to 15.

McLaughlin Is Killed

Joseph Wesley McLaughlin, 43-year-old principal of the Shaw colored school at Wagram, pastor of two Scotland County churches, one of the most prominent Negro citizens of Scotland County, and a native of this county and well known here as well, died at Moore County Hospital Saturday morning a few hours after being in a wreck on US 15 between Laurinburg and Aberdeen.

The wreck took place at the intersection of the Wagram-Laurel Hill road and the Laurinburg-Aberdeen Highway. It was investigated by State Highway Patrolman W. T. Herbin of Raeford, who reported that McLaughlin was driving his 1953 Chevrolet in the direction of Aberdeen on US 15 when a 1953 Chevrolet pickup being driven by Theodore M. Carrington, 17, white, of RFD 1, Aberdeen came through the intersection from the direction of Laurel Hill and hit McLaughlin's car on the left side. According to the patrolman's report, Carrington said he did not see McLaughlin's car.

Carrington suffered severe injuries and is a patient at Moore County Hospital. Further investigation is awaiting his recovery. The pickup was owned by Mrs. Jesse Carrington of Aberdeen, RFD 1.

Also in the McLaughlin car were his wife, Mrs. Mary G. McLaughlin and their young niece, Annie Neal Gilchrist. Both were also admitted to Moore County Hospital with superficial cuts and bruises. They were en route to Greensboro when the wreck occurred.

Funeral services for the Rev. Mr. McLaughlin were to be held at Shiloh Baptist Church in Maxton, of which he was apstor. In addition to his wife and his niece he is survived by three sisters.

He was born in this county, son of Andrew McLaughlin and Arney Pinkey McLaughlin and he received his BS degree from Fayetteville Teachers College, his M.S. from New York University and his theological degree from Shaw University in Raleigh. According to the Laurinburg Exchange, he was a leader in many civic, school and church organizations.

Main Street Wreck

Edmond Alvin Patterson, colored, 23-year-old veteran of Korean service with the United States Marines, died shortly after he drove his mother's 1953 Chevrolet into a hickory tree in front of the John K. McNeill residence on North Main street at 12:20 a. m. last Saturday. The accident was investigated on the spot by Patrolman L. F. Hester of the Raeford police department and by Chief H. E. Dees.

Report of the investigation showed that Patterson was going south down Main street at what must have been a great rate of speed, and that he hit the grass area in front of Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin's house right in the center. The car travelled on this grass for about 50 feet and then went across the pavement to the sidewalk on the right, then down

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Fooled Kremlin Stoges



Vaclav Uhlik, Czech Mechanic, his wife, Marta, and their two children, Eva, 4, and Vaclav, Jr., 6, who escaped from communist tyranny in a fake armored car which Uhlik rebuilt from a war-torn British scout vehicle he found near his Czechoslovakian home. The Crusade for Freedom has brought the family and their escape vehicle to this country as symbols of resistance to Kremlin oppression.