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Addenda - - By The Editor

I understand one of the contestants in the bad man contest for the March of Dimes has said that he would go as high as a hundred dollars to keep from spending the day with D. Ammons and eating a delectable dish of cold fatback and collard soup in the county jail. Doubt if I could stand to go that far, so if they get to blowing on my neck too hard I will be forced to print his name, that's all.

Some people have taken the fact that the Hoke County Young Democratic Club has asked Senator Alton Lennon to speak to them here in the next few weeks to mean that the club will support Lennon against Kerr Scott or somebody else in the primary next spring. That cannot be, as by its constitution a Young Democratic Club cannot support any Democratic candidate against another in a primary, but supports them all against Republicans in elections. From what I can learn in talking to members of the local club, it is not their intention, either, to be backing Senator Lennon. They simply feel that as he is a United States senator representing North Carolina and has not appeared in this county publicly he should be given an opportunity to do so, and that the people of the county should have a chance to meet their senator. He has no announced opposition as yet, anyway.

There have been occasions for me to comment that I thought Judge T. O. Moses was making a good judge of our county recorder's court. I still hold that opinion, although I am beginning to wonder at the way he changes his mind on sentences after court. Several times he has pronounced sentence in open court and later changed it. What I wonder at is if he isn't proving a little bit susceptible to things he hears about cases from places other than the witness chair and from lawyers in open court. He is trying to be fair, I know, but I am afraid he may be overdoing it a little, and I just thought I would call it to his attention. That's only an opinion, and could certainly be wrong, but that's the way it looks from here.

For the record, mainly, it snowed an hour or so, to a depth of an inch and a half or two inches shortly before and after dark Monday of this week. Since then it's been so cold there were still traces of the snow this morning. Got down to around 15 degrees yesterday morning, I am told. Today it's trying to rain with the temperature little if any above freezing, and the weather folks predict it can turn to sleet or freezing rain.

I have in my possession now a special study by the Institute of Government on how much the various counties in the State pay their officials and employees, but will have to give it a good going over before reporting on how this county compares in detail. In general, though, from just glancing through it, I would say that Hoke County gets away with paying people less for what they do, in proportion to size and tax valuation, than most counties in North Carolina. That, I suppose, is one reason this county is reported to be in such good financial condition. I say "reported to be" because a financial statement for the year ending last June 30 has not been published, to my knowledge.

SUPPORT THE
MARCH OF DIMES

Hoke Man Killed In Wreck Tuesday

A Hoke County man was injured fatally and two other persons injured slightly as the result of a one-car accident Tuesday afternoon about a mile north of Parkton.

Highway Patrolman H. R. Ray of Red Springs identified the man who died of injuries as Van Easton Shaw, 65, of Raeford, Route 2. Shaw died Wednesday morning in a Laurinburg hospital.

Injured were the driver, James D. McAllister and Miss Marguerite Gillespie, both of Lumber Bridge, RFD. They received first aid treatment in Parkton. The patrolman said McAllister told him he was rushing Miss Gillespie to Parkton for treatment of wounds accidentally inflicted by his pistol when the wreck occurred. The patrolman said he admitted he was traveling between 75 and 80 miles an hour when the wreck occurred.

The vehicle ran off a straight section of highway and turned over three times in 315 feet before stopping. The car, a 1952 Mercury, was a total loss. McAllister was charged with careless and reckless driving, speeding and manslaughter.

Bank Of Raeford Has Annual Meeting

On Tuesday morning, January 7, the stockholders of the Bank of Raeford met at the bank for their annual meeting.

After hearing the annual report from the executive vice-president the following directors were elected to serve for 1954: H. L. Gatlin, F. B. Sexton, J. B. Thomas, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., J. L. McNeill, A. K. Stevens, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., C. L. Thomas, L. M. Upchurch and R. B. Lewis.

At a meeting of the board of directors immediately following the stockholders meeting, the following officers were elected for the year 1954: H. L. Gatlin, president, F. B. Sexton, vice-president, R. B. Lewis, executive vice president and cashier, and Miss Jessie B. Ferguson and A. W. Wood, Jr., assistant cashiers.

The stockholders heard in their annual report that the bank had enjoyed a very successful year of business in 1953, and had had its fiftieth birthday during the year.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN WILL MEET TUESDAY

The regular monthly supper meeting of the men's organization of the Raeford Presbyterian Church will be held in the cafeteria at the High School next Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock, according to W. C. Phillips, president. Phillips urged all the men to attend, saying that the food would be good and that a new type of program was being planned.

21 STORES TO START WEDNESDAY CLOSING

Twenty-one stores in Raeford, including about everything but hardware, drug and some grocery stores, announce by advertisement in this issue that they will start the practice of closing Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 on next Wednesday afternoon, January 20. They will continue this through Wednesday, August 25.

PTA TO MEET MONDAY

The Hoke-Raeford Parent-Teacher Association will hold its monthly meeting at the McLauchlin School Monday night, January 18, at 7:30. Miss Betty Wardlaw will be in charge of the program and will present a play, "Make Way For Youth."

BAUCOM'S ENLARGING

The building of Baucorn Appliance Co., next to Raeford Theatre, is being enlarged to almost double its present size by the owners, T. B. Upchurch, Inc.

New Judge Set To Hold Court Here Next Week

Judge Clifton L. Moore of Burrows, who was appointed to the Superior Court bench recently by the Governor to replace Judge John J. Burney who retired, is scheduled to hold court in Raeford next week at the regular January term which convenes Monday. There is some doubt, however, that Judge Moore will be here, as he is ill and not holding court this week in Cumberland County as scheduled. If he is not able to appear another judge will be sent by the Governor so that court may be held as scheduled.

Cases to be heard include several involving deaths. Eddie McCrimmon and Robert Rogers are to be tried for the death of Clarence King in Little River Township last Saturday night. John David Williams and James L. Phillips, both white, are each to be tried on charges of manslaughter arising from two separate wrecks in which they were the drivers.

Robbie Calloway, Eugene Gordon and Tolmadge Melton are up for grand jury action in connection with the death of Henry E. Gordon in a wreck. This case is one continued from last session. There is also a case on docket against Calloway for driving after his license had been revoked.

Cases involving assault have as defendants William McDonald, Vann Green, Irving McRae or Hadley, all colored, and Elijah Locklear, Indian.

An old case charging Alton Odum and R. P. Lambert, both white, with larceny, is still on the docket.

Martin Scarborough, white, has appealed his recorder's court conviction of driving drunk, and S. M. Jacobs, Indian, has two cases appealed for violating the prohibition laws. One continued case is against Edward Coggin Bridges, colored, for violating the landlord-tenant act.

Jury list for the term is as follows: C. H. Gainey, Murphy B. McLauchlin, T. J. Harris, G. M. Koonce, J. K. McNeill, Jr., J. T. McFadyen, Lonnie Chason, D. F. Lindsay, Jay McKenzie, W. G. Wright, A. L. Crisco, H. B. Terrell, N. L. McFadyen, C. T. Crouch, Jr., Harvey Brock, John D. Black, Paul Livingston, Jasper D. Clark, Lonnie Fields, Sidney Epstein, M. L. Wood, Floyd Holland, T. S. Hennings, J. T. Townsend, Jr., H. H. Holland, R. O. Cuthran, J. Reece Baxley, Ed Bundy, M. D. Shaw, M. L. Sides, C. H. Marks, Colon Kelly, D. E. Cameron, J. H. Blythe, J. D. McBryde, Paul Davis.

Clayton Hendrix, 42, Hoke County Native, Dies In Asheville

Clayton Hendrix, 42, a prominent Asheville business man, died in an Asheville hospital Friday after a brief illness.

Mr. Hendrix was a native of Hoke County, a son of Mrs. Robert Hendrix and the late Mr. Hendrix. Leaving here in 1932 he went into business with his brother, B. T. Hendrix in Asheville. He was one of the first men to enter the service from Asheville to serve with the Army during World War II.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Saturday by the Rev. Bernard Troxler of Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, in the chapel of Morris, Lineberry, Black Funeral Home. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery in Asheville.

He is survived by his widow, the former Sylvia Plow, two sons, Michael and Joseph of Asheville, his mother and six brothers, James, Dewey, Wilmer, David and Brown, all of Hoke County and B. T. Hendrix of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Lida Hendrix Jackson of Rocky Mount and Mrs. J. L. McFadyen of Hoke County.

TB Contributions Asked By Chairman

Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Jr., chairman of the 1953 Christmas Seal sale in Hoke County, said this week that she had until the end of January to report on the sale and turn in the money. She said that she felt that there were many persons who had intended to contribute to this drive but had delayed doing so. She urged these people to make their contributions right away.

The reason for this final appeal, Mrs. Upchurch said, is so that the county may reach its goal of \$1500, of which about \$1250 has already been raised.

Two Men Held In Death Of Negro Saturday

Eddie McCrimmon and Robert Rogers, both colored, were given preliminary hearing before Judge T. O. Moses in recorder's court Tuesday on charges of killing Clarence King, colored, in a fight in Little River Township Saturday night. Both were held for Superior Court under bonds of \$2500 each. Rogers was released under bond today and McCrimmon is still in the county jail.

King is reported to have been stabbed when he tried to separate them in a fight. He was carried to a hospital in Moore County but died before arrival from a cut artery in his leg.

The fatal stabbing took place near a schoolhouse in the Lobelia section, about five miles from Southern Pines. According to officers, McCrimmon said that he and Rogers were "scuffling" when King tried to act as peacemaker. Instead he got dragged into the scuffle and was stabbed while all three were on the ground. McCrimmon said both he and Rogers had knives and he did not know which had inflicted the fatal wound. King was from the Lobelia section.

Miss Eliza McKeithan Funeral Held Friday

Funeral service was conducted from her home here at 3:30 last Friday afternoon for Miss Eliza Smith McKeithan, 77, who died in a Laurinburg hospital on Thursday. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, and burial followed in the Raeford cemetery. Pallbearers were Malcolm McKeithan, Herbert McKeithan, Jr., J. D. McKeithan, John D. McKeithan, William M. Davis, John McKay Blue, John D. McNeill and C. P. Kinlaw.

Miss McKeithan was a daughter of the late Daniel and Lydia Blue McKeithan of Cumberland County and had been a resident of this section all her life.

She is survived by two sisters, Miss Mayme McKeithan and Mrs. Christian Davis both of Raeford, and four brothers, John McKeithan, M. L. McKeithan, Martin McKeithan and Herbert McKeithan, all of Raeford.

Hiram Kirkpatrick Dies In Fayetteville

Hiram Kirkpatrick, well-known lawyer of Fayetteville who practiced in Raeford for a number of years, died Saturday morning at a Fayetteville hospital after being in declining health for some time.

He was a native of Haywood County and attended school in Wayneville before entering the University of North Carolina, where he graduated from the law school. In Fayetteville he had been in the dairy business and had operated an airport as well as practicing law, and had once been a candidate for mayor.

He is survived by a daughter and a son, seven brothers and sisters and four grandchildren.

Israel Mann Is Kiwanis Club's New President



ISRAEL MANN

Israel Mann, department store owner and operator of Raeford, was installed as president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club for 1954 at the regular weekly meeting and supper of the club at the Hoke High school cafeteria last Thursday night. He succeeded Dr. Julius Jordan, Raeford dentist, as head of the civic organization, and was installed as president by Paul Butler, Southern Pines member of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club and a former Kiwanis district governor.

Other officers installed by Butler, as the service club entered its 30th year, were J. H. Blue, vice-president, and A. H. McPhaul, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Julius Jordan, immediate past president, became an ex-officio member of the board of directors for 1954. Directors installed were C. L. Thomas, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Archie Howard, John K. McNeill, Jr., N. A. McDonald, Clyde Upchurch, Jr., and Ralph Barnhart.

Accompanying Butler to the meeting was the Rev. C. K. Ligon, pastor of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines, who spoke to the club on its objectives for 1954, illustrating the Kiwanis motto "We Build" by discussing Faith, Service and Loyalty.

The new president is a native of Kringa, Lithuania. After service in the Russian Army in World War I he came to this country, arriving January 31, 1921. He lived for a time in Burroughs, New York City and Jacksonville, N. C., coming to Raeford in 1925. Since that time he has operated his department store here and has been an enthusiastic worker and leader in many civic projects. He is married and has one son and two daughters.

Funeral Tuesday For Mrs. Sally Cameron

Funeral services for Mrs. Sally Sinclair Cameron were held at her home here on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock with the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, of which she was a member, conducting. Burial was in Raeford cemetery.

Mrs. Cameron, who was 79 years of age, died Sunday after a long illness. A lifelong resident of this section, Mrs. Cameron was a daughter of the late John T. Sinclair and Eliza Blue Sinclair of that part of Cumberland County which is now Hoke, one of the oldest families of the section. She was a widow of Neil A. Cameron of Raeford.

Pallbearers were N. F. Sinclair, W. W. Cameron, N. B. Blue, Johnnie King, H. T. Bundy, and N. A. McDonald.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Louise Cameron Beck of the home and Mrs. Glenn Thomas of Aberdeen; two sons, Neil and Alton Cameron of the home; a brother, N. B. Sinclair and a sister, Miss Beatrice Sinclair, both of Raeford.

Hoke Girls Win As Tabor City Tops Boys

The Hoke High school girls stretched their string of basketball victories to nine games without a loss as they defeated the Tabor City girls 70-36 Tuesday night in Tabor City. Scoring leaders for the girls were Claudine Hodgkin with 39 points and Janet Guin with 26.

The Hoke boys dropped their engagement to the Tabor City boys 32-30, with a field goal in the last 39 seconds making the difference after Hoke had led 19-16 at half-time. Roger Dixon was high scorer for the boys with 19 points.

Whiteville teams will play here tomorrow night and Red Springs will bring their strong outfits to the local gym next Tuesday night.

Recorder Relents, Lets Bootleggers Pay Fines & Go

In recorder's court last week Judge T. O. Moses heard E. J. Hollingsworth and Wilbert Arnold, both colored, enter pleas of guilty of transporting non-tax-paid liquor for purposes of sale, and sentenced each to the road for four to six months. Hollingsworth's car was also ordered confiscated and sold as required by law. Both appealed last week and posted bonds of \$300 each. Court record for this week, however, shows that both sentences were changed. Hollingsworth to 12 months on the roads, and Arnold 4 to 6 months, each to be suspended on payment of \$200 and costs, and that this was paid. Hollingsworth's car was still to be sold, as the law requires this. Appeals had been withdrawn.

Other cases tried in a session that lasted until after six o'clock Tuesday and ran through lunch until two o'clock Wednesday included the usual run of misdemeanors, other than the preliminary hearing on the murder charge in connection with the killing in Little River Township.

Edward McLeod, 24-year-old colored man, pled guilty of assaulting his mother and damage to property. Sentence was six months, to be suspended on payment of \$50 fine, payment of doctor bills for his mother and brother and all damages, and two years good behavior.

Ira J. Blue, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of failing to yield right of way causing a wreck.

Johnnie G. McLauchlin, colored, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and got 30 days, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and lost his license for six months. Frank Southerland, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving. Roger Schull, white, left a \$25 bond on the same charge. James Leroy Moore, white, was found guilty on the same charge and got 60 days suspended on payment of costs and hospital bills. Hubert McCoy, colored, had to pay \$30 and costs for careless and reckless driving without a driver's license.

P. C. Howell, white, pled guilty of willful trespass and got 60 days, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs, damages and two years good behavior.

J. C. Jones, colored, pled guilty of larceny and went to the roads for 60 days.

State dropped its charge of improper license plates against William D. Chavis, Indian.

Case in which James McLean, colored, was charged with violating the prohibition laws was also dropped by the State. In another case he pled guilty on the same charge and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

The State dropped the charge of aiding and abetting in driving drunk against Alfred Chavis, Indian.

Robert Dees, white, and Allen (Continued on page 6)

March Of Dimes Committee Gives Names & Quotas

Raeford Jaycees, all acting as March of Dimes chairman and the county drive chairman, Jim Tillman, is confined to a wheel chair, this week came up with an organization of the county for the drive, several money-raising ideas, and a list of men who already joined the "Yardstick" club by contributing \$5.10 each to the drive.

Many events are scheduled in the county to the affair with two basketball games here being headlined. The Kiwanis Bloomer girls will play the American Legion Dolls and the Jaycees will play the Lions in a doubleheader for the polo fund at the high school gym on Tuesday night, January 26.

The drive will be climaxed by the "Mothers March on Polo" under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ed Willis on the night of Friday, January 29 when a large committee of mothers will call at homes and receive contributions to the fund.

10 Wanted Men

Another scheme that should prove fun for many, some discomfort for the drive is the "10 Most Wanted Men Scheme," in which 10 local men have agreed to be candidates for what looks like the most unpopular. The halting, however, may be rigged, as the voting is at 10 cents per vote in the two drug stores in Raeford. The high vote man will spend three hours in the county jail, locked in. Candidates for this distinction are Bob "Fingers" Lewis, Alfred "The Ripper" Cole, Robert "Baby Face" Gatlin, Red "Scarface" Scarborough, W. T. "Prof" Gibson, Israel "Machine Gun" Mann, Paul "Counterfeit" Dickson, Harry "Costello" Greene and Tommie "Pearshape" Upchurch. Jaycees suspect that these low characters may stoop to vote for each other in an effort to keep out of stir at the end of the voting.

The Elk Restaurant will give all proceeds from coffee sales on Friday, January 15 to the drive, according to Gregor Poulos, manager.

Supper At Mildouson

First event definitely scheduled in the drive is a barbecue and chicken salad supper to be given at the Mildouson school by the Stonewall Township committee on Wednesday night, January 20, starting at 5:30 p. m. The Stonewall committee consists of Woodrow Walker as chairman, assisted by the Arabia and Dundarrack Home Demonstration Clubs, and Mrs. Brown Hendrix, C. D. Bostic, Cornelia Russell, Mildred Shaw, O. B. Maxwell, Flora Hendrix, Miss Maxie Livingston, Mrs. Frank McGregor, James A. McBryde and Bill Jones. The quota for the township is \$675.

Other township committees and quotas are Allendale, \$475, W. L. Smiley Roper, chairman; Anioch, \$675, Mrs. Willie Hodgkin and M. S. Jim Carpenter; Blue Springs, \$475, E. C. Smith, Jr., Frank McNeil, Jimmy Warner. (3 square dances to be held at Blue Springs schoolhouse); Little River, \$500, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Pope, Mrs. Martin Cameron and colored Theodore McLeod and John Marshall Thomas; McLauchlin, \$1,000, J. E. Lovette, Douglas Monroe, Jimmy Plummer and Arnold Moore; Queshuffle, \$1,070, the entire Queshuffle Fellowship Club.

The Jaycees plan to handle the campaign in Raeford with a quota of \$4,976. Charles Morrison will be Robbins Mill chairman, Harvey Gobeille at Para Thread Co., and G. A. Page is chairman of the colored division.

Other benefits, names of yardstick club members and standings in the unpopularity contest will be given next week.