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Addenda

By The Editor

There seems to be some misunderstanding between W. L. Poole, who is at this time chairman of the Hoke County board of elections, and Walter P. Baker, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee. Poole announced last week that he was ready to receive the filing fees of any who wished to file as candidates for county offices in the primary May 29. This week he came along and says he will not take any money until after the executive committee meets, which Baker says they are to do next Monday. According to the law as I understand it, Poole remains chairman until he is re-appointed or until someone else is appointed. A recommendation will come from the executive committee meeting, and Poole, who was appointed to finish G. B. Rowland's appointment when Rowland became recorder's Court solicitor, says he will just let things sit until the meeting next Monday. If there's more to this than meets the eye, I cannot dig it out.

Hooch McLean says that there is some consolation in the fact that the deflated dollar lightens the burden of those who have to lug their purchases from the stores to the back streets of Raeford. Now Hooch is making sense, I believe, and it may be something of a coincidence that the Chamber of Commerce Merchants' committee is working right now on a plan to get all who work on Main Street to park elsewhere, so the customer, the man who keeps us on Main Street, can park his car there while he spends his money with us. So, Hooch, while we can't inflate your buck right away, we can make it so you won't have to carry your load so far. Watch and see. (No comments, please, about whether the old buck is presently flated or deflated.)

Just a year ago this morning Lawrence McNeill, Harry Greene and myself were in the Pentagon hearing a long song and dance from the Army about why they had to have the Hoke County land. Things looked mighty dark to the Hoke delegation then.

Mention of Greene reminds me that I heard somewhere that Knox Watson, former chairman of the county board of commissioners' was thinking seriously about opposing him for the Hoke seat in the General Assembly. I don't know whether this is true or not. Knox is a fine man and I like him, but I would hate to see the people of this county throw Greene out after the way he went to bat for the land in Raleigh and Washington and anywhere else he could last year, and I don't believe they will do it. Other than this I have no particular interest in the matter, would not presume to try to tell anyone how to vote, and do not intend to mention it again.

Politics seems to be getting an early start all over this year, but other than the above and the fact that Ed Willis is going to run against Sheriff D. H. Hodgins, news of a local political nature has not come to my ears. Maybe mine are the ears they keep it away from, for fear I'll print it.

At least one man thinks I'm wrong about my intentions as to questioning the county board of education, and told me so. He thinks it would be bad to have people vote a good man off the board just because he didn't happen to see the need for a principal at the McLauchlin school. Well, I'm not but one vote, but I just think the people like to know where candidates stand on issues, and that is an issue to some of us.

Cage Teams Win; 15th For Lassies; 71st Here Friday

(Contributed)

The Hoke High basketball teams traveled to Red Springs last Tuesday night and came home with three victories.

Jayvees Win

The Junior Varsity team of Hoke High took the lead in the first quarter by a score of six points. At the half time the score stood 21 to 13. The Junior Varsity played a fine game in which the subs were able to see some action in the game. The Junior Varsity won by a score of 45 to 24. Upchurch was high with 16 points and Thornburg followed with 8 points.

Girls Win Another

The girls basketball team won their 15th game from Red Springs Devilettes, although the Hoke High sextet had some trouble getting started. At the first quarter the score stood 14 to 9 in favor of the Devilettes. The Hoke sextet was still behind at the half time by a score of 23 to 19. The Devilettes led the way in the third quarter by a pace of three points.

The Raeford sextet was on fire the fourth quarter and pulled away from the Devilettes. The guards showed fine defense in the fourth quarter and gave the forwards a chance to get ahead. The final score of the game was 51 to 43. Hodgins was high scorer for the sextet with 28 points and following close behind was Guin with 10 points. Outstanding on defense for the guards were McLean, Scull, Everleigh and Snead. The Raeford sextet has an average of 62 points per game and in conference games 60 points. Hodgins has an average of 30 points a game and Guin has 21 points per game. Dark has an average of 5 points.

Boys Victorious

The Hoke High boys team played an excellent game against the Red Springs Devils. The Hoke boys were behind in the first quarter by a score of 8 to 10. They pulled away from the Devils in the second quarter and led by a score of 26 to 13 at half time. Raeford kept right on hitting and was ahead by a good margin in the third quarter. At the end of the third quarter the score stood 38 to 21 in favor of Raeford. In the final quarter the Devils were beginning to hit and trying their best to catch up but the Hoke boys won the game by a score of 56 to 35. The local boys made a fine showing against the Red Springs Devils last Friday night and they hope to do just the same against 71st here Friday night. Daniels was high for Raeford with 15 points and second was Bobbitt with 14 points. Dixon was outstanding on defense. Edwards for the Red Springs Devils, was high scorer with 18 points.

Friday night there will be three games on the local court. For the girls' team, 71st has only lost two games so far this season. The Hoke High girls have a fine record of 15 wins and no losses. The boys have won eight and lost seven. Let's everybody come to the game tomorrow night and support our teams.

Robbins Mills, Inc., Reports Loss For '53

Robbins Mills Inc., announced last week a consolidated net loss of \$2,996,220 on net sales of \$60,690,117 for the fiscal year ended Nov. 30, 1953.

The loss compares with a consolidated net loss of \$773,960 on net sales of \$57,885,719 for the previous fiscal year, after crediting a refund of federal income tax of \$797,044 due to carryback of operating loss.

Last year's loss was said to be due largely to unsatisfactory conditions existing in the synthetic fabric market, and includes inventory markdown and certain non-recurring losses, the announcement said.

Carolina Cotton Quota Up 96,193 A.

North Carolina cotton farmers will receive a total of 96,193 acres more in their 1954 cotton allotments, under the new quotas announced Monday by Agriculture Secretary Benson.

The increase results from the bill raising the national quota from 17,910,488 acres to 21,379,358 acres.

North Carolina's quota rises from 521,638 acres to 624,831 acres, and South Carolina's rises from 786,006 acres to 929,030 acres. The total for the two states increases from 1,314,644 acres to 1,553,861.

Farmers will be informed of their individual farm allotments as rapidly as these can be determined by the state and county committees of the Commodity Stabilization Service, the Agriculture Department said.

Miss Louise Blue, Hoke County secretary for the Commodity Stabilization Service, is in Raleigh today at a statewide meeting on the subject of cotton allotments, and could not be reached for information on the total acreage increase for this county, if she knew it before going.

Funeral Held Tues. For Mrs. Martin Ray

Mrs. Martin A. Ray, 71, died Sunday night at her home here after a lingering illness. Funeral services were conducted at the home on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, and burial followed in the Raeford cemetery.

Mrs. Ray was the former Sadie Arnold, daughter of John P. and Elizabeth Duling Arnold. She was born in Mineral County, West Virginia. She was a member of the Raeford Presbyterian Church and her husband, before his death in 1930, was a Presbyterian minister. Surviving are one daughter, Miss Charlotte Ray of the home; one son, Arnold Ray of Lexington; and two grandchildren.

METHODIST MEN WILL MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The Men's club of the Raeford Methodist Church will have its regular supper meeting in the basement of the church on Friday night, February 12. The meeting will start at 7:00 o'clock and speaker for the occasion will be Rev. James E. Baker, who became pastor of the Raeford Baptist Church the first of this month.

Plan More Benefits For March Of Dimes

Stalling another week on reporting the community standings in the March of Dimes in the hope of getting nearer their goal, Raeford Jaycees this week announced several more benefits in the drive to fight infantile paralysis and urged the public to help them by attending.

They said they hoped to report on the amount raised in each community and division of the drive by next week.

Another Card Tourney

Another card tournament was planned for the Hoke High gymnasium on Monday night, with play to start at 7:30. Players will be asked to contribute to the drive and there will be a small prize at each table.

Quewhiffle Supper

The Quewhiffle Township barbecue supper, as previously announced, will be held on Friday night, February 12, at Ashmont School, with serving starting at 6:00 o'clock.

Square Dance Tonight

The McLauchlin Township committee is holding a square dance at the army in Raeford on Thursday night, February 11, with music by Elmore Stanton and his string band.

It was announced that the March of Dimes day at the Chatterbox drive-in brought \$30 to the drive.

American Legion Has Go To Church Month

Ellis Williamson Post No. 20 of the American Legion will join with other Posts throughout the United States in the observance of "Go To Church Month" during February, Post Commander Younger F. Snead announced this week.

The following schedule has been approved for local Church attendance: Sunday morning, February 14th, at the Raeford Baptist Church; Sunday morning, February 21st at the Raeford Methodist Church; Sunday morning, February 28th at the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

All Legionnaires and ex-service men are urged by the commander to attend these services. Special seating arrangements will be made at each service.

About 30 members of the Post enjoyed an oyster roast on Monday night when the regular monthly meeting was held at Lake-wood.

Framed "Felon" Incarcerated



From Man of the Year to jail in one week . . . it could happen nowhere but here. Old "Counterfeit" Dickson was framed by a bunch of his "friends" on Saturday night and jumped from a modest fifth place in the Jaycees "Most Wanted Man" contest to a sizeable lead at 9:30 when the voting was closed. The contest was honestly won by "Pearshape" Upchurch and "Scarface" Scarborough, it is thought, with Dickson being framed by the mob when it was too late to do anything about it. On Monday, as promised, he was apprehended by Police Chief Harry Dees, as may be seen above left, and thrown into the lockup, as may be seen through the bars above right. Shag "Deerfoot" Epstein, local character, was apprehended by Dees and jailed briefly on suspicion (probably of over-campaigning for Dickson).

The whole business brought in \$205.01 to the March of Dimes, some of it from places it would have been hard to get it from otherwise.

'Whammy' Brings Many Speeders To Recorder's Court

The State Highway Patrol had its "whammy" device for catching motorists exceeding the speed limit in operation in this county last week, and it brought about 30 charges of speeding to the docket for the Tuesday session of Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses.

Speeders appearing for trial were W. H. Barnes, James A. Patterson, Charles A. Connell, Melvin E. Parker, Thomas M. Gallos, Obery C. Davis, William W. Malone, all white, James Smith, Ernest Alderman, Luke Thompson, all colored, \$20 and costs each; Jack Barfield, white, \$25 and costs; R. P. Abbott, white, costs. Forfeiting bonds were Carmela Papa, B. N. Lisenby, Roscoe L. Thornton, David A. Curry, Arthur J. Stokes, R. J. Martini, all white, \$25 each; Wilson Norton, white, \$24; Jack W. Kenyon, Wilbur A. Mossner, Johnny F. Thomas, Donald R. Lester, H. D. Edgerton, Jr., R. D. Hill, Jr., Fred Fallon, all white, \$35 each; Walter A. Krappe, white, \$50.

On January 26 Joe Tyler, Indian, was found guilty of having a liquor still and having non-tax-paid liquor, and was given eight to 12 months to be suspended on payment of \$300 and costs in the first case and 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$50 and costs in the second. These judgments were stricken from the record and this week Judge Moses changed the finding to guilty of "aiding and abetting" in the operation of the still and suspended judgment on payment of costs. The other charge was dropped.

The five colored schoolboys who had been found guilty last week of breaking into the lunchroom at Upchurch School, Cornell Ross, Stanton Walter McKinnon, Willie Ashley, Roosevelt Powell, and Lawrence Murchison, each had judgment suspended on payment of costs and \$10 for the school, and on condition of two year good behavior.

Paul Edwards, white, pled guilty of driving drunk, a second offense. Sentence was six months to be suspended on payment of \$200 and costs. For driving after his license had been revoked he got 60 days suspended on payment of \$200 and costs and two years good behavior.

Rodney Locklear, Indian, pled guilty to a charge that he had a still and still-beer. Sentence was from four to six months, suspended on payment of \$150 and costs and two years good behavior.

James Willie Ross, colored, pled guilty of assault with a deadly weapon by shooting McKinley Thomas with an old pistol. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$10 and costs, half by Thomas and half by Ross.

Alonzo Alford, colored, and Gene "Doc" Campbell, white, each had to pay \$10 and costs for public drunkenness.

Daniel Ellerby and Roscoe (Continued on back page)

PRESBYTERIAN MEN TO MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

The regular monthly supper meeting of the men of the Raeford Presbyterian Church will be held in the high school cafeteria at 7:00 o'clock next Tuesday night, W. C. Phillips, president, announced this week. Phillips promised the men a good supper and a good program and urged them to attend.

HARRISON MOVES

H. D. Harrison, Jr., local attorney, moved his office last week into the offices vacated by Dr. Julius Jordan on the second floor of the Bank of Raeford building. Harrison had been in a one-room office on the same floor and the move gives him larger quarters with a reception room as well as a private office.

Dundarrach, Arabia Communities To Get Phones Next Month

Approximately 33 applicants in the Dundarrach and Arabia communities are scheduled to receive telephone service sometime during March. It was disclosed today by T. W. Rose of Fayetteville, manager for Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Although this will mean an additional telephone service for Dundarrach, it will be the first time that telephone service has been made available to subscribers in Arabia.

These communities are located in the East and Southeast section of Hoke County.

Manager Rose said that in order to provide this service, it will be necessary for the telephone company to build approximately eight miles of pole line and string over 43 circuit miles of telephone wire. He estimated the total cost of this project would be over \$12,000. Telephone service will be provided these communities through the Raeford exchange.

According to Rose, the necessary right of way permits for this pole line construction have been secured and telephone company crews have already begun work on this project.

National Guard Unit Holding Recruiting Drive

Battery A, 130th Anti-aircraft battalion, of Raeford, a unit of the 30th "Old Hickory" Infantry Division, is conducting an intensive recruiting campaign during this month to bring the unit up to its full authorized strength, it has been announced by Captain Edwin D. Newton, commanding officer.

Captain Newton said the local appeal is being coordinated with similar drives being conducted by the National Guard of North Carolina and other Guard units throughout the United States during February. Governor William B. Umstead of North Carolina has proclaimed February as "National Guard Recruiting Month" in the State, and Mayor Alfred Cole of Raeford issued a similar proclamation for this community this week.

Prospective guardsmen can enlist at the National Guard Armory here on week days between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. when Warrant Officer Roger W. Dixon is on duty from Monday through Friday. They may also enlist at the regular weekly drill periods on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:30.

Age limits are 17 to 35. Written consent of parents is necessary for enlistment of young men who have not yet reached their 18th birthdays. "The National Guard is asking all men in this age bracket, especially those subject to military service by law, to consider the many advantages of membership in the Guard," Captain Newton said.

"Aside from the primary consideration of fulfilling a patriotic obligation to one's country," he added, "never before has the Guard offered so many training, promotion and pay opportunities. "We will be glad to furnish full information to interested young men and their parents."

The local battery was the first organized in North Carolina after World War II, and has been considered one of the best in the State since its organization on March 10, 1947. As its 1953 Federal Inspection Battery A received the highest rating of any battery in its battalion. The Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr., of Raeford, has been commended for excellence several times during the past several years for its performances at Camp Stewart, Ga., and Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Eddie Allen is sick this week with a throat infection.

Chamber's Drive For Members To Start Feb. 15th

Release Plans For 1954

The board of directors of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce held the second of its regular monthly lunch meetings at the Raeford Hotel Tuesday and made plans for the 1954 membership drive to start next Monday, February 15, and run throughout the month or until all businesses in the community are members.

The board also discussed its plans and objectives to improve the civic and business life of the town during the year with the help of its members, the people of the town and the town board of commissioners, and it was decided that these things talked about and planned should be published, so that all may help carry them out.

In connection with the membership drive, each person or firm joining the Chamber will be asked to agree not to respond to any request for funds until the solicitation is reviewed by a secret committee of the Chamber and approved in writing. It was pointed out that this action is being taken by the Chamber only to protect its members from unworthy solicitations and is not to affect in any way the activities of salesmen of legitimate business firms.

"Finer Carolina" Contest

Projects entered in the "Finer Carolina" contest in cooperation with the Town Board were approved consisting of improving the appearance of the poles and wiring on Main Street and getting better street lights with Marlon Gatlin as chairman; a general town clean-up, with emphasis on back alleys and vacant lots with Jake Austin as chairman; a permanent plan for cleaning and beautifying the cemetery, with Paul Dickson and the civic club representatives as the committee; improving and beautifying the swimming hole on Rockfish Creek, which the town owns, and getting the road to it paved, with Tom McBryde as chairman; improving and beautifying the Park in the Pines east of the McLauchlin Elementary School, providing an enclosed, paved skating area, with Lawrence McNeill as chairman; getting the greatest number of streets paved, with as much curb and gutter as possible, with Truman Austin as chairman.

Retail Merchants Organize

W. C. Phillips, chairman of the Retail Merchants committee of the Chamber, reported to the board on a lunch meeting he held with this committee on Monday. He said that plans for various types of trade promotions for the whole town were discussed and that definite plans would be announced as soon as they had been worked out with a larger number of the town's merchants. He said that a town-wide trade promotion in the form of "Dollar Days" was to be held on February 19, 20 and 22, and that over 30 firms were to offer special items in cooperation with the movement. Members of this committee are J. I. Hubbard, John Draughon, Elmore Stanton, A. H. McPhaul, Harry Epstein, L. W. Turner, Luke McNeill and J. E. Byrd.

The board also talked of the possibility of organizing a credit bureau and is investigating the ways and means of doing this in connection with having a full-time Chamber office in Raeford. It is also hoped that State license plates will be on sale in Raeford by December.

Other committees of the Chamber are National Affairs, which advises on legislative matters affecting business, J. W. McPhaul, chairman, J. B. Thomas, Harry Greene and Younger Snead, and R. B. Lewis as National Councilors; Industrial Committee, J. L. McNeill and C. L. Thomas; Education Committee, Marlon Gatlin, (Continued on Page 8)