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### Addenda - By The Editor

Well, we might as well get ready to start shaking hands and looking the politicians over, for we are going to be seeing them more than a little in the next few weeks as the candidates show themselves to the voters in preparation for the primary on May 29.

In order to be certain no Hoke County farmer fails to hear about the Farm Program at the High School tomorrow afternoon we are finishing up the paper Wednesday night, instead of Thursday as we usually do. It is our hope that most Hoke County subscribers get their papers on Thursday this week. As a result of this it was about night when I thought of calling W. L. Poole to find out if anybody had filed as a candidate this week, and he was not to be located. Right now it's so late he'd shoot me if I waked him. I remember when I accused him of night prowling for waking me at seven in the morning. Time, and necessity and children have changed me some, I guess, as it does us all. Anyway, I don't know whether we have any more candidates for county offices or not.

The week did start with J. A. entering his announcement in the paper that he is a candidate for county board of commissioners, and I assume he is filled. He will if he hasn't, he is from Quewhiffle Township, which is not represented on the present board of commissioners. Stone-wall, McLaughlin, Blue Springs, Raeford and Antioch are represented at present.

Next one to appear was John B. Regan, St. Pauls attorney who is opposing Malcolm Seawell of Lumberton for the job of superior court solicitor for the ninth judicial district. He made a very pleasant visit and seems quite optimistic. Of course, optimism is a necessity in that business.

The Hoke High girls basketball team really has an outstanding record for their play this season, losing only one game and playing in the finals of the Fayetteville Invitational tournament tomorrow night. Red Scarborough tells me he is getting up a fund to get the girls monogram sweaters. If Red will kick in on this like I understand he did to get me in jail, he won't need much more.

Another candidate who dropped in to The News-Journal office late this afternoon to meet the boys and set a spell was Coble Funderburk, Monroe attorney who is a candidate for Congress from the Eighth District, opposing Congressman C. B. Deane of Rockingham.

In getting up the articles on the various agencies of government which serve the farmers in the county we were so late getting the one on the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Administration (formerly PMA) that we couldn't run it this week without cutting it severely. It is an interesting article, and well worth running complete, so we will run it that way next week.

### LEGION TO MEET MON.

The Hoke County Ellis Williamson post of the American Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting at the high school auditorium next Monday night at 8 o'clock. Younger Sneed, commander, reminded all members this week.

### Girls Win First Tourney Game In Fayetteville

By JIMMY WHITE

Following their defeat of the Rockingham girls Friday night in their last regularly scheduled game the girls from Hoke High, followed by a large delegation of fans, stormed into Fayetteville gym last night and in 32 minutes tore up a strong girls team from Sanford, 82-70. Led by Claudine Hodgin, the Hoke girls started the Fayetteville Invitational tournament with a bang.

It was by no means an easy contest for the "Does" as almost five minutes of the second period had elapsed before Guin sank a charity toss to put Raeford in the lead, 32-31. The teams played evenly matched ball the first quarter but Hoke could never take the lead. The "Does finally got hot as they scored six points on a basket by Guin, two free throws and a field goal by Dark to tie the score with 3:45 left in the half. Guin then made her free throw to take the lead which they never again lost.

As the third quarter started it was evident that Sanford was going to have trouble with Hodgin. The Does scored 23 points that period, 18 of which were by Hodgin. The Sanford girls got within seven points near the end of the period, which was the closest they came in the rest of the game. When the final gun was sounded, with the score standing 82-70, all were aware that the girls were going to go all out to win the championship game Friday night, which starts at 9:30.

Hodgin, with 19 field goals and 14 free throws, led the Hoke girls with 52 points. Dark and Guin turned in good games with 14 points each, and defensive honors went to Ina Scull, who played a superior game, backed by McLean and Everleigh.

**Bucks Beat Rockingham**  
The "Bucks" finished their regular schedule with a crushing 71-55 victory over the "Jackets" of Rockingham in the Hoke gym Friday night. This was one of the Bucks best games and their best offensive output of the season. They finished the season with a 10-10 record.

The boys got their eyes on the basket midway the first quarter and led 14-9 at the end of that period. The second quarter turned out to be the best part of the game for the Bucks as they poured 21 points through the hoop to lead by a score of 35-27 at half-time.

Score after the third quarter was 55-44 and substitutes began to come in regularly as the Bucks gained a comfortable lead and two regulars fouled out. Final score Hoke boys 71, Rockingham 55.

Coach Rockholz loses four boys from his varsity squad this year. Those having played their last game for Hoke High are C. Daniels, Jimmy Bracey, Jimmy White and Roger Dixon. Daniels, Bracey and White scored 16, 15 and 12 points, respectively in Friday night's game. Koonce and Bobbitt, who will be back, scored 15 and 10, respectively. Although they set no records, the boys feel that Coach Rockholz did a fine job, having only two lettermen to build his team around.

(Detailed account of girls' game Friday was not turned in.)

Mrs. Hubert Cameron was called to Henderson last week on account of the serious illness of her father, H. P. Speed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Avers of Winston-Salem spent the week end with Mrs. Avers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lewis.

### March Of Dimes Has \$4,547.34 Reported

Deposit this week by the Mt. Pleasant Home Demonstration club for the March of Dimes brought the total in this drive for funds for the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation to \$4,547.34 for the 1954 drive.

The Mt. Pleasant deposit was in the amount of \$167.35 and leaves the 1954 drive a little over \$1800 short of the \$6381 raised in 1953. There are still some communities which raised funds and have not turned them in, however.

### Town Board Holds Regular Meeting

The board of commissioners of the town of Raeford held its regular monthly meeting at the town hall on Monday night with all members present and Mayor Alfred Cole presiding.

In addition to routine business the board voted to install curb and gutter on Highland Street between Central Avenue and Edinboro Avenue, and on Elwood Avenue between Stewart and Jackson Streets.

The board also voted to give a supper for the fire department whenever the firemen want it.

### George H. McKay Passes Thursday; Buried Saturday

George H. McKay, 73, a farmer and resident of the McGirt's Bridge section near the lower Hoke County line in Robeson County, died in Laurinburg Hospital on Thursday, February 25.

He was a native of Laurinburg and was educated at Oak Ridge Institute. He was a deacon in Centre Presbyterian Church, Floral College, for more than 25 years.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Christine Graham McKay; two daughters, Jane of Bladenboro and Katherine of St. Pauls; one sister, Mrs. Etta McKay Gillis of Raeford; one brother, Arnold McKay of Raeford; two nieces and one nephew, children of the late William A. McKay, of St. Pauls.

Funeral was conducted in Laurinburg Saturday afternoon by the Rev. J. Ray Dickens, and burial was in the Laurinburg cemetery.

### Lawrence McCormick Buried In Nichols

Lawrence McCormick of Nichols, S. C., died in the Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville Friday, after a long and painful illness. Mr. McCormick had been blind for some time and had undergone the amputation of a leg.

In addition to his wife, who is the former Sarah McLean of Raeford, he is survived by two sons and three daughters.

Funeral was in Nichols on Sunday afternoon. Those attending from this section were J. D. McLean of Aberdeen, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McLean, Miss Lois McLean, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McLean, Misses Mary and Hazel McLean, F. B. Sexton, E. B. Campbell and T. N. McLaughlin of Raeford.

Hal Goss of Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gore.

Lillian Nichols McBryde of Lumberton spent the week end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McBryde.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hostetler of Raleigh spent the week end with Mrs. Hostetler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gore.

Mrs. R. M. Jordan and small daughter, Elizabeth Faye, returned from Moore County Hospital Sunday.

### Death, Injury Follow Pistol Fracas Sunday

Who Killed Robeson Indian Not Apparent

A gathering at the home of Jesse Lowery at the old Hector Livingston place in Antioch Township last Sunday night resulted in the death of Daniel Edward Dees, about 32, of Robeson County, and in the serious injury of Alford Henderson, 23, both from pistol wounds. All involved were Indians.

According to Sheriff D. H. Hodgin, who investigated, Lowry and his wife, Nancy Jane, were present along with Alford Henderson and his cousin, John T. Henderson, Lilly Henderson, Roy Digl and perhaps others. These were, according to the sheriff, at Lowry's house when Dees and Clyde Leviner drove up in Dees' car. Lowry told the sheriff that Dees, who was under bond for federal court on a liquor charge, had accused him of turning him in to the law for having a still.

Lowry said he and Dees were out in the yard talking when he went in, that Dees came in a minute or so later shooting a pistol. This, he said, scattered the party somewhat, but that to his knowledge no damage was done by the three shots he fired in the house. He said that Dees then moved to the porch where he heard some more shots.

John T. Henderson told the sheriff that he heard shooting and that Alford Henderson called to him, saying he was shot and to take him to the doctor. He brought him to Raeford, told Raeford Policeman C. J. McNeill about it and carried him on to Fayetteville where he is in bad shape with an abdominal wound. John T. did have a .38 revolver he said belonged to Dees with him at the time he got to Raeford, but said nothing and said later he knew nothing of Dees being hurt. The sheriff said the pistol was full of empty shells.

Lowry said Dees was after him, according to the sheriff, and that he went and got Ed Miller, white, to bring him to Raeford, where he found the sheriff and told him about it. Hodgin and Patrolman W. T. Herbin went to the Lowry home to look into the matter. Dees car was still there, but no one knew where he was, thought maybe he was drunk, but not hurt. They came on back to Raeford without finding Dees, but went back a few minutes later when notified by the patrolman's radio that Lowry had come to Raeford with the news that Dees was dead. They found Dees at the corner of the porch dead. A bullet had passed down through his face and chest, through his heart and into his abdomen. It was a .38 bullet, but was so badly misshapen the SBI could not determine that it had come from the gun Henderson brought in.

No one involved admits seeing anyone shoot anyone. John T. Henderson is in jail on suspicion. Alford Henderson, whom doctors will not allow officers to question, is reported to have said Dees shot him, but not who shot Dees. Mary Jane Lowry said she went out the back door and fired her .410 gauge shotgun a few times, but did not say why, nor at what.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Upchurch and Lewis, Jr. returned Sunday after having spent two weeks in Florida.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John K. McNeill Sunday were Mrs. McNeill's sister and aunt, Mrs. Jesse Lanier and son, Bradley of Norwood and Miss Minnie Shankle of Charlotte.

### Observe World Day Of Prayer Here Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon, March 5, this community along with millions of people all over the world, will observe the World Day of Prayer. The observance here will be at the Raeford Methodist Church at 2:30, and business houses in Raeford have been asked to close for one hour starting at that time.

The service will be a joint one with all the churches of the community taking part. Men and women of the community are invited to come straight from work to the service in their work clothing.

The Raeford churches sponsor this service each year as a means whereby local people join with millions of other people in 92 countries in observing this day. Mayor Alfred Cole has issued a proclamation to the effect that tomorrow is World Day of Prayer in Raeford.

### Liquor, Fighting Traffic Violations Are Tried Tuesday

A total of 29 cases were disposed of Tuesday in Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses. Of these 15 were speeding cases, and the remainder involved driving drunk, assault, liquor, non-support and bad checks charges.

Charles Thomas Ashley, white, was found guilty of driving drunk. Sentence was 30 days, to be suspended on payment of \$100 and cost. He appealed and posted \$200 bond.

William T. Brigman, white, was charged with driving drunk, a third offense, and was found not guilty. He was found guilty of driving after his license had been revoked, and sentence was six to eight months on the roads. He was also ordered to serve a suspended sentence of 90 days at the expiration of the other sentence.

Julian B. McKelthan, white, was charged with giving Bobby Carter a bad check for \$91.99. He was found guilty and judgment was to be suspended on payment of \$10, court costs and the check. He appealed and posted \$200 bond.

Elmo Love, colored, was charged with assaulting Richard Graham with a deadly weapon, inflicting serious injury. Probable cause was found and he was held for superior court under a \$500 bond. Harvey Lee McGregor, colored, pled guilty of having non-tax-paid liquor for sale. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$150 and costs and two years good behavior.

Eddie Lee Smail, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of assault.

Nelson Lindsay Shaw, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of careless and reckless driving.

Milford Robertson, colored, pled guilty of non-support. Judgment was suspended on condition that he pay \$6 a week and costs.

For being drunk in public, Tom McNeill, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs; Wellons Taylor, white, got 90 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs on condition that he stay out of Hoke County for two years; Theodore Harrington, colored, 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and one year of good behavior.

For having none or expired driver's license Lemuel Loyd, colored, and Benbow G. Allen, white, each had to pay \$10 and costs. For the same offense, Frank Massey, colored soldier, had to be sent after. He got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

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### Ballentine Heads Impressive List Of Speakers To Discuss Farm Problems



### County Board In Active Meeting; Lockey Attends

The Hoke County board of commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Monday, and transacted a number of matters of county business. Highway Commissioner Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen was present for part of the meeting and heard road matters discussed.

The board agreed to give the highway commission a new 20-year lease on the old school garage property on West Donaldson Avenue in Raeford, used for some time now by the commission as a garage and equipment storage area. The commission holds a 10-year lease with seven years left, but plan to place buildings on the property and otherwise improve it and wanted the longer lease.

A delegation from Quewhiffle Township appeared before the board requesting that the road leading to the Moore County line from the Ashmont-Blue's Bridge road, a distance of 3.3 miles, be improved. The matter was taken up with Commissioner Lockey and he promised to investigate and have the necessary improvements made.

N. J. Ritter and Frank Townsend appeared before the board, urging that the Ritter road be stabilized. Lockey promised that the work would be done as early as possible.

The jury for the April term of court was drawn.

Repairs costing up to \$200 for the armory were authorized by the board.

The board set Monday, March 29, as the day to meet as a board of equalization and review.

Ben Ray was appointed dog warden for Raeford Township, to serve until July 1. This means that Ray is warden for Raeford Township and R. D. Parker for the rest of the county. Both will collect for their services and give receipts which will be accepted by the sheriff on payment of dog taxes.

Petition for a new road in the colored section north of Raeford, beyond Jess Dunlap's store, was approved. This road will be about a quarter-mile in length and will serve a large number of families.

Arrangement was made to start an immediate inspection of the cattle in Hoke County for Bang's disease. This inspection is made by the federal government about every three years, and there is no expense to the county except to furnish a man to help round up the cattle.

The newly constructed addition to the building occupied by Baucom Appliance Co. is nearing completion, and they expect to occupy it in a few days.

To Give Cash Prizes; At Hoke High At 1:30

Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. "Stag" Ballentine will head a distinguished group of speakers in a farm program at Hoke County High School tomorrow afternoon which farm and business leaders of the county hope will be the beginning of an improved and enlightened era in Hoke County farming. They hope it will be the beginning of a farm program which will start Hoke farmers increasing their incomes as a similar program did in Orange County last year when 395 farm families increased their income over \$1,000 each during the year. Orange was named "County of the Year in Rural Progress for 1953".

All Hoke County farmers and farm families are invited to the program in the High School auditorium, and it will start promptly at 1:30 with Mr. Ballentine giving his analysis of the situation facing Hoke County farmers. Commissioner Ballentine, a former lieutenant-governor of North Carolina who is well-known and popular all over the State, has appeared in Hoke County several times before and his remarks are being looked forward to with pleasure.

The program has been arranged by W. C. Williford, Hoke County's farm agent since last November, and has the wholehearted and unprecedented support of the business and farming community, who feel that only by tested modern methods can Hoke County farmers find the permanent economic well-being which is necessary for the prosperity of the whole county.

The speakers on the program have been chosen carefully, and all are leaders in the State in their respective fields, all dealing with better farming. From the State College Farm Management and Marketing Division will come Moyle S. Williams and W. L. Turner, who will discuss "Adjustments Farmers Can Make In View of the Situation".

Of particular interest since cotton acreage for this year has been reduced will be the remarks of Dr. Emerson R. Collins, who heads the State College Extension Agronomy department. He will talk about the various uses to which these diverted acres may be placed from the vantage point of being one of the most experienced and best informed men in North Carolina on the soils and crops of the State.

In these days of highest food prices the address of Albert A. Banadyga, extension horticulture specialist from State College, will be of considerable interest. His subject will be "Growing Your Own Food For Better Farm Living."

Showing that the different segments of farming depend on each other, T. C. Blalock, Dairy Extension specialist, and Miss Virginia Wilson, Nutrition Specialist, will explain how "Drinking More Milk Means Better Markets For Cotton Seed."

The 1954 cotton program will be discussed and explained by one of the foremost authorities on the subject of cotton today, J. A. Shanklin, extension cotton specialist at State College. Approximately \$400 in prizes for the 1953 cotton contest will be awarded, and the 1954 contest explained.

Attendance prizes totalling \$50, furnished by the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, will be awarded to Home Demonstration Clubs and individuals. The Chamber of Commerce, in contributing the prize money, went along with business firms in Raeford, who have made a concerted effort to see that the farmers of the county

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