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## Addenda -

By The Editor

R. H. Edge, of route 2, has a curious bantam hen—or at least she certainly laid a curious egg the other day. He brought the little egg in, and it's certainly unusual. It has etched on it, large enough to cover one side the almost perfect drawing of a many-legged terrapin-shaped beetle or bug. Edge said he must have fed the hen something with bugs in it.

Seems that in missing a conversation with Chairman W. L. Poole of the board of elections last week we missed getting in the paper that two candidates had filed whose names we had not previously mentioned. T. O. Moses had filed to succeed himself as judge of the county recorder's court, Poole said yesterday, and had no opposition up to that time. I have not heard of any.

Neill McFadyen, of the county board of education, has paid his filing fee to remain on that board. Neill made it clear to me, and wants it made clear to the public, that he is not with me in my feeling that the McLauchlin Elementary School here is in need of a full-time principal. He said that, while he believed in improving things any time you get a chance, he feels that under present circumstances the present system of operation is best. At present J. W. Turlington is building principal there and also teaches one section of the seventh grade. District Principal W. T. Gibson, Jr., who is principal of the county's one white high school, is supposed to spend about three hours of each at the McLauchlin School, of he is also in charge.

he risk of being accused of trying to sell an advertisement, and in view of the fact that I have heard some comment that the county cannot afford the extra cost of a principal at the McLauchlin school here, I again call the attention of the citizens and taxpayers of this county to the fact that the county had not published a financial statement since 1952. I believe, but I am not certain, that the law requires such a statement to be published annually. It's your county and your county government. What do you know about it?

Through the efforts of the town board, the old burg is really about to take on the new look, what with many of the streets getting new curb and gutter and many being repaved for paving. The Carolina Power and Light Company began work this week on the job of improving the appearance of the power poles and lighting system on Main Street. Poles are being replaced and respaced to make the fluorescent lights more effective when they are installed. The Raeford Power and Manufacturing Co. has cooperated with the improvements as it affects their wires on the streets. Both these projects are in the "Finer Carolina" contest which Raeford has entered this year, and will certainly go far in making Raeford finer, whether they win the contest or not. Truman Austin is chairman of the paving project in the contest, and Marion Gatlin is chairman of the street lighting project.

Jake Austin, chamber of commerce secretary who is chairman of the general clean-up project in the "Finer Carolina" contest, told the Chamber directors at their monthly luncheon Tuesday of steps already taken by business houses to improve the appearance of their back offices and of the cooperation being received from M. R. Mills, county sanitarian. Jake also told the board about plans being made for a town-wide "Clean Up-Fix Up-Plant Up" week to be promoted in April. He said that several persons had indicated their willingness

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## National Guard Unit To Lead Red Cross Drive

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., chairman of the Hoke County chapter of the American Red Cross, announced this week that the officers and men of Battery A, 130th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, local National Guard unit, has accepted the responsibility of conducting the annual Red Cross drive in Hoke County this year, and that the drive would begin next week.

He said a meeting would be held Friday afternoon of leaders of the battery and other persons in the county who would have to be called on for help to make the drive a success, and that complete plans for conducting the appeal in every part of the county would be announced next week.

All members of the unit have agreed to take part in the drive. Leaders will be Captain Edwin D. Newlon, commanding officer, First Lieutenant Talmadge English, Second Lieutenant Thomas Macko, Warrant Officer Roger Dixon, First Sergeant Jesse N. Gullidge, Master Sergeant Clarence M. Willis and Arnold Monroe, and other non-commissioned officers. Assistance will probably be asked from others in some areas of the county in making a complete canvass.

The local battery, first to be organized in North Carolina after World War II, is considered one of the best in the State as well as the oldest. It has a present strength of just under 100 officers and enlisted men from all sections of the county except Little River Township and is led by officers and non-commissioned officers who are veterans of World War II.

In making the announcement Upchurch said he had not heard of a National Guard unit performing such a public spirited duty before, but said that the National Guard usually was right with the Red Cross on the scene of any disaster, protecting property and helping unfortunate people. He said such a move on the part of the local battery was to be expected of a unit that had been outstanding since its organization, and would carry on the fine tradition the National Guard has built in Hoke County in the past 35 years.

He said that the Red Cross would do a big job in this section in the next few weeks for the more than 60,000 service men to take part in the maneuver, Operation Flash Burn. They will need current magazines, paper-backed books of western or mystery stories and any speed phonograph records for use in the three field hospitals which will take part in the maneuver. Persons having these to contribute may bring them to Mrs. W. R. Barrington at the Red Cross office in Raeford. The agricultural classes at Hoke High school and Upchurch school are to make lap boards for use at the hospitals, and will deliver these before April 1.

## Woodmen Honor 50-Year Member

At the regular meeting last week of Raeford Camp No. 118, Woodmen of the World, the members paid a tribute to Sovereign G. W. Cox, who has recently completed 50 years of membership in this fraternal order.

Camp Chaplain D. J. Campbell, who made the presentation of a gold fifty-year pin, praised Sovereign Cox for his devoted service and loyalty. Mr. Cox, who will celebrate his 50th birthday on March 17, has served as secretary of the camp for 16 years, two years as camp commander, and has served as a state officer for two years.

He was recently honored in the Raeford Masonic lodge by receiving his 25-year certificate, having been a member of the Masonic order for 43 years and being a past master.

## Hoke Girls Win In Fayetteville

(Contributed)

One of the finest and best coached girls basketball teams ever produced at Hoke High won the Fayetteville Invitational Tournament Friday night over a scrappy Lumberton team by a score of 76 to 69.

With only 15 seconds gone Townsend opened the scoring to give Lumberton a 2-0 lead. Hodgins followed for Raeford with a push shot to tie the score at 2 all. The lead changed hands often until with 4:00 left in the game the Does built up a 7 point lead on a basket by Guin, a 3 point basket by Hodgins, and a basket by Dark. Raeford steadily built up their lead and led by 19 at the end of the first period, 25-15.

The half ended with the score standing 43-33 Raeford.

Offensive leaders of the first half were Guin with 20 and Hodgins with 15 for Raeford, and Townsend and McIntyre for Lumberton with 16 and 15 respectively. Both teams played excellent ball during the third period. The girls from Lumberton managed to cut the lead 2 more points this quarter and trailed by eight points at the end of the third quarter with the score 53-50.

The excellent brand of ball Raeford was playing and the substantial lead they had built the first quarter were to much for Lumberton, even though their efforts showed what a fine ball club they have. The game ended Hoke High the Champions—a title they truly deserved, with the score standing 76-69.

As the hundreds of followers poured on the floor, the net was cut and Co-Captains McLean and Scull accepted the beautiful trophy from the Superintendent of Cumberland Schools.

The whole Raeford team playing excellent ball as they won their 21st ball game as compared to one loss.

Hodgins with 15 field goals and 7 free throws and a total of 37 points led the Does. Guin and Dark, each of whom turned in one of their best performances had 25 and 14 points respectively.

Scull, McLean, Everleigh and Linthicum all turned in good defensive jobs.

Townsend took the scoring honors for the night with 20 field goals and one free throw for a total of 41 points, followed by McIntyre with 23.

## REVIVAL TO START SUNDAY AT EPHESUS

Revival services will be conducted next week at Ephesus Baptist Church, it has been announced. The services will begin Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and will continue through the morning service on Sunday, March 21. Services will be held each evening during the week, except Friday, at 7:30 o'clock. The preaching will be by the Rev. Baxter Walker of Fayetteville, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fountain of Chapel Hill spent the week end with Mrs. Fountain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blue.

Pat Lamont and Jean Carroll Sherrill of WCUNC spent the week end with their parents.

Mrs. T. B. Upchurch returned Saturday from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida after a two-week's visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McLean of Laurinburg were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McLean Sunday.

Mrs. John Ellington of Oxford spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Nan McNeill.

Mrs. W. H. Winborne of Eden-ton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Howell.

## "Whammy" Fills Recorder's Court Again Tuesday

The State Highway Patrol got one of its "whammies" working in the county again last week with the result that there were 32 cases of speeding on the docket for Tuesday's session of Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses. Thirteen other cases were also handled, involving driving drunk, violating the prohibition laws, and other traffic violations.

Prohibition law violations ranged from having a pint of white liquor to having a large supply for sale, and they were handled accordingly by Judge Moses. John D. Campbell, colored, pled guilty of having non-tax-paid liquor for sale and got 90 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and two years good behavior. W. J. Shaw, white, for public drunkenness and violating the prohibition laws, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$50 and costs. Luther McLaue, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior for violating the prohibition laws. George Morrison, colored, had to pay court costs for possessing about a pint of non-tax-paid liquor.

For driving drunk Frank Belfor Davis, colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs; John Daniel Wilkes, white, got from four to six months suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and \$175 damages. John William Mudd, white man from out of the State, left a \$150 bond for driving drunk.

For public drunkenness Joe Alexander Wilson and Charles Clarence Tew, both colored, each got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

For careless and reckless driving Floyd David Faircloth, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs; Creighton Horace Mason, white, had to pay \$20 and costs. For having no driver's license in addition to careless and reckless driving, Lee B. Brach, white, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and damages.

Eddie Locklear, Indian, paid costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Speeders appearing for trial were Elizabeth Harriet Sellers, Charles Evers, Howard D. King, all \$20 and costs; Nancy Costello Lueddeke, Russell W. McMillan and Don Edward Hoskin, all \$10 and costs. Leaving bonds were Harry G. Werger, Jean B. Price, Joe David Rowell, John W. Dunbar, John A. Buehler, Paul Lee, Hyman Rothhart, William Colloff, Alfred Isadore Axelrod, Hollis C. Grubb, \$35 each; Stephen A. Holmes, \$50; Marvin E. Edlin, Margaret C. Smith, Thomas J. Dunn, William I. Horlick, Abe Rosenbloom, Edward M. Pennington, Robert W. Bennett, Harold T. Messenger, Betty S. Wade, Frederick Freeman, Willie A. Smith, Robert E. Vokes, Jr., Hugh D. White, Eugene C. Lenker, \$25 each.

## Girl Scout Week Being Celebrated

Girl Scouts in Raeford and Hoke County are joining this week with more than two million girl scouts and their leaders all over the United States in celebrating the 42nd anniversary of their founding on March 12, 1912 in Savannah, Georgia.

Girl Scouts here are sponsored by the Raeford Woman's Club and about 40 girls participate in the program through three troops and two intermediate troops. Adult leaders are Mrs. Harvey Warlick, Mrs. W. D. McLeod, Miss Marie Essey, Miss Sarah Hamer, Mrs. John Henaox, Mrs. Archie Blackwell and Mrs. Robert Gatlin.

Next month the local girls will conduct a girl scout cookie sale, raising funds for a girl scout hut which they hope to build.

## Sheriff Learns More About Indian's Death

Sheriff D. H. Hodgins reported this week that he had learned a little more about the affair at Jesse Lowery's house on the old Hector Livingston place in Antioch Township in which Daniel Edward Dees, 32-year-old Indian of Robeson County, was killed, and Alfred Henderson, 23, was injured seriously.

The sheriff said he went to Fayetteville Friday and talked to Alfred Henderson in the hospital, and that he seemed to be in fair shape at that time. He said Henderson told him that he and Dees were wrestling over Dees' pistol after Dees had shot him. He said they were wrestling out on the ground in the dark near where the sheriff later found Dees' body, and that the pistol had been fired as they wrestled for it. He said he got it away from him and ran and got John T. Henderson and left for the doctor, taking the pistol with them. The pistol was turned over to officers in Raeford with all shells in it empty. Alfred Henderson told the sheriff he did not know that Dees was shot when he got the pistol from him and ran.

Sheriff Hodgins feels that this version is quite possibly the true story, as it was clear from the way Dees was shot that he was not shot from a normal position. The bullet went through the front of his face and downward through his heart and abdomen, and was obviously fired from above him, as might easily have happened with two men wrestling for it.

On Saturday afternoon the sheriff said he received a call from a doctor at the hospital saying that Alfred Henderson was acting crazy and to get some of his people over there. The doctor said he had tried to jump out of a window. On Tuesday the sheriff said he understood he was still acting that way.

## Presbyterians Will Hear Missionary Next Tuesday Night

Miss Audrey Brunkhurst, director of religious education at the Raeford Presbyterian Church for several years during the war, will be the speaker at a special program at the church next Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock. Since her work here Miss Brunkhurst has served other churches as religious education director and has been for two years a missionary in the Belgian Congo, Africa. She is at present in the United States on leave from that work, and her lecture will be about it and will be illustrated with films.

The regularly monthly meeting of the Women of the Church will be held at 7:30, preceding the lecture by Miss Brunkhurst. The monthly supper meeting of the Presbyterian men will not be held this month in order that the men may have a opportunity to hear her. Her talk will be of particular interest to young people, who are invited along with the general public.

## Name County Winner In Speaking Contest

The Hoke county winner in "The Big Change" oratorical contest is Miss Barbara Strother, a member of the Senior class at Hoke County High school, it has been announced by R. B. Lewis, county chairman for the contest.

The contest is being sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association, and was conducted at Hoke County High school on Wednesday morning.

The winner of the Hoke county phase is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Strother, and the next step for the winner is the group elimination contest to be held next Wednesday.

Little Miss Mary Tish Johnson is sick with the mumps.

Clara Ramsey of WCUNC spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKeithan.

## NEED FOR A PERMANENT FARM PROGRAM EMPHASIZED FRIDAY

### Luncheon Speaker



DR. D. W. COLVARD, dean of agriculture at North Carolina State College, who was the speaker at a luncheon at the Raeford Methodist Church last Friday preceding the Farmers Day program at the high school.

Dr. Colvard, dean of agriculture at State since last July, is a native of Ashe County and is a nationally known agricultural scientist and educator. He has been a member of the faculty at State since March, 1947. He was graduated from Berea College in Kentucky in 1935, received his M. S. in animal science from the University of Missouri in 1938, and received his Ph. D. degree from Purdue University in 1950. He is the author of a number of agricultural bulletins and scientific articles and is widely known for his research achievements.

## Town Board Has Called Meeting

Mayor Alfred Cole presided over a called meeting of the Raeford board of commissioners on Wednesday night. Present were board members Tom Cameron, Marion Gatlin, Truman Austin and Arch Sanders. Two matters of business were discussed and acted upon.

Motion by Marion Gatlin, seconded by Arch Sanders, was passed unanimously to require transient salespeople in the future to purchase privilege licenses for not less than three consecutive days at a fee of \$10.

The board also decided to install curb and gutters on East Donaldson Avenue between Main and Stewart Streets, this being the street north of the McLauchlin elementary school. The board took this action in view of the facts that the school system will bear half the cost, and that engineers feel that the excessive traffic on the street would soon cause excessive deterioration of the street if asphalt valleys instead of concrete curbs and gutters were installed. The board also went on record as stating that this addition to the program now going on is the last that can be made, as the money is all gone.

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### Leaders, Specialists, Talk At First Hoke Farmers Day

The need for a "permanent, bi-partisan, long-range national farm program which will not be jeopardized by every shift in the political winds" was stressed here Friday by State Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine.

Ballentine spoke at the first Hoke County Farmers Day program Friday afternoon in the local high school auditorium. Several hundred farm people attended. The meeting had been widely publicized in the county, and was given widespread support by business leaders and civic clubs. It was arranged by W. C. Williford, Hoke County Farm Agent.

The speaker advocated establishing a farm program with a framework so broad that commodity groups would have several choices as to their pattern of operations. Such choices, he added, should be made through referendums open to all the producers of the commodity involved.

Growers of one commodity, he said, might want high price supports and strict production controls, while the producers of another crop might prefer flexible supports and loose controls, or even no supports and no controls. National legislation, he added, should be broad enough to permit these and other choices to be made, with provision for whatever safeguards are needed.

He cited North Carolina's Continuing Revenue Act, which "gave us stability in our State tax program," as an example.

Ballentine told the farm group that "it's time to think seriously about where we go from here" in solving agricultural problems. The problem in a nutshell, he said, is this: How can farmers produce enough but not too much?

The Commissioner also called for better merchandising and marketing of farm products. The farmer, he asserted, has "the first responsibility" along this line, since he determines the quality of the commodities he grows.

Dr. D. W. Colvard, dean of agriculture at North Carolina State College, addressing a luncheon meeting of farm, business and civic leaders at the Raeford Methodist Church, said farmers are becoming more dependent on technology, farm work is being done by fewer but better trained workers, and agriculture is becoming much more involved with other segments of the economy.

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