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Addenda - By The Editor

After commenting that I thought the law required the publication by the county of a financial statement after the end of each fiscal year and that none had been published by this county after the end of the year 1952-53 (last July) I went to the courthouse and read the law on the subject. Reading it makes me wonder... does this county belong to the county commissioners? to John McGoogan? or to the taxpayers? I quote from the law below.

General Statutes 153-119. Time for filing budget estimate.—Immediately upon submission of the budget estimate, and at least twenty days before the adoption of the appropriation resolution the board shall: . . . (b) furnish a copy of the budget estimate to each newspaper published in the county, and (c) cause to be published in at least one newspaper published in the county a summary of the budget estimate. . . . (This was not done in 1953)

General Statutes 153-122. Supplemental Budget showing.—As soon as practicable before the first Monday in July, and before any levy of taxes is made, the county accountant shall submit to the board a supplemental budget. . . .

General Statutes 153-123. Publication of statement of financial condition of county.—Simultaneously with the submission of the supplemental budget, the county accountant shall prepare and cause to be published in a newspaper published in the county, . . . a statement of the financial condition of the county, . . .

General Statutes 153-40. Register clerk ex officio to board; compensation.—The register of deeds is ex officio clerk of, and his compensation shall be fixed by the board of commissioners.

The above doesn't need much comment, it seems to me, as anybody can see how much regard for the law the people running this county have. The statements required have not been published and the county accountant, auditor, tax supervisor serves as clerk of the board of commissioners in fact, whether he holds the title or not, and I don't believe the register of deeds even attends the meetings as a rule. Another point for wonder is in GS 153-122 above and in the following paragraph, where certain actions are required before any levy of taxes. These actions not being taken, are any taxes levied against Hoke County citizens for 1953 legal? I'm no lawyer and I don't know, but you're the voters and taxpayers.

In wondering if the county can afford the school principal I've been hollering about, I had to go back to the June 30, 1952, financial statement of the county, which was published. In it are listed \$130,526.90 for "Reserves for deferred collections and contingencies," and \$20,170.98 as "Surplus - operating funds." This is a total of \$150,697.88 in idle money this county had. Doesn't look right to tax us the same as they had in the past with that kind of money on hand, does it? And that was a year ago last July, remember.

All this is our fault, too, isn't it? If enough public spirited citizens to run our government right won't stick their necks out enough to run for jobs on the boards, we're getting what we deserve, aren't we?

Douglas Monroe, merchant of McLaughlin Township, filed as a candidate for the Hoke County board of commissioners this week. He came to The News-Journal and told me that he thought there should be a full-time principal at the McLaughlin Elementary (Continued on Page 5)

Democrats To Meet Stevenson Friday Night In Carthage

Walter P. Baker, chairman of the Hoke County Democratic executive committee, this week received a letter from W. Lamont Brown of Southern Pines, Moore County chairman, in which Democrats of the county were invited to come to Carthage on Friday night to meet Adlai Stevenson, Democratic presidential candidate in 1952. In part, Brown's letter read as follows.

"The Moore County Democratic Executive Committee is planning an 'Open House Welcome' for Adlai Stevenson on Friday night, March 26, 1954, from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m., at the high school gymnasium in Carthage.

"We want you and all the good Democrats and Stevenson admirers from your county to attend. The occasion will be strictly informal and you and your people can come any time between 7:00 and 9:00 p. m. We are expecting good delegations from the neighboring counties.

"We would appreciate it if you would extend through the press of your county an invitation to the people to come out and shake hands with our 1952 Democratic candidate for president."

Sam C. Morris, president of the Hoke County Young Democratic Club, also received a letter from Brown in which all Young Democrats of the county were extended a cordial invitation to attend the affair.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS By K. A. MacDonald

The Mildouson School closed Wednesday afternoon so that teachers and pupils could attend the funeral of Mrs. Jesse Gibson. Mrs. Gibson, the widow of Jesse Gibson, who for many years was a member and chairman of the County Board of Education, was the organizer of the Mildouson PTA and its president for more than 30 years. Mrs. Gibson was so closely identified with the school that she seemed a part of it. She never let the treasury of the PTA run dry. If there was a job to do, she did it or helped get some one to do it. She was never too busy to answer a call from the school for help. She never outgrew her interest in and love for the school. Most of us, when our children grow out of school, lose our interest in it, but not Mrs. Gibson. She was just as interested in the school this year as she was the year her first child started to school. All of us who are interested in the school will miss her. Our sympathy goes deeply and sincerely to her family.

N. H. Shope, of the University School of Education, was here Wednesday making arrangements for the annual meeting of the District School Board Association, which is a part of the State School Board Association. This district meeting will be held here on the evening of April 30. R. H. Gatlin, chairman of the Hoke County Board of Education, is District Chairman and will preside at this meeting.

Delegates to the annual meeting of NCEA held in Raleigh the three last days of last week report one of the best attended meetings in the history of NCEA as well as many interesting and instructive programs. The exhibits were in greater variety and larger in number than ever before.

R. E. Sitter is here today teaching the elementary supervisors how to use the audiometer which has been purchased for the use of the school health program in all the schools in the county. We will also be glad for the local doctors to make use of the ma- (Continued on back page)

Light Session Of Recorder's Court Is Held Tuesday

The regular Tuesday session of Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses was one of the lightest in recent months, with only five speeding cases and nine others being heard.

Oliver Blevins, white inmate of the prison division of the Sanatorium at McCain, was charged with escaping. Pled guilty and was sent back to serve his sentence.

John McLean, colored, entered a plea of guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. Sentence was one year on the roads, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and five years good behavior.

Lonnie McMillan, colored, pled guilty of having non-tax-paid liquor for sale. Sentence was 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and two years good behavior.

State dropped cases in which Roy L. Everleigh, white man of Wagram, was charged with larceny and trespass and Lewis Cagle, colored, was charged with non support.

Hazel Nunnery, white woman of Fayetteville, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly. She was sent to jail for one week for contempt of court and given a 60-day jail sentence to be suspended on condition that she stay out of Hoke County for two years.

Eugene Campbell, white, paid \$10 and costs for being drunk and disorderly and the same for resisting arrest. Allen Baldwin and Jesse Farmer, both colored, each got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs for being drunk in public.

John E. Adams, white, paid \$20 and costs for speeding and having no driver's license. Speeders leaving \$25 bonds were Samuel Rappart, Robert H. Humble, James H. Childs and Eugene J. Parrish, all white.

H. G. McLeans Enter Chinchilla Business

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McLean, operators of the McLean Flower Shop, off the Red Springs road one-half mile south of Raeford, have entered the chinchilla business and have opened McLean's Chinchilla Ranch.

They have a specially-constructed, air conditioned building with scientifically designed wire mesh cages for the animals, and last week received their herd of the small fur bearing rodents. They have three pairs and two young chinchillas, one of which was born Sunday. All are graded and registered with the National Association of Chinchilla Breeders.

Chinchillas are animals of the rodent family and have been brought from the Andes mountains of South America. Their fur has exquisite texture and is so fine that insects cannot live in it. Their breeding is a hobby and as a business has grown rapidly all over the United States in recent years.

The McLeans invite the public to visit them and see their animals and installation.

Funeral Wednesday For Mrs. McVickers

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at Shannon Baptist Church for Mrs. Fannie B. McVicker, 70, who died at her home in Shannon early Tuesday morning. The service was conducted by the Rev. Lewis Howard, pastor, and the Rev. Clyde Davis, and burial was in the Sandy Grove Church cemetery.

Mrs. McVickers is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Carl Parham, Shannon, Route 1, Mrs. Luther Hyatt of Fayetteville, Mrs. Ed Jordan and Mrs. Claude Jordan of Shannon; three sons, James E. of Morrinstown, Pa., Atlas of Marlton, S. C., William of Shannon; one sister, Mrs. Laura Hicks of Laurinburg.

Mrs. Jesse Gibson Dies Tues. Morning, Is Buried Wednesday

Mrs. Jesse Gibson died Tuesday morning in a Fayetteville Hospital. She had suffered a heart attack on Saturday, March 13, from which she never recovered.

Mrs. Gibson was a prominent resident of Dundarrach and had been active in the civic and religious life of the community for many years. She had been president of the Women's Society of Christian Service in the Raeford Methodist Church for 16 years. She had been president of the Parent-Teacher Association at Mildouson School for the past 30 years, and she was also an officer of the Women's Society of Christian Service in the Fayetteville district of the Methodist Church.

Born in Richmond County, Mrs. Gibson was a daughter of the late Anderson D. Gibson and Martha Jane Quick.

Funeral services were conducted at the home on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the Rev. J. Herbert Miller, pastor of the Raeford Methodist Church, and the Rev. P. O. Lee of Weldon, former pastor of the church. Burial was in the cemetery at Dundarrach Presbyterian Church. Pallbearers were Luther E. English, Donald Yates, R. B. Lewis, Crawford L. Thomas, Younger F. Snead, and Glenn McInnis.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Earl Tolar and Mrs. B. D. Wright of Raeford and Mrs. Bill Jones of Dundarrach; one grandson; one sister, Mrs. T. D. Crews of Laurel Hill; two brothers, Edwin P. Gibson of Laurel Hill and A. B. Gibson of Laurinburg.

Mrs. Laura S. New Buried At Ephesus Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Laura Sandy New, 85-year-old resident of Lumber Bridge, Route One, died Friday night at her home. She was well-known and a life-long resident of this county.

Funeral services were conducted at Ephesus Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. E. C. Taylor, pastor, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. New is survived by two sons, David and Claude New, both of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Alice New Ellis of Lumber Bridge; a sister, Ann Sandy of Raeford; a brother, Murray, of Apex; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Store At Montrose Destroyed By Fire

A fire of unknown origin destroyed the store at Montrose operated by C. M. Jackson in the Covington building early Sunday morning. It is thought that there was no insurance on the stock and fixtures.

The Raeford Fire Department sent one truck to the fire, but the inside of the building was practically burned out by the time it arrived.

Legion Post Over Membership Quota

Raeford Post No. 20 of The American Legion has exceeded its membership quota for 1954 according to information received here from State Headquarters of the American Legion in Raleigh.

Younger Snead, Commander of the Post, has received a letter from the Legion Adjutant, Nash McKee, expressing thanks to the membership chairman, all Post Officers, and membership workers for their effort.

The quota of Post No. 20 is 39 and the membership for 1954 to date is 64. Quotas are assigned each Post by the State Headquarters and are based on the average membership of the Post for the past four years.

We do not intend to stop our membership drive now that we (Continued on back page)

Claudine Hodgin Named All-State Basketball Star



CLAUDINE HODGIN

Claudine Hodgin, Hoke County High School junior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Hodgin of Raeford, was named by the Greensboro Daily News to its 1954 All-State Schoolgirls basketball team by the paper in its issue of last Sunday, March 21.

Claudine, who paced the Hoke High girls to a season record of 21 victories and only one defeat in regular season play and the Fayetteville Invitational tournament this year with an average of 33.3 points per game and a season total of 732, was the smallest girl to be named to the All-State team. She is only five feet seven inches tall, and all the others are five-seven or over except one who is five-six. She was one of two juniors of the twelve girls chosen, the others being seniors.

Seventeen years old and weighing 120 pounds, Claudine has another year to go at Hoke High. She had great speed on the floor and was outstanding for her jump shot in amassing her impressive scoring total for the season. The News quoted male coaches as saying that Claudine is "the greatest anywhere and ready for professional girls team or boys club anywhere."

Basketball is far from her only activity at Hoke High, where Principal W. T. Gibson, Jr., says she is above the average as a student also. She is a cheerleader, a member of the glee club, a member of the journalism club and sports editor of the school paper, and is a member of the monogram club. Claudine also sings in the choir at the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Coush Bob Rockholz of Hoke High calls Claudine the greatest girl player he has seen and says she was the mainstay of this year's great team which won 21 and lost only one. "It wasn't only her scoring punch that made her so valuable, but her tremendous desire to win and play her best at all times," Rockholz said. "She is a terrific ball handler and her speed on the court is feared by every opponent," he said.

(Cut courtesy Greensboro Daily News)

Ex-Soldier Hurt In Wreck Friday

A man who was discharged from the Army at Fort Bragg on Friday morning and who was heading for his home in Georgia apparently fell asleep at the wheel of his car as he was entering Raeford just below the cemetery on U. S. 15-A at about 11:00 o'clock Friday night.

The car left the road and was considerably smashed up, and the driver, whose name is Brock, was pinned under the steering wheel with a leg broken in several places and other injuries, not thought to be critical. It was about an hour before he could be gotten out and taken to a Fayetteville hospital, during which time he suffered a great deal.

Officer C. J. McNeill of the Raeford police force investigated.

Plans Progress For Union Revival Series Starting April 4

Plans for the Union Revival service to be conducted week after next by the Raeford Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches were practically complete this week, and preparations were begun by having neighborhood prayer services in many homes in and around Raeford on Wednesday night. These services will also be held on next Wednesday night.

The churches are cooperating in the series of services, and the Methodist will furnish the preacher, the Baptist the song leader and the services will be held at the Presbyterian Church during the week of April 4 to 11.

Preacher for the series will be Dr. H. P. Powell, pastor of the Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh. Song leader will be the Rev. J. Clarence Hughes, pastor of the Marlon Street Baptist Church of Alton, S. C. Complete schedule of the services will be published next week.

Cancer Crusade Is Planned For April

Mrs. R. E. Neeley and Miss Caroline Parker, co-chairmen of the Hoke County Cancer Crusade, announced this week that the 1954 campaign opens on April 1st and will continue through the month.

"Cancer is costing the United States more than 200,000 lives each year, and half of these lives might be saved if the disease were discovered and treated early—by approved medical methods—while cancer is limited to one spot in the body", the chairmen said.

They pointed out that education for cancer control is the first objective of the American Cancer Society. Service and research are the other two major objectives of this organization. The program of education for cancer control must reach every citizen regardless of age, sex, race or economic status. This tremendous task of public education is in the hands of volunteers who want to shoulder their share of the responsibility for cutting cancer toll.

Volunteers will canvass every neighborhood in the city and county to accept contributions to the crusade and to deliver American Cancer Society educational leaflets. The workers ask all to please make generous contributions to the crusade and be sure to read the literature. "It may save your life", Mrs. Neeley said.

The goal for the crusade in this county has been set at \$725, a very small part of the National Crusade.

The list of volunteer workers will be published next week.

Miller Child Is Severely Burned

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis

Rockfish and surrounding territory have been stirred over the terrible accident that happened to Joyce Lou, the baby daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Miller of Clement, when in some unknown way her clothing caught fire and she was almost fatally burned Tuesday of last week. She was rushed to Highamth Hospital and at this writing is still alive, with her parents, brother and sisters and a host of friends anxiously awaiting the outcome.

Mr. Miller was pastor of Tabernacle Church, at Rockfish, for several years prior to going to the Clement Community, last year. Monday night so many people from Rockfish visited the Millers at the hospital, the waiting room was full of them and it looked almost as if Rockfish had moved over to Fayetteville. Never has there been more interest shown and prayers of the people and from those churches they are now serving are continually being made in behalf of the Miller family during this trying time.

Red Cross Drive: Guardsmen Get Varied Response

Members of the local National Guard unit, who are conducting the Red Cross Roll Call in Hoke County this year with \$1400 as a goal, got a variety of responses in their house-to-house canvass of Raeford on Monday night. The people of the town contributed a total of \$338.47 to the canvass, which added to an advance contribution of \$23 by the A & P Store makes a total of \$363.47 collected so far.

The men got contributions in some places and got the doors slammed in their faces at others. One lady refused to contribute because she would not give to soldiers from Fort Bragg, saying she planned to give at home. In one section over 100 houses were solicited and only \$3.15 was received.

The business houses in the county will be solicited on Friday of this week by a special committee from Battery A. Letters asking for contributions to the Red Cross are being sent to individual residents of the county. Captain Edwin D. Newton, guard unit commander, said that it is almost impossible to keep from overlooking some people in sending these letters, and asked all to contribute whether they get a letter or not. Contributions may be mailed to Battery A, Raeford, N. C.

Before conducting their town-wide canvass the officers and men of Battery A heard a brief talk by General Robert Hill, retired, former Surgeon General of the Army who now lives in Southern Pines and who is heading the Red Cross drive in Moore County this year. General Hill talked to them about the importance of the effort they are making for the Red Cross and its importance. A medical officer in both world wars, he told them about Red Cross services to soldiers and civilians alike. He was high in his praise of the unit for their public spirit in conducting the drive and for their military appearance. Hospitals under General Hill's command during the Battle of the Bulge treated 129,000 casualties, he said.

It is the hope of the men and officers of Battery A that the public will cooperate with them in the roll call so that they may reach the \$2500 quota and complete the drive by March 31.

J. W. Strother Dies; To Hold Funeral At Ashley Heights Sat.

J. W. Strother, 77-year-old resident of Ashley Heights, died at his home there at about eight o'clock this morning, and funeral service has been set for 11:00 o'clock Saturday morning at the Ashley Heights Baptist Church. Burial will be at the Ashley Heights cemetery.

Mr. Strother was born in Montgomery county and has been a resident of this county since 1916. A farmer, he had been seriously ill for the past four months, and in declining health for several years.

He is survived by his wife, the former Betty Lou Long.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kaylor Buried In Raleigh

Mrs. Elizabeth Kaylor, 82, formerly of Raleigh, died Thursday night in Towanda, Pa. She was the grandmother of Charles Kaylor of Raeford. She is also survived by two sisters, both of Towanda, and two sons, Frank H. Kaylor of Southern Pines, and Charles Kaylor of Tampa, Florida. Mrs. Kaylor of Florida, mother of Charles Kaylor of Raeford, is the former Libby Blue of Raeford.

Mrs. Kaylor was buried in Oakwood cemetery in Raleigh on Sunday, and Charles Kaylor attended the services.