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Addenda - -

By The Editor

John Cameron paid his filing fee last week as a candidate to succeed himself as clerk of the superior court. He has been clerk since 1942, succeeding the late Edgar Hall. He has no opposition so far and I have heard no talk of any.

It was my impression and that of a good many others that there were people in this county who stood mighty well with the administration and with Highway Commissioner George Coble when W. Kerr Scott was governor. Figures released by the highway commission last week and appearing in Friday's News & Observer would indicate that we were wrong and that this county drew the short straw, as far as road money is concerned. The following paragraphs are taken exactly from the News & Observer and speak for themselves on how this county fared under that administration.

"George Coble, a dairyman who made a point of keeping his division out in front in road building, did much of his building, if the commission's figures are correct, in Davidson, Randolph and Chatham counties. These, with Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Moore, Robeson and Scotland, composed the old Sixth Highway Division.

Davidson, Coble's home county, got \$5,133,179.48 in State construction money. The commission figures showed it was entitled to \$1,569,668.40.

It got \$970,371.19 for county construction. It was entitled to \$38.71.

Counting maintenance and betterment money, Davidson got a total of \$9,130,499.36, or 31.25 per cent of the old Sixth Division total.

Randolph, Chatham and Davidson got \$2,991,193.67 of the \$3,502,611 allocated to the Sixth for State construction.

Of all funds—construction, maintenance and betterment—Randolph, Chatham and Davidson got \$20,575,151.77, or 70.45 per cent of the \$29,206,159.75 available to the division.

Many people have asked me why this county doesn't publish a financial statement. The answer is that I don't know. Fulford McMillan, chairman of the board of commissioners, should know, and I will ask him when I see him.

A good many people seem to think that the availability of Bible as an elective subject in the schools is important. For this reason the churches in the county have cooperated in recent years in getting up the money to pay a teacher to teach it, which the State will not do. This money has been coming in slower and slower, I understand, but usually arriving. A committee which has been handling the matter for some time held a meeting last week to see about arrangements for another year. The support from some churches seems to have about disappeared, for the same reasons, presumably, that the State doesn't pay a Bible teacher. These are, basically, that if Bible were taught, any child of any faith would be entitled to have his religion taught to him in the public schools. At any rate, the committee adjourned to meet again very soon, at which time its members will report the attitudes of their various churches. These reports will determine whether or not Bible is taught in the high school next year.

The union revival services being held in the mornings at the Baptist Church and evenings at the Presbyterian Church are well attended. The evening services are having about as many people on night as the church will handle. Dr. Powell is a powerful preacher and the Rev. Mr. Hughes is an outstanding song leader. The last service will be Friday night.

National Guard Unit Is Rated Superior By Army Inspectors

The Hoke County unit of the National Guard, Battery A of the 130th Anti-aircraft battalion, commanded by Captain Edwin D. Newton, had considerable cause for pride last week when results were received on their technical inspection. The rating received on all equipment and weapons was an overall "Superior."

The inspection was conducted by a Third Army Technical Inspection team, headed by Captain R. M. Elser of Fort Bragg and consisting of specialists in each type of equipment to be inspected. Captain Elser was high in his praise of the high standards of maintenance being practiced by Battery A, and particularly commended Chief Warrant Officer Roger W. Dixon for the striking way the equipment was displayed. Sergeants First Class William E. Kennedy, motor sergeant, and Daniel E. Baker, supply sergeant, received commendations for their work also, and the inspector praised the work of the other section chiefs and the men of the unit.

The local battery now has a strength of over 100 men, four officers and one warrant officer, and is still accepting enlistments. Enlisting usually is stopped for a time before the summer encampment of the unit, but this has not been announced as yet. The battery will go to Camp Stewart, Ga., again this summer for its 15 days of field training. They will leave here on Sunday, June 13 and will return on Sunday, June 27. Two week-end trips to Fort Bragg for small arms firing will be made during May.

Wildlife Magazine Carries Feature On H. R. McLean

The April issue of "Wildlife in North Carolina", official publication of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, carried a feature article on Game Protector H. R. "Hooch" McLean of Hoke County. McLean was the subject of the magazine's regular feature entitled "Protector of the Month," and along with his picture appeared a brief story of his life.

Starting with his service with the 81st Division in World War I, the article stated that he was a veteran game law enforcement officer as well, with uninterrupted service since 1926 when he was first employed in this capacity by the Hoke County commissioners.

In addition to information about his family and his activities in his church and as a baseball player, the article stated that McLean's greatest thrill comes with the apprehension of a night deer hunter. It told of the time he chased a violator into a house and retrieved him intact from the owner's bed, shoes and hat still on. On another occasion while checking a deer hunt he shook a dead man and asked to check his license. The apparently sleeping hunter had suffered a fatal heart attack on a deer stand.

Woodmen Circle Has District Convention

Members of the Southeastern District of the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle in North Carolina held their district convention April 7 in the East Laurinburg Community Building. Nearly one hundred delegates were expected to register, and Laurinburg Grove 218 served as hostess group.

The meeting began at 4:00 p. m. with a business session. Drill teams attending were from Raeford and Lumberton. Captains are Ruby Conoly and Fannie Lamb.

Highlight of the convention was the banquet at 7:00 p. m. at which Dr. Howard Carter, Goldsboro, was the speaker.

Among officers attending were Mrs. Florence Macko, first state vice president of Raeford.

Town Board Holds Routine Meeting

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

Ward W. Hill, manager of the Southern Pines district of the Carolina Power and Light Co., and Ben Hurley, local representative of the company, were present at the meeting. Pictures were made of the new street lights, the mayor, members of the board and of the Raeford police officers for use in the "Finer Carolina" bulletin published by the company.

The board passed a resolution of appreciation to C. E. Upchurch of the Raeford Power and Manufacturing Co., and W. W. Hill of Carolina Power and Light Co. for their cooperation with the town in the installation of the new mercury vapor lights on Main Street and the removal of the old poles and lines from the street.

The board authorized an engineer to proceed with surveys and preparation of an estimate on a sewer outfall line. This when completed will eliminate the existing air situation coming from Peddler's branch.

Name Committee For Cumberland's Big Bi-Centennial 19-25

At a special meeting of the Hoke County board of commissioners last Thursday a committee to be in charge of and arrange this county's participation in the Cumberland County Bi-Centennial Celebration April 19 through April 25 was named. Members of the committee as named by the board are Neill McFadyen, K. A. MacDonald, N. H. G. Balfour, Mrs. H. L. Gatlin and Mrs. T. D. Potter.

Charles G. Rose, co-chairman of the celebration with John Oates, was in Raeford for the meeting and said that large crowds and wide interest is expected in the colorful and historic event. The series of events will include a pageant, a grand parade, and will conclude with a religious commemorative service on Sunday, April 25, at 3 p. m.

On Tuesday, April 20, at 4 p. m., the grand parade will be staged, and each night at 8:15 a pageant entitled "River of Courage" will be presented. Wednesday will be the day for the gathering of the clans, and Sunday, April 25, has been designated as Religious Commemorative Day.

Rose stated that adjoining counties of the Cape Fear section had been invited to participate in the celebration, which not only marks the founding of Cumberland County but is historically important because of the settlement of Scottish Highlanders in the Cape Fear section. Hoke County has been invited to send a float to the celebration and participate in other ways.

REVIVAL AT ROCKFISH

Revival services begin at Tabernacle Baptist Church at Rockfish on Sunday night, April 11, at 8:00 o'clock, with a prayer and song service preceding the sermon.

COOK BOOKS ARRIVE

The Raeford Woman's Club cook books have arrived and have been turned over to the ways and means committee chairman of each department for sale. Other copies are available at Miss Josephine Hall's office.

PREACHING AT BETHEL

There will be a morning worship service on next Sunday, April 11, at Bethel Presbyterian Church. The preacher will be Will Kennedy, senior student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and the service will begin at 11:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Mann spent Sunday in Charlotte with friends.

Baucom Appliance Having Open House Friday & Saturday

Baucom Appliance Company is celebrating the re-opening of its newly remodeled store, in which the floor space has been approximately doubled with an open house on Friday and Saturday. The public of the entire trading area is invited to attend the affair and persons over 16 years of age are invited to register for one of three attendance prizes to be given away by the company. Drawing will be held at 8:00 o'clock Saturday night, and winners are not required to be present at the drawing.

Prizes will include a new Frigidaire electric range, a 64-piece set of Rogers Bros. silverware, and a table model Zenith radio.

Also in connection with the open house Miss Florence Buckner, home service representative of the Carolina Power and Light company, will conduct cooking demonstrations in the store on Friday and Saturday.

The present store was opened by J. A. Baucom in October, 1945. Mr. Baucom was for many years associated with his brother, the late H. R. Baucom, in operating Baucom's Cash Store, and they succeeded their father, the late R. J. Baucom, who many years ago came to Raeford from Anson County and established a dry goods and general merchandise store which became one of the most popular mercantile establishments in this section.

Mr. Baucom began handling Frigidaire appliances in 1936 and Zenith radios in 1937. Carlton E. Niven, Raeford native, who had been employed by Baucom since January, 1946, became a partner in the firm early in 1953. He has attended various appliance service schools in the past few years and has also gained much valuable knowledge from practical experience in that time.

The store handles the Frigidaire line, which includes refrigerators, ranges, automatic washers, dryers, home freezers, water heaters, air conditioners and humidifiers. The Zenith line includes radios and television sets. In connection with their recent expansion the company accepted the dealership for Frigidaire commercial air conditioning and refrigeration. The company also handles Amana Home Freezers, Easy Spindrier washers and the famous Maytag line of washers, Emerson electric fans, Coolair window fans, Toro power lawn mowers, as well as a wide variety of well known brands of small appliances.

In the new store appliances of the various types and lines are attractively displayed along both sides of two aisles running almost the entire length of the building. The method of display used enables customers to examine appliances completely, and functional grouping makes it possible for the housewife to picture them as they will look in her kitchen.

EASTER SEALS ON SALE

W. T. Gibson, Jr., chairman of the Easter Seal sale conducted annually for the benefit of crippled children, said this week that response had been good so far to the appeal which was made by mail to residents of the county last week. He pointed to the need for funds for the work and urged all who had not returned their contributions to do so. He also announced that Easter lilies would be sold for the benefit of the fund on Saturday, April 17, by the 4-H clubs.

AUXILIARY TO MEET WITH LEGION MONDAY

Ellie Williamson post no. 20 of the American Legion and the ladies of the Lerton Auxiliary will hold a joint supper meeting in the cafeteria at Hoke High school on Monday, April 12, at 7:00 p. m. Post commander urges all legionnaires to attend and bring their wives or girl friends.

Long Session Of Recorder's Court Is Held Tuesday

The fact that the patrolmen were on the job in the past week was obvious from the number of speeding and traffic cases on docket for the regular Tuesday session of Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses. The speeding cases were not what caused the long session, however, as most of them resulted in forfeited bonds.

Lonnie A. McFadyen, colored man who moved north after he was caught driving drunk with no driver's license and improper plates last August, returned to the county recently and was brought to trial Tuesday. He was found guilty of driving drunk, a second offense, and the other offenses as well. He got six months, to be suspended on payment of \$200 and costs on the first charge. On the second he got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, sentence to run consecutively with the six months. On the other charge he got 30 days, concurrently, to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. McFadyen has raised part of the money, but was still in jail yesterday.

Charlie Morris Welch, white, was found guilty of driving drunk. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. He appealed and posted \$200 bond.

Esther Wilson Covington, colored, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and falling to yield right-of-way resulting in a wreck. Sentence was six months in jail to be suspended on payment of \$25, court costs and \$200 damages.

Louise Cole Kennedy, white, paid costs for driving on the wrong side of the road.

Donald Ray Thomas, white, 17, and Joseph Everette Garrison, white, 16, each pled guilty of careless and reckless driving. Judgement was suspended in each case on payment of \$10 and costs and on condition of two years good behavior.

A. R. Holder, white, pled guilty of larceny and judgment was suspended on payment of costs, it being a family affair in which the prosecution wished to withdraw.

Speeders included Empie Theodore McLauchlin, colored, Jack Laplace, William W. Black, John Goodman, and Daniel Alton Monroe, all white, all paying the costs. Others, leaving bonds, were Wilfred Labelle, Nadow J. Avdre, Max S. Iseeks, Melvin H. Wheeler, Ralph C. Dobson, Bobby L. Akers, Charles W. Walker, James A. Bagwell, Jules J. Shapiro, James R. Davis, \$25 each; William L. Nichols, \$40; William M. Winkele \$50; Emily Johns, \$20; Walter W. McPherson, \$100.

Red Cross Appeal Not Heard In Hoke

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., chairman of the Hoke County Red Cross chapter, this week said that people of the county had not responded to the appeal this year as they had in years past, and said that receipts from the annual roll call up to the present time were not even sufficient to carry on the activities and pay operating expenses of the chapter in this county, not to mention help to the national agency in its service to distressed people and service men and women.

Upchurch reported that a total of \$807.40 had been received in the drive so far, and said that the goal of \$2400 had been set as a minimum on which the chapter could operate and help the American Red Cross. Along with members of the local National Guard unit, who are conducting the drive he made another appeal to people of the county to give, stating that all know what the Red Cross does. Contributions may be mailed to Red Cross or to the National Guard in Raeford.

Hoke High Athletes Have Dinner, Dance; Hear Frank McGuire

The annual Athletic Banquet of Hoke High School, sponsored by the Student Council, was held Friday night, April 2, in the dining hall of Raeford Methodist Church. All students participating in basketball, football or baseball were invited to attend.

The dining hall was attractively decorated in the school colors, red and white, with a program in the shape of a football beside each plate.

The banquet began with a prayer by County Superintendent K. A. MacDonald. Benny McLeod then extended a welcome to all, after which the cheerleaders led the singing of the school song. The women of the church served a delicious fried chicken dinner at the close of the song.

Principal W. T. Gibson, Jr. presented the girls basketball team with sweaters, given by the men of Raeford. The boys were told that their sweaters, given by the Student Council, had not arrived but they would be presented at a chapel program as soon as they come. After the presentation of the sweaters, Coach Bob Rockholz presented medals to Claudine Hodgins as the best girl athlete and to Benny McLeod as the best boy athlete.

Mr. Rockholz introduced the speaker of the evening, Frank McGuire, head basketball coach at the University of North Carolina. A very interesting talk was given by Mr. McGuire on sports and good sportsmanship. During his talk he, a relative newcomer to North Carolina, complimented its schools by saying that he wished to remain in North Carolina until his daughters had finished. Coach McGuire was well received by the students, who were very anxious to hear him.

Clyde Upchurch, Jr. took pictures of the different phases of the banquet, and the athletes look forward to having these to remind them of the good time they had.

The Hoke High School Orchestra sponsored a dance in the high school gymnasium following the banquet. A large number of students and faculty members were present to enjoy the dancing and the music of the orchestra from 8:30 to 11:30.

Report Given On Cancer Crusade

Mrs. R. E. Neeley and Miss Caroline Parker, co-chairmen of the Hoke County Cancer Crusade, announced this week that the organization of the drive had been completed and urged people of the county to be generous in their contributions.

According to vital statistics, they said, cancer is the number two killer for the nation as a whole, claims the lives of 2,000 youngsters each year, enters one American home out of two, is the second disease killer of children, first for children 5 to 9 years of age, and has orphaned a half-million American children.

Anyone who would like to make a contribution and who is not contacted by the committee from his area may mail it simply to "Cancer" care of the Raeford post office, or telephone either of the chairmen.

ELIZABETH SUDDRETH REPRESENTS UNC

Miss Elizabeth Suddreth of the University of North Carolina, was selected by a committee of faculty and students to represent The University of North Carolina at the annual North Carolina Education Association meeting in Raleigh, as "Miss Representative Teacher of The University of North Carolina School of Education." Miss Suddreth, an outstanding student, is an elementary education major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Suddreth.

County Board Holds Monthly Meeting Monday

The board of commissioners of Hoke County held its regular monthly meeting at the courthouse Monday with all members present, and several matters other than routine business items were acted upon.

At the request of a delegation from Little River Township which appeared before the board, H. J. Denney was employed as a deputy sheriff for that township on a temporary basis until July 1. Denney is to receive fees for his work, mileage to Raeford when on official business, and \$100. He is to work under the supervision of the sheriff, who is to certify his mileage.

The sheriff was instructed to advertise land for sale for taxes in August, with sale to be held first Monday in September.

The board ordered that the sheriff be authorized to release Furnie Howard, colored man serving a jail sentence under the supervision of the sheriff, it appearing to the board that Howard had made an excellent prisoner and had been sufficiently punished. The auditor was instructed to pay Howard \$15 for his services in helping test cows for TB and Bang's disease.

The chairman and clerk of the board were authorized to execute a lease with the State Highway commission for the old county garage property on West Donaldson Avenue. The lease is to be for 20 years, beginning March 1, 1954, and was asked for by the State in order that improvements of a permanent nature might be made to the property.

The board authorized offices at the courthouse to close on Wednesday afternoons during the summer months, starting April 1. The offices of the county farm and home agent were also authorized to close all day Saturday.

W. M. Monroe was named to investigate cost of needed repairs to Rockfish community house and report to the board at next meeting.

M. R. Mills, county sanitarian, appeared before the board asking a raise in pay. As Mills is not employed by the county the matter was referred to the health department with a recommendation that he be given a raise if funds are available.

The county auditor was authorized to take out \$10,000 more insurance on the county courthouse and jail.

Miller Child Dies Tuesday From Burns

Little Joye Lou Miller died Tuesday morning in a Fayetteville hospital as the result of burn suffered March 16 at her home at Autryville in Cumberland County. She would have been two years old on May 30.

She is survived by her father, the Rev. David E. Miller, pastor of the Clement Baptist Church and former pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church at Rockfish; by her mother, the former Mildred Dement of Apex; by one brother, David E. Miller, Jr.; by three sisters, Sylvia Grey Miller, Nancy Lynn Miller and Gale Dement Miller; and by one grandfather, T. B. Miller of Apex.

Funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the First Baptist Church in Fayetteville with the Rev. Malbert Smith and the Rev. Tom Walters conducting. Burial was in Lafayette Memorial Park cemetery.

WOODMEN CIRCLE DANCE

The Raeford grove of the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle is sponsoring a series of three square dances at Bethel schoolhouse. They will be on Wednesday nights, April 14, 21 and 28, starting at 8:30 each night. The public is invited.