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Addenda - By The Editor

A balance sheet for Hoke County, as of June 30, 1953, appears on page 8. When he brought it in, Fulford McMillan, chairman of the board of commissioners, said it had been left out by oversight. What appears is still not the complete statement of position required at the end of each fiscal year, but should be enough to give the citizens an idea of their county's position. The full statement will be published after the end of this year on June 30, he said.

The full statement required must contain (a) the assessed valuation for the year, or the preceding year if current year not finally ascertained; (b) itemized statement of the debt of the county; (c) the amount and rate of taxation levied for the preceding year, whether collected or not; (d) amount of uncollected taxes for each of three preceding fiscal years and the average of these; (e) miscellaneous revenues other than taxation for the preceding fiscal year; (f) deficits, if any, in all county funds in the preceding fiscal year; (g) surplus revenues of the county for preceding year; (h) unencumbered balances of the county for the preceding year; (i) the tax rate the county accountant estimates will be necessary for the current fiscal year. The reasons for including each of these will become apparent to anyone who studies them a little. Take (d) above, for example. This would give a good idea, I should say, of what should be allowed as a reserve for uncollected taxes for the current year.

While my reference a week or so ago to "idle" money may have been somewhat misleading, it can be seen from this balance sheet that the county certainly is in sound financial condition. Shown as "Reserves" on the balance sheet, other than for Social Security and School Building is \$129,513.11 for land sale losses, deferred collections and contingencies. Shown as "Surplus" in funds other than capital is \$26,223.35. These figures added give \$146,736.46. Now perhaps this is not idle money, but it is a nice financial cushion for the county, and would certainly indicate good management in years past. It is not even money in the bank, but it is backed up by some right healthy looking assets. Look at the U. S. bonds - at cost - there's \$68,000, and those bonds are worth some \$15,000 more than that now, I understand.

So this financial situation doesn't look so bad. Well, it's going to need to be pretty good to take care of the debt service on that big school bond issue which will push close to \$20,000 a year. Then it is costing more every year to run the schools anyway, and the county general fund cannot stand to sacrifice any more of its part of the tax levy to the schools. It should be costing more, shouldn't it? Do you figure what was good enough for you is good enough for your children? Of course you don't. You want them to have it a little better.

Politics might pick up a little between now and the time filing closes Saturday night at six o'clock. It usually does toward the last, I believe. There are members of the board of commissioners and the school board who have not filed for another term, and I expect some of them will file. Chairman Fulford McMillan and Commissioner Douglas McPhaul of the county board have filed. John Cameron, Harry Greene and T. O. Moses are all still unopposed for clerk, representative, and recorder, respectively.

T. J. Garvin, Jr., auto-mechanics instructor at Upchurch School, is getting some fine results in another field. He is org-

Recorder Fines 4 Defendants For Drunken Driving

Tuesday's session of Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses was about as usual except for the fact that only one case of speeding was handled. Other cases dealt with driving drunk, being drunk, fighting and the like.

William Lee Hollingsworth, colored, was found guilty of driving drunk. Sentence was 60 days, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. Kermit Rogers, Indian, for driving drunk and having no driver's license, got three to four months suspended on payment of \$125 and costs. Charlie Lee, white, and Leo Frank Campbell, colored, each pled guilty of driving drunk and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Joe Scott, white, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws by possessing liquor making apparatus. He was sentenced to 30 days on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, and on condition of two years good behavior. Scott was found guilty on December 15, 1953, with Carson Locklear, of running a still and both were sentenced to serve eight months on the roads. This was later changed to one year each on the roads suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and five years good behavior by each and, Locklear was given until February 1, 1954 to be out of Hoke County. The judge considered it within his discretion not to make Scott serve this sentence, and he did not.

James Murchison, colored, pled guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. Sentence was 60 days, to be suspended on payment of \$25 medical expenses, \$25 fine, costs and two years good behavior.

Alfred Brown, colored, was found guilty of failing to support his two minor children. Sentence of eight months on the roads was suspended on condition that he pay the welfare department \$2.50 weekly for each child, \$25 within 60 days for his unborn child, and \$2.50 more per week after its birth.

John Welton Harris, colored, was found guilty of assault. Sentence of from three to four months was suspended on payment of costs and on condition that he be of good behavior for two years and stay off the premises of Hallard McLean.

Marion Roscoe Cooper, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for being drunk and disorderly. J. M. McGinnis, white, got the same for being drunk and having some more liquor with him. For simply being drunk, Doc Jones, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Ruiz R. Emilio, white, left a \$40 bond for having no driver's license. Henry McIntyre, colored, paid \$25 and costs for the same offense.

Jerry C. Holland, white, paid \$20 and costs for careless and reckless driving. Bennie Bandy, colored, paid \$10 and costs for having no brakes. Marvin R. English, white, paid \$10 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign. Jessie David Winston, colored, paid \$10 and costs for speeding.

SUNRISE SERVICE IS PLANNED FOR EASTER

The young people of Raeford are planning an Easter Sunrise Service to be held in front of the John W. McLaughlin Elementary School at 6:00 A. M., Sunday morning. The service will be in the form of a play, "For Me He Died," written by Paul White. The cast will include young people from the three Raeford churches. The public is invited.

SQUARE DANCE FRIDAY

The Raeford Home Demonstration club is sponsoring a square dance Friday night, April 16, at Bethel school house, starting at 8:30. The public is invited.

Elections Board Meets And Names Registrars, Judges

The Hoke County Board of Elections held a meeting Monday and named registrars and judges of election to officiate at the primary and general election this year as provided by the election laws. W. L. Pople is chairman of the county board and G. W. Cox and F. F. McPhaul are members.

Named below are the registrars and judges of election for the ten precincts of the county as appointed by the board, with the registrar being first in each precinct and the last named in each precinct being the alternate.

Allendale: George Watson, M. A. Singleton, Douglas Currie and David Liles.

Antioch: M. B. McBryde, Wm. H. McNeill, Everette McNeill and W. R. Womack.

Ashmont: Margaret Clark Sinclair, R. A. Smoak, Martin A. Robertson, O. B. Obster.

Blue Springs: C. J. McNeill, J. N. Hendrix, R. J. Hasty, Julian Love.

Little River: N. B. Blue, C. H. Marks, J. W. Smith and Hinson Walters.

Mildouson: N. A. McInnis, J. Leonard McFadyen, W. J. McBryde, Edgar McGougan.

Puppy Creek: R. D. Parker, O. H. Scull, Hugh Hair, and Paul Johnson.

Rockfish: W. F. Townsend, Clarence M. Koonce, J. P. Barbour, Donald Wood.

Raeford, No. 1: L. J. Campbell, Madison D. Shaw, M. M. Culbreth, J. B. McLeod.

Raeford, No. 2: Kate Blue Covington, A. L. Sexton, Mrs. Alfred Cole, A. D. Austin.

Jaycees Name New Officers Tuesday

At their regular meeting Tuesday night the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce elected Peter McLean president for the coming year, 1954-55. He will succeed Jim Tillman. McLean has previously served the organization as vice-president, secretary, and State director.

Other officers elected were Luke McNeill, vice-president, J. D. McMillan, secretary, Angus Currie, treasurer, Frank McNeill, Lion Brewer, Bud Dibley, Jimmy Plummer and Whiteford Jones, directors.

The new officers will be installed at a banquet to be held at the High school cafeteria on the night of Tuesday, April 27. Guest of the club on that occasion will be Gene Ochsenreiter, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Chairmen Appeal For Cancer Funds

"The Cancer Crusade ends its month long campaign today, and we would like to urge the people of Hoke County to add their contributions in the drive to help eradicate this disease," Mrs. Richard Neeley and Miss Caroline Parker, Cancer Crusade chairmen, said this week. "The Cancer society depends almost entirely on the funds contributed by the public for financing its program of research, education and service for the next year. The funds will help prevent the taking of 25,000,000 now alive, if present trends continue," the chairmen said.

If persons in the county are interested in free examinations at Detection and Diagnostic Cancer Clinics, they may write, inclosing self addressed, stamped envelopes, to either American Cancer Society, 308 Health Building, Durham, N. C., or Cancer Information Center, James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, N. C. Several groups of Home Demonstration club women have gone to these clinics for examinations since the Crusade began.

"Give to Conquer Cancer" canisters have been placed in a number of stores and volunteer workers have started toward their goal of contacting every family in the county for a contribution to help rid the county of this disease.

Extensive Road Work Is Planned For Hoke County

State Highway Commissioner Forrest Lockey, in an interview with *The News-Journal* this week, said that Hoke County was going to get its full share of highway money while he is commissioner, and he pointed to contracts to be let this month in which the county will receive work from division funds.

Lockey said that projects involving this county were among 23 which the highway commission expects to contract at a meeting at Nags Head on April 29. Bids are to be opened on April 27 and the low bids will be reviewed with highway engineers at the meeting two days later. The 24 projects are in 23 counties and involve 244.96 miles of road improvements, Lockey said.

In Hoke and Scotland Counties, U. S. Highway 15-A will be widened two feet to make it a standard 24-foot two-lane highway and it is to be resurfaced with sand asphalt from the Laurinburg bypass this side of Laurinburg to the beginning of the by-pass just south of the Raeford city limits. This by-pass through the western part of Raeford over N. C. 211 1.8 miles to the cutoff of Raeford is also to be paved. The cutoff from where the bypass enters it east 3 miles to 15-A is to be resurfaced with sand asphalt.

Lockey said that three roads in Hoke County, all of which were in the land the Army unsuccessfully tried to take last year, would be contracted for paving at the same time. These three roads come to a total of 6.6 miles of paving and are from Rockfish creek north to Fort Bragg line on the Raeford-Vass road, a distance of 2.4 miles; from the Turnpike road at Buffalo creek north 1.5 miles to the Montrose road; from the Turnpike road north to N. C. 211, 0.5 miles west of Timberland, a distance of 2.7 miles.

The commissioner said that if bids received for this and other paving were satisfactory it was possible that an extended contract would be let at the same time to include paving of all streets in Raeford where curb and gutter had been installed, as there would be a sizable advantage in cost of the paving by getting it all in one contract. He said it was probable that in this way the town would be able to get sand asphalt paving for these streets for near the same price as surface treatment.

He said that it was expected that the work would be done beginning immediately after the contract letting on April 29.

OVER 800 ATTEND BAUCOM'S OPEN HOUSE

J. A. Baucom and Carlton E. Niven, operators of Baucom Appliance Co. here, said that their open house in their newly remodeled and enlarged store last Friday and Saturday was successful beyond their expectations. They said that over 800 persons visited the store and registered for the free prizes, saw the appliance displays and demonstrations.

The grand prize of a Frigidaire Electric range was won by D. J. Livingston, young bachelor of the Arabia vicinity who presented it to his mother. Next prize, a 64-piece set of Rogers Bros. silverware, was won by E. L. McNeill, and third prize, a Zenith radio, went to Miss June Hall. The drawing for these prizes was held in the store at 8:00 p. m. Saturday, with Mayor Alfred Cole officiating.

SUNRISE SERVICE ON EASTER AT PHILIPPI

An Easter sunrise service will be held at Philippi Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, starting at 5:30 o'clock. Choirs from Parker's Methodist Church, Galatia Presbyterian Church and Philippi will take part in the service.

Legion Meets With Ladies Monday Night Officers Are Elected

A joint supper meeting of the American Legion and the auxiliary was enjoyed Monday night in the cafeteria of Hoke High school by about 50 members of the two groups. Commander Younger Sneed welcomed members and guests and America was sung, after which the blessing was asked by Chaplain R. B. Lewis.

A delicious barbecue chicken dinner, prepared by Israel Mann, was then served with homemade cakes for dessert. Commander Sneed made some timely remarks after which Mrs. Chandler Roberts, president of the auxiliary, did the same, following which the groups separated for their business meeting.

Officers elected for the auxiliary were Mrs. R. L. Murray, president, Mrs. Alfred Cole, vice-president, Mrs. Herbert McKeithan, secretary, and Mrs. W. L. Poole, treasurer.

Legion officers elected were T. B. Austin, commander, Tom McBryde and James A. Williamson, vice commanders, Kenneth W. McNeill, adjutant, Stanley Koonce, service officer, Walter Parks, sergeant at arms, Joe Upchurch, finance officer, W. L. Howell, historian and W. T. Gibson, Jr., chaplain.

A committee consisting of W. T. Gibson, Jr., chairman, John M. Campbell and Clyde Upchurch, Jr., was appointed to select two boys from the rising senior class at Hoke High to attend the American Legion Boy's State at Chapel Hill June 13-20.

T. B. Austin and Tom McBryde were elected delegates to attend the Department convention in Asheville, May 29-31. J. A. Williamson and K. W. McNeill were chosen alternates.

Youthful Burglar Is Sent Away For 10 Burglaries

Police Chief H. E. Dees and Police L. F. Hester of the Raeford Police Department picked up a 14-year-old Indian boy one morning last week on the suspicion that he had been breaking into stores in Raeford. Before long he confessed that he had been doing just that, ten times in the preceding 10 days. He admitted that money found in his pockets and shoes at the time of his arrest had been taken from Hoke Exchange Co. the night before.

The places entered included Connell Oil Co., T. B. Upchurch, Inc., Wood's Furniture Store, Hoke Exchange Co., Byrne Fish Market and Johnson Cotton Co., some more than once for a total of ten times. Total of money taken was estimated by officers at over \$75 but could not be figured exactly.

The lad, Samuel Locklear, lived with his folks on the Ina T. Lentz farm west of Raeford being operated by T. B. Upchurch, Inc., one of the places entered. On Wednesday he was given a trial before Juvenile Judge J. B. Cameron and sent to Eastern Training School at Rocky Mount. He first implicated his brother in the break-ins and also admitted the Bowmore break-ins, but later denied these.

PEOPLES CHURCH PLANS REVIVAL STARTING MON.

Revival services will begin at The Peoples' Methodist Church on Monday night, April 19, at 7:30 with Rev. Lester Allman of Kannapolis as the evangelist. The public is cordially invited to attend. The annual Homecoming of the church planned for Sunday, April 18, has been postponed until a later date.

BETHEL PREACHING

The Rev. Gower Crosswell, pastor of Antioch Presbyterian Church, will preach at Bethel Presbyterian Church at 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

PLANS MADE FOR TOWN-WIDE CLEAN-UP WEEK HERE MAY 3-10

Judge Moore To Convene Superior Court Tuesday

Judge Clifton L. Moore of Burgaw will be back in Raeford to hold court for the second time since he was appointed last December when he opens the regular April term of Hoke County Superior court next Tuesday morning. Court will not be held on Easter Monday.

Next week's session does not promise to be as exciting as Judge Moore's first court here in January when he had to sentence Charlie Gales to death for murdering his wife. The docket is filled mainly with misdemeanors on appeal from recorder's court, two cases of assault, since last term, and several cases not reached for trial last term. There are three divorces and six other civil cases on the calendar, and these are set for trial on Thursday.

Elmo Love and Harvey McCoy, Jr., were both bound over in separate cases in recorder's court on charges of assault with deadly weapon. Both are colored.

The grand jury is to hear more about the case in which Clarence King was killed in Little River Township on the night of January 9. Eddie McCrimmon and Robert Rogers have been held in connection with this case, which the grand jury postponed in order to hear more evidence.

Cases against John David Williams and James L. Phillips, both white, on charges of manslaughter arising from two separate wrecks, are still to be tried. Cases resulting from the wreck in which Henry E. Gordon was killed are still on docket, but have not been sent to the grand jury by the solicitor. Jury list for the term is as follows:

Ed Moser, Peggy Bethune, John Leach, Woodrow Blue, Paul Taylor, Luther A. Douglas, C. J. Posey, John W. Goodman, C. M. Gainey, Will Frank Wright, R. S. Almond, Israel Mann, Alex Baker, James B. Riggsbee, Graham Clark, B. B. Bostie, Ed McNeill, G. G. Faircloth, W. D. McLeod, J. K. Riley, Ray Davis, T. W. Jones, M. M. Culbreth, W. C. Boahn, Joseph M. Pickler, Jessie Bright Ferguson, John McKay Blue, R. A. Jones, Lucy Parks E. C. Smith, Jr., J. A. McFadyen, W. T. Holland, W. T. Walters, David Hanon, J. E. Townsend, George Baker, C. J. Connell, R. M. Hooper, Harry Epstein, P. R. Webster, Mrs. D. J. Campbell, Hilton Clark, Frank Pate, Lonnie Fields, Harry Thornburg.

The following grand jurors will serve six more months and nine more are to be named this term: A. A. Ray, L. W. Stanton, Lacy McNeill, Jack Pope, H. M. Gillis, R. L. Hales, Odell Ashburn, John Frank Chisholm, Eugene B. Maxwell.

TO PRESENT CANTATA AT METHODIST CHURCH

"The First Easter", a cantata for mixed voices will be presented Easter Sunday morning at Raeford Methodist Church as part of the morning service. Those having solo parts are Mrs. Carson Davis, Jr., Mrs. Helen Barrington, Miss Mary Raye Freeman and John Davis. The Chancel Choir of 20 voices, assisted by the Young People's Choir will portray the story of the risen Lord in song.

Joe Gullidge, Jr., who is stationed on the USS Kearsarge and Romulus Hardin of Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida are spending their furloughs in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gullidge.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Benner and Janice visited Miss Ins Mae Benner at Rex Hospital Sunday.

The Raeford Chamber of Commerce directors, with several Chamber members as guests, held their regular monthly luncheon meeting at the Raeford Hotel on Tuesday and made plans for asking the help of the whole community in a "Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up" week in Raeford during the week starting May 3. Jake Austin, chairman of the town's alley and back lot beautification committee for the "Finer Carolina" contest, is to be Clean-Up week chairman for the community. Members of the committee helping him get organized will be announced next week, as will detailed plans for carrying out the project.

Austin said that several clubs had been contacted, and that from the whole-hearted acceptance the plan was getting so far, he figures it will be the biggest drive of this sort ever held here. He feels that if all clubs and citizens cooperate as the Mayor and board of commissioners have already promised the city government will do, that the project will be a big success and will be another significant step in the drive to make Raeford "Carolina's Finest Town" in 1954. Plans are also being made to follow the Clean-Up week with a cemetery clean-up drive the following week, and these will be announced later also.

The Chamber directors heard reports from Marion Gatlin on the new street lights and the pole clean-up and passed a resolution of appreciation to Raeford Power and Manufacturing Co. and Carolina Power and Light Co., for their help in getting this job done.

Tom McBryde reported on plans his committee has for getting the swimming hole on Rockfish creek improved and enlarged in the near future, and said that the road to it would probably be paved very soon also.

Before adjournment the board discussed several other Chamber projects for the year, including the organization of a Credit Bureau here and the establishment of a State Auto license sales agency here.

Farmers Urged To Plant Allotments

Raleigh—Underplanting cotton acreage allotments can be a costly mistake this year, according to M. G. Mann, general manager of the N. C. Cotton Growers Association.

The farmer who underplants, even though he thought he was planting his full allotment, will lose in two ways, Mann said. First he will lose the income from the unplanted portion.

Second, his future allotments will be affected if his underplanted acreage is more than 10 per cent of his allotment or one acre, which ever is the larger. This would also mean a loss in total allotment to the county and state, Mann said.

Having the land measured accurately can prevent much of this unintentional underplanting, the cotton leader explained.

For a fee, the county ASC office will pre-measure the allotment and allow this as the official measurement for compliance.

Mann also pointed out that most communities have residents who know how to measure land and that the services of these men could be obtained to stake out the prescribed limits.

"Guessing acreage can be a dangerous practice when so much is involved," Mann said. "It seems reasonable to assume that our cotton acreage will be cut again next year, and if we lose valuable acres through underplanting this year, our problem of maintaining farm income will become even more serious."