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## Addenda - By The Editor

Understand the Raeford Baptist Church is making plans for a new educational building on their lot on Main Street. The new structure is to be a two-floor one about the width of the widest part of the present building. It will be of brick, located west of the present one, away from Main Street. Unofficial estimate of cost is about \$40,000.

This building program would indicate that the Baptist may finally be getting closer to the numerical position here that they are in most of North Carolina. I believe I have heard that they outnumber all other denominations combined in the State. If that is not true, it is a certain fact that they are far and away the biggest denomination. Such has not been the case here, however, where Scottish settlers brought their Presbyterian Church which has been the biggest, and still is. Majority of people moving into Raeford from other parts of the State in the last few years has been Baptist, though, so they are catching up. The church here had almost grown out of the new building before it was even finished, one of the officers told me, and the new structure has been needed ever since.

Well, the preliminaries are over as far as county politics is concerned, and the battles are about to really get started, I reckon. There are to be battles for four offices, or boards, on the county level. There are eight persons wanting the five places on the county board of commissioners, and seven after the five on the county board of education. Walter Gibson, former member of the board who filed on the last day, told me today he was in favor of having a full-time or non-teaching principal at the J. W. McLaughlin Elementary School here. In taking this stand he joins David Lindsay, William Lamont, Jr., and W. L. Smith, who have made similar statements. D. R. Huff, Jr., has not made a statement for publication, and Robert Gatlin and Neil McFadyen have publicly opposed having this principal. Scrap for sheriff of the county promises to be a real one, and competition for this office is traditionally the hottest in county politics. Sheriff D. H. Hodgins' only real battle in what will be 26 years as sheriff came in 1942 when he was given a close run by the late W. R. Barrington, who had been his deputy and county jailer for some time. It appears that a hot race between the sheriff and W. E. Willis is in prospect. For coroner, a race developed that not many were expecting, when Evander Gillis filed against Jim Lentz, with whom he used to work in the funeral business.

We all have a chance coming up the week of May 3 to get together and work with the "Finer Carolina" group on a project that is bound to help us all, the Clean-Up campaign for Raeford. A concerted drive to get the cemetery cleaned up is planned for the following week. It should be up to each of us to think of things that need doing, as well as to do or help with whatever the committees ask. The job belongs to all of us, and only by taking a little initiative our own individual selves can it be a complete success.

I agree that the valuation of property in this county for taxation are in need of equalization. I know of specific cases where valuations vary as much as 10 per cent or more, and I am satisfied that there are greater variations than that. If I pay taxes on a valuation of one-third of what my property is worth and you pay on a half of what yours is worth, then you are paying more than

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## PERSONALS

Miss Mary Raye Freeman of Hamlet and Miss Carlene Freeman of Rockingham spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander took Mrs. Flora McLaughlin to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro last Thursday.

Miss Alma Ferguson of Ft. Bragg spent Easter holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Ferguson.

Kenneth and Herbert Miller of Duke University spent the Easter holidays with their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Herbert Miller.

Dick Baggett spent several days last week in town visiting friends.

Miss Mary Sue Upchurch of UNC spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Upchurch.

Misses Jean Carroll Sherrill, Sarah Jane Cole, Pat Lamont, Jane McKeithan and Shirley Mann of WCUNC spent Easter holidays at home.

Bobby Alexander of State College spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander.

Mrs. W. B. Crumpton of Belmont was the week end guest in the home of her mother, Mrs. B. R. Gatlin.

Mrs. Ed Lee of Dunn visited her sister, Mrs. Kathleen Wilson, during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McKenzie of Oklahoma visited Mr. McKenzie's mother, Mrs. J. H. McKenzie, this week end.

Mrs. Leon McKay of Dunn spent Easter holidays with her mother, Mrs. Arch Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Campbell of Butler spent the week end with Mr. Campbell's mother, Mrs. Joe Campbell.

Mrs. Ruth Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cox spent Sunday in Lumberton with Mrs. Cox's mother, Mrs. Stevens.

Major David Scott Currie, Jr., of Bolling Air Force Base, D. C., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie.

Mrs. Samuel E. Smith and sons of Lake City spent several days this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hubbard.

Mrs. Christian Davis and Miss Mayme McKeithan spent the Easter holidays in Columbia, S. C. visiting Mrs. Davis' son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis and daughter.

Mrs. Jack Durham and son, Johnny of Norfolk, Virginia arrived Monday for a visit with Mrs. Durham's mother, Mrs. L. B. Brandon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greene and Frances Ward visited Mrs. Greene's parents in Swansboro the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr. and Leon spent Sunday and Monday at their cottage on Topsail Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whetstone of Durham visited Mrs. Whetstone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. B. Whitley, the past week end.

Mrs. Agnes McAulay of Columbia, S. C. spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. J. D. McLeod.

N. J. Heyward of Baltimore, Maryland spent several days this week with the Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Heyward. He came especially to see his mother, who has been quite sick for the past two weeks.

## Clean-Up Week Plans Progress; Interest Rises

Jake Austin, chairman of the Raeford "Clean-Up Fix-Up, Paint-Up Week" committee and clean-up committee chairman for the "Finer Carolina" contest, said this week that interest was growing daily in the drive to improve the appearance of the whole town during the week of May 3 and that he had received nothing but complete cooperation from everyone who had been approached to help.

In getting the town organized for the drive, which started in the Chamber of Commerce, Austin said he was receiving cooperation from all civic clubs and public agencies. The Jaycees have a committee which is to make a detailed survey of vacant lots in town and make recommendations on improving their appearance. This committee is headed by Angus Currie and includes Avery Connell and Carson Davis, Jr. In addition to making the survey they will follow up with a study on ways and means of getting this particular phase of the campaign accomplished.

M. R. Mills, county sanitarian, will head a committee composed of Austin and Marion Gatlin which will make a study of alleys and back streets in town and make recommendations as to what should be done in each case. Property owners will be contacted by these committees prior to the beginning of the campaign.

Vance Wiggins, town street superintendent, has agreed to study the improvement of the entrances of the town with a view to have them look as good as possible. The Town board has also offered complete cooperation, and the town's facilities will be available all over town to help with the cleaning up. In many cases jobs too big for property owners may be accomplished with the help of the town and neighbors for the good of all.

A complete list of committees is being prepared and Mayor Alfred Cole is expected to issue an official proclamation next week in which all citizens of the town are urged to help with the Clean-Up program and move on toward making Raeford Carolina's Finest.

## Governor Asks State Support Of Cancer Crusade

Governor William B. Umstead today asked North Carolina citizens to give generous support to the Cancer Crusade being held throughout the State this month. The Governor pointed out that cancer, which last year took a toll of 227,000 victims in the United States, now is being called America's second most deadly disease.

The Governor said that a statistical survey made by the American Cancer Society revealed that "cancer will at sometime strike one in every five Americans, according to present estimates, and every day approximately 620 Americans die of cancer."

"Approximately 650,000 Americans were killed by cancer during the three years of the Korean War up to the armistice of July 27, 1953. American war deaths during the same period totalled about 25,000. Therefore, cancer killed some 25 times as many Americans as the Korean War did."

In Hoke County Drive Chairmen Mrs. Richard Neeley and Miss Caroline Parker said that this problem is "the concern of everyone in our county. The Cancer Crusade is an opportunity to further a program that is combatting this disease in three fields of activity—research, professional and public education and service to patients."

Mrs. C. L. Black left Saturday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. William Black in Greensboro.

## Presbytery Will Meet In Raeford

The Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, announced Tuesday night that the church would be host to the next stated session of Fayetteville Presbytery to be held July 20.

The all-day meeting is attended by ministers and officers from 94 churches in Harnett, Cumberland, Robeson, Scotland, Hoke, Moore and a part of Johnston. The decision to hold the next meeting here was made at the 312th stated session of Presbytery held Tuesday at the Lillington Presbyterian Church and attended by about 135 ministers and officers.

Attending from the Raeford church were Mr. Heyward, Elder Nelli McFadyen and Deacon William Lamont, Jr. They heard reports from various departments of the church and outlined plans for the future, particularly in the field of service to the Negro race.

The Rev. Gover Crosswell, pastor of the Antioch Church, reported for the nominating committee, suggesting the appointment of the Rev. M. C. Bowling of Philadelphus and Lumber Bridge as the moderator of the next session, to be held in Raeford.

## Simulated Atomic Explosion To Be Used In Maneuver

Here's another FLASH BURN first!

The army is going to use its newly developed simulated atomic explosion for training troops in atomic defense on Exercise Flash Burn, the 60,000-man maneuver that gets underway in the Fort Bragg - Camp Mackall area of North Carolina next week.

Giant mushrooms will blossom forth from air burst, simulators dropped from light planes, and from surface positions on the ground.

The device is intended for use in field exercises and maneuvers and its purpose is to demonstrate the tactical use of atomic weapons and the effectiveness of a tactical defense against atomic attack. The air burst gadget will simulate the flash, shock and characteristic mushroom cloud of a multi-million dollar explosion, in surprise conditions, over the heads of troops on the FLASH BURN maneuvers.

Taxpayers will like this angle: The cost is negligible.

Known as "Device 3-Q-1", the simulated explosion is perfectly safe when fired in the air over troops. Testing has continued until the "A-blank", except for magnitude, closely simulates the real McCoy. The ugly cloud leaves no doubt in the minds of the soldiers under it that it is no conventional artillery shell or Fourth of July fireworks.

Weighing 160 pounds, the "3-Q-1" consists of explosives enclosed in a case of plastic. It has a plastic fuse, nose and tail fins. It can be dropped with accuracy from Army fixed-wing aircraft.

The harmless mushroom is a substantial addition to the Army's method of training for atomic warfare in this country's first large scale atomic defense maneuver, FLASH BURN.

## ATTEND TO BOARD MEETING TUESDAY

Doctors William M. Peck and Lynn Johnson of the Sanatorium at McCain went to Winston-Salem Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association. The Board meeting was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the association and its medical section, the North Carolina Trudeau Society. Dr. Johnson presented a paper to the society.

Mrs. W. T. Covington was a week end visitor in the home of her son, Robert Covington and family of Charlotte.

## Superior Court Starts Tuesday, Moving Slowly

Judge Clifton Moore of Burgaw convened the regular April term of Hoke County Superior Court here Tuesday morning, Monday after Easter having been taken as a holiday.

Tuesday and part of Wednesday were taken up by the trial of John David Williams, 23-year-old soldier of Rocky Mount who is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Roger Adcock, 37-year-old Charlotte man in an auto wreck. The wreck occurred on the Laurinburg road about three miles south of Raeford at about 4:30 on the afternoon of last November 13 and Adcock died in the Laurinburg hospital that night from the injuries.

A jury found Williams guilty of involuntary manslaughter, which is to say that Adcock's death was due to his carelessness although he didn't intentionally cause it. Sentence was from five to seven years in the state prison, suspended on condition that Williams pay the costs of court, be of good behavior for five years and not drive a motor vehicle in North Carolina for five years.

Fairley Parker, white man who had appealed a drunken driving conviction from recorder's court, changed his mind and pled guilty. Judgement was suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

William Breeden, white, pled guilty of speeding 90 miles an hour and transporting liquor for sale. Sentence was 18 months, suspended on payment of \$300 and costs, three years probation and not drive a car for two years. He had been given a sentence of 15 to 18 months in recorder's court on January 26, not suspended.

Cases against Rubith Locklear, Indian for violating the prohibition laws, and Charles Morris Welch, white, for driving drunk, were postponed.

Charles Thomas Ashley, white, failed to appear for trial for driving drunk. Bond was ordered forfeit and capias for his immediate arrest was ordered.

Harvey McKay, Jr., colored, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and trial started Wednesday afternoon and was still in progress at noon today. It was charged that McKay had shot Sam McRae, colored, in the abdomen and in the eye, putting it out, at McKay's filling station-store-cafe in Allendale Township. Evidence was extensive for both State and defense, with McKay claiming that McRae was a dangerous character and that he was fighting and carrying on in his place and that shooting him was justified.

When this trial is over and the jury has decided whether McKay was justified or not, the killing of Clarence King in Little River Township on the night of Saturday, January 9, will come up. Eddie McCrimmon and Robert Rogers, both colored, are to be tried on a charge of murdering King.

## Hoke Navy Man Visits Isle Of Capri

Among the crewmen of the attack aircraft carrier USS Randolph who toured the Island of Capri was Tiffany Cothran, aviation ordnanceman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cothran of Route 1, Aberdeen, and husband of the former Miss Dorene N. Duncan of 306 S. Stewart St., Raeford.

Highlights of the tour were visits to the promenades in the Giardini d'Augusto and Tragara; and the Certosa of St. Giacomo, a monument constructed at the end of the thirteenth century.

Since leaving the U. S. in February, the Randolph has been operating with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

## Commissioners Will Hear Comments On Valuation Changes

A committee, representing the board of town commissioners and consisting of Mayor Alfred Cole, A. V. Sanders and Marion Gatlin, recently made a review of property values in the Town of Raeford in an attempt to equalize values. This information, except for names of the committee, went out to persons whose values were changed in a letter from J. A. McGoogan, tax supervisor, this week.

The letter said that the committee had made its report to the county commissioners on April 9 and that the following change had been made in the valuation of the recipient's property.

Concluding, the letter said "The Board of Commissioners will hold a meeting on Monday, April 26, from 10:00 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. at which you will be given an opportunity to be heard in case you have any reason to offer against the above change in value."

## Supper In New Church Enjoyed By Presbyterians

The annual "Family Night" at which the Men of the Church bring their families and picnic suppers to the church was held in the new Sunday School Assembly room of the Raeford Presbyterian Church Tuesday night. This meeting was the first such supper held in the church since the remodeling program was completed last month, and those in attendance enjoyed looking over the new work on the building. After supper film comedies were shown in which Walt Disney's characters entertained everyone. Before and after the program the building was examined.

Since last summer the building has undergone extensive renovation from one end to the other and from the ground to the roof, at a cost of about \$83,000 in all. The Sunday School rooms have been arranged so that children now assemble on the first floor, young people on the second floor and adults in the basement. Entire construction in these sections is new, and a completely equipped kitchen has been installed adjoining the large and attractive assembly room in the basement. The sanctuary of the church, on the first floor, has been repainted and redecorated, and a new main heating system has been installed, as well as an auxiliary system for use on days when the whole building is not in use. Ducts for air conditioning have also been installed, in anticipation of having the building air conditioned at some future date.

Committee in charge of the work on the church consisted of J. W. McPhaul, chairman, Harry A. Greene, J. H. Blue, Tom McBryde and Dr. Marcus Smith. Finance committee for the job consists of J. L. McNeill, chairman, Nelli McFadyen, J. K. McNeill, Jr., Dean White and A. K. Stevens.

At a recent morning worship service in the church Harry Greene and J. W. McPhaul were presented tokens of the appreciation of the congregation for their work on the building, Greene for giving about five months of his time in supervising the actual construction and McPhaul for his work as chairman of the committee.

The church building was originally completed in 1923, replacing the first structure which had been built in 1901. It was severely damaged by fire in October, 1943, and reconstruction and some remodeling following this were completed by December 1945. Present staff of the church consists of the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor, Miss Martha Davenport, director of music, and Miss Betty Wardlaw, director of religious education.

## Filing Closes With 23 Out For County Offices

When the time for filing as candidates for nominations in the Democratic Primary next May 29 closed at six o'clock last Saturday a total of 23 candidates for offices had paid their filing fees to County Elections Board Chairman W. L. Poole. Twenty-two of these were for county offices and the other was by C. E. Autry who filed as a candidate for constable of Raeford Township. According to Poole there has never been one of these in Raeford Township, but under an old law these can be.

For county board of commissioners four members of the present board are candidates to succeed themselves and one former member seeks to get back on the board. J. Fulford McMillan, W. Marshall Thomas, N. H. G. Balfour and Douglas McPhaul of the present board seek renomination. W. M. Monroe did not file. Others in this race are Julian Wright, who has been a county commissioner previously, J. A. Webb, Quewhiffle township farmer who has run before, Douglas Monroe and James Luther Warner, who have not previously sought public office. Five will be nominated.

For the county board of education four of five present members also filed as candidates for renomination. They are Chairman Robert H. Gatlin, Nelli McFadyen, D. R. Huff, Jr., and David Lindsay. Richard Neeley of the present board did not file. Others seeking seats on this board are W. L. Smith, William Lamont, Jr., and Walter L. Gibson. Gibson is a former member of the board, having been appointed to succeed the late A. D. McPhaul and serving for over four years.

Only full time job being competed for in the county is that of sheriff in which Sheriff D. H. Hodgins is being opposed by William E. Willis.

Surprise contest developed when Evander J. Gillis, local automobile salesman, filed as a candidate for county coroner against James C. Lentz, mortician and merchant.

Clerk of the Court J. B. Cameron, Representative Harry A. Greene and Judge of Recorder's Court T. O. Moses all filed to succeed themselves without opposition and have been declared nominees by Board Chairman Poole.

## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

We regret that Principal W. T. Gibson of Hoke High was called to his home in Buteburg, S. C. on account of the death of an uncle. His friends will sympathize with him in this loss.

We are glad that the epidemic of measles, mumps, and chickenpox seem to be on the wane.

The pupils at Mildouson had a big time last Friday afternoon. The grade mothers, fifteen or twenty of them, gave the children an Easter egg hunt, and after the hunt, served them all refreshments. We think this was awfully nice of the grade mothers.

The Mildouson pupils enjoyed the concert given them by the Hoke High Band one day last week.

Rev. Scott Turner, Sr. held chapel at Rockfish last Wednesday.

The first and second grades there put on a most excellent Easter program for Chapel last Friday. The third, fourth and fifth grades were taken by parents and grade mothers to Cumberland (Continued On Page 4)