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Addenda - -

By The Editor

Malcolm McKeithan, baseball-playing son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McKeithan, got off to a flying start with the Winston-Salem Twins in Burlington Tuesday night. On his first day with the club he got in the line-up and got two hits for four in a game against Burlington-Graham. Malcolm played for Fayetteville last year.

Low bids opened Tuesday for highway work in the State and including some in this county indicated that the contractors were after the business. State Highway Chairman A. H. Graham was reported as saying yesterday. Commissioner Forrest Locky told me yesterday that the bids on work in this county looked mighty good and that it appears almost certain that the extended contract he hopes for to get the paving done in Raeford this summer will be let to the bidders.

Hooch McLean says the boll weevils have arrived and are ready for the cotton to get up so they can start eating it. To prove this he brought along a full-grown one, alive and kicking. He didn't claim to have cotton big enough for him to live off of.

If you ever wonder what the lowest form of animal life is, well I can tell you. It's us humans, and there is no doubt about that. Example that brings it to mind right now is the story a lady was telling yesterday about the beautiful, giant-sized azalea bush she had rowing on her cemetery lot. She said it was in full bloom at Easter, and that when she went back the following Sunday it was gone—and the hole covered up and smoothed over. Thing I can't figure is how a person could appreciate the beauty of a thing like that and then be able to steal it from a grave. Well, maybe it'll die.

They call this an "off" year in politics, but as far as this section, county and State are concerned it doesn't promise to be very far off, if any. There are some hard fights coming up in the county, in both the congressional and judicial districts, and on the State level, for the U. S. Senate and for State offices.

One of our readers, apparently speaking from bitter experience, warns about hauling screenings, motes or seed hulls from around gins and seed cleaning places to spread on lawns and around gardens, as often they contain seeds of very obnoxious weeds and grasses that will likely become very unwelcome pests.

Looking down the street yesterday and seeing Senator Alton Lennon and Dewitt Tapp in long and earnest conversation I could not but wonder if Dewitt were not being somewhat torn between the appeal of Fellow-Baptist Lennon and Dewitt's old standby who is running against him.

Talk around town seems to indicate that people know next week is "Clean-Up Week" and that they are going to get together and do something about it. Suggestion has been made that we have "Cemetery Clean-Up Week" the following week, and all get together and clean the whole cemetery up. If the initial expense of getting the cemetery clean could be overcome I believe ways and means of keeping it that way are available. It is not a problem peculiar to us. Other towns around us have the same thing to worry about, but up to now they are doing better than we with it. How about getting at least your own lot clean by May 15? and maybe helping a little with the rest of the place? This can be Carolina's Finest town if we want it to be enough.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the general health and welfare of our citizens depend upon wholesome surroundings arising from good clean living conditions, and

WHEREAS, the lives and property of our people are endangered by fire caused by the cluttered conditions in homes, alley and streets, and

WHEREAS, unity of effort is required for the future development of our community.

THEREFORE, I, ALFRED COLE, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF RAEFORD, do hereby designate May 3, as official opening day of the CLEAN UP-PAINT UP-FIX UP PROGRAM, and call upon all departments of the town, its commercial organizations, civic clubs, schools, churches, boys' and girls' clubs, and all other associations, and our people in general to take an active part in this constructive program for community improvement to insure its success.

This, the 29th days of April, 1954.

MAYOR ALFRED COLE
Town of Raeford



John Thomas Gillis, Native This Section, Buried In Georgia

John Thomas Gillis, 70-year-old lumberman of Quitman, Ga. and a native of this section, died in an Atlanta hospital Monday night at about 8:00 o'clock. He had been ill for several weeks.

Mr. Gillis was born near Sandy Grove Presbyterian Church about six miles north of Raeford in that part of this county which is now in the Fort Bragg reservation. It was then Cumberland County. He was a son of the late Murdoch A. Gillis and Mary McNeill Clark Gillis. He had lived in Georgia for over 50 years and was married to the former Ida Edge of Crestview, Fla. In Quitman he was a member of the Baptist Church, was a Mason and a Shriner.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, three brothers, M. W. Gillis of Washington, D. C., J. Evander Gillis of Raeford and N. R. Gillis of Pinola, Miss.; two sisters, Mrs. C. A. Lilly and Mrs. W. E. Blue, both of Raeford.

Funeral was scheduled for Wednesday in Quitman and all his brothers and sisters were expected.

Plan Meeting To Organize Cub Scouts

All those mothers and fathers who are interested in having their sons become members of a Cub Scout pack, may bring these sons, between the ages of eight and 11, to the McLaughlin Elementary School at 7:30 o'clock next Tuesday night, May 4.

A Scout Executive from the Cape Fear Area Council will be at the meeting and available for questioning and will help organize the Pack if enough mothers and fathers show an interest. Israel Mann, institutional representative who has arranged the meeting, says that boys cannot be considered for membership without their parents.

CANCER SQUARE DANCE AT MCCAIN SATURDAY

Mrs. W. L. McFadyen, Que-whiffle chairman of the Cancer Crusade, announced this week that there would be a square dance at the Men's Club building at McCain on Saturday night, May 1, starting at 8:00 o'clock. Proceeds will go to the crusade and the public is invited.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Calloway on Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Frye and son, Mrs. Haywood Sercy and children of Carthage, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Calloway and Mawyer, Mrs. W. H. Calloway and Shirley, Mrs. W. Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Haire and William.

CLEAN-UP WEEK STARTS MON.; EVERYBODY EXPECTED TO HELP

Senator Lennon Here Wednesday; Cole Named Hoke Mgr.

United States Senator Alton A. Lennon of Wilmington made a short visit to Raeford on Wednesday while on his way from Troy to Wilmington. He was accompanied by Gene Simmons of Tarboro of his campaign staff. Simmons, a tobacco man, was for a time head of the State speakers bureau and spoke here in January.

Senator Lennon was met and carried around for a few minutes by Alfred Cole, whom he named his campaign manager for Hoke County earlier this week. The senator expressed his regret at happening to get here on a Wednesday afternoon when there were not many people in town, and said he hoped to get back when he could stay longer and meet more people in Hoke County.

He and Mrs. Lennon are attending the strawberry festival in Chadbourne today, as is W. Kerr Scott, who is running against Lennon for the seat in the senate vacated by the death of Senator Willis Smith. Lennon was appointed by Governor Umstead last year after Smith's death.

Lennon, a native of Wilmington, is 48 years of age, is a Baptist, a graduate of Wake Forest College, a lawyer and for eight years recorder's court judge in Wilmington and twice N. C. State Senator from the 9th N. C. district. He is married and has two children.

Cancer Drive Heads Appreciate Help

Mrs. Richard Neeley and Miss Caroline Parker, chairmen of the 1954 Cancer Crusade in Hoke County, called attention this week to the fact that the drive was about over and asked those who have not sent their contributions to do so.

The chairmen expressed their appreciation to the volunteer typists and workers in the town and county who have given much time to the drive and to those who have conducted the canvass. Results of the canvass are not in yet, but they report a generous response by many business houses canvassed.

Joe Upchurch spent the week end in Washington with Mrs. Upchurch who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Swindell. Mr. and Mrs. Upchurch returned home Sunday.

Committee consisting of Jake Austin, chairman, W. L. Howell, John Draughon, Angus Currie, Avery Connell, Carson Davis, Jr., with M. R. Mills, county sanitarian, and Vance Wiggins, town street superintendent, also present, met this week for a final look at plans for "Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up Week" which will be held in Raeford Monday through Saturday of next week.

The members of this committee reported that they had completed their survey of the town and listed all improvements in the way of cleaning up that needed doing. This list, for both business and residential areas was studied and arrangements were made for different members of the committee to contact property owners and the town about getting the jobs done.

Expert advice is being given on the different projects by Mills and Wiggins is making available the facilities of the town for use in clearing and in picking up trash of all descriptions. The town trucks will make a special effort to keep up with twice-weekly schedule of pick-ups next week in spite of what is expected to be a great deal of extra trash to move. Property owners with problems about moving anything unsightly are invited to call Wiggins at the town hall, Mills at the health department or Austin at his office for advice and help.

The scheme is being collaborated in by the Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Town government, and about everyone in town, most of whom seem to be getting the notion that Raeford might be Carolina's finest, after all, if we'll work a little.

HEYWARD OUT OF TOWN, WOODSON WILL PREACH

The Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, has been in Charlottesville, Va., since last week with his mother, Mrs. N. B. Heyward, who is a patient in a hospital there.

Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., dean of Flora Macdonald College, preached in Mr. Heyward's place last Sunday, and Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson, president of the college, will deliver the message at the morning service next Sunday, May 2.

Mrs. J. W. Bowman and her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Prevost spent last Friday in Aberdeen with Mrs. Bowman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Feree.

Big Session Of Recorder's Court Is Held Tuesday

After a week's layoff due to Superior court the usual Tuesday session of recorder's court was a little larger than usual this week.

James Maynor, Indian, was found guilty in two cases of violating the prohibition laws, once for having a still and once for having non-tax-paid liquor. He got 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior in each case. In another case he was found guilty of assaulting Catherine Henderson. Sentence of 60 days in this case was also suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior.

John L. Maultsby, white, offered no defense to a charge that he had failed to support his children. Verdict of the court was that he was guilty, and sentence of one year was to be suspended on condition that he pay court costs and \$10 weekly to the welfare department for the benefit of the children.

M. C. Ard, white, pled guilty of driving drunk, a second offense, after his license had been revoked. Sentence of eight months was suspended on payment of \$400, court costs, two years good behavior and five years suspension of driving license.

Donald R. Henderson, white, had judgment suspended on payment of \$100 and costs for driving drunk.

Archie Daniel McFadyen, white, was found guilty of driving drunk. Sentence of 60 days was to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs, but defendant appealed and posted \$300 bond.

Four cases heard by the judge some time recently were: Lula Clark Taylor, driving drunk, \$100 and costs; Mary Kat Clark, Malcolm N. Clark and Edward Currie Clark, all drunk in a public place, \$10 and costs each. All are white and all pled guilty.

For public drunkenness Lucille Hall Jenkins, white, George and Hanna Leach, and Ben Alston, Jr., all colored, each got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Luvenia Burke, colored, paid \$10 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign, and Cliff Tillman, colored, paid the same for having improper brakes on his car.

John Watson McNeill, white, and James D. McAllister, colored, each paid \$10 and costs for driving with expired driver's license. Case was dropped in which Benjamin F. Green, colored, was charged with having no driver's license.

Willie Bo Leak, colored, was sent to jail for from 60 to 90 days for assault, and is to be worked under the supervision of the sheriff.

Fred McRae, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for violating the prohibition laws.

James Albert Graham, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving.

Arthur Dockery, colored, pled guilty of carrying a concealed weapon. Sentence of 60 days was suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and two years good behavior. He also paid \$10 and costs in another case for being drunk in public.

Monroe Burke, Indian, was charged with driving 85 miles an hour and failing to stop for a policeman's siren. He was found guilty of exceeding 55 and had to pay the costs.

Speeders leaving bonds included James W. Smith, \$60, Russell H. Lowder, \$35, Maxine J. Davis, Stuart S. Campbell and James A. Klonaris, \$25 each.

Sgt. and Mrs. Leonard E. Dunh of El Paso, Texas, have been visiting their parents during the last few days.

Mrs. Ash Coughenhour of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida was a visitor in town a few days last week.

UNITED FUND OF HOKE COUNTY ORGANIZATION IS COMPLETED



H. L. GATLIN, JR.

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., President, To Meet Again Tuesday

After a series of meetings at the high school cafeteria and at the courthouse of citizens representing every section of the county the organization of the "Hoke County United Fund" was recently completed and H. L. Gatlin, Jr., was elected first president.

Purpose of the organization is to provide an opportunity for people of the county to give systematically and through one organization to charitable organizations. Through the United Fund a person may give to a particular charity or funds will be allotted on a basis of need by local directors to the several charitable organizations participating. By giving through the United Fund in one drive a year individuals may budget their giving and give all at once or on a regular payment plan.

Officers in addition to Gatlin are Mrs. W. C. Hodgkin and R. B. Lewis, vice presidents, Charles Morrison, treasurer, and Angus Currie, secretary.

The organization has 24 directors from all sections of the county and will have various committees which will be announced later. Members of the board of directors were all elected for one year, and at the next annual meeting the board will be elected with one-third to serve for one, two and three years. On the board are John A. Smith, J. L. McNeill, Neill F. Sinclair, E. C. Smith, Jr., T. B. Upchurch, W. L. Roper, Dr. W. M. Peck, C. L. Thomas, B. L. Williamson, Daniel M. McInnis, Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Jr., Mrs. W. C. Hodgkin, G. C. Lytle, Paul Dickson, Mrs. L. H. Koonce, Miss Josephine Hall, R. B. Lewis, C. D. Bostie, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Ralph Plummer, Angus Currie, Sam F. Hiser, Israel Mann and Charles Morrison.

At the organizational meeting at which the officers were elected, a set of by-laws were discussed and adopted and plans were made for the incorporation of the Hoke County United Fund. A second meeting of the board of directors was set for Tuesday night, May 4, at 7:30 o'clock at the high school cafeteria. At this meeting further details of the 1954 campaign will be discussed and plans for permanent operation of the organization.

Registration Books To Open Saturday At Voting Places

Board of Election Chairman W. L. Poole, reminded voters and citizens of the county this week that registration books would be open at the polling places in the precincts on the next three Saturdays for registration of voters who have not previously registered or who have recently moved into the precincts in which they are now living.

A person seeking to register must have been a resident of the State for at least one year or will have by next November and must intend to be a permanent resident of the precinct and county where he seeks to register and vote. Registration on the books of the Town of Raeford in the last town primary does not qualify a person to vote in the primary of next May 29.

The books will be open on May 1, 8 and 15 for registration and on Saturday, May 22, a week before the primary, they will be open for examination and challenge of those registered.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McGregor left this week for Chicago to visit their son, John McGregor and Mrs. McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Purcell of Laurinburg visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Purcell Sunday.

Manslaughter Plea Is Accepted In Little River Case

Eddie McCrimmon's plea of guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Clarence King was accepted by the State in Hoke County Superior Court here last Friday and McCrimmon was sent to the State prison for not less than three nor more than five years by Judge Clifton Moore.

McCrimmon and Robert Rogers were charged with murder as the result of a knife fight in Little River Township on the night of Saturday, January 9 in which King received a wound from which he died to death. The grand jury found a true bill against both, but the State dropped the charge against Rogers.

In the trial which started Wednesday afternoon, the jury found Harvey McKay, Jr., colored, guilty of assault with a deadly weapon in a verdict returned Thursday afternoon. McKay had been charged with shooting Sam McRae with intent to kill him, inflicting serious injury. Evidence was considerable for both sides and indicated that the shooting had been done at McKay's store in Allendale Township and that it had cost McRae an eye and a hole in his liver. On Friday morning Judge Moore sentenced McKay to 18 months in the State prison. Sentence was suspended on condition of payment of \$500 for McRae by April 28, \$1500 for him by December 1, 1954, payment of court costs and five years good behavior.

One divorce was granted, a motion was heard in another civil case and the session was adjourned on Friday afternoon.

Highway Commission Receives Low Bids

Low bids totalling \$2,461,009.54 were received Tuesday by the State Highway Commission on 24 projects involving 244.96 miles of road work in 23 counties.

The bids are being reviewed Thursday at the meeting of the commission at the courthouse in Manteo. A total of 152 bids were received, and two of the projects involved are wholly or partly in Hoke county. These, and the low bids on them are as follows:

Hoke-Scotland 22.875 miles of resurfacing on U. S. 15-A Ballenger Paving Co., Greenville, S. C., \$171,122.25. (Same company building overpass here)

Hoke 6.61 miles of paving: from Rockfish Creek north of Raeford to Fort Bragg line, From Turnpike at Buffalo Creek north to Montrose road, and from Turnpike north to N. C. 211 near Timberland, Blythe Bros., Charlotte, \$20,962.

The Rev. W. B. Heyward is with his mother, Mrs. N. J. Heyward, who is a patient at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, Va.