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Addenda

By The Editor

If you have been curious, as I have, at seeing no mention of a regular monthly meeting of the county school board in Supt. K. A. MacDonald's column lately, here is the answer which I called him up and got. He said there had been no regular meeting of the board for the reason that a good many meetings would be necessary on the planning of the school building program coming up soon, and that no business was urgent, so as few meetings as possible were being held.

John McGoogan showed me some figures on county general fund spending for the fiscal year to end June 30 when I was in his office yesterday. The county general fund had a budget of \$85,638 for the year, and through March \$52,103.63 had been spent. This leaves \$33,534.37 for the remaining three months and, according to McGoogan, should work out right with perhaps a little left over. You know, one thing I certainly agree with McGoogan on is about the way a good many government agencies figure they have to spend their budget for a year whether they need to or not, so they can ask for as much or more in their budget for the next year. He doesn't think this is much of a way to do, and neither do I, and there is no telling how much the practice costs county, state and federal governments every year. All this frenzied spending takes place in June before the fiscal years end in July, and I heard of one man who took over a government agency around the first of June. He ordered that no money would be spent without his personal approval, as a result of which the agency had several million dollars left over for the first time in its history. I guess a penny saved is a penny earned for governments as well as people.

Getting the alley cleaned up as is being done is a notable achievement and has brought forth the suggestion that perhaps it might be possible in some way to provide toilet facilities for the public which comes to Raeford to trade. Ideas on this from any source would be welcomed by members of the town board or Jake Austin's clean-up and alley improvement committee.

First step in the organization of the Democratic party in the United States will take place Saturday when precinct meetings are held. This is the time the individual as a voter and a member of the party participates in its organization. In electing his precinct officers and delegates to the county convention he makes the first selection from which all others come. Democrats who want to exercise their rightful voice in the operation of the party will attend the precinct meeting at their voting place at 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

It's time for baseball as well as politics, and it is being practiced here by Little League, Pony League and High School at least. Wouldn't be surprised to see old Peuch Belt blossom, which would afford an opportunity for everyone to play.

Herman Cole, Jr. of Fayetteville was a visitor in town on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Kate McPhaul and Miss Marguerite Stephens attended the funeral of Mrs. Kathleen Tiddy at Philadelphia Church on Monday afternoon.

The Rev. W. B. Heyward returned Sunday night from Charlottesville, Virginia where he has seen with his mother, who is a patient at Martha Jefferson Hospital there.

Neill McFadyen Is Scott's Manager Here

Raleigh—Neill L. McFadyen of Raeford has been named Hoke County campaign manager for W. Kerr Scott, candidate for the United States Senate.

Scott's State Campaign Manager said that McFadyen, a farmer, would head the former governor's forces in Hoke. McFadyen was co-manager in Hoke County for Frank Graham in the 1950 Democratic primary, and he has been a member of the Hoke County school board for several years.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Last Friday night the Fourth District meeting of the State School Board Association met for its yearly meeting in the cafeteria of the J. W. McLaughlin School. District President, Robert H. Gatlin, presided. The Rev. James E. Baker pronounced the invocation. After dinner the meeting was addressed by Dr. Charles E. Jordan, Vice President of the State School Board Association. Dr. Jordan is also chairman of the Durham County Board of Education and Vice President of Duke University. Dr. Jordan spoke on the problems facing Boards of Education and some possible solutions to these problems. After Dr. Jordan's address Dr. Rosenstengel, Professor of Education at the University of North Carolina spoke on the duties of School Board members also some "Do's" and "Don't's" for them. Then Nathaniel Shope of the Graduate School of the University of North Carolina presented printed materials of the School Board Association. Eighty-six school board members, school committeemen, principals and superintendents attended the meeting representing eight counties, and eight city school units. Three counties and six city units in the district were not represented. Chairman Gatlin appointed a nominating committee consisting of W. G. Shaw, chairman of the Scotland Board, Walter Dudley, Superintendent of the Red Springs city unit and S. G. Thomas, chairman of the Harnett County Board. An invitation to meet in Fayetteville next year was accepted.

Last Friday and Saturday the Department of Elementary Principals of NCEA held its annual meeting in Goldsboro. Messrs. Turlington, Piggett, Jones and Miss Tatum attended this meeting. Dr. Hurlburt of the State Department of Public Instruction was the principal speaker at the general session on Friday. After this session the meeting was divided into groups and panels for discussion of the various problems confronting the elementary principal. J. W. Turlington was moderator of the panel, discussing the place of science in the elementary school. A representative from the NEA office in Washington summarized the proceedings after reports were made by each of the discussion groups.

The Rockfish School play is being prepared and will be given in conjunction with the music recital on Friday evening, May 21. The fourth and fifth grades presented a good Chapel Program last Thursday. The program consisted of themes on Good Health Practices, History of the Flag and Proper Use of the Flag.

Ashmont presented its spring operetta "Forest Frolic" to a large and appreciative audience last Friday evening. The music was catchy and the costumes beautiful. Those representing animals of the forest were quite realistic. The whole production showed a great deal of good work by pupils and teachers.

The Board of Education met last (Continued On Page 4)

County Board Has Unusually Active Meeting Monday

At the regular monthly meeting of the Hoke County board of commissioners at the courthouse on Monday several matters of more than usual interest were handled by the board. First in order of business was closing the meeting of last week as a board of equalization. This was done without changing the recommendations of the committee of Alfred Cole, A. V. Sanders and Marlon Gatlin. The board also authorized the auditor to pay each of these men \$50 for work in attempting to equalize the values in the Town of Raeford.

A representative of the Hoke County library appeared before the board asking for the purchase of a new bookmobile. K. A. MacDonald was asked to investigate the cost and see if the bookmobile could be purchased through State contract. Bookmobiles cost around \$4000.

Tom McBryde appeared before the board representing the Raeford Chamber of Commerce and asked permission to improve and beautify the swimming hole on Rockfish Creek. The board approved this request and appropriated \$100 to help with these improvements.

Miss Josephine Hall, county home demonstration agent, was granted leave of absence from June 20 to July 12 to attend summer school at N. C. State College. Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin reported on 1953 collections to the board. He reported that \$128,433.57 had been collected of a total levy of \$158,336.06, leaving \$29,903.29 still due. The amount due is about usual for this time of year, according to the auditor.

The board gave its unanimous approval to the suggestion of J. L. McNeill that we express our appreciation to the Honorable Kenneth C. Royall for the fine service he rendered Hoke County as attorney in the fight to stop the proposed Fort Bragg expansion. It was agreed that Mr. McNeill would secure a suitable gift and a testimonial scroll to be signed by members of the Fort Bragg Committee and county officials and that cost be paid from the community land fund.

"The board desires to here record its sincere appreciation for the fine work done by J. L. McNeill, as chairman, and each member of his committee, and to all others who in any way aided in the fight to preserve Hoke County. It was a united and determined fight that brought a just and meritorious victory." (Quoted from minutes of commissioners meeting)

The county budget for aid to the blind was approved in the amount of \$1191.60. The welfare and fire warden budgets were presented, but action was delayed for consideration along with other departments.

The chairman and clerk of the board were instructed to execute deed to A. D. McFadyen for 62 acres of Lizzie McKinnon land in McLaughlin Township, he being the highest bidder for \$3300.

John McGoogan was instructed to have county office building painted and necessary repairs made to the courthouse steps.

The board voted to ask the State Highway Commission to put drainage tile in the road at St. Peter's Church near Rockfish, and also to improve the road from the Wire road near Sandy Grove Church to Freddie's Lake. Petition was approved for public road beginning on N. C. 211 about a quarter-mile west of its intersection with Turnpike road and running one-half mile north.

LEGION TO MEET MON.

The Ellis Williamson American Legion post will hold its regular monthly supper meeting at the Hoke High school cafeteria on Monday, May 10, at 7:00 p. m.

Irvin R. Morrison, Former Police Chief, Dies Last Sunday

Irvin R. Morrison, 41-year-old Southern Pines man who was chief of police in Robbins, died Sunday morning in Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill after a long illness from which he suffered intermittently. Funeral was Monday afternoon in Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines and burial was in Bethesda cemetery in Aberdeen.

Born in Raeford, he was a son of Daniel and Bettie Ray Morrison and had moved to Southern Pines when a young man. He had been a police officer in Southern Pines, Mount Olive and Raeford before going to Robbins.

He is survived by his mother, two daughters, a son, and three brothers.

Summer Duty Is Planned For National Guard

Raleigh, May 5--Tar Heel National Guardsmen, over 7,000 of them will take summer field training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., Ft. Bragg, and Camp Stewart, Ga., State Adj. Gen. John Hall Manning said today.

The field encampments will climax 40 weeks of armory training for the guardsmen. The exercises will be held during June, July and August for different units.

Gen. Manning announced this schedule for guard units: The 252nd AAA Group and the 130th AAA Battalion will train at Camp Stewart, June 13-27. The IV Corps Artillery, plus the 379 Engineer Battalion, the 167 MP Battalion, and the 3424 Ordnance Co., will go to Ft. Bragg, Aug. 18-22. All units of the 30th Infantry Division train at Ft. McClellan, Aug. 15-29.

Hoke County guardsmen are members of Battery A, 130th AAA Battalion, commanded by Captain Edwin D. Newton and the battalion will go to Camp Stewart June 13-27 with the 252nd AAA Group. Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr., of Raeford, commands the 130th, which also has batteries in Red Springs, St. Pauls, Southern Pines and Sanford. The local battery, with 103 enlisted men and five officers, is the largest unit of the battalion and the oldest postwar battery in the State.

Gen. Manning urged employers to make it possible for guardsmen to engage in summer field training. "The wonderful cooperation of business and industrial employers in granting military leave to their guardsmen employees was greatly responsible for the excellent attendance at last year's summer field training," Gen. Manning said. "The goal this year is 100 per cent attendance," he added.

Manning said the Tar Heel units will be part of over 290,000 National Guardsmen from the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Alaska in summer camp training this year.

Cancer Crusade In Hoke Exceeds Quota By More Than \$200

Mrs. R. E. Neeley and Miss Caroline Parker, co-chairmen of the Hoke County Cancer Crusade, announced this week that the county had gone over the top in the 1954 drive. Reports are not in from all communities, but a total of \$988.88 has been turned in so far.

The goal for the county was \$722.25, and a complete report will be made next week.

WOODMAN CIRCLE DANCE

The Raeford grove of the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle will sponsor a square dance at Bethel schoolhouse Friday night, May 7, from 8:30 to 11:30.

Backfiring Bus Lands Driver In Recorder's Court

Frank Bridges, colored student school bus driver, was charged with a traffic violation before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday. Specifications of the offense, of which he was found guilty, were that he had switched the ignition of his bus on and off causing it to backfire noisily. The noise scared Mose Graham's mule so that it jumped about and caused him to get hurt. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of costs and medical expenses of Graham, not to exceed \$100.

James Moore and John Willie McAllister, both colored, were charged with breaking and entering the dwelling of Laverne Smith at night and assaulting him. Probable cause was found and each defendant was released under \$500 bond.

For driving drunk and violating the prohibition laws Grove W. Gaddy, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. He appealed and posted \$200 bond. Jeffro Johnson, colored, appealed the same sentence for driving drunk and posted \$300 bond. After posting the bond he headed for Fayetteville and was brought back for speeding 70 miles an hour, for which he had to pay \$10 and costs.

Mrs. Thelma Melvin, white, charged with assault and trespass by Robert L. Strother and Mrs. Robert L. Strother was found not guilty and prosecuting witness had to pay costs of the action.

For possessing non-tax-paid liquor Luther McKee, colored, got 60 days on the roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and two years good behavior. Walter King, colored, was found guilty of stealing a radio from Eugene Melvin. Sentence of 30 days was to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and return of radio.

J. C. Speight, white, paid \$10 and costs for public drunkenness.

For not having driver's licenses Simon J. Headen, colored, paid \$10 and costs and Chauncey Leroy Wright and Henry McIntyre, both colored, each paid \$25 and costs. For speeding William C. Gierisch, Mory Carl Leven, Gale D. Jewell, George O. Smith and Charles E. Brewer, all white, each left a \$25 bond. For going 90 miles per hour Ralph E. Sinson left a \$100 bond. Frederick K. Dorge paid \$10 and costs for going 70.

Open Meeting Of Alcoholics Anon. In Laurinburg Tues.

An open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in the High school auditorium in Laurinburg next Tuesday night, May 11, starting at 8:00 o'clock, and a crowd of over 500 persons is expected to attend.

It has been pointed out that this meeting is different from most meetings of the organization in that it is open to the public. A special invitation to persons who find liquor a problem either through personal use or through a friend or relative having the disease is extended, and members feel that there will be a message available that will be of help. Any interested person, whatever the reason for his interest, is extended a cordial invitation to the meeting.

There will be several outstanding and well-known speakers on the program, with the feature one being "Martha B." a member of Alcoholics Anonymous from Greensboro. The Rev. J. D. McQueen of Clinton will also appear on the program. Persons interested will find this a good occasion to hear about the workings of A. A.

Lt. William Niven of Moody AFB, Valdosta, Georgia is spending a 30-day leave with relatives here.

Town Board Has Monthly Meeting

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

After voting to pay all current bills the board approved the contract of Williams and Wall, certified public accountants of Raleigh, for the yearly audit of the town's books.

The board voted to cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce and the County in the improvement of the swimming hole.

It was voted to install street lights in the area behind the county office building and on East Prospect avenue at the city limits.

Baker Announces Meetings Of Democratic Party

Walter P. Baker, chairman of the Hoke County Democratic Executive Committee, last week sent out a letter to Democrats in the county advising them of the meetings of the party starting at the precinct level and going on up to the State convention. The meetings are set by resolution of the State executive committee. His letter is as follows.

"The Democratic Precinct meetings will be held at the regular voting places Saturday, May 8, 1954 at 2:00 o'clock, p. m. These meetings are called for the purpose of organizing the precincts and electing the Precinct Executive Committee. This precinct committee consists of five. Two of these shall be women. In this group of five a Chairman and a Vice-chairman shall be elected. Either the Chairman or Vice-chairman shall be a woman. Also to elect delegates to the county convention and to discuss other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

"The Hoke County Democratic Convention will be held at the Hoke County Court House Saturday, May 15, 1954 at 2:00 o'clock p. m. This meeting will be held for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Democratic Convention and to elect a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary of the county Democratic Executive Committee. Also, to discuss any other matter that may properly come before the convention.

"The State Democratic Convention will be held in Raleigh, N. C. Thursday, May 20, 1954.

"Please round up the democrats in your precinct and get out a good number for the precinct meetings. Then be sure and have your precinct delegates and all other democrats come to the county convention. We do hope to have a good organization in our county."

Local Man's Brother Buried In Robeson

Malcolm Odom, 69, died at six o'clock last Saturday afternoon at his home near Raft Swamp in Robeson County. He was a brother of W. C. Odom of Raeford and had been wounded accidentally by a shotgun about a week before, from which he was apparently recovering. A blood clot is thought to have killed him.

Funeral service was held at 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Raft Swamp Baptist Church and burial was in the church cemetery. He is survived by four daughters, a sister, and nine brothers, including the one in Raeford. All live in Robeson County except two of his brothers.

Among those attending the funeral of W. A. Blue in Aberdeen were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Deserze, Miss Bell Graham, Miss Mayme McKeithan, Mrs. Kate Blue Covington, Mrs. Kathleen Wilson, Miss Marguerite Cameron, Charles Cameron, N. B. Blue and N. B. Sinclair.

Town Is Cleaner; Cooperation Fine; Cemetery Next

With almost unprecedented cooperation the residents and business people of Raeford set about cleaning up their town this week, and up to this point have done a fine job of it.

Some thirty-odd business men and women met in the Lions Den with members of the "Finer Carolina" Clean-Up week committee, the sanitarian, the street superintendent and others on Tuesday morning and discussed what had been done up to that point and what could and should be done during the rest of the week, and permanently. Enthusiasm was high and most of them went back and set about getting the things done they had been talking about.

Cemetery Next Wednesday

Ways and means of getting the same sort of working over for the cemetery were discussed and it was decided that next Wednesday would be "Cemetery Clean-Up Day," and that all who could would come or send someone to the cemetery on that day to get the whole place cleaned up, regardless of who owns what lot there. All residents in town and county are asked to help with this, and particularly those who may have friends or relatives buried there. Others may wish to help just to make Raeford a little finer.

Jake Austin, chairman, announced that the FFA boys under W. P. Phillips at Hoke High school would make garbage racks for any who want them at a very reasonable price. These racks will cost from \$2.00 to \$3.50 depending on which of three sizes is desired. These racks are designed to hold cans so that dogs cannot get in them or turn them over, dogs being a cause of much scattered garbage in this town.

Outstanding work has been done this week by members of the committee and by Vance Wiggins and the town cleanup and street crew. Serving on the committee headed by Jake Austin from the Chamber of Commerce were Angus Currie, Avery Connell and Carson Davis, Jr., from the Jaycees, Marion Gatlin from the Town board, Wiggins from the street department, M. R. Mills, county sanitarian, John Draughon and Bill Howell from the Chamber of Commerce. They got it started and everybody has helped, those not having done so intending to between now and Saturday.

With anything like the same cooperation next Wednesday, people won't have to be so ashamed to take their out-of-town relatives to the cemetery.

Hoke High Seniors Will Present Their Play Friday Night

"We Shook The Family Tree", a comedy, will be presented by the Senior Class of Hoke County High School, on Friday night, May 7, at 8:15 o'clock.

Hildegarde, the Dolson's 17-year-old daughter, often lets her vivid imagination get her into trouble. Among other things, she convinces the town that her father is a drunkard and distributes her parents' old love letters to all the neighbors. Saly and her two brothers, Bob and Jimmy, add to the fun by almost succeeding in having their father fired. Further complications develop when Hildegarde has to date Freddie Shermer, a boy who wears knickerbockers.

Those starring in the play will be Hildegarde, Sheila Balfour; Mr. Dolson (Father), Jimmie White; Mrs. Dolson (Mother), Jennelle Snead; Saly, Harriet Hodgins; Bob, Roger Dixon; Jimmy, Jack Revels; Paige, Alice Long; Ellie May, Carole Everleigh; Jill, Geraldine Vanhoy; Freddie Shermer, Jimmy Bracey; Mr. Shermer, Harold Dew; and Mrs. Shermer, Helen Butler.