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## Addenda -

By The Editor

Ed Willis was telling me this week that Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin and H. M. Meeks searched the premises of a tenant on the farm he has leased last week, for liquor presumably, and that none was found. Willis said he thought this was news because he felt certain it would have been news if they had found some liquor, since he is a candidate for sheriff.

Judge T. O. Moses of the Hoke County recorder's court has been on the receiving end of several remarks of commendation in this column since he has been on the bench. I have also mildly disagreed with him, but the general impression left has been that he is making a good judge in my opinion, whatever that is worth. My opinion, like the judge's mind on several verdicts, has about changed. In what I think was an unbecoming display from the bench he (1) lost his temper with a man who was trying to defend himself and saw contempt where there was none, (2) rebuked the defendant for defending himself and not employing a lawyer to do so, and (3) used the bench as a platform from which to praise law officers generally and to leave the impression that they could not make mistakes like ordinary humans. I noted these things in my mind at the trial on Tuesday, and was since substantially agreed with by two members of the Hoke County bar who were present.

Now in all the above I have said nothing about his verdict in a case because, after all, that is a matter of individual judgment and I would not be qualified to say he is wrong. However, it is my privilege to think that the man he found guilty and fined \$25 and costs was innocent, and that is what I do think. My point, though, is that it looked to me like he was being found guilty purely on the basis that a State highway patrolman could not be wrong. I know that Patrolmen Surratt and Herbin are fine officers and are right nine times out of ten, but not always.

The patrolman involved in this case was Cpl. J. H. Jackson of Laurinburg, and the defendant was M. R. Caruthers of Alamance County. Jackson's charge was that Caruthers had passed him while he was out of his car and that he had gotten into it and run him down, and followed him at same speed to "clock" him for a quarter of a mile and caught him. Jackson said that he clocked Caruthers at 70 before stopping him and that he had been going at about that speed when he passed him to start with. Jackson admitted that the place where he stopped Caruthers might be only 1.8 miles as Caruthers testified.

The evidence was substantially then that Caruthers had passed Jackson at 70, that Jackson had gotten into his car, started it, turned it around, got up enough speed to catch Caruthers, slowed to clock him at the same speed for a quarter-mile, then run around him and stopped him, all in a mile and eight-tenths. It's a physical impossibility, I believe, but, as I said above, guilt or innocence is a matter of opinion in court, and the opinion of the judge is what goes. I don't believe sane opinions and temper go well together.

All I know about Robbins Mills is what I see in the daily papers, that a block of stock representing a controlling interest is about to change hands, or already has.

Coble Funderburk, Monroe attorney who is running against C. B. Deane for the Eighth District seat in Congress, and John B. Regan, Saint Pauls attorney seeking to unseat Malcolm B. Seawell of Lumberton as Ninth District solicitor, have both been around a great deal.

## Eagle Scout Award To Be Made Here Next Tuesday Night

James H. Woodhouse, scoutmaster of the Raeford Boy Scout Troop, announced this week that a court of honor would be held in the Hoke County High school auditorium on Tuesday night of next week at 8:00 o'clock. He said the public was invited to attend. Awards will be made to boys from the eleven troops of the Western District of the Cape Fear Area Council in Hoke, Scotland and Robeson Counties, and the feature award will be that of Eagle, the highest rank in Scouting, to Neill McFadyen, Jr., of the Raeford troop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neill McFadyen.

## Make Final Report On Cancer Crusade

Mrs. R. E. Neeley and Miss Caroline Parker, co-chairmen of the 1954 Cancer Crusade in Hoke County, made their final report this week, and indicating a quite successful drive. Contributions totaled \$1163.32. This puts the county over the goal of \$725 by more than \$400. The residential canvass by members of the Woman's Club netted \$295.57, the members of the Home Demonstration Clubs and Mrs. Helen Williams of Upchurch School collected \$463.07, and \$404.68 was contributed by business firms through letters mailed to them. This sum will go for education, service and research in the control of cancer by the American Cancer Society.

The chairmen expressed their appreciation to those who contributed to the cause, as well as those members of the Woman's Club, the Home Demonstration Clubs and other volunteers who helped with the drive.

## ON STATE BOARD OF CAROLINAS UNITED

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., and Israel Mann, president and member of the board of directors, respectively of the United Fund of Hoke County, were recently named to the board of directors of "Carolinas United," the organization in which United Fund and Community Chest organizations in 76 communities in North and South Carolina work together.

## BENEFIT FISH FRY

There will be a benefit fish fry at the Shiloh Community house at Montrose for the benefit of the community house on Wednesday, May 19, from 6:00 to 8:30 p. m. The public is invited.

## PERSONALS

Miss Jane McKeithan of WC-UNC spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKeithan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr. and Leon spent the week end at their cottage at Topsail Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Morris and children spent the week end in Lousburg with Mrs. Morris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pernell.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dickson and children went to Topsail Beach for the week end to visit with Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Dickson and sons.

Sgt. and Mrs. B. L. Miller of Baltimore, Md. spent several days with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Lytle.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ellis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dull and family in Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ingebrigtsen and Doc McKenzie left Monday night for New York City, where Mr. Ingebrigtsen sailed aboard the liner, Queen Elizabeth, Wednesday from Bergen, Norway on a visit to his mother and father.

## Cemetery Clean-Up Accomplishes Much

The community clean-up of the Raeford cemetery on Wednesday was highly successful, although it did not get the cemetery cleaned up. A great many people did go to the cemetery and they got a great deal done, and to have completed the job in one day would have been too much to expect.

A striking thing about the job, as it was about the city-wide clean-up last week, was the cooperation. Several people put in a lot of work at the cemetery who have no relatives buried there and who don't have lots there. Others cleaned their own lots and then cleaned another, or several.

The committee hopes that all who didn't get to hit a lick at the cemetery on Wednesday will try to do so in the next few days so that the job can be completed.

## Free Inspections Now Offered By Car Dealers Here

Two Automobile Dealers in Raeford are now offering free inspections of automobiles and trucks as part of The Carolina Safety League's 1954 Voluntary Vehicle Safety Check Campaign.

These dealers have qualified as Official Inspection Stations and are authorized to display the red-and-white inspection station emblem in their windows. They are Hoke Auto Co., Chevrolet dealers, and Raeford Auto Co., Ford dealers.

Vehicles which are found safe, or made safe, are being awarded the green windshield sticker which signifies they are "Approved."

These stickers have the approval, and carry the signature, of State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Edward Scheidt. The movement also has the endorsement, "personal and official," of Governor Unstead whose big black limousine, which carries North Carolina license No. 1, was among the first to be awarded the sticker after minor repairs had been made.

The new mechanical safety campaign is on a strictly voluntary basis. No law requires a motorist to carry the sticker on the windshield of his car — though there has been some unofficial intimation that in the case of an accident the sticker would be of help.

The dealerships which have been designated as Official Inspection Stations have agreed to give free check-ups in accordance with an approved manual. They are checking brakes, lights, glazing, steering, tires, windshield wipers and horns — an inspection which Commissioner Scheidt has termed as "simple but effective." The dealerships which have become inspection stations have agreed to make no repairs except on the order of the car owner; and to show the owner the existing defects, if his car is not approved and the sticker affixed. Each sticker carries the date of inspection and the signature of the inspector.

## POLICEMAN QUILTS

L. F. Hester, who had served as night policeman here for about a year, submitted his resignation to the town board this week, and it was accepted. Kermit Riley and others will substitute for him until a permanent replacement is employed.

## STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

Mrs. Sam Hiser will present a student art exhibit on Wednesday, May 19, from 10:00 a. m. until 6:30 p. m. The exhibit will be held in Mrs. Tommie Upchurch's backyard. The public is invited to attend at any time during the day.

## CHANGE PTA NIGHT

The monthly meeting of the Hoke-Raeford Parent-Teacher association will be held on Friday, May 21 instead of Monday, May 17, as originally scheduled.

## W. Alexander Sneed, Former Raeford Man, Dies In Rockingham

Whitford Alexander Sneed, a resident of Raeford for over 15 years and a brother of Younger F. Sneed of Raeford, died of heart trouble in his sleep early Wednesday morning at his home in Rockingham. He had complained of not feeling well the day before, but had not been ill.

Born February 22, 1910, at Sneed's Grove in Scotland County, he was a son of the late Samuel A. and Cora Stubbs Sneed. The family moved to Raeford in 1920, and Alex, as he was known, graduated from high school here and attended the University of North Carolina. He was a sales representative for the Barrett Company and the Potash Co. of America for many years. At the time of his death he had just formed a company for the sale of irrigation systems.

He was married to the former Helen Cox of Rockingham, who survives him along with one son, W. A. Jr., known as Sandy. Also surviving are two brothers, Younger of Raeford and Sam of Myrtle Beach, S. C.; and four sisters, Mrs. Sam Halperin of Natick, Mass., Mrs. J. B. McKinnon of Laurinburg, Mrs. Ralph Chapman of Aberdeen and Mrs. Jewel Klouse of Myrtle Beach.

Funeral is to be this afternoon at 4:30 at the Episcopal Church in Rockingham, and burial will be in the East Side Cemetery in Rockingham.

## Raeford Students Go To Raleigh Monday

Fifth grade pupils of the John W. McLaughlin school in Raeford visited Raleigh Monday and inspected the plant of The News and Observer, among other places of interest.

Mrs. W. C. Hodgkin, Levy Norton, W. F. Tyndall, Van Metcalf and J. W. Turington accompanied the group which included the following: Brenda Tyler, Larry Upchurch, Linda Andrews, Sarah Blake, Cherry Brock, Tom Cameron, Jr., Irma Faye Crawley, Connie Culbreth, Michael Edge, Linda Jane Fulk, Carol Ann Gardner, Jimmy Guin, Jerry Hannon, Winifred Harwood.

Linda Hiser, Frances Jones, Herbert Kirk, Mary Lewis, Flora Mae Miller, Annie Bell Miller, Nyaka Marris, G. A. McCaskill, Bill McPhaul, Gaynella Pierce, Heston Rose, Sandra Stone, Jimmie Blanton, Lamont Davis, Billy Ray Faircloth, Lewis Holland, Fred Johnson, Lloyd Maxwell, Leon Luck, Johnnie Moser, William McNeil, Bobby Norton, Bobby Posey, Tommy Stutts, Jimmy Tapp, Helen Allen, Annie Autry, Alice Baker, Kay Brady.

Kathryn Epstein, Sue Gibson, Lois Norton, Patricia Perley, Barbara J. Smith, Jean Teal, Eve Ernestine Todd, Sandra Moser, Mary Ellen Andrews, Peggy Briggman, Louise Currie, Parola Hixcox, Katherine Harrell, Carolyn Jenkins, Ann Maxwell, Evans McNeill, Janice McInnis, Kay Poystress, Billie Rose, Hilda Morris, Patricia Davis.

## Annual Concert Of Glee Club & Band Tomorrow Night

The annual concert of the Hoke County High School glee club and band will be presented on Friday night, May 14, at 8:00 in the auditorium of the school.

The program will be varied, featuring religious songs, romantic numbers, marches, overtures and several "just-for-fun" songs. The glee club is directed by Mrs. Jake Austin and the band is directed by J. B. Renn.

The public is invited, and there will be no admission charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr McMillan, Jr. and children of Wilmington spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McMillan and family.

## Soldier Fined For Cutting In Court Tuesday

For the second week in a row there was a full day of work for the judge and personnel of Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday, adjournment being after 8:00 p. m.

Alton R. Coleman, 26-year-old soldier of the 82nd Airborne Division, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill for cutting Foster McBryde, Jr., one night a week or two ago to the extent that he had to have 40 or 50 stitches. In a private conference between the judge, solicitor, private prosecutor and defense attorney the State accepted a plea of guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and motive for cutting, which took place at a drive-in restaurant here, was never disclosed in open court. Sentence was not less than three nor more than four months on the roads, to be suspended on payment of court costs, \$75 medical expenses and \$500 to Foster McBryde, Jr. Elizabeth Drobek Kanounas, white, pled guilty of speeding 70 in a 35 mile zone in leaving the scene of the cutting. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Bud Pete McNair, colored, was found guilty of possession of non-tax-paid liquor. Sentence of 60 days was suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and two years good behavior. Raymond A. Moore, white, on the same charge, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$20 and costs. Other prohibition law violators were Jack Spokes and Bert Belcher, white, \$10 and costs each. State dropped a charge of having liquor for sale against Gaston Locklear, Indian, and Mazie Locklear pled guilty, a first offense. Sentence of 30 days was suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. Milford Robeson, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of violating the prohibition laws.

Luther McNeill, white, had to pay costs and make good a bad check.

Raymond E. Marsh, white, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs for driving drunk. Margaret R. Maultsby, white, pled guilty of driving after her license had been revoked. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$200 and costs.

Charlie Locklear, Indian, was found not guilty of larceny of a car.

Fred Wilson, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and two years good behavior for assaulting his wife.

Hurl Gainey, white man charged with non-support, was allowed to go on payment of costs when his wife wanted to drop the charge.

Prentiss O. Carter, white, was found not guilty on a charge of careless and reckless driving. William W. McCrimmon, white, who turned over on his way to church, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving and had to pay the costs. Willie Lee Wilson, colored, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$50 and costs for careless and reckless driving and having no driver's license.

For being drunk and disorderly or drunk in public Richard Evans, colored got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and two years good behavior, and James Davis, colored, got the same without the good behavior. R. D. Hall and John A. Webster, white, forfeited \$25 bonds for being drunk in public.

For failing to stop at stop signs Neill A. Willis, white, and John

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## PRESBYTERIAN MEN TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Men of the Raeford Presbyterian Church will be held in the basement of the church next Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock. Supper will be served by a circle of the Women of the Church.

## Opening Game Of Little League Here Next Wednesday

Charles Morrison, personnel manager of the Robbins Mills here and an officer of the Aberdeen-Raeford Little League, announced this week that the regular season play would begin next week. The opening game will be here at Little League park in Robbins Heights between the Raeford Tigers, coached by Johnny Helms, and the Raeford Indians, coached by Bion Brewer. It will start at 5:00 o'clock.

Mayor Alfred Cole is expected to be on hand to throw out the ball to open the season, and the Hoke High school band will be present for the Star Spangled Banner and the raising of the flag.

Games will be played regularly on Monday and Wednesdays, with all games after opening day being at 5:30. Boys aged eight through twelve years are eligible for Little League play. The Aberdeen-Raeford Little League is affiliated with over 2000 other leagues in the National Little League. One of the local teams is sponsored by Robbins Mills and the other by the Raeford Kiwanis Club.

No admission is charged at the games and the public is invited.

## Legion Post Joins National Veterans "March For Korea"

Commander Younger F. Sneed of the Hoke County Ellis Williamson American Legion Post announced this week that the post had unanimously decided to join the nation-wide "Veterans March for Korea" being conducted this month.

The March, which started with an announcement by the President on April 30, is designed to provide funds for self-help needs of our Korean Allies, to provide a dramatic demonstration during the Geneva conference that the veterans of America stand by their comrades in arms who have fought with them against Communism, and to demonstrate to our troops in Korea that our veterans recognize the tremendous contribution they are making both to the security of our country and to the reconstruction of Korea.

The appeal is being made during May, is endorsed and participated in by every major veterans organization in the country, and aims to raise ten million dollars. The money is being raised by members of the posts with scrolls which they ask contributors of fifty cents or more to sign when they contribute. These scrolls will be sent with the funds to Korea, so that the people there will realize how many American people had a part in the movement.

Commander Sneed and members of the post ask the support of the public in this campaign to stand by those who fight with us to resist aggression.

## County Democratic Convention Saturday; Added Attraction

County Democratic Executive Committee Chairman Walter P. Baker this week called the attention of all Democrats to the fact that the county convention is set for Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the courthouse. He urged all Democrats to be present, and particularly urged precinct delegates to the convention to attend.

Judge of the recorder's court T. O. Moses announced another attraction for the same time, presumably hoping to share the crowd. Moses said that many people in the county had wondered and asked him what became of liquor captured by the officers, and that they were going to be shown at two o'clock Saturday afternoon when thirty cases of liquor which had accumulated would be poured out on Main Street in front of the courthouse.

## Little River Man Admits Killing; Held In Jail

Geather McCrimmon, colored man about 60 years of age of Little River Township, is being held in the Hoke County jail without privilege of bond for the next term of Superior Court following his admission that he shot and killed Webb Worthy, colored, about 36, at McCrimmon's home on Tuesday morning.

McCrimmon's statement was to the effect that the whole thing started last Saturday when he and Worthy went to his liquor still to run some liquor. He said they got there and started the still and "after we got it half way run out he started arguing and jumped up and knocked me down." McCrimmon said he didn't try to fight him, knowing him to be a better man, but he said Worthy then started tearing up everything at the still, at which McCrimmon said he left.

McCrimmon said the next time he saw Worthy was Tuesday morning when Worthy came to his house. He said there was a car stalled in the road and they pushed it off about 50 yards but couldn't start it. He said Duck Johnson was there too. He said that after pushing the car Worthy brought up the fight they had had on Saturday and that he, McCrimmon, had told him he wasn't going to take any more fussing and arguing off of him, and told him to leave.

He said that Worthy walked into the yard and stood there with Duck Johnson and that he reached behind the door and snatched his gun and shot out the door. He said he intended to shoot Worthy in the leg and not to kill him, but that he must have shot higher as he fell into the wood pile. He said he tried to get someone to take him to the doctor.

Walter "Duck" Johnson, who is under \$250 bond as a material witness, also made a statement. He said about the same thing McCrimmon did about what happened at the house. He said after Worthy was shot he put a wire on his left leg to try to stop the bleeding, and then called his folks. He said Worthy's sister, Maggie Belle, called the ambulance but that Worthy was dead when it arrived.

## Pony League Opens Here Next Tuesday At Armory Park

Next Tuesday is opening day for the Sandhills Pony Baseball League, consisting of teams from Robbins, Carthage, Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Raeford. Opening game here will be played at Armory Park between Carthage and Raeford, starting at five o'clock.

Pony league baseball is for boys aged thirteen through fifteen years. The local team is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and coached by Willie Hodgkin, with Charles Kluttz and Bud Deibler as assistants. Officials for the opening game will be George Wood, Bob Rockholz and Bion Brewer, and Mayor Alfred Cole is to be on hand to throw out the first ball.

On the squad for the Raeford team are boys who have just graduated from Little League play. Included are Dickie Hendley, Tommy Freeman, Jerry Williams, Pat Kelly, Chan Roberts, Bill Hodgkin, Harold McCaskill, Younger Sneed, Jr., Johnny White, Jack Wesley, Jimmy Kennedy, Allen McDonald, Wilbur Snipes, Jimmy Riley, James Overcash, Billy Floyd, Lonnie Hendrix, Levy Norton and Walter McMinis.

Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with each team playing 16 games. Games will be played here at Armory park at 5:00 p. m. on May 18, June 1, 8, 17 and 24, July 15, 22, and 27.