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## Addenda

By The Editor

There has been a great deal of talk, here and all over the county, since this time last year, about the need for a principal at the J. W. McLaughlin Elementary School in Raeford.

This school, with an enrollment of about seven hundred children, has what is called a "building principal", who teaches one section of the seventh grade in addition to looking after the problems arising through the day with that many children and their parents and around twenty teachers. The building principal is under the supervision of the district principal, who is also the principal of the county's consolidated high school. The district principal spends several hours each day at the McLaughlin school to take the administrative load off the building principal, who has a fairly full-time job teaching the seventh grade. During this time the county high school is without a principal.

Both these schools can have principals whose primary duty is being principal, under the regular State teacher authorization. To do this, and still have every State-allocated teacher teaching except the district principal, would cost this county less than \$3000 per year, according to figures from the State Department of Education printed here before. For this money the district principal, who would still be in charge of both schools, would get the same pay he now gets and more when there are more teachers. The principal at McLaughlin school would be paid as a principal instead of as a teacher and would not have to teach.

People of this county who have an opinion that the county should spend this \$3000 a year for this principal at the McLaughlin School can express themselves quite clearly to the members of the county board of education and the county commissioners in the Democratic primary to be held a week from Saturday. Four of the seven men running for the five seats on the board of education have expressed themselves as being in favor of this principal. By voting for these men, and for these men only, the people can unmistakably speak their will. The four to vote for are David Lindsay of the present board, W. L. Smith, Walter L. Gibson and William Lamont, Jr. It seems a shame to say it like this when the other men running are fine men too, but it's the only way the people can make themselves heard.

The work of this column on this issue is about done, now. It is strictly up to the people from here on.

Congressman C. B. Deane was here Monday night and most of Tuesday in a campaign tour of the eighth district. He seems to think things are in pretty good shape from his point of view and that voters will stick to him in the primary. People in this county seem to intend to do that, from all I can tell, remembering the invaluable advice and help that he gave us when the Army tried to take the Hoke County land. He did all he could, and we shouldn't forget it.

Police Chief Harry Dees, whose resignation was accepted by the town board last week effective the last of this month, told me how he happened to resign. He said that he was on duty in front of the McLaughlin school on Main street one day when he noticed a taxicab, owned by Julian Wright and operated by Milford Roberson, colored, pass and go north on Main Street with Raymond A. Moore, a previously convicted liquor law violator, as passenger. Dees said his school duty ended a few minutes later and that he got in the police car and went west on Donaldson avenue, and

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## J. L. McNeill, Jr. Receives High Honor At Tennessee School

Lawrence McNeill, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence McNeill of Raeford, was elected last week to be president of the student governing body for the next semester at the McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Young McNeill, who enrolled in the military school last September, is the first student to be president in so short a time in two and a half years.

He was elected junior representative to the student senate last January and received a varsity letter in football last fall. At the winter sports banquet in March he was named captain of the school's basketball team for next year. Last week it was announced that he had been the leading hitter on the baseball team this spring, with an average of .302. The team won ten games and lost six. McNeill played first base.

## YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

Due to the death of the grandfather of one of the principal characters in the Mildouson sixth and seventh grade play, the play had to be postponed. It will be given just as early as possible next week. The picnic and music recital went off as scheduled. Plenty of delicious food was on hand and everybody enjoyed the supper and good time. The music pupils did excellently with their recital.

## JUNIOR CLASS TO SING FOR PTA MEETING FRIDAY

The Hoke-Raeford PTA will hold their last regular meeting Friday night at 7:30 at the J. W. McLaughlin School. Immediately after this meeting the Junior Chorus will give their Spring Recital. This production is built around the music of Stephen Foster. Judging from the hard work done by pupils and teacher, this should be an excellent entertainment.

Hoke High commencement events are scheduled as follows: Class night Friday, May 28 at 8:15 p. m.; Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday, May 30, 11:00 a. m. (We appreciate the churches giving way for this service); Graduation Exercises will be held Monday, May 31, at 8:15 p. m. School will close Tuesday, June 1.

Monday, May 31, will be skip-day in the white schools of the county.

Forty-two students from the Rockfish and Mildouson Schools enjoyed the trip to Raleigh and Chapel Hill last week and derived quite an educational benefit from it.

Mrs. Crawley's music pupils at Rockfish will give their recital on Friday evening, May 21 at 8:00 o'clock. The sixth and seventh grades will present a play "Pumpkin Hill Graduation" immediately following the recital. The first five grades will present opening and closing numbers in song. The public is cordially invited.

On Sunday, May 23 at 8:00 p. m. The Hoke County Indian School will have its Baccalaureate Exercise. The sermon will be given by Rev. Venus Brooks. The school play will be given on Tuesday evening, May 25 at 8:00 o'clock. Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 27 at 10:00 a. m. Rev. Johnnie Bullard will be the speaker.

W. T. Gibson and K. A. MacDonald went to Greensboro Wednesday to interview teachers for next year.

We regret that Neill McFadyen, (Continued on back page)

## Recorder Fines Liquor Maker In Court Tuesday

William Jr. Breeden, his wife, Mildred Lambert Breeden, and Guy Lambert were charged with violating the prohibition laws by possessing and manufacturing non-tax-paid whiskey in Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses Tuesday. They were charged with the operation of three stills by the sheriff and county officers.

Guy Lambert was found not guilty and Mildred Lambert Breeden was found guilty of aiding and abetting. She got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. Breeden, who got a suspended sentence of 18 months for a similar offense at last term of Superior court and who is on probation, pled guilty. Sentence was 12 months on the roads, to be suspended on payment of \$50 and costs, including still fee for one still, and on condition of two years good behavior to begin at the end of his Superior Court probation or sentence. He was still in jail this morning, facing both sentences.

Frank Scott, Indian, was found not guilty of operating a still.

Ernest Campbell and Walter Boddie, colored inmates of the Sanatorium prison ward, and Hubert Creighton, Wake County white holdup man of the same ward, each pled guilty of escaping. Campbell and Boddie got three to four months each at the end of their present sentences, and Creighton got four months to start at the end of his.

James Murchison, colored, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and got 30 days to be suspended on payment of costs and \$35 repair bill. He went to the roads.

Willie Lee Wilson, colored, was found not guilty of assaulting Walter Faircloth, white, with an ax. He went to the roads, however, for 60 days for not paying off on a case last week of careless and reckless driving and having no driver's license. Charlie Tew, colored, pled guilty of public drunkenness and transporting non-tax-paid liquor. He got 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and Faircloth's doctor bill from being hit with the ax, the judge feeling that the liquor was probably more responsible for the assault than anything else.

Herbert Jr. McKoy, colored, was found guilty of driving drunk. Sentence of 60 days was suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

James R. Ramsey, white, left a \$25 bond for careless and reckless driving. Lloyd E. Parker and George F. Blanchard, both white, each left \$25 for speeding.

## POLICE CHIEF QUILTS; J. S. POOLE WORKS

Police Chief H. E. Dees tendered his resignation to the town board through Commissioner A. V. Sanders last week, and it was accepted, effective May 31. A replacement for him as chief has not been employed. John S. Poole is presently and temporarily serving the town as policeman on the night shift until L. F. Hester, who also resigned recently, can be replaced.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Younger Sneed Sunday were: Sam Sneed and Mrs. Jewel Klouse of Myrtle Beach, Mr. and Mrs. John McKinnon of Laurinburg, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chapman and Lucy of Aberdeen, Mrs. Mary Halperin of Natick, Mass. and Mrs. Alex Sneed and son, Sandy, of Rockingham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Haire and daughter, Peggy, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jackson in Tolarville, Sunday.

Mrs. Arah Stuart is leaving for Long Island, N. Y. for an extended visit in the home of her daughter, Major and Mrs. Lewis Hart and son.

## Mrs. Inglis Fletcher To Speak At FMC Alumnae Day May 29



INGLIS FLETCHER

Red Springs, May 20, 1954—At the Alumnae Day luncheon to be held here Saturday, May 29 Mrs. Inglis Clark Fletcher will be the guest speaker. In North Carolina Mrs. Fletcher is noted for her historical novels about the colonial days on Albemarle Sound. By a very casual interest in her North Carolina ancestors, one day, Mrs. Fletcher went into the Huntington Library in California to study colonial records of North Carolina. She became so interested in what she found that after six years of research and study her first novel, Raleigh's Eden was published. Three others were written with the most popular of the four being Lusty Wind for Carolina.

These four books have become so popular they have been translated into six languages. These novels are historically correct by the use of original documents such as old manuscripts, court records, letters, diaries and wills.

Inglis Fletcher is not a native of North Carolina, but was born in Alton, Illinois in 1888. She was educated in the Alton public schools and then at Washington University School of Fine Arts. Her ambition was to be a sculptor, but this she gave up to marry John George Fletcher a mining engineer. With him, she traveled in Alaska, Washington, and California. She also made a trip to Africa to study native customs and witchcraft and returned to the United States to lecture and write of Africa. While she was traveling during her lectures she began to study North Carolina colonial records and later she moved to North Carolina and bought Bandon Plantation on the Chowan River in Chowan County near Edenton, N. C. where she writes and works about her plantation trying to restore it to its former glory.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Covington returned Sunday night from Franklinton, where they attended the Davis-Kearney wedding and reception Saturday evening. Mrs. Davis is the former Miss Rachel Gordon Kearney, daughter of former Representative and Mrs. Henry Crawford Kearney and niece of Mrs. Covington. Mrs. Hurd Grier Bradford of Huntersville was sojourner.

Mrs. Joe Gallegher spent last Wednesday in Greensboro with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Sinclair and children of Maxton spent Sunday with Mrs. Wilmer McBryde.

Dr. Julius F. Jordan attended the Dental Convention in Southern Pines on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker of Winston-Salem spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Wood and family.

Mrs. Mary Fuller of Liberty left Wednesday after spending several days with her brother, John McKay Blue.

## Hoke Convention Names Thomas To State Committee

Breaking away from their usual custom of making their members to state and district committees in Raleigh on the night before the State Democratic convention, Hoke County Democrats in their convention at the courthouse Saturday named these party officers. Most important of these since the death of Senator Clyde R. Hoey last week, was the post of county member of the State Democratic Executive committee, which has been held by State Senator J. Benton Thomas. Thomas was named to this post again Saturday, and thus will be on the committee which names the Democratic nominee to run Hoey's Senate seat in the general election next November.

About 25 persons, mostly county officials of some sort, or precinct and county officials of the Democratic Party, attended the convention. This group, however, did pass two resolutions.

The first resolution passed was that the convention go on record as being in favor of a State-wide referendum on alcoholic beverage control.

The second resolution, introduced by H. D. Harrison and revised by Harrison, J. M. Andrews and Dewitt Tapp, dealt with several items including an expression of regret at the passing of Senator Hoey, an approval of the record of N. C. Congressmen during the past two years, and blanket commendations of State and county officials.

Following the convention the county executive committee met and re-elected Chairman Walter P. Baker to another two-year term. Other officers elected were Mrs. A. D. Gore and J. M. Andrews, vice-chairmen and Mrs. W. C. Hodgin, secretary. Members of the committee, who are all the county precinct chairmen, are J. M. Andrews of Antioch, Archie Watson of Allendale, T. O. Moses of Ashmont, C. J. McNeill of Blue Springs, E. B. Blue of Little River, N. A. McInnis of Mildouson, John Parker of Pappys Creek, Neill L. McFadyen of Raeford No. 1, J. B. Thomas of Raeford No. 2 and T. A. McInnis of Rockfish.

## Hoke Lady's Husband In English Hospital

Mrs. Sam Ingebrightsen of Detroit, Mich., is spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. Nora McBryde, while her husband visits his parents in Bergen, Norway. That was the plan of Mr. and Mrs. Ingebrightsen, and she sailed on the Queen Elizabeth, while she came to Antioch.

But on Saturday she received a cable informing her that he is in the Royal Hospital, Southampton, England, with two broken ankles. The message contained no particulars except that he incurred his injuries in an attempt to save a life aboard ship.

The relatives and friends here are eagerly waiting for further particulars. They especially wonder how long he will be detained in England. And they do not yet know whether his life-saving effort was successful.

## Dog Warden Urges Prompt Vaccination

R. D. Parker, Hoke County dog warden, this week reminded residents and dog owners of the county of the coming hot weather and the increasing danger from mad dogs. He said that there had been several incidents of rabid dogs in areas in surrounding counties close to this county and that the only way to avoid having them here was to get the dogs vaccinated.

Vaccinations are to be paid for when administered, but these fees are credited on the taxes of the owner. Parker said owners would be liable to prosecution for not having dogs vaccinated after July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McFadyen, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Veasey and Horace spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Veasey in South Boston, Va.

Mrs. Gladys Long has been ill with mumps for the past week, and her little daughter, Nancy, has measles.

Sgt. and Mrs. Leonard E. Dunn have returned to El Paso, Texas after visiting their parents.

## Mrs. Cameron Heads T. B. Association

At the annual meeting of the Hoke County Tuberculosis Association, held recently, Mrs. Hubert Cameron was elected president for the coming fiscal year. Harvey Warlick was elected vice-president and Mrs. T. B. Lester was elected secretary and treasurer.

A financial statement of the association was released at the meeting. It showed disbursements during the past year for scholarships, x-ray clinics, mass x-ray surveys, lunches, pajamas, Christmas seal sale supplies and postage and seal sale health education. Total of these expenditures was \$1472.75, which deducted from the balance of \$4008.09 at the beginning of the year left \$2535.34. A net of \$1007.25 was received from the 1953 Christmas Seal sale, after \$335.75 had gone to the State and National programs, and this brought the balance up to \$3541.59 for the local chapter. The budget for the coming year as approved calls for total expenditures of \$1030, which will leave a reserve of \$2511.59.

The report on the mass x-ray survey for the county showed that there were 5232 x-rays given in Raeford and Hoke County during the survey, with 2646 being given in Raeford outside Hoke High and Upchurch schools. From these x-rays three persons have been admitted to the Sanatorium with active TB, 43 had other conditions such as heart disease and tumors and 18 were placed under observation until TB is ruled out. There have been seven deaths in Hoke County since 1950 from tuberculosis, all colored, and three colored and no white persons are at present awaiting admission to a sanatorium.

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## Charles Gales To Die June 4 As Appeal Denied

Unless Governor Urnstead steps in, a Hoke County tenant farmer who beat his wife to death in a cotton patch will die in Central Prison's gas chamber on June 4. The State Supreme Court set the date yesterday as it upheld the death sentence passed out to Charles Gales in Hoke Superior Court last January.

Gales beat his wife, Lucille, to death with a gun barrel on October 1, 1953. Death came in a cotton field beside their farm house as two of their children looked on in horror, and the Hoke jury had little trouble in reaching a verdict of first degree murder with no recommendation of mercy.

Gales had beaten his wife twice during the year preceding the murder. Twice he was arrested and tried on warrants she had signed. Once he went to the roads; again he was released as his wife retracted her charge on the witness stand. While in jail awaiting his second trial, he made the threat that "if his wife put him in jail anymore he was going to kill her."

He apparently had planned to do it after the noon meal on October 1, 1953. It was then that he laid hands on his wife and threatened "to kill her and the oldest boy." She left the house, sent a neighbor to inform the judge of the Recorder's Court, and headed for the cotton field.

Soon he followed her to accuse her of having "sent for the law." She denied it, and he said he was "leaving" and asked her to go to the home with him and help pack his clothes. She said she wasn't going because he wanted to "take her up there and fight her." Later Gales confessed that he was planning murder at that moment and hoped to lure her to the home and kill her out of sight of the children.

He returned to the house alone, got a detached barrel from an old double-barrel shotgun and returned. She tried to flee, but he outran her, struck her down with the barrel and beat her brains out.

He then left the scene, only to surrender later to officers searching for him.

Gales' lawyer argued that he was mentally deficient, that he "always was slow in his learning" and had gone only to the fourth grade in school, that "he didn't play with other children." His mother, the court was told, had taken her own life in a fit of mental depression; an uncle suffered at times from insanity. Gales himself was not "in his right mind at times."

The Supreme Court looked over the records of the Raeford trial, was not impressed. "The State's evidence," wrote Associate Justice Sam J. Edwin, "was sufficient to show that the prisoner committed a willful, deliberate and premeditated murder. . . . The exceptions point out no error of commission or omission warranting a new trial."

## Bill Moses Heads Wake Forest Bar

William Luther Moses, Wake Forest College law student from Quewhiffle Township, has been elected president of the Student Bar Association at the college. This is the highest honor a law student can achieve at the college.

He is the son of Judge and Mrs. T. O. Moses of this county. He is a member of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and became a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity when an undergraduate. He was also a member of the student council.

Mr. and Mrs. Thebert Apple of Garner visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williamson during the week end. They attended Homecoming at Ashpole Church in Rowland on Sunday.