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Addenda

By Sam Morris

County Auditor, John McGoogan told me yesterday that unless something unforeseen happens the tax rate for the county would go up a minimum of five cents. Since the Board of Education had asked for a five-cent raise in its estimated budget, this is understandable. He said that the valuation of property wasn't as high as expected and that the value of cars and trucks has fallen considerably. The general fund absorbed some of the school expenses last year, but the auditor doesn't think the general fund can absorb the raise this coming year. The schools also received a large amount from forfeitures and fines and from the federal government for students in school whose parents work at Fort Bragg. Maybe it will be more this coming year and may less. The tax rate in the county is low compared with surrounding counties and a five-cent raise still won't be high, as it will make the rate only \$1.15. Heard that most every county in the state is raising its tax rate and some as high as thirty cents. If we can get by on a five-cent raise, it will be better than leaving it at \$1.10 and maybe next year have to raise it as high as some adjoining counties to get us back in the black. So when the commissioners meet next Thursday, don't be surprised if they raise the rate.

Mal McKeithan, Raeford's contribution to professional baseball and who was voted the most popular player on the Fayetteville baseball team last year received another honor Tuesday, June 8 in Winston-Salem, where he is playing this year. A firm in Winston-Salem gives a watch each month to the player on the Winston-Salem team that is most valuable to the team. McKeithan was named that player for the month of May. He was purchased from Fayetteville after the start of the season. Mal is at present with the local National Guard unit at Camp Stewart, Georgia. The team has had a tough time so far this year, but a Winston-Salem paper said that the buying of McKeithan was certainly one smart thing the board of directors have done. At the present time he leads his club in hitting, number of hits and triples and is second in doubles. This is Mal's fifth year in professional ball and let's hope it is his best.

A few people mentioned to me about the sheriff needing more office space, which I wrote about in this column last week, and agreed that he did. Sheriff Hodgkin told me one man wanted to know if he was going to add a room on his office next to the Methodist Church. This could happen!

The mail this week is full of articles from the Safety Council asking for sane and safe driving during the July 4th week end. The people who are on the highways that week end should read and listen to these comments and then put them into practice. So let's all do what we can to make it a safe and sane 4th.

While on the subject of safety it was brought to my attention an article in the daily paper about an oil storage tank falling on a child which caused instant death. It would pay all of us to check our tank structures and see what condition they are in. The wooden stands should be especially checked because it is hard to tell if they are rotten or not, just by looking at them.

ATTENDING BAR MEET

H. W. B. Whitley and G. B. Rowland are attending the Bar Association Meeting today and Friday at Wrightsville Beach.

Wheat Allotments Now Available

Farmers on land on which no wheat was seeded for grain for all of the years 1952, 1953 and 1954 may apply for a 1955 wheat acreage allotment, according to R. J. Hasty, Chairman of the Hoke County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. To be considered for an allotment on a farm which had not wheat seeded for grain for any of those years, the farmer must apply in writing to his county ASC committee by June 30, 1954. Blank application forms are available at the county ASC office for use in filing requests for allotments.

FARM ITEMS

By W. C. Willford
County Farm Agent

The boll weevil situation is developing about as the Entomologist predicted. Robeson and Scotland Counties have reported fields with very heavy infestation and also fields with very light infestation. Hoke County is running about the same as others.

I have made counts in some fields that are running as high as 50% punctured squares and nearby fields will have practically no squares punctured. For this reason, I am making no general recommendation for everybody to follow. There is enough boll weevils in Hoke County now to cause a general infestation when the migration period starts.

My suggestions are that you check your cotton very closely, and in the event that you find 10% or more of the squares punctured, treat it three times and then start counting again. It is generally considered by the Entomologist that the poison is too expensive to treat unless you have 10% infestation.

Many people continue to tell me that the recommended rates or fertilizer causes their cotton to grow so big and heavy that the bolls cannot develop. If the boll weevils puncture your early squares and they fall off, the fertilizer goes in leaves and stalks instead of bolls. The only way to get the cotton to use that fertilizer to develop bolls is to keep the boll weevils from puncturing them.

J. L. (Jim) Warner, who farms near Raeford, is irrigating his tobacco during the dry weather. While irrigation is not practical for everybody, it certainly seems to be profitable for Mr. Warner. He is fortunate in that he has a large supply of water convenient to his fields and the primary expense that he had was the purchase of the equipment.

The figures from last year's farmers' reports who were irrigating tobacco show an increase per acre of from \$200 to \$400 on fields that were irrigated. Mr. Warner figures that he has already increased the value of his fourteen acres by at least \$100 per acre. This means a gross increase of approximately \$1400 even if rains comes just like his tobacco needs it from now on. He has left a plot not irrigated as a check and invites anyone who is interested to come by and inspect it.

He does not figure it will pay to buy equipment to irrigate corn, but since he has a good water supply and the equipment available, he plans to try a field of corn. The Field Crop Specialist at State College say that corn will use 1/4 inch of water a day from the time it shoots until the grain is practically mature. There will also be a check plot left in the corn field to see how much difference there will be in irrigating and not irrigating corn. If the weather continues to be dry, we will keep the figures on these two plots to see how much more he makes on the irrigated corn.

On Tuesday, June 29, at the Whiteville Test Farm, Hoke County farmers will have the opportunity to examine the first two years in medicine.

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Recorder Hears Routine Cases In Court Tuesday

In a session that took all day, 14 cases were disposed of in Hoke County's recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses Tuesday. A large part of the day was spent on cases in which judgment will not be rendered until later.

Marie Turner, colored, pled not guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon on Clarence Harris. She was found guilty and the case was left open for judgment on the 29 of June. Clarence Harris, colored, pled not guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon on Marie Turner and Lola Turner. He was found guilty and got 30 days on the roads suspended on a fine of \$10 and the costs, two years good behavior, not to violate any alcoholic beverage laws and to come back to court on June 29.

Oliver Blewins, white prisoner from McCain, pled guilty to a charge of escape and got 60 days, to start at the end of his present sentence.

Charles E. Metcalf, white marine, pled guilty to a charge of speeding 80 mph. He got 30 days suspended on payment of a fine of \$30 and the costs and was ordered to turn in his operator's license as provided by law. Carroll N. Harber, white soldier of Tennessee, pled guilty to speeding 85 mph and was given 30 days suspended on a fine of \$40 and the costs of court. Norman A. Gillis, white tourist, paid \$10 and the costs for speeding.

Joe Goodman, colored, was found guilty of driving without a driver's license and without brakes. He was sentenced to 60 days, sentence to be suspended on payment of \$35 and the costs and not to violate any motor vehicle laws for two years.

Guy Lambert, white, pled guilty to a charge of careless and reckless driving. A 30-day sentence was suspended on payment of \$20 and the costs and good behavior as to motor vehicle laws for two years.

Betty Thomas, white, was charged with larceny of an automobile. Sentence was suspended on payment of the costs of court and damages to the car of Lacy Parker.

Grady Monroe, colored, pled guilty to a charge of speeding and no operator's license and sentence was 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs. Ronald J. Koper, white soldier, pled guilty to the same charge and paid \$10 and the costs.

Allie McK. Eason, white, charged with driving drunk, was called and failed to appear. A capias was issued and the case was continued. Donald A. Lund, white, charged with public drunkenness and violation of the prohibition laws, was called and failed to appear and a capias was issued.

The case against Charles L. Hatcher, white soldier, for driving without a driver's license was not pros.

Earl Hollar, white, and Talmadge Melton, white, pled not guilty to a charge of cruelty to animals. Both were found guilty and Hollar got 30 days suspended on payment of the costs while Melton got 30 days suspended on a fine of \$15 and the costs.

FIRE ON MAIN STREET

A fire of unknown origin destroyed the awning and cracked the front windows at Baucom Appliance Company last Thursday night about 11 o'clock. Cause of the fire is thought to have been a cigarette thrown into the awning which was up at the time. The damage, as estimated by Mr. Baucom, was placed at \$300. This damage was not covered by insurance.

Bob Murray spent Monday and Tuesday of this week in Raleigh where he took the State Board examination of the first two years in medicine.

Local Girl Goes With Methodist Group On European Tour

Saturday, June 19, was the day of departure for Florence Cameron, who left for Europe with a Youth Caravan sponsored by the Methodist Church. The group left Greensboro by train on Thursday for New York at which place they boarded the MS Seven Seas for their crossing to Le Harve, France.

The first several weeks in Europe will be spent sightseeing in France, Italy, Switzerland and points between, with the tour eventually reaching its goal in Austria, where the group will begin its work. The purpose of the trip is to participate in church-sponsored youth work with Austrian and German young people and to act as goodwill ambassadors. They are scheduled to stay in Linz, Austria for ten days, working and conducting services. Work of various types will be carried on in other parts of Austria as the Caravan works its way into Germany to Berlin during the early part of August. Additional work will be carried on here for several weeks. The group will then travel through the Netherlands to England where they will spend about ten days before boarding the SS Arosa Kulm in London for New York where they are scheduled to arrive on September 3.

In charge of the group, each paying his own expenses, are Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Garlington of Roxboro. Making up the group of 14 are two ministers, several teachers and college students. Dr. Garlington is pastor of the Long Memorial Methodist Church in Roxboro.

Raeford Scouts Attending Camp

Camp Tom Upchurch opened on Sunday, June 20 with 78 scouts from 16 troops in the Cape Fear Area on hand. The boys arrived in all kinds of vehicles: trucks, jeeps, etc. Scout executive Neill C. Cornwell, Jr. of Wilmington was on hand to greet the campers, parents and visitors. The visitors were shown around the camp by members of the staff.

Swimming was the first thing on the schedule after medical checks and registration. Dr. R. L. Murray examined the campers.

Scouts attending from Troops 401 and 444 are: Lindsay Quick, Jerry Ellis, Michael Wood, John Lester, Billy Dalton, Mark Smith, Robert Weaver, Allen McDonald, Steve McDonald, Johnny Maultsby, Jack Ellis, Pete Dickson and Dicky Perkins.

Visitors to camp on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lester, Younger Snead, Dr. Marcus Smith and Dr. R. L. Murray.

PERSONALS

Misses June Hall and Joan McLeod are attending Methodist Youth Assembly at Louisburg this week.

Margaret McLeod and Kisty Lou Norris returned Saturday from Camp Don-Lee.

Miss Jenelle Snead returned Saturday from Weidon where she spent two weeks visiting her grandmother, Mrs. C. P. Vincent.

Vernon and Johnnie Nance of Ellerbe spent several days this week with their cousin, Billy Howell.

Gordon Adams of Kinston visited friends here last week.

Harry Cranford visited his family in Asheboro during the week end.

Mrs. W. J. Coberly and family have been vacationing at Daytona Beach, Florida for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Ida B. Graham of Cheraw, S. C. is spending some time in the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Lundy, and family.

Leonard McFadyen Dies Unexpectedly Sunday Night

Leonard McFadyen, 63, died unexpectedly Sunday night at his home, Lumber Bridge, route one, of an apparent heart attack.

A prominent farmer of this county, he was a veteran of World War I, a member of Stonewall Ruritan Club, and was a steward in the Sandy Grove Methodist Church.

He was born in Hoke County, the son of the late Archie K. McFadyen and Cornelia Smith McFadyen, both of Robeson County.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Susie Hendricks McFadyen; three daughters, Mrs. Henry Maxwell of Raeford, Mrs. R. H. Oestreich of Okinawa and Mrs. L. W. Cook of Raleigh; one son, Bonnie McFadyen of the home; five sisters, Mrs. Ruth Bristow, Mrs. Lillie McDougall, Mrs. Ella Traywick, Mrs. Clifford Bostic and Mrs. R. J. Morman, all of Lumber Bridge, route one; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Sandy Grove Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock, conducted by the Rev. N. P. Edens, pastor, assisted by the Rev. E. C. Taylor. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Baker's Mother Dies In Asheboro

Mrs. Lola Leonard Spoon, 86, died Wednesday at her home at Spoon Mill, near Asheboro. She had been ill for several years.

She was born at Cedar Falls. She was the widow of William D. Spoon, who died in 1929. She is survived by two sons, Cleon Spoon of the home and John Spoon of Asheboro; five daughters, Mrs. J. T. Brooks of Siler City, Mrs. J. M. Baker of Raeford, and Misses Allie, Rilla and Ann Spoon, all of the home; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral will be held at Asheboro First Baptist Church at 5 p. m. Friday, with burial in Old City Cemetery. Dr. E. W. Price will officiate. The body will be taken to the church half an hour before the rites.

New Pastor At Bethel And Shiloh Churches

The Rev. Joseph W. Amory accompanied by Mrs. Amory, arrived in Raeford last week. They are now making their home in Sunset Hills. Mr. Amory is the new pastor for the Bethel and Shiloh Presbyterian Churches in this county. He preached his first sermon at Shiloh last Sunday.

Mr. Amory is a native of Norfolk, Virginia and attended Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C. and graduated this year from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia. This is his first pastorate.

He was married about three weeks ago to the former Miss Mary Johnson Stephens of Lumberton. She was up until her marriage Director of Religious Education at the Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Mr. Amory replaces the Rev. S. A. Ewart, who died August 22, 1953.

BLUE REUNION SUNDAY

The annual Blue clan reunion will be held in Lakeview, Sunday, June 27 in the pine grove between Highway 1 and the lake near the home of Mrs. Fannie Blue Coore.

J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen who a few weeks ago returned from a trip to the Holy Land will speak to the gathering at 12:30 and at 1 p. m., the picnic dinner will be spread on the tables.

A cordial invitation is extended to the Blues, their kinsmen and friends to attend.

Mrs. Frances Davis, who is attending summer school at High Point was a week end visitor in town.

BOOSTER CLUB IS ORGANIZED TO HELP ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Local Guardsmen Will Return 27th

Saturday Parade Honors Retired Guard Colonel

The local National Guard unit, Battery A of the 139th AAA Battalion, will return home about noon on Sunday from their annual two-weeks training at Camp Stewart, Georgia. This is the seventh encampment since the organization of the unit, six of which were held at the anti-aircraft training center in Georgia.

Four general officers participated in a North Carolina-Florida National Guard review there Saturday morning to honor Colonel Royce S. McClelland, retired. Colonel McClelland, who was honored as an "outstanding citizen and the original commander of the 252nd Coast Artillery regiment of the North Carolina National Guard," was reviewing officer.

The reviewing party included Major General John Manning, the adjutant general of North Carolina; Brigadier General R. W. Mayo, commanding general of Camp Stewart; Brigadier General R. G. White, assistant adjutant general of Florida and Brigadier General Oscar I. Wreen, commanding general of the Fourth Corps artillery, North Carolina National Guard.

Commander of Troops for the parade was Lieutenant Colonel William A. Cobb, Headquarters Battery, 252nd Antiaircraft Artillery Group, N. C. National Guard.

The 139th Antiaircraft Artillery automatic weapons battalion was color unit for the occasion. The 130th is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel William Lamont, Jr. and is a part of the 30th Infantry Division.

North Carolina units participating besides the 130th included the 94th Army Band, Headquarters battery of the 252nd AAA Group, 130th AAA Gun battalion, 725th AAA automatic weapons battalion, 121st Operations detachment and the 217th RCAT detachment.

Aid Needed As Tenant House Burns

Fire destroyed a tenant house on the farm of Clyde Upchurch, near Oakdale Gin on Wednesday afternoon about three o'clock. The fire was caused by an oil cook stove exploding. The house was occupied by Quincy Little, who works at the oil mill, his wife and three children. They lost everything they had except two quilts and their family Bible.

There are three little girls in the family, aged six, four and two years, and Mrs. Helen S. Barrington of the local Red Cross chapter said that they would be glad to have anything anyone would like to give them in the way of clothing or household goods of any description. Persons wishing to contribute such items to the Littles may leave them at the Red Cross office in the T. B. Upchurch, Inc. building or with Miss Josephine Hall at the Home Demonstration Agent's office in the county building.

COTTON BLOSSOMS BROUGHT IN SATURDAY

First cotton blossom of the season to be seen in the News-Journal office was brought in Saturday by D. P. McDiarmid of Antioch township, Red Springs, Route 1.

The next one was brought in Monday by Tom Graham, colored tenant for J. L. McNeill. He raised it on the Bob Currie farm, in Quewhiffle township, which is owned by Mr. McNeill.

Meet At McNeill's Pond; 37 Attend; Directors Named

A chicken supper brought together thirty-seven men from the county at J. L. McNeill's pond last night at an invitation of Mr. McNeill. These men represented the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, American Legion, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce, different sections of the county and a few county officials. After the meal Mr. McNeill said the purpose of the get-together was to discuss and find out if it was possible to form a "Booster Club" to help with the athletic program at the High School. He then presented W. T. Gibson, Jr., principal of the school.

Mr. Gibson told the group some of the troubles the school was having with its athletic program. He called attention to the school being in Class AA conference. This calls for a school with 300 or more students, but most of the people in Raeford wanted to play larger schools so he had found a way to enter this class of ball without the required number of students. Gibson said that finance was a problem, mentioning the following: to get a named coach his salary must be supplemented approximately \$1500; equipment is high and with the small gate receipts, outside of basketball, it is a losing cause; all players must be covered by insurance which costs \$12.50 per player. The players need the public behind them to boost their moral; such as, some live out in the country and must thumb home late in the afternoon after practice. He answered questions after his remarks.

In reply to what other coaches in the surrounding schools received he stated the following cases: supplement of \$1200, home and summer job; \$1400 and summer job; \$1500 and summer job. Other towns around Raeford have touch-down clubs, Gibson said, which cooperate with the school in supporting athletics.

J. L. McNeill was elected as chairman for the night after Mr. Gibson's talk and a motion was made and passed to organize a "Booster Club" in Hoke County. Discussion was then heard on what type of officers, directors and committees would be elected. A motion was made and seconded that five directors be elected from the group present and that they in turn select four additional directors at a later date. This board of directors would elect from its group a president, vice-president and secretary and appoint the needed committees. This was passed and the chairman asked for nominations for the directors. Eight men were nominated and five were elected by ballot.

The five directors elected were J. L. McNeill, J. H. Austin, the Rev. W. B. Heyward, Jim Tillman and W. C. Hodgkin.

The club will seek members after the meeting of the directors. Whether club members will pay dues, make contribution, etc. will be known after the meeting, but membership is open to anyone in Hoke County.

Homecoming Sunday At Philippi Church

Next Sunday, June 27, will be homecoming at Philippi Presbyterian Church, it was announced this week.

Program for the day will include Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. and the worship service at 11:00 a. m. The message at this service will be delivered by the student supply pastor, James Ives. Following the worship service a picnic basket dinner will be served on the grounds about noon. A song service will be held at 2:00 o'clock. All former members, their friends and relatives are invited.