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Addenda - -

By The Editor

Well, the county boards of commissioners and education will get a new and perhaps eventful fiscal year started today. County Accountant J. A. McGoogan told me yesterday that he will recommend to the board that it increase county taxes only five cents, the amount figured by the board of education for its increased needs. Although there is a chance this may not be enough to quite get by on, there are funds available for use if it is not, he says. Understand these boards had a gathering last night to give the budgets a final going over and rehearsing before their adoption today.

The cemetery, particularly the block down the right side of the drive you enter, was considerably improved in the community effort some weeks ago. Nature, however, is still at work, and the place is getting out of shape again before we managed to get it quite in. Afraid there's not much use doing much talking about it with the weather this hot, though. We can be thinking and planning how we are each going to get out and fix our lot when we have a cooler day. The crowd that cleaned lots on the right didn't own lots there necessarily; they just thought it would be a good idea to get one section completely cleaned so you could see what the same would mean to the whole place.

There is going to be some action on the swimming hole in the next week or so, I believe. Truman Austin, who has been working with Tom McBryde on just how to clean it up and shape it was getting some advice from Harry Greene and others this week preparatory to going at it. We had hoped to get a parks planning expert here to tell us the right way, but hot weather and the dirt moving equipment are here and he isn't, so suppose we'll just have to do something and hope it's right. There was some pretty good-sounding talk about paying that road "in the spring" a while back, too, but it's still mighty dusty.

H. E. Neeley, chairman of the Hoke County Cotton Committee, asked me to say something to farmers about the boll weevil. He says that the hot dry weather is without doubt hurting him some, but not a great deal. Checks show a great difference between dusted and undusted fields in spite of the weather. He and other members of the committee believe it is certainly necessary for cotton farmers to keep checking and keep dusting for boll weevil. The weather will help some, they say, but it won't do the job.

RAEFORD STORES and business houses will close Monday, July 5, for Independence Day. They will also close on Wednesday afternoon, July 7 as usual. . . at least those which have been doing so will, according to W. C. Phillips, chairman of the merchant's division of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce. This crowd, by the way, is cooking up a real bunch of prizes and promotions for a fall festival again this year. It's nice to see them getting started a little earlier, and I expect this will pay off.

J. R. Hampton, who was in Washington with Mrs. Hampton last week visiting his sons and their families, says he managed to get by the Veterans Hospital to see Carlyle Brown. He said that "Freck" was feeling good and in excellent spirits. Said he bragged on the place a lot, saying the nurses and doctors were treating him fine and that everything was first rate.

Just for the record, it should be stated that the new trash cans on Main Street help the appearance of the place considerably and we certainly must use them.

Telephone Co. Pays 1954 Tax

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company through its local manager, T. W. Rose, this week presented checks to the county of Hoke and the town of Raeford amounting to \$1,510.18 and \$1,414.53, respectively.

These amounts representing the estimated ad valorem taxes for the city and county are based on the valuation of the company's property in the town and county as determined by the State Board of Assessment on other than real property and the local valuation of the real property of the company. Payments are made during the month of June in order that the company might avail itself of the discount allowed on ad valorem taxes paid prior to July 1, 1954.

The total increase in the above local taxes over 1953 was about 18%.

FARM ITEMS

By W. C. Williford
County Farm Agent

The Soil Testing Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture in Raleigh says it is time to get in your soil samples for your winter crops. Each year, just at planting time especially in the Spring and Fall, the Soil Testing Division gets in thousands of samples from farmers who want an answer the next day.

During the Spring of 1954, they were so far behind analyzing the samples that it took three or four weeks to get a sample back. Ordinarily, if you have already bought your fertilizer when your samples come back, you go ahead and use the fertilizer you have purchased.

We have an ample supply of soil test boxes and instruction sheets and will be glad to explain to you exactly how to take your soil samples so you will get the best results from them. If you send a sample now, you will get your analysis and fertilizer recommendations in a few days. If you wait until September 1st or 15th, it will take three or four weeks to get your answer.

During the week of August 16-21, 4-H members will be attending camp at Mantes. As we mentioned before in the Farm Items, this will be an expensive trip for 4-H members due to the excessive amount of travel involved. It is very likely that several 4-H members from Hoke County will miss this trip unless the camp transportation fund grows bigger than it is now.

During the last few weeks of school, the 4-H members sold magazines and made some money for the transportation fund. Also, they made some money on the float in the Harvest Festival last Fall and have received some income from other sources. They have recently received gifts from three Home Demonstration Clubs which are highly appreciated and very helpful. These clubs are Wayside, Blue Springs, and Raeford. The Rockfish Home Demonstration Club is planning to help the 4-H Club with a supper meeting and give the proceeds to camp transportation fund.

The County 4-H Treasurer tells me they have better than \$60 in the fund now. If the usual number of 4-H members attend camp which will be between 30-40, this will be about \$2.00 less than each 4-H member will have to pay.

On Tuesday, June 29, about 30-35 farmers from Hoke County, including Veteran Trainees, attended the Tobacco Field Day at the Whiteville Test Farm. These farmers saw the tobacco harvesters and a grading machine in operation.

One thing of particular interest was the high analysis fertilizer results that were demonstrated. Contrary to the general belief that

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Eagle Award To McFadyen

Neill McFadyen, Jr., received his badge as an Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America, at a colorful and ceremonial court of honor held by campfire at Camp Tom Upchurch on Friday night, June 25. Fifteen years of age, Neill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. McFadyen of Raeford, and has 21 merit badges. He is an Explorer Scout and has been a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scout honor society, for about two years.

The court of honor was presided over by Fred Kendall of Laurinburg, advancement chairman for the Western District of the council. The ceremony consisted of 12 scouts symbolizing and defining the steps of scouting the new Eagle had to pass through to reach the highest rank. The 12 parts of the scout law were then recited in unison by the scouts.

Climax of the occasion came when Eagle Scout Leon Cameron escorted Mr. and Mrs. McFadyen, parents of the new Eagle Scout, to the campfire circle. There Mr. Kendall presented the badge to Mr. McFadyen, who handed it to his wife to pin on her son.

After having received the Eagle award Neill expects to complete this summer of scouting activity by taking part in an expedition of Explorer scouts in Florida.

Homecoming At Philippi Sunday

By Mrs. A. A. McInnis

Philippi Presbyterian Church had their annual homecoming last Sunday. It was extremely hot every where, but with all the ice water, iced tea and lemonade that was provided, no one could be too uncomfortable from the heat. There was a fine breeze too, coming over from nearby Rockfish Creek that helped to keep the spirits up, and when all that delicious food was spread on picnic tables under the shade of the trees on the church grounds, the heat was entirely forgotten. The day began with Sunday School and preaching at the usual hours of ten and eleven o'clock. After the church services there was an intermission for greeting kinsfolk and friends and enjoyment of the outdoor repast. A spirit of Christian fellowship prevailed the gathering and as soon as the songsters felt like tuning up after dinner everybody re-entered the church for a period of hymn singing with the Rev. W. B. Heyward of Raeford in charge and Mrs. Cyrus Autry, pianist. The program consisted of hymns by the congregation, memorial service for those who passed away the past year, prayers by Rev. W. B. Heyward and Rev. James Ives, summer pastor of the church, a solo by little Miss Candice Autry, Duet by Mrs. R. W. Posey and daughter, Miss Charlotte Posey, mixed quartet by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Warwick, Mrs. Cyrus Autry and Rev. James Ives, several selections by male quartet from First Baptist Church, Red Springs, mixed quartet, Mr. and Mrs. Norwood of Red Springs, Mrs. Cyrus Autry and Mrs. Carl Matthews, quartet, McInnis Brothers, closing with "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" by the congregation and the benediction.

One thing that marred the happiness of all was the fact that Mrs. Mamie Blount and her sister Mrs. Ida Lancaster of Miami, Fla. could not be present on account of Mrs. Blount's illness, in Raeford, where she remained for this special occasion, en route to New York. May she have a speedy recovery.

Misses Eloise Upchurch and Suzanne Cameron returned last week after a two weeks' visit in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida with Mr. and Mrs. Alan McGee.

Liquor Dealer Gets Big Fine

E. B. Monroe, colored, entered pleas of guilty in two cases of prohibition law violations before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday. The first for having non-tax-paid liquor for sale and he got from four to six months to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$200 and costs. In the second, for having a still, he got from eight to 12 months, to run consecutively and to be suspended on payment of \$300 and court costs, and on condition of two years good behavior. He was still in jail yesterday but was expected to pay out.

L. C. Cunningham, colored man who had gotten out of a couple of previous charges in recent months, was found guilty of speeding 90 miles an hour, careless and reckless driving and having no driver's license. He got sixty days to be suspended on payment of \$50 and costs on the speeding charge and 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs on each of the other charges. He appeared to Superior court and is at present in the county jail in default of a \$500 bond.

Jim Edwards, white, was found guilty of assaulting William Robinson with a deadly weapon. Sentence was 12 months to be suspended on payment of a \$16 doctor bill, \$25 to Robinson, a \$300 fine and two years good behavior. Allie McK. Eason, white, pled guilty of driving drunk. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Kola and Marie Turner, colored, for participating in an affray with a deadly weapon in a case heard last week, got from four to six months to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs each and two years good behavior.

Dan Carter, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs for having non-tax-paid liquor. State dropped its charge of having no driver's license against Prentiss Rogers, colored.

James A. McAister, colored, got from four to six months suspended on payment of \$200 and costs for driving after his license had been revoked.

Conrad L. Williams, white, pled guilty of driving drunk with no driver's license. He got 60 days suspended on payment of \$125 and costs.

Richard Graham, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs for being drunk in public.

Speeders were Waldon E. Skinner, white, and John E. Walker, colored, each leaving a \$25 bond; Sammy E. Floyd, white, \$10 and costs; Claude M. Dickerson, white, costs.

Attending School

Betty Upchurch is attending a Leadership Training School in New York City from July 1 to August 13. The school is sponsored by the National Student YMCA - YWCA. There are 13 students from colleges over the United States enrolled in the school. Betty will represent Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia.

The summer work will include two courses at Union Theological Seminary, a course on leadership in the Student Christian Movement, and field trips over sections of New York City, Edward Nestingen, Program Secretary for the National Student Council of the YWCA will be Director of the School and Mrs. Winnie Pardo, Secretary of the Brooklyn Student Christian Movement, Associate Director.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Herbert Miller attended the dedication of Westminster Methodist Church in Kingston, Sunday where their son, the Rev. James Miller, is minister.

Tigers Take Two League Games

The Raeford Tigers won two games in Little League play in the home park in the past week. The first of these, last Thursday afternoon, was considered by most spectators to have been one of the best games of the season. The Tigers beat the Aberdeen Cardinals 7 to 6 in a game with two extra innings. McMinis scored the tying run for the Tigers in the sixth on a hit by Riley and in the eighth Pruette hit to right field to bring Byrd across with the winning run. Pruette was the winning pitcher, relieving McCaskill in the third inning. Baker for the Cardinals was charged with the loss. At the plate for the Tigers Byrd led with three hits, while McCaskill, Pruette and Snipes had two each.

On Monday afternoon the two Raeford teams battled each other in the park at Robbins Heights with the Tigers coming out on top of a 13 to 7 score. They started the game by getting 13 men to bat in the top of the first inning and picking up seven runs. McCaskill was the winning pitcher. Lester for the Indians was charged with the loss. He was relieved by Jenkins and Hord. Byrd for the victors got a bases-loaded triple, while Hord also got a three-bagger for the Indians.

Attend Insurance Convention In SC

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Canaday returned yesterday from Convention for Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, held at the Ocean Forest Hotel, Myrtle Beach, S. C. The Agency Force was told they handle the sale of season tickets and promotion of athletic contests. Finance and promotional committees of the club are still to be named. Next public affair is to be the kick-off supper for the 1954-55 year in early August after the employment of a coach.

Highlight of the meeting was the announcement that new Accident and Health Policies would be available to the public within three weeks.

Masons Plan District Meeting

On Wednesday afternoon July 7th, Raeford Lodge No. 306 A. F. & A. M. will be host for a District Meeting of the Eleventh and Twelfth Masonic Districts.

Robert L. Pugh, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Wilbur L. McIver, Grand Secretary, Rev. A. DeLeon, Superintendent of Oxford Orphanage, Allan G. Powers, District Deputy Grand Master, Charles Newcomb, Past Grand Master and many other outstanding Masons will be present on this occasion.

The afternoon session will be held in the Lodge Hall and will begin at three o'clock. A dutch supper, of planked fish, will be served at the McLaughlin Elementary School Cafeteria at six o'clock. The evening session will begin at eight o'clock.

All Master Masons are invited to attend the meetings and supper.

Mrs. Walter David of Kings-tree, S. C., Monroe David and Monroe, Jr. of Columbia, S. C. spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Upchurch and Betty left Wednesday by plane for New York. Betty will attend a Leadership Training School in New York City from July 1 through August 13. Mr. and Mrs. Upchurch will remain in New York for several days.

Hoke Guard Does Outstanding Work

Austin Heads Boosters Club

Following the organizational meeting at J. L. McNeill's pond last week the five directors named there met this week and completed the organization of the "Hoke High Boosters Club."

Directors named last week were J. H. Austin, Jim Tillman, the Rev. W. B. Heyward, W. C. Hodgin and J. L. McNeill. This group, at a meeting this week, named Younger Snead, Ralph Plummer, Horace Walters and Pete Sawyer to the board of directors, as the meeting had authorized.

Jake Austin was elected first president of the club, Snead vice-president, and Tillman secretary.

It was decided that the organization's year will start on August 1 of each year and that officers will be elected annually in July. The first membership drive will start in early August after a coach for the coming year has been employed. Membership in the club will be open to everyone and dues will be one dollar per month. As was pointed out last week the money to be raised will be used solely to provide better athletics at Hoke County High School.

Named to the coach selection committee were Austin and Heyward, who will work with Principal Gibson and Board Member Julius Jordan. The club will also handle the sale of season tickets and promotion of athletic contests. Finance and promotional committees of the club are still to be named. Next public affair is to be the kick-off supper for the 1954-55 year in early August after the employment of a coach.

Baptist Observe Youth Week

Following their usual custom the young people of the Raeford Baptist Church are now carrying out the services and the work of the church for one week. The keys of the various offices of the church were turned over to them at the close of the morning worship service, Sunday, June 27.

The following are the officers for the week: Pastor: Douglas Dixon, Asst. Pastor: Kenny Culbreth, Sunday School Supt.: Jimmie Peck, Asst. Supt.: Ann Mercer, Sunday School Sec.: Barbara Warlick, Asst. Sec.: Gathard Garrison, Training Union Director: Betty Kinlaw, Asst. Director: Sara Lynn McGirt, Training Union Sec.: Evelyn Blanton, Asst. Sec.: Linda Mercer, Director Religious Education: Helen Rose, Organizer: Janice Benner, Choir Director: Faye Dark, Pianist: Sandra Wood, Publicity Committee: Chairman, Lilmar Sue Gatlin, Members, Nancy Bishop and Treva Duncan, Deacons, Chairman: Robert Weaver. Other deacons are: Everett Garrison, Sonny Parks, Jackie Morris, Kermit Wood, Weldon Bishop, Leen Gatlin and Jim Wade. Ushers: Ray Thomas, Chief, Charles Odom, Harold McCaskill, Winifred Davis, Floyd Harrell, Jack Blanton, Dale Connell, Jimmy Shankle and Dickie Perkins.

AT MEDICAL ASSEMBLY

Dr. A. L. O'Brian, who is reopening his office for the practice of medicine here today, attended the Mountain-top Medical Assembly last Friday and Saturday at Waynesville, in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Over 70 doctors from four states attended and heard papers on professional subjects.

Battalion Rated Superior

Hoke County's National Guard unit, Battery A of the 130th AAA Battalion, returned from their annual 15-day summer training period at Camp Stewart, Georgia, on Sunday morning. Reports on their performance in camp indicated that they were just as hot as the weather was on the day they got home.

The battery was the largest unit in Camp Stewart, having 103 men present, with three officers and one warrant officer. Of its strength of 196 only one man was counted absent from the encampment. Sergeants John Scott Poole and John Whiteford Jones being at officer candidate school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Unofficial but authoritative information through Captain Richard P. Dewitt, Regular Army advisor with the 130th who is leaving for England shortly, indicates that the Third Army Inspection team at Camp Stewart graded the Hoke men higher on their period of field training than any of the other sixty-odd units there. Under the system of inspection used a different inspector would come to the unit each three days, making five for the period, and then they would get together and average their grades for each unit.

In Battery A these inspections covered every phase of training activity starting with the records which are maintained by Warrant Officer Roger W. Dixon and Supply Sergeant Daniel E. Baker. The kitchen, the mess hall, the cooks and the food, under the management of Mess Steward Sgt. Angus W. Wilkes was rigidly inspected daily, both in Camp Stewart and in the field. The motor section under Sergeant first class William E. Kennedy and the communications section headed by Sgt. William K. Hawley and Radio Specialist Malcolm D. Holt also did their part in getting the high score for the battery.

Doing the most and carrying the load and putting up the good appearance necessary every day were all the men of the battery as they went about their training duties. Captain Edwin D. Newton and his officers, First Lieutenant Thalmadge English and Second Lt. Thomas Macko and Chief Warrant Officer Roger W. Dixon provided the type of leadership necessary for the high standard of performance and were ably assisted by the senior non-commissioned officers, First Sergeant Jesse N. Gulledd and Master Sergeants Clarence M. Willis and Arnold Monroe. Actually conducting the day-to-day training—firing, parading, guard duty and the like were section leaders, Sergeants First Class Arthur R. Ashburn, Raymond E. Baker, William D. Cothran, Herman B. Hemingway, Jr., James H. Woodhouse and Jesse D. Farnell. All performed their duties in a superior manner to produce the rating of "Superior" for the whole battery.

Enlistments in Battery A, which were frozen during the month of June, will be opened again July 1. Men desiring to enlist in the unit may do so at the armory on Monday through Friday or at drills on Monday nights.

The entire battery went out for a seafood dinner on Friday night in celebration of their fine record.

Whole Battalion Exceeds

While Battery A was leading the field, it did not have the honors alone by any means, as the entire 130th Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr., was considered most outstanding on the entire post by the Third Army Inspection team. All the batteries received "Superior" ratings on their training inspections, with most of these grades being considerably higher than in any other units present. Headquarters Battery of Red Springs, com-

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