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Addenda -

By The Editor

We can be thankful that no vital statistics were added from this county to those in which Fourth of July deaths were recorded for the State and Nation. It was probably no accident, either, that there were no serious wrecks in the county during the holiday. An intelligent drive is being made in North Carolina right now to get people to use their heads and quit killing themselves on the highways at such a great rate. This drive is paying off. In Hoke County it is more than a possibility that some of the twenty-odd persons who were in recorder's court Tuesday were caught by patrolmen and town and county officers before they pursued their violations long enough to kill or hurt themselves or others. This "whammy" the State Highway Patrol is using is bound to be having a good effect on those who want to drive fast in North Carolina. There just isn't any way to beat it, the way they set it up behind the crest of a hill from the way they are checking traffic. Any time you go over a hill at more than 55 you are liable to get caught, and that's all there is to it. These little signs they are putting up with words of wisdom on them should do some good, too. One says "The driver who takes a drink needs a cop for a chaser." There are many others.

Main subject of conversation is still the weather, and we still don't seem to be able to do anything about it. The thermometer continues to stay up around a hundred or more on most days, and it still doesn't rain in this vicinity. It is somewhat cloudy today, though, and I know that many a farmer's prayer will be for something to fall. You can hear farmers predicting worse results every day that it doesn't rain, and others saying that it isn't near as bad yet as it has been in one or another of the last three or four years. It does seem to be mighty dry over most of the coastal region.

Was reading in the Laurinburg "Exchange" today about Tom Gill, brother of State Treasurer Edwin Gill, starting his 51st year at the Scotland County courthouse. He is county accountant and ex officio general manager of the county. I know that Hoke County's John McGoogan could better that record, so I went over to get the dates from him. McGoogan has been working for this county for about 33 years, but only the last 26 of them were consecutive, so I guess we won't start any argument with the Scotland folks. McGoogan became superintendent of schools in 1911 when the county was formed, and held that post until 1918. For the next 10 years he was not a county employee, but worked for Hoke Mercantile Co. and others as a bookkeeper, cotton buyer, etc. In 1928 when the post of county auditor was authorized by the Legislature he got the job and has held it since. Like Gill in Laurinburg, McGoogan looks after things for the county commissioners, keeps the records, and can answer most any question most any time about anything to do with the county government. He was telling me that during the 10 years he was not at the courthouse he did some tax work for the county, recalling preparing the tax roll when there were six different tax rates in the county, instead of a county-wide rate as we have now, and the job that was.

Before there was a county accountant or any fiscal control of counties and towns as there is now, many counties got in financial trouble and stayed there. McGoogan was telling me. Many of them borrowed more money than they could ever pay back and paid more interest than they should have. There was no such

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M. Duke Marshall Funeral Is Held At Shiloh Sunday

Marvin Duke Marshall, 56, of the staff of the N. C. Sanatorium at McCain, died Friday afternoon after having been seriously ill for some months.

He had been with the Sanatorium as plumber and steamfitter for several years. He was born at Jacksonville, N. C., son of Isaac and Caroline Millis Marshall. He was a member of Shiloh Presbyterian Church.

Funeral service was conducted at Shiloh Church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 by the Rev. W. B. Gaston, a former pastor, the Rev. J. A. Amory, pastor, and the Rev. Claude Marshall of Jacksonville. Burial was in the churchyard cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Janie Laughinghouse of New Bern; one daughter, Carol Ann, of the home; and one son, Lt. M. D. Marshall, Jr., United States Air Force, stationed at Knoxville, Tenn.

FARM ITEMS

By W. C. Williford
County Farm Agent

During the week of July 19 to 24, approximately 1500 4-H girls and boys from North Carolina will attend the Annual State 4-H Club Week. The program will be held on the campus of North Carolina State College for the purpose of giving 4-H members the advantage of further training than is available in the county.

Among other things, the 4-H members attending will get a chance to see all the state winning 4-H Demonstration Teams. Also featured will be such things as a program entitled "New Things For More People" by Frank L. Teuten, of the Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture. One of the most enjoyable highlights of the program is always the 4-H Talent Show on Friday evening.

Each county has a talent contest once a year. The 4-Hers who are the county winners compete in the District Contests which are being conducted throughout the state during this week. The 4-H members who win the district talent contests will participate in the state talent show. Each year it is attended by an increasing number of people. It is amazing to see the quality of talent that is exhibited by the 4-Hers who win the district and county contests to become eligible for the state show.

Any 4-H club member who is 14 or older is eligible to attend 4-H Week, provided he or she is conducting a project and is otherwise in good standing. Members who are interested should contact the County Agent as soon as possible.

On Saturday, July 3, I went from Raeford to Rocky Mount by Lillington and Clayton. During the course of the trip, I counted approximately 20 irrigation systems in operation. Some were getting water from streams, and some were getting water from dug holes. The very large majority was getting water from dammed lakes or ponds.

Irrigation is also getting to be very popular in Hoke County. F. O. (Shorty) Clark tells me that there are eight systems operating in Hoke County now as compared to one in 1953. This seems to be about the ratio of increase that most counties are experiencing.

The principal item before irrigation can be effective is a water supply. The engineers tell us that Hoke County is on the borderline as far as deep wells are concerned. East of us, deep wells are very dependable and west of us, they are not dependable. A deep well that is dependable is the best source of water because there is little or no danger of spreading parasites or diseases from well water.

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Dr. Murray's Mother Dies Sun. Morning; Funeral Held Mon.

Mrs. E. C. Murray, widow of the late Dr. E. C. Murray, D. D., of St. Pauls, died early Sunday morning at Cabarrus County Nursing home in Concord. She had been in declining health for several years.

She was formerly Lillian Norwood Leiby of Summerville, S. C. She married Dr. Murray in Summerville where he had his first pastorate. She was active in Woman's Work in the Church, helping to organize it. She also took an active part in the activities of the American Legion Auxiliary, the U.D.C. and the D.A.R.

Funeral service was held in the St. Pauls Presbyterian Church on Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Officiating at the service was the Rev. W. L. Foley of Sanford, the Rev. H. R. Poole, pastor, and the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor the Raeford Presbyterian Church. Active pallbearers were deacons of the St. Pauls Church and honorary pallbearers were elders of the St. Pauls Church and the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Murray is survived by four sons, Dr. J. J. Murray, D. D., of Lexington, Va., Dr. Robert L. Murray, of Buena Vista, Va., and Hugh Murray of Charlotte; two daughters, Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Stuart Robinson School, Blackey, Ky., and Miss Florence Murray of Raleigh; one sister, Miss Julia Leiby of Charlotte; one brother, Harry Leiby of Baton Rouge, La., and 10 grandchildren.

PERSONALS

Miss Jenelle Snead entered Moore County Hospital last Friday where she underwent an appendectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Blythe and Sandra entertained their guests, Mrs. J. C. Blythe, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blythe, Jr., Miss Barbara Blythe and Bales Blythe from Huntersville in the Woodrow McLean cottage at White Lake during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Upchurch returned Sunday from New York where they spent several days last week.

Mrs. L. B. Poole and children of Belmont are spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander.

Miss Sandra Blythe returned home Saturday after spending a week in Charlotte and Huntersville visiting relatives.

Franklin Teas, Billy Lester, H. P. Walters and Billy Currie of Camp Gordon, Georgia visited their parents during the week end.

Senator and Mrs. J. B. Thomas left Tuesday for Black Mountain where they will be the guests of Senator and Mrs. Fred McIntyre several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barber and son, Richard, of Winston-Salem were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Upchurch, Sr.

Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Jr. left Tuesday for a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Falls in Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Augustoni left Saturday for New York to attend the funeral of Mr. Augustoni's brother, Jack.

Mrs. Tom Cameron was called to Bennettsville last week to be with her father, A. P. Breeden, who suffered an attack of angina.

Mrs. W. G. Matthews of Roanoke Rapids visited Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Long Sunday. Miss Alice Long returned with her for a visit.

Mrs. Dempsey Herring and children of Georgetown, S. C. are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John D. Buoyar.

39 Defendants Face Recorder In Long Session

Celebration of Independence Day may or may not have caused it, but there was a long session of Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses on Tuesday. Cases against 39 defendants were disposed of, with five paying for driving drunk and seven for being drunk in public or being drunk and disorderly.

James Edward Allen, white, pled guilty of driving drunk and got 60 to 90 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and two years good behavior. On charges of violating the prohibition laws and being drunk in public he got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Lloyd Arthur Jennings, white, got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs for driving drunk, as did William K. May and Raymond A. O'Connor, white, and Woodrow McLaughlin, colored. For public drunkenness Chancy McLaughlin and Dock Lee Thomas, both colored, and William R. Hawkman, white, each got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs. Durwood Owen Parker and Herbert West, white, and Roscoe Cook, colored, each got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for being drunk in public. Cook also got 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for damage to personal property, and had to make good the damages.

L. C. Cunningham and Ozell Beatty, both colored, were charged with receiving some stolen welding equipment. Probable cause was found and both were ordered held for superior court. Cunningham's bond was set at \$350 and Beatty's at \$500. Both are in jail.

James Jordan, colored, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. Mildred McRae and Alice Willis, who were with him, were not prosecuted.

Dan Ray, colored, pled guilty of having a still and got eight to 12 months to be suspended on payment of \$250 and costs and three years good behavior. For having non-tax-paid liquor for sale, of which he also pled guilty, he got 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Harry Lee Daniels, colored, was charged with assault on a female. He was found guilty of immoral conduct and got 90 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior.

Jerold D. Livesay, George D. Moore and Lawrence A. Blais, all white, were charged with violating the prohibition laws. Livesay pled guilty and charges against the other two were dropped. Livesay got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

York Rogers, colored, was charged with assault and found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon. Sentence of 60 days was suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. On a charge of stealing a car from his wife, Climmie Miller, was found not guilty.

Elvie McAllister, colored, had to pay \$10 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign. Quincy Smith, colored, had to pay costs for failing to stop at a wreck.

John Zig McLean and Ben Rosenberg Campbell, both colored, each paid \$25 and costs for having no driver's license. For the same and having improper brakes Willie James Johnson, colored, had to pay \$35 and costs.

Annie Lee McNeill, colored, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws by having liquor for sale. Sentence of from three to four months in jail was suspended on payment of \$50 and costs on condition of two years good behavior.

James Moore, colored, left a \$25 bond for careless and reckless driving. John Elwood Grewe, white, left a \$75 bond for speeding and having no driver's license.

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Border Belt Markets Will Open August 2

The Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse association met in Raleigh last Friday and set dates for the opening of the Border and Eastern Belt warehouses and said they would set opening dates for the Middle and Old belts at a meeting set for August 7.

The auction season in the Georgia-Florida Belt will open July 15. North and South Carolina Border Belt markets will start selling on August 2, and the Eastern North Carolina Belt will begin auctions on August 17 unless future crop conditions warrant a change.

Fred S. Royster of Henderson, president of the Bright Belt Association, said at the meeting that "this is the most unusual year we have seen on July 1 and most difficult year we have seen to set opening dates, due to the unusual weather conditions." The Georgia-Florida crop was reported slightly later than usual and the Middle and Old Belt tobacco more advanced than normally.

The independent markets of South Carolina, which include all in that state except Mullins, have set August 2 as their opening date, and the North Carolina Sandhills group, also independent, has fixed August 25 for starting the 1954 selling season.

Opening dates last year by belts: Georgia-Florida, July 16; South Carolina, July 30; Border, August 3; Eastern North Carolina, August 20; Middle, Sept. 8; Old Belt, September 21.

Hoke 4-H Team Wins In District Contest At Whiteville Wed.

James Potter and Clyde Leach, entering the District 4-H contests as a team from Hoke County, won first place in the Livestock management Division at Whiteville Wednesday with their demonstration on deboning cattle. Teams from eight other counties were entered in the contest and winners will receive free trips to the State 4-H Club Week in Raleigh where they will compete in the State contests in livestock management.

W. C. Williford, county farm agent, accompanied the boys to the contests in Whiteville. James Potter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Potter and Clyde Leach is the son of Mrs. L. C. Currie and the late Mr. Leach.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLaughlin of Greensboro and Mrs. Henry Crenshaw and children of Ft. Deposit, Ala., were guests of Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin during the week end.

Bobby Davis, Reggie Perkins and Charles Daniels spent several days this week at Myrtle Beach.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Helen S. Barrington during the week end were: D. E. Barrington of Washington, D. C., Walter Barrington of Charleston, S. C. and Dave Barrington of Elizabeth City.

Johnny Maulsby, James Alexander and Bobby Alexander visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Landis and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Landis of Revere and Middleton, Mass. this week.

Miss Jessie Bright Ferguson is attending Bankers School at Chapel Hill this week.

Miss Lizzie Niven returned from Moore County Hospital on Monday where she has been a patient for several days.

John Johnson of Winston-Salem spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Upchurch.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Upchurch spent several days in Charlotte last week.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HIKE TAX RATE FOR 1954 TO \$1.15

Antioch Indians Celebrate Fourth With Fireworks

A group of Indians got together at the old Brown place in Antioch Township on Sunday afternoon, July 4, and while just what happened is not clear and probably will never be, the gathering was certainly not a dull one. Known results are that one Sara Mae Davis lost a leg from a shotgun blast and Esther Collins was shot in the arm with a pistol.

In the Hoke County jail as a result of the affair are Robert Bullard, Jesse Lowry, Revel Henderson and Boet Locklear. They have not been charged pending further investigation by Sheriff D. H. Hodgin and county officers. The sheriff says he was told several stories of the fracas. One was to the effect that a group was at the place enjoying themselves at about 3:30 p. m. when Jesse Lowry, Boet Locklear and two women came. It was said that Jesse wanted a drink and was told either that he couldn't have it or that there wasn't any. At this he is said to have drawn his pistol and started shooting, largely at random. His pistol was taken from him, the story is, and he was beaten with it and other things. (That he was beaten is no story. It's a fact.) Nobody seems to have shot anybody, and how the shotgun came into play is not clear.

Inclination on the part of most present seems to be to blame Jesse Lowry with everything, although no two stories of the business seem to be the same. It was at Lowry's home in Antioch Township at a similar affair that Daniel Edward Dees was shot to death early in March.

Local PCA Men At Directors' Meeting

Farmers now have nearly 22-million dollars invested in the capital and reserves of production credit association in the Third Farm Credit District.

N. H. G. Balfour, President of the Laurinburg Production Credit Association, reports that this figure was given out at the 21st annual conference of South Carolina officers and directors recently held at Charleston, S. C.

Others attending were Directors F. C. McCormick, Reid W. Childress, and H. L. Morgan of the Laurinburg Production Credit Association.

Mr. Balfour says that farmer-member net worth increased by more than two million dollars last year.

J. D. Lawrence, Deputy Governor, Farm Credit Administration, was the opening speaker at the conference. He described in detail the Farm Credit Act of 1953 and the operation of the Board. James A. Roger, Public Relations Director, Coker Pedigreed Seed Company, was a principal speaker at the second session.

"Farmers are facing more competition and more commercialization, and high production of crop and livestock is a 'must'," Rogers says.

Approximately 150 officers and directors from the 21 production credit associations in South Carolina and several North Carolina and Georgia associations attended the conference.

JAYCEES FISH FRY FRI.

The Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce will have a public fish fry at the Upchurch Airport on Friday night from 5:00 until 9:00 o'clock to raise money for their civic projects. A hot supper of fresh sea bream, cole slaw, pickles and hush puppies will be served and the public is invited.

The Hoke County board of commissioners has had two meetings in the new fiscal year started July 1, having met on Thursday, July 1 and on Tuesday, July 6. They also had a meeting on the last day of June. These meetings were spent in study and discussion of the county budget for the new year, the board seeking ways of keeping the county tax rate down and still meeting the necessary expenses of running the county.

They managed to keep the rate for county general expenses the same as it has been but approved a budget which calls for a five-cent increase for school funds. The total budget for fiscal 1955 was set at \$129,000, almost \$12,000 more than last year's \$117,210. The total county tax rate for this year is \$1.15, as compared to last year's rate of \$1.10 per \$100 valuation.

The school budget, which was based on a five-cent increase in taxation, is being revised downward slightly, as the estimated revenue from the five-cent tax increase was considered a little too high by the commissioners. The county general fund rate is being kept at the same rate of 58 cents in spite of a considerable increase in several items of the budget. This is being done through consideration of an operating surplus last year of about \$10,000 and authorization for use of \$10,000 in bond money for general fund purposes if necessary.

Items in the general fund budget which are increased are the welfare department, up \$3334, the anticipated expenditure of \$2200 more for law enforcement in the county, and \$3200 for a new bookmobile for the county.

The board approved two new roads and requested that the highway commission build them. One is a road along the Moore-Hoke line in Little River Township from the Vass-Lobelia road south one mile. This road is a joint project with Moore County. The other is from the Raeford-Maxton road at the J. B. Thomas farm along the old Red Springs road to the T. D. Potter place and thence to N. C. 211, a distance of one mile.

A telephone was authorized for the office of the register of deeds. This completed the installation of telephones in the county offices, one having been put in the accountant's office in the spring.

The highway commission was asked to repair the road from the Annie McMillan residence in Blue Springs Township to Buffalo Springs Church, and the Ritter road near Rockfish, the latter a previously requested project.

The board ordered that after August 1 all dogs in the county which have not been vaccinated for rabies, and which the owners fail or refuse to have vaccinated be placed in the Raeford pound where during a period of five days the owners may get them by paying all charges and having them vaccinated. At the end of five days the dog warden is authorized to sell the dogs for expenses or, failing in this, to destroy them.

J. A. McGoogan was reelected county accountant for a term of two years. W. C. Williford and Miss Josephine Hall were reelected county farm and home agent, respectively, for terms of one year each.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Commander Truman Austin of the Ellis Williamson American Legion post, this week reminded legionnaires of the regular monthly meeting and supper which will be held at the High school cafeteria on Monday night, July 12, at 7:00 o'clock. He said that a film entitled "Public Relations Thinking" would be shown and urged all to attend.