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Attenda

By The Editor

There was not a great deal of squawking back in April when the county commissioners ordered the sheriff to advertise land in August for sale on the first Monday in September for unpaid 1953 taxes, or if there was I didn't hear it. This advertising has been done in October for a November sale in recent year, after farmers have had a chance to harvest something and sell it, and the demand has been getting louder and louder in the last few days that the county commissioners change their minds and do the same thing again. I have just learned from John McGoogan that this will be done, although the later date will not be set until the commissioners meet. At any rate **TAX ADVERTISING WILL NOT START IN AUGUST.**

The way this happened is easy to see. The Institute of Government puts out a "Calendar of Duties for County Officials" in which it is stated that this advertising must be done between May and August for the previous year's taxes. This is generally right, but due to the farming situation here and probably elsewhere there was a special law passed in 1935 allowing the commissioners to put the advertising off, until no later than November. Upon learning of this the commissioners, all farmers themselves, expressed their willingness to postpone the advertising and sale.

According to the minutes, the town board didn't get around to a budget or tax rate for the new fiscal year they started on Monday night. A budget estimate for the new year should be on file and have been published, the way I read the law. They haven't forgotten it, according to Clerk Robert Weaver, but are just waiting for the auditors, Williams & Wall of Raleigh, to come and prepare it.

The county's budget estimate was ready for filing and publication before the last meeting of the board of commissioners, as the law requires, but due to last minute changes necessary in the school budget, it has not yet been filed or published. These changes would have been completed this week, I am told, were it not for the fact that School Superintendent Kenneth MacDonald's skin trouble flared up again and he is away having it treated.

Speaking of new looks on Main Street, McLauchlin Co. is getting a slow change to its front, having been in a state of construction for some weeks now. I understand it is going to have one of those fancy glass jobs when finished.

The swimming hole on Rockfish Creek has been doing a booming business in the past few weeks, despite the strong odor of a pig pen which has been noticeable for several days. It has been considerably improved, too, by the work of a bunch of youngsters who decided to go ahead and fix up the bank while waiting for the promised equipment to come along and dig out the hole. They have cut the underbrush on the far side, shored up the bank there and covered it with sand, and fixed a diving board. Truman Austin's equipment, under the auspices of the county and the Chamber of Commerce (and Truman's generosity), is expected to come along in the next few days and take out the old tree from the middle, along with its roots, and to dig out and shape the place for swimming. Just what is done will have to be on a basis of trial and error, as there are no experts involved, or too many. At any rate the expert expected from the Parks Commission hasn't been forthcoming.

Principal W. T. Gibson, Jr., has (Continued on page 4)

Town Board Holds Routine Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the town board of commissioners was held in the Town hall on Monday night, July 12, with Mayor Alfred Cole, presiding. Budget estimate for the new fiscal year was not considered, nor was the tax rate.

The board voted to re-appoint all town employees to the positions held during the previous year.

Need for additional water lines was reviewed and continued for additional consideration later. The water superintendent was authorized to install a pump at the disposal plant.

Board Member John K. McNeill, Jr., was appointed to make a thorough study of the town ordinances and to bring any changes needed to the attention of the board.

FARM ITEMS

By W. C. Williford, County Farm Agent

On Sunday, I went visiting. During the course of the visit, the lady of the house suggested that we go to the garden and help diagnose the disease there. There was one-half of her garden that was growing beautifully. The other half was dying, apparently from dry weather.

Upon further examination, I found that they had a good rain recently. The moisture content of the soil was very high so the dry weather was not killing the plants. I pulled up some plants of tomatoes, cucumbers, and beans in the part of the garden that was dying and found that they were infested with several different kinds of nematodes. Since nematodes cut off the water supply to your plants by damaging the roots, the plants showed typical symptoms of dry weather killing.

In the part of the garden that was growing fine, we found the roots of the plants fairly clean and healthy looking. This section of the garden was planted late and had received the row treatment of recommended fumigation for nematode control.

To substantiate this story, I brought a sample of some of the roots from the badly nematode infested cucumbers that were dying to the office. They were preserved in Formaldehyde for you to see.

The old part of the garden that was in such bad shape was planted during the season the tobacco was being set out and the fumigating equipment was busy in the tobacco field. Records show that a well tended garden will return about \$5.00 or \$6.00 an hour for your labor. Returns per hour for tobacco are much less than this. In fact, it is about the lowest of any crop we have, but for some reason or other, tobacco always gets preference.

On Thursday, July 22, Henry Covington, who is Extension Horticultural Specialist in charge of watermelon promotional work, will spend the day in Hoke County. The purpose of his visit is to examine the new variety that we have on test and to demonstrate to interested growers the advantages of this variety.

The new variety is known as VBL-27, but of course will be released with a name in the near future. It is resistant to the major diseases, and in areas where the weather has been partially favorable, it has shown up exceedingly well.

Mr. Covington will conduct a meeting on the farm of Clyde Upchurch near Timberland. He will show the advantages of this new variety over other varieties that are planted nearby. This is a light colored melon with very high quality meat. If you are interested in growing watermelons in the future, it will be to your advantage to be there at 2:30.

The cotton insect problems have (Continued on Page 4)

Start Buildings On Main Street; First In Several Years

Construction was started last week by John K. McNeill on two brick and cinder block buildings in his lot on the west side of Main Street facing the Raeford Furniture Co. This is the first new construction on Main Street in the business section since McLauchlin Co. built the building now occupied by Cooper's Super Market several years ago.

The new buildings will be 35 feet wide by 130 feet deep, and the work is being done under the supervision of J. B. Cameron, building contractor of Sanford. McNeill, who operates the Home Food Market with his sons, said he expected a food store to occupy one of the new fronts and possibly a 5 & 10 cent store the other. Although he did not say, it is generally understood that Mack's, now operating in the north end of the same block, will move into the new building.

McNeill said he hoped the construction would be completed on the buildings by the middle or last of September.

PERSONALS

Mrs. A. R. Fitzsimmons and Linda arrived last week to spend several days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard and children of Washington, D. C. arrived last Friday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Howard and Mr. and Mrs. John McGoogan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibson, Jr. and children spent several days last week with Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibson, Sr. in Batesburg, S. C. Little Miss Kate Bates Hook returned with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Haire and Peggy spent Sunday at White Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Brayson Everett and children of Cherry Point, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibson and family.

Major and Mrs. Milo Postel and daughter, Pattie Ann, left Monday for a two weeks' visit with Major Postel's relatives in Iowa.

Mrs. Harry Greene returned Sunday after having spent the last three weeks in Swansboro with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Hattell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Byrd and Jimmy have been vacationing in Baltimore, Md., Murfreesboro, and in Virginia for two weeks.

Mrs. Helen S. Barrington, Mrs. Bill Upchurch and Dave Barrington of Elizabeth City were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Barrington in Fuquay Springs.

Mrs. M. B. Warren and Mrs. Mary Roberts left last week for a visit with Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Hood and children in Greenville, S. C.

Mrs. Ryan McBryde and Tom McBryde left Tuesday to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tovey in Chicago, Ill.

Webb Blue entered Duke Hospital on Monday of this week where he will be a patient for ten days.

Miss Helen Langdon spent the week end in Fayetteville with Miss Marion Regan.

Mrs. Ashton Coughenour and daughter, Betty Lou, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Mrs. Jack Lentz of Miami, Fla. and Johnny Patterson of Camp Lejeune spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. William Lentz and James Lentz.

Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Jr. returned from Gastonia today. Mrs. Upchurch's sister, Mrs. Malcolm Colleen and children of Plattsburg, N. Y., accompanied her for a visit here.

Recorder Hears Average Session Of Court Tuesday

In an average session of Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday before Judge T. O. Moses 10 defendants paid for a wide variety of minor misdeeds and traffic violations.

On charge of bastardy, Pig Love, colored, was freed upon payment of court costs when the State dropped the charges.

Paying \$100 and costs for driving under the influence of liquor were Percy C. Howell, white, Will Purcell and Willie H. Fletcher, colored, John Smith, colored, was also found guilty of driving drunk and having no driver's license. Sentence was 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$125 and costs. He appealed and posted \$350 bond.

Eugene Sanders and Henry A. Edwards, white truck drivers, were charged by State Highway Patrol Corporal Jackson of Laurinburg with driving their truck 55 miles and hour when the speed limit for trucks is 45. They were found guilty of exceeding 45 miles an hour and each was ordered to pay court costs. Basing contentions that they were not guilty on the evidence of a speedometer recording device, both men entered appeals to Superior Court.

H. McCormick, colored, paid \$50 and costs for speeding 85 miles an hour. For exceeding 55 James B. Stogner and Charles H. Shields, both white, each left \$25 bond.

John Henry Lloyd, colored, had to pay costs for assaulting his wife.

Archie Lowery, Indian, was found guilty of having a whiskey still and illegal whiskey for sale. For the still he got eight months suspended on payment of \$250 and costs and two years good behavior. For the whiskey he got 30 days suspended on payment of costs.

Don Carlos Castleberry, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for driving without license or lights. State dropper charge of no license against David Murphy, colored.

James Earl Caddell, white, had to pay costs for driving on the wrong side of the road. Donald Shaw and Olan McPhaul, both colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs for careless and reckless driving.

Charles A. Walters, white, paid costs for being drunk in public.

Hubert Creighton, white, was found guilty of escaping from the prison ward at the Sanatorium. He got 90 days to start at the end of the sentence he is now serving, and appealed to superior court. Claude Chappel, white, was found guilty of having a minor part in the same escape and sentence of 30 days was suspended on condition of good behavior for the remainder of the sentence he is now serving.

B. L. Henderson, 94, Local Lady's Brother, Is Buried Monday

B. L. Henderson, 94, retired merchant of Jackson Springs and brother of Mrs. A. R. Morris of Raeford, died at his home late Saturday. In addition to Mrs. Morris he is survived by his wife, one son, two daughters and another sister, Mrs. L. M. Russell of Troy, and six grandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted at the Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church at 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. J. T. Benjamin, and burial followed in the church cemetery.

PLAN CAKE SALE TO HELP 4-H CLUB TRIP

The Rockfish and Philippi Home Demonstration Clubs are sponsoring a cake sale at Cooper's Super Market Saturday, July 17 to help the 4-H Club with expenses on their trip to Manteo.

Lawyer Whitley Hit By Car; Not Critical

H. W. B. Whitley, Raeford attorney, got hit by a car on Main Street in front of Hoke Drug Co. at about eight o'clock Saturday night, and is in Moore County Hospital as a result. He suffered severe and painful injuries, including a fractured shoulder, a dislocated pelvis and bladder and knee injuries, but his condition has not been considered critical.

Mr. Whitley was crossing the street from west to east and had just about reached the back of the cars parked in front of the Hoke Drug Co. when, according to the way officers got it from eyewitnesses, he turned back suddenly as if he had forgotten something. He was hit by a 1941 Ford in which were Alec Brigman and his wife and child.

Officers state that neither Brigman nor his wife had a driver's license, Brigman having had his revoked, and that the car had no brakes. They expect to make court charges on these counts, charging Mrs. Brigman with driving without license. There was no liability insurance either.

Whitley was operated on the first of the week to make sure he was not hurt worse than he appeared to be. Doctors at Moore County Hospital say that he is getting along well now and that he will be put in a cast as soon as the swelling is down. They expect him to be in the cast about a month.

Hoke Horseless Carriages Join Others On Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Campbell in their 1917 Chevrolet V-8 touring car and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Leslie and daughter, Shirley, in their 1923 Ford Model T four-door sedan were among those leaving Laurinburg this morning with the North Carolina Horseless Club on their trip to Boone. About 60 of the restored antique autos were on display at Legion Park in Laurinburg Wednesday night where Senator-Elect Kerr Scott spoke and bill billy bands played.

The five-day tour programs calls for stops in Hamlet, Rockingham, Wadesboro, and Monroe and destination for today will be Charlotte. The old cars are expected to chug into the Queen City at 4:15 and will be on display there tonight at Radio Center.

The last lap of the tour will be on Friday, and the caravan is due in Boone at 5:30 that afternoon. The club will stage its annual Banquet at Appalachian State Teachers College Friday evening. The staging of field events, and the awarding of trophies for the outstanding antique cars will feature Saturday's program, and the tour will break up Sunday morning.

On Wednesday night former Gov. Scott spoke to an estimated 6,000 persons. He was introduced by James McKenzie of Laurinburg and was accompanied by his campaign manager Terry Sanford, a native of Laurinburg.

Prizes for best cars went to Lindo Harvell for his 1906 Buick "Runabout" and to Reece Bake for his 1905 Knox "Tourist." The oldest car was a 1903 Oldsmobile.

RURITAN FISH FRY

The Hoke Ruritans are having a fish supper at Rockfish school house Thursday evening, July 15. Serving begins at 5:00.

Mrs. Al De Marco and two sons of New York are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Epstein and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Clinton and children of Whittington, Ill. are visiting Mrs. Clinton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis.

Mrs. R. C. Landis and children of Middleton, Mass. are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander.

MERCHANTS COMPLETE PLANS FOR \$3,000 FALL PROMOTION

M. C. Ard Takes His Own Life Here Tuesday

M. C. Ard, 25-year-old veteran of World War II, killed himself with a 12-gauge shotgun at his home 517 East Prospect Avenue here Tuesday afternoon. He had been subject to spells of despondency since his return from overseas service, and had been treated in Veterans hospitals several times for a nervous condition.

He had been employed at Robbins Mill here and on Tuesday he was at home alone while his wife was working. She returned from work at shortly after four o'clock and found his dead, although he had obviously been dead only a short time. Officers investigated and determined that he had fired the shotgun into his heart. Coroner James C. Lentz investigated and determined that no inquest was necessary.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillian Ard; his father, Camp Plaskey Ard, and his mother, Mrs. Lillie Thomas Ard, formerly of Williamsburg, S. C., who had been making their home with their son here; one daughter, Lena Marie of the home; three sisters, Mrs. J. R. Stevens of Rockingham, Mrs. Luther Taylor and Mrs. Gilbert Mixon of Parkton; one brother, Woodrow Ard of Parkton.

Funeral services are being conducted at the Rex Presbyterian Church at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon with military honors. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Farm Youth To Attend 4-H Week At Raleigh July 19-23

Hoke County will send at least five 4-Hers to the 27th annual 4-H Club Week at Raleigh, July 19-23, according to W. C. Williford, county agent, and Miss Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent. Miss Hall is to go and will be accompanied by Nancy Faye Calhoun, Ina Seull, Clyde Leach, Hugh Wright and James Wright.

Approximately 1,200 delegates selected by fellow club members, are expected to attend the week, according to L. R. Harrill, state club leader. A highlight of the week will be the 4-H demonstration contests, in which district winners will compete for state titles. In some of the contests, trips to 4-H Club Congress at Chicago await the winners.

Harrill announced a four-day program that includes instruction and speeches by Frank L. Teuton, USDA, Washington; George Foster, associate leader of the federal 4-H program; Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction; and Frank Jeter, director of information; W. E. Colwell, assistant director of the Experiment Station; David S. Weaver, director of the Agricultural Extension Service, and Ruth Current, all of State College. Chancellor Carey H. Bostian will welcome the 4-Hers at William Neal Reynolds Coliseum, July 19.

The State Dress Revue, Health Pageant, and Talent Contests are annual features to be repeated again this year. E. H. Regnier, rural recreation specialist from Illinois, again will be in charge of the recreation program.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLauchlin of Greensboro were week end guests of Mrs. McLauchlin's mother, Mrs. H. C. McLauchlin.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen Schaeffer returned to their home in Delanco, New Jersey after a visit with Mrs. Ruth Bridges.

Festival Day November 3

The Merchants' Division of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce through its chairman, W. C. Phillips, this week released the information that the merchants planned a bigger and longer Fall Festival promotion than they held last year, and that about \$3,000 in prizes would be given away on November 3.

The announcement said that merchants in Raeford would begin giving away tickets on the prizes, which will include a new Chevrolet automobile and many other valuable items, on August 2, just two weeks from next Monday. It also stated that most firms in the community were taking part in the affair, but that a list would be published before the promotion begins.

In announcing the affair the committee extended an invitation to the public of the county and surrounding trade area to come to Raeford to do their buying, and to be sure to get tickets on the prizes with every purchase until November 3 starting on August 2. The first such promotion was held last fall with prizes, parades, bands, etc., and was considered a big success by merchants and public alike.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce committee arranging the affair are Phillips, J. I. Hubbard, J. E. Byrd, John Draughton, Harry Epstein, Hinton McPhaul, Luke McNeill, Elmo Stanton and L. W. Turner.

Mrs. N. J. Heyward Passes In Virginia; Funeral Wednesday

Mrs. Nathaniel James Heyward, 70, of Raleigh, mother of the Rev. W. B. Heyward of Raeford, died at 12:30 a. m. on Tuesday, July 13, at the home of her son, Henderson Heyward, in Charlottesville, Virginia. She had suffered with cancer and had an operation in May.

Mrs. Heyward, whose husband died in 1937, was the former Mary Yergler Henderson of Memphis, Tenn. She was recognized as an outstanding teacher of the Bible, and was prominent in the religious, civic and social life of Raleigh.

Surviving are three sons, Nathaniel J. Heyward, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., the Rev. William B. Heyward of Raeford, and Henderson Heyward of Charlottesville, Va.; a daughter, Mrs. Hutson Salley of Newport News, Va.; a brother and a sister, both of Memphis; 11 grandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted at the home of her son in Charlottesville on Wednesday morning at 10:30 and burial was Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 in Newport News.

J. A. Bryant, 75, Dies; Funeral In Aberdeen Friday

J. A. Bryant of Aberdeen vice-president and treasurer of the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad died at 11:30 a. m. Thursday, July 8, in Moore County Hospital. He was 75.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Friday at the First Baptist Church, Aberdeen.

A veteran and highly respected railroad man, Mr. Bryant had been with the A & R since 1906, starting his career as agent and rising through increasingly responsible positions.

Surviving are his wife, the former Julia Thaggard of Moore County, and a sister, Mrs. D. A. Blue of Southern Pines. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant were married in 1901. They have no children.