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Addenda - - By The Editor

Sam Morris, who writes about me when I am enjoying the pleasures of a Georgia summer, is away on his vacation this week. I believe I will admit right now, considering the heat and the time of night, that he is a better writer than I am a printer. Of course, he had better weather to write in than I have to print in. All of us working together are managing to get by . . . up to this point.

Ernest Campbell and J. T. Leslie and families report a fine trip to Boone with the Horseless Carriage club in their antique autos last week. They returned on Sunday and made the trip between 7:50 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. The Campbells were in a 1917 Chevrolet V-8 and the Leslies were driving their 1923 Ford sedan. Ernest won the blue ribbon award for the best car in his age group on the tour. There were some 63 old cars on the tour, and all but a couple of them made the round trip. A 1907 Buick had trouble at Hamlet on the way out, and a 1912 Metz had trouble going up the mountain at Boone. Ernest got his blue ribbon at ceremonies held in a tobacco warehouse in Boone on Saturday night. While there they enjoyed a banquet at Appalachian State college and got to see "Horn in the West."

We had a couple of sick doctors a while back and they are both o. k. now, but Lawyers Whitley and Gore are both sick. We all hope they get better soon and also hope the preachers aren't next. Mr. Whitley, by the way, has not been doing as well as expected for the last day or two. If he had been in the courthouse here on Tuesday he would have been sweating, though, that's for sure.

David Wright who can almost make grass grow on pavement, has asked me to advise persons having lots in the Raeford cemetery that he is available to take care of them, one time or by the year. He's mighty reasonable, and does mighty good work. There are a lot of us who can't seem to get around to this work ourselves who could surely use him.

The town and county are both publishing the summaries of their supplemental budget estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, in the paper this week. Their publication is required by the county fiscal control act. I was quoting John McGoogan on two or three weeks ago. If you'll take a few minutes to read these you can get some idea of the size of your town and county business financially, and generally where the money is coming from and going to in the next year. Both these governments will also publish statements of their financial condition soon, giving in detail the valuation, debt, uncollected taxes, miscellaneous revenue, deficits, surpluses, etc. This is required by the same act, and from them a taxpayer can tell exactly what his public servants are doing with his money.

I for one am certainly grateful for what Truman Austin has done for the creek, and I know many others feel the same way. There have been at least 150 cars a day down there for the past several days I would guess, and probably a good many more. Highway Commissioner Forrest Lockey is in line for a word of thanks, too, if you happen to run into him. He has certainly helped this community every chance he has had in the last few years . . . and he's had several pretty big chances.

Wheat Farmers Vote Friday On Quotas

On July 23rd, wheat growers of Hoke county will vote for or against marketing quotas for the 1955 crop. The referendum will determine whether or not the quota program now in effect will continue for next year's crop.

Two-thirds of those who vote must approve quotas before they can be put into operation. The current program, which was voted on a year ago, was approved by 90 per cent of the North Carolina voters—2,798 to 316.

A producer is eligible to vote if he will have more than 15 acres of wheat on his farm for harvest in 1955. In other words, he can vote if he would be affected directly by quotas, which apply only to farms with more than 15 acres of wheat.

If quotas are approved, there will be marketing penalties on any "excess" wheat produced outside the acreage allotment—and the full level of price support authorized for 1955 will be available for those who comply with their allotments. If quotas are not approved, there will be no quotas or marketing penalties, and price support for those who stay within their allotment will be 50 per cent of parity.

Farm allotment notices of the 1955 program were sent out on July 9th to county wheat growers on record. The voting place for Hoke county will be at the county ASC office in the County Office Building from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Friday, July 23rd.

Mayor And Judge Proclaim Road Safety Period

Mayor Alfred Cole of Raeford and Judge T. O. Moses of the Hoke County recorder's court this week joined in issuing a proclamation to the people of Hoke county in which the period from now until after Labor Day, September 6, is to be called "Slow Down and Live Period."

The proclamation was issued in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Edward Scheidt, commissioner, and promoted locally by State Highway Patrolman D. G. Surratt and W. T. Herbin.

Surratt appeared before the Raeford Kiwanis club recently and is to appear before the Lions, Ruritan and other clubs to acquaint people with the State's effort to save their lives on the highways. Several clubs and businesses have purchased bumper cards and stamps advertising the program. Patrolman Surratt has full information on these, which may be purchased at a nominal cost through the patrol, and he will be glad to explain them to any interested persons.

The proclamation issued by the mayor and the judge read as follows: In cooperation with the Governors of twenty-four states, and the North Carolina Highway Patrol, Talmadge O. Moses, Judge of Hoke County Recorders Court, and Alfred Cole, Mayor of Raeford, do hereby proclaim the period . . . extending through Labor Day, September 6, to be "Slow Down and Live Period."

Signed at Raeford, North Carolina, On this 20th day of July, 1954. Talmadge O. Moses, Alfred Cole

BUYS BEAUTY SHOP

Mrs. Margaret Langdon, Raeford native who has had extensive experience as a beauty shop operator, this week announced that she had purchased Keith's Beauty Shop from Mrs. F. A. Keith and would operate it as the "Mar-La Beauty Shop." Mrs. Keith will continue to work in the shop, which is located in Collins Department Store, and Mrs. Langdon is offering opening specials on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Independence Day Indian Fracas Is Ended By Judge

Judge T. O. Moses and other officers of the Hoke County recorder's court spent much of Tuesday, one of the hottest days of the summer, hearing various stories of what happened at the affair in Antioch Township on July 5 when Esther Collins was shot in the arm and Sarah Marie Bullard was shot in the leg, necessitating its amputation.

It appeared from the evidence that Jesse Bullard had come to the house where the others were enjoying themselves on the afternoon of the Fourth, and that he was the one that started the trouble, and that he had a pistol. In this row Esther Collins was shot with the pistol, and then it seems that they were trying to get the pistol away from Jesse, and that Sarah Marie Bullard was swinging a single-barrel gun by the barrel. The gun seems to have discharged while she had it by the barrel, or to have been fired at that time and she was shot in the leg.

Revel Henderson, Tack Locklear and Thurman Locklear were charged with being drunk and disorderly and assault in the affair. They were found not guilty. Robert Bullard was charged with assaulting Jesse Lowery, and he was found not guilty. Jesse Lowery was found guilty of public drunkenness and carrying a concealed weapon. Sentence was 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. He couldn't pay, so he went. Lowery was also charged with assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting serious, painful and permanent injury to Sarah Marie Bullard. Probable cause was found and the case was sent to Superior court. Bond was set at \$2,000.

SEVEN PAY FOR SPEEDING

Seven persons were charged with speeding, and all paid, either in court or by leaving bonds. Leaving bonds were Lester E. Kipler, James R. Snapp, Kenneth R. Neal and Robert C. Chisenhall, all white, \$25 each. For doing 90, Elvin Rox Shain, white, left a bond of \$100. George F. Douglas, Jr., white, pled guilty of driving 70 and paid \$25 and costs. For exceeding 55 James H. Landis, white, paid \$10 and costs.

OTHER CASES ARE TRIED

Boyd Bailey, white, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws and paid \$10 and costs. Robert N. Burgess, white, left a \$50 bond on a charge of being drunk and violating the prohibition laws. Donald B. Langley, white, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and was found guilty of having no driver's license. He got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. Leslie Bud Campbell, colored, paid \$25 and costs for having no driver's license, and Helen Maxine Viola, white, paid \$12.50 on the same charge, but different circumstances. James Moore, colored, left a \$25 bond for having no driver's license.

Hoke Farm Home Director Is Named

W. M. McNeill of Route 1, Red Springs, is the newly appointed member of the Hoke County Farmers Home Administration committee, Hubert C. Chaney, the agency's county supervisor, announced this week. The appointment became effective July 1, 1954.

Mr. McNeill owns and operates a farm near Duffie. The other two members of the three-member committee are John K. Parker of Route 2, Raeford, and W. M. Monroe of Route 2, Raeford. Both of these members are farmers in the Wayside section of the county.

Each member is named for a (Continued on Page 5)

Presbytery Holds Its Summer Session In Raeford Tuesday

Fayetteville Presbyterian held its 3th Stated Session at the Raeford Presbyterian Church Tuesday. There were over 150 delegates from the 90 - odd churches in the Presbytery and others making a total gathering of about 200. The group was served a delicious chicken dinner by the women of the host church with the committee being headed by Mrs. Marcus Smith. The visitors were high in their praise of the meal and of the recent improvements and remodeling of the church.

Retiring moderator was the Rev. L. B. McKeithan of Cumberland County; moderator for the session was the Rev. R. H. Bolling, pastor of the Lumber Bridge and Philadelphia Churches; moderator - nominee for the next Presbytery is Elder Hector McLean of Lumberton.

The delegates were welcomed to the Raeford church by Elder K. A. MacDonald, clerk of the session. Presbytery last met here about 10 years ago.

Four young men were examined and licensed to preach. These included the Rev. Joseph W. Amory, new pastor of Shiloh and Bethel Churches, whose ordination and installation will take place in the near future. Three ministers were received from other Presbyteries. These included the Rev. Jack Ewart, new pastor of Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen, son of the late Rev. S. A. Ewart, formerly pastor of Shiloh and Bethel Churches.

Dr. S. E. Howie of Fayetteville, reporting for the Presbytery council, presented the benevolent budget for 1955 with suggested quotas for the churches. This budget was adopted. The next Presbytery is to be held at the Rowland Church.

Gibson Says New Coach Employed For High School

Principal W. T. Gibson, Jr., of Hoke County High School, announces this week that Archie Brigman, Rowland native and outstanding athlete at Elon college had been employed for the coming school year after consultation with the Raeford School committee and the coaching committee of the newly organized Raeford Booster's Club.

Gibson said that he and the committees had interviewed other applicants and felt that Brigman was best qualified for the position. He feels that Brigman is the type of man who will mean most to the youth of the county in teaching them athletics and sportsmanship as well as winning some games.

The new coach is 29 years of age and grew up in Rowland. He finished high school at Campbell college, Buie's Creek and went to college at Elon. He served three years in the United States Navy. Coach Earl Smith at Campbell and Jim Mallory at Elon both place him among the best athletes they have coached, and say that he is a man of fine character as well. He is a member of the Baptist Church, is married and has two children, a boy four and a girl two.

Brigman has played summer baseball for Hertford in the Albemarle League, and for the past two years has coached at Stoneville, a Class A consolidated high school. He coached football, basketball and baseball there. He comes to Raeford with the highest recommendations from school personnel in Stoneville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seate and daughter, Mary Ellen, of Fayetteville are spending several days in the home of Mr. Seate's mother, Mrs. T. D. Potter and Mr. Potter. (Continued on Page 5)

Austin At Work; Ole Swimmin Hole Is Getting Newer



TRUMAN AUSTIN

The old swimming hole on Rockfish Creek ain't what she used to be! Primarily through the generosity of Truman Austin and his earth moving company consisting of Lewis Waycaster operating the dragline, Bill Andrews coming along behind and cleaning up with the bulldozer and Jap Freeman doing a masterful job of putting on the finishing touches with the motor grader the old place took on a new look last Friday and Saturday.

The project was started by the Raeford Chamber of Commerce as a project for the Carolina Power and Light Company's "Finer Carolina" contest this year. Since then the Hoke County Commissioners and the Raeford town board have cooperated fully, along with several members of the Chamber who have put in labor and material along with Austin. Vance Wiggins and the town street and garbage force also did a good job of staking off the swimming area from cars and helping generally with the cleaning up being done by Austin and company.

Waycaster came in Friday and cut the swimming hole into the shape the Chamber committee headed by Tom McBryde had decided would be best, leaving the bank piled about six feet high with black mud. Bill Andrews came along with the bulldozer and pushed away the mud, pulled out some trees and stumps and got it flat enough for the next phase. Jap Freeman then brought the motor grader and put a shape on the place. He then cut away the hill enough to get sand to cover the entire area. There still remain some stumps and mud in the shallow water on the edge, but plans are being made to dispose of these next week.

Way was made clear for the work when the county board gave permission to fix the place and recommended a road there, right of way being given by the Raeford Power and Manufacturing Company. The county was given the site some years ago by the late T. B. Upchurch.

Highway Commissioner Forrest Lockey was most cooperative from the beginning, getting the road graded and opened during the winter. Work began yesterday on fixing the road for paving which is to be done right away, and Mr. Lockey remarked when viewing the place this week that Raeford was going to have as nice a recreation spot as Aberdeen if the folks kept at it.

The far side of the swimming hole was improved and a diving platform and board installed by a group of boys working for the school. These are continuing to take out roots and shape the bank. Hope has been expressed by many, on seeing what has already been done, that the job carried on until there are picnic tables, dressing rooms, toilets, and maybe a concession stand there, so that community gatherings might be held there in hot (Continued on Page 5)

GOVERNOR COMMUTES DEATH SENTENCE FOR CHARLIE GALES

Governor Umstead lifted the sentence of death from Charlie Gales yesterday. On "Death Row" at Central Prison in Raleigh Gales said he was "disappointed" when told of it.

Dog Owners Given Another Warning On Vaccinations

Dog owners got another warning from the Hoke county commissioners this week about the necessity for having their dogs vaccinated against rabies, and the consequences of not having this done. The board passed a ruling on this matter at their July meeting, and an advertisement in this week's paper again brings it to attention. Mad dogs are seen more often in hot weather, and the board apparently means to get Hoke county dogs vaccinated.

The ruling of the board is that the dog warden, R. D. Parker, is authorized and directed to begin on August first and to capture all dogs he finds which have not been vaccinated and whose owners fail or refuse to have it done. After taking them he is to lock them in the Raeford pound for a period of five days, during which time the owners may reclaim them by paying charges for board and vaccination. Those not reclaimed in this manner at the end of five days are to be sold for charges or destroyed if they cannot be sold.

Robbins Director Of Manufacturing Assumes Duties

Frank T. Roberts, the new director of manufacturing of the Robbins Mills plant at Aberdeen, Robbins, Raeford and Red Springs has arrived on the job and is very busy these days familiarizing himself with the Robbins operations at the four North Carolina plants.

Mr. Roberts comes to Aberdeen from Greensboro where he was associated with Carter Fabrics Division of J. P. Stevens and Co., Inc. He is a native of South Carolina and is a graduate of Clemson college. He is married but they have no children.

Mr. Roberts said that while he expected to move to the Sandhills that he had really given but little thought to it as yet as he had been so busy familiarizing himself with the Robbins plant.

He had been with the J. P. Stevens Company since 1939. With Robbins he has assumed the duties formerly carried on by W. P. Saunders before his resignation several weeks ago.

RED CROSS ASKS HELP FOR BURNED OUT FAMILY

Mrs. Helen S. Barrington, secretary of the Hoke County chapter of the American Red Cross, this week called the attention of the public to the fact that Harvey McCoy and his family, who live on W. L. Roper's place in Allendale Township lost all their possessions except a washing machine and a trunk by fire recently. She says they have girls 19 and 18 and boys 8 and 10 and that none of the family has any clothes or household possessions. She says anyone wanting to give them something can call her at the Red Cross office and she will pick it up or they can bring it there.

GORDON HOMECOMING

The Annual Homecoming will be held Sunday, July 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gordon. All friends, relatives and neighbors are invited to come and bring baskets.

The Governor agreed with his Board of Paroles that the death sentence imposed upon the Hoke County sharecropper and "rolling stone" should be commuted to life in prison. Serious doubt had been raised as to the mental condition of the man who chased his wife down in a cotton field and beat her to death with a gun barrel while their three little children looked on in horror.

As the Governor acted, the chairman of the Paroles Board, Dr. C. H. Patrick, called upon Gales at Central Prison and broke the news. The reaction was somewhat characteristic. Gales, said Dr. Patrick, was "deeply disappointed" that clemency had gone out to him.

Earlier, the man on Death Row had declared he hoped "they will send me to an institution for my mind. If they can't have anything done for my mind I would rather just go ahead and be put to death because I would never be any good to anyone in the condition I am in now."

Then again, on the same subject, he told a caller: "I don't want my case changed. I will be better off to go to the gas chamber because of the physical and mental shape I am in." He had written Governor Umstead several times to urge that he let the death penalty stand.

Such talk as this merely cemented the official doubts that Charlie Gales was a normal individual who could be held responsible for his acts. Already there had been much evidence of mental instability, and with it some evidence that Gales should have known what he was doing when he brutally murdered his wife, Lucille.

Facts Shocking
The facts of the crime were shocking enough. Looking them over, both the Hoke Superior Court and the State Supreme Court agreed to a death penalty. The big decision was left to Governor Umstead.

The State charged premeditated murder, and the Hoke County jury agreed. The State contended too that Gales knew the difference between right and wrong.

The defense offered evidence also that Gales was emotionally unstable from Dr. E. C. Womble and Dr. W. J. Buffalo. Dr. Buffalo had examined him at the State Hospital in Raleigh.

Dr. D. A. Young, general superintendent of the State hospitals system, examined Gales after the Supreme Court had upheld the death sentence and did not find that he was mentally ill at that time, although admitting the possibility that he had been.

The Board of Paroles, in summing up the case, spoke thus: "It is our opinion that Charles Gales is a man of very low mentality. It is our opinion that he has gone through life with deep feelings of being inferior and of frequently being persecuted. We do not claim to know what went through the mind (to us a very befuddled mind) of the man who committed this heinous crime. However, there is a serious question in our minds as to whether Charles Gales is a responsible individual. On the basis of this question it is therefore our recommendation that this prisoner's sentence of death be commuted to life imprisonment."

ICE CREAM SUPPER

Galatia Church Circle No. 4 is sponsoring a benefit ice cream supper at the church Friday night. There will also be a sale of pies and cakes, and the public is invited.