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By The Editor

Many who followed the details of the attempt last year of the Army to take about 50,000 acres of land in Hoke County to add to the Fort Bragg reservation under the misnomer of a "corridor" to Camp Mackall will remember that one big reason the Army thought it needed the land was for the use of the Field Forces Testing Board No. 1, which has been at Bragg for some years. This board fires all weapons to be used by the Armed Forces, preparing statistical and performance data on them. Some of these weapons take a lot of space to be tested in, it is true. Well, this board was moved in the last few weeks to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where there is already room for its activities. Interesting to me was the fact that only 138 officers, men and civilian employees were involved in the move, so the trading population of the section was not greatly hurt by its loss. This being true and the land already being available at Fort Sill, I should think all concerned would be happy now, and that this proves the Army really didn't need our land.

Final chapter to the "Corridor" episode was written last week when members of the Chamber of Commerce committee which opposed the taking of the land went to Durham to express their appreciation to General Kenneth C. Royall for his part in saving the land. General Royall, who was visiting his son there, did not set a fee for his services to the people of the County. He is an enthusiastic golfer, so the group took him a matched set of Bobby Jones autographed golf clubs. He was also handed a written and signed scroll of appreciation from the people of the county. This scroll read, in part, as follows:

"An Expression of Heartfelt Appreciation from the Citizens of Hoke County, North Carolina, to their friend, Kenneth C. Royall, for his brilliant, unselfish and untiring efforts in behalf of the county in the year 1953 when its partition by the Army appeared imminent."

Merchants of the community cooperating with the merchants division of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce in staging the "Fall Festival" here on November 3 are really getting lined up with a big list of prizes. Most of these will start next Monday, August 2, giving tickets for the drawing on Festival day, and a complete list of the firms taking part in the promotion is expected to be published next week, along with a list of prizes. The main prize, a 1954 Chevrolet automobile, has arrived and may be seen at Hoke Auto Co. Participation by the merchants of the community is expected to be practically 100 per cent, committee members say, although several still have to enter.

Superintendent K. A. MacDonald received a report last week from J. D. Messick, president of East Carolina College, on a survey of the percentage of high school graduates who go to college. Out of more than 30 high school units over the State considered, Hoke County with 20 of the 38 white high school graduates of 1953 in college rated second only to Durham city schools which had 150 out of 262 graduates going to college last year.

Received an item last week about the organization of a committee in North Carolina to improve the quality of cotton this year. Tommie and Clyde Upchurch were on it, and its aim is to promote good ginning practices on the premise that it brings more money when clean and dry. With Sam Morris away the ar-

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Hunting Licenses Are Out July 31; New Ones Go On Sale

H. R. McLean, Wildlife Protector for Hoke County, said this week that 1954-55 hunting licenses are now on sale at the following places: A. A. Graham Service Station, McLaughlin Co., F. A. Keith Hwde. on Laurinburg Road, Newton Station, 15-A N. Wood's Store at Rockfish, Dundarrach Trading Co., Mrs. Johnson's store at Ashley Heights and Jones Service Station in Little River township.

McLean reminded sportsmen that all licenses, except the regular fishing license, will be void after July 31. He said that money can be saved in the purchase of the combination hunting and fishing license.

"Get a game pamphlet covering the rules, bag limits and dates from the agent, when obtaining your license. It might save you some trouble," the protector advised.

Robbins Mills, Inc. Loses \$3,791,759 In First 6 Months

Robbins Mills, Inc., reports a consolidated net loss of \$3,791,759 for the 26 weeks ended May 29, 1954. This is in contrast with a net profit of \$49,978 in the first half of the preceding fiscal year.

Net sales declined to \$25,054,914 from \$30,614,179 in the 26 weeks to May 30, 1953.

The firm issued the following statement: "Due to the continuing depressed conditions in the textile industry, the company was compelled to curtail operations, further reduce sales prices and mark down inventory prices. These factors contributed substantially to the loss for the six months ended May 29, 1954."

The company's fiscal year ends November 30.

Directors yesterday took no action for the second successive quarter on a dividend on the \$4.50 preferred "A" stock. Last payment on this issue was 56 1/4 cents on January 30, this year.

Sons Born Same Day, Mothers Were Too

Two baby boys were born July 21st, to two Raeford mothers, who also were born on the same day and year—but of course many years ago. The two ladies, Mrs. Myra Moti Lentz, and Mrs. Edith Monroe Wood, have been long time friends, having grown up and attended the same schools in Raeford. Appropriately, they shared a room in the Moore County Hospital for their present "blessed events." Mrs. Lentz, wife of Major John C. Lentz, Assistant Provost Marshall, XVIII Airborne Corps, brought her little boy into the world weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces. Mrs. Wood's little fellow weighed in at eight pounds, 10 ounces. The two husbands Thomas E. Wood of Raeford and Major Lentz, are reported to be in excellent health.

Hoke Paratrooper At Fort Campbell

Pfc. James E. Lisenby, son of J. A. Lisenby of Raeford was recently assigned to Service Company of the famed 508th "Red Devil" Airborne Regimental Combat Team, the only such combat team in the United States.

Often described as "Fury from the Sky" the 508th encourages capable young men such as Pfc. Lisenby to become airborne and join the ranks of those who share the glory of being a paratrooper.

Lisenby is a decorated veteran of 12 months overseas, having served in Korea.

McBRYDE REUNION

The McBryde Clan will hold their annual reunion Sunday, August 8, at Antioch Presbyterian church. All members of the clan are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

Recorder Holds Winston-Salem Man For Robbery

After a few minutes of business in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday morning court was adjourned until Wednesday morning out of respect for H. W. B. Whitley, member of the county bar for more than 40 years, who died on Monday and was buried Tuesday. Most cases were heard on Wednesday.

Charles Irvin Cumbo, white man of Winston-Salem, was charged with breaking and entering and larceny. It was charged by the State that Cumbo had entered the offices of Doctors Julius and Riley Jordan on Campus Avenue here early on the morning of Sunday, July 4, and had taken some money. The State sought to show this by evidence that Cumbo had parked his car in the middle of the night on Donaldson Avenue near the residence of Carlton Niven, and that Niven thought he had seen him go in the direction of the doctor's offices. Raeford Policeman Lee Shepard also testified, to the effect that he had come when Niven had called him on Cumbo's return to his car, and had talked to Cumbo without getting a very satisfactory explanation of his presence there at that time of night. Defense contended that no felony was involved and that the recorder had jurisdiction, but the judge ruled otherwise, found probable cause, and ordered Cumbo held for trial in Superior Court. He posted \$500 appearance bond.

William "Buddy" Hollingsworth, colored, was found guilty of assaulting Joe Shields with a deadly weapon. He got 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and \$80 for medical expenses for Shields. He appealed and posted \$200 bond.

Leslie D. Lunsford, white, got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and two years good behavior for having non-tax-paid liquor. For having too much liquor George Morrison, colored, got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. Cherry Lee Jackson, Indian, pled guilty of having liquor for sale and got from four to six months, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and one year of good behavior.

On charges of snooting deer at night, Malcolm White and Bow Leach, both colored, were guilty of hunting out of season. White pleading guilty of this and Leach being found guilty. Each got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. White also pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws and got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for this.

Israel Moultrie, colored, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Sentence was four months, to start November 1. Moultrie posted a \$200 bond for his appearance.

Walter King, 17-year-old colored youth with a previous record, pled guilty of assault. Sentence was six to 12 months in jail to work under the supervision of the sheriff.

Robert E. Frady, white soldier, pled guilty of driving drunk and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

For having no driver's license, Vander Smith, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Albert McLeod, colored, pled guilty of public drunkenness and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$15 and costs.

Johnnie H. Autry, white, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and had to pay \$10 and costs.

Clifton Lowery, Indian, pled guilty of speeding 55 in a 35 mile zone. Sentence was 30 days, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Conoly spent the week end at Myrtle Beach.

Presbyterian Camp Monroe Is Having Its Largest Session

Camp Monroe's largest group of young people from Fayetteville Presbytery arrived Monday to begin the senior camp. About 160 seniors aged 15 years and older were registered. A staff of 24 adults were on hand to direct and instruct the campers. The Rev. William B. Gaston of McPherson church near Fayetteville is serving as director of this Presbyterian-sponsored camp.

Sunday afternoon the members of the Young People's council arrived for a meeting. Miss Hazel McLean of Raeford, president of the Senior High Fellowship, was present then.

Rev. David Huffines is serving as athletic director, assisted by Rev. Vernon Johnson of Edwards Military academy, and Rev. J. W. Amory of the Bethel and Shiloh churches is serving as recreation director. Mrs. C. E. Clark of Cumberland is the dietitian, and Miss Libby Chapin of Lillington is on hand to serve in her capacity as registered nurse.

The vespers speaker for this camp is Rev. Gower Crosswell of the Antioch church. Bible courses are being taught by Rev. Hogan Yancey of West End, Rev. Robert F. Sloop of Lumberton, Rev. R. L. Prince of Pinehurst, and Rev. J. W. Amory, Miss Ann Jordan, Christian Director of the Red Springs church, and Miss Betty McLean, area worker for Red Springs, are associated on the planning committee.

This camp will close Sunday, August 1. It is the third camp held at Monroe this summer. This is the first year the camp has used the camp. A. B. Hafer is over-all director of the camp for this year. It was largely through his help and direction that Camp Monroe was established.

The other two camps held this summer were for juniors and were held during the weeks of July 6 and July 21. The first camp was attended by 70 young people and 87 the second.

Camp Monroe, which is still partially under construction, is located in the Sandhills section of Scotland county and was a gift from the Monroe family to be used as a religious education work and play center.

District Ginners To Meet Here Monday

Clifford H. Hardy, Executive Secretary of The Carolinas Ginners Association has announced the schedule for the annual District Meetings of the ginner group. All ginners in the Carolinas and Virginia were urged to attend one or more of these meetings.

North Carolina-Virginia meetings are scheduled as follows: Raeford, August 2 at 10:30 a. m. at the Hoke County High School; Rocky Mount August 2 at 7:30 p. m. at Overton's Restaurant; Shelby August 6 at 10:30 a. m. at the American Legion Building. A dutch luncheon or supper will be served at each of these meetings.

Mr. & Mrs. Cox Plan 59th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cox of Raeford will celebrate their 59th wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 31. Mr. Cox, formerly a builder and postmaster of Raeford during the Republican administrations of Harding, Coolidge and Hoover, is about 83 1/2 years of age, and Mrs. Cox will be 80 in about a month.

They have five children living and four deceased, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, twins.

PATROLMAN AT SCHOOL

State Highway Patrolman D. G. Surratt attended a refresher course for patrolmen in Chapel Hill on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Funeral Is Held Here Tuesday For H. W. B. Whitley



H. W. B. WHITLEY

Dies Early Monday

Henry Ward Beecher Whitley, Raeford lawyer for more than 40 years, died suddenly shortly after midnight Monday morning at Moore County Hospital. He had been injured when hit by a car on Main street here at about 8:00 o'clock on the night of Saturday, July 10, but had been recovering in what was thought to be a satisfactory manner until he became violently ill a few minutes before his death.

He would have been 66 years of age in September, having been born in Union County on September 28, 1888, son of Phillip and Mary E. Simpson Whitley. He attended Davidson College and the University of Tennessee and was a graduate of the Law School of the University of North Carolina. He came here and opened a law office early in 1912, shortly after the formation of Hoke County, and had practiced here ever since. He was an officer in the National Guard and went with it to the Mexican Border in 1916. He also coached the high school football team here for several years.

He had been an active member of the Raeford Presbyterian Church for many years and was an old and faithful member of John W. McLaughlin Bible Class. He also taught in the Sunday School for a number of years. He was a member of the Ninth Judicial District Bar Association and held office in it.

Funeral service was conducted at the Raeford Presbyterian Church at 4:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor, and burial followed in the Raeford cemetery. Pallbearers were J. H. Blue, Neill McFadyen, Tom McBryde, H. D. Harrison, Alfred Cole, Paul Burnett, J. W. McPhaul and Paul Dickson. Honorary pallbearers were members of the J. W. McLaughlin Bible Class and county officials.

He is survived by his wife, the former Beulah Funderburk of near Monroe; two sons, Robert Ward Whitley of Philadelphia, Pa., and Edwin Whitley of the home; two daughters, Mary Hazel Whitley of the home and Mrs. Paul Whetstone of Durham; two brothers, Dr. L. L. Whitley of Athens, Ga., and H. C. Whitley of Monroe; and two grandchildren.

FLORAL SHOP OPENS

In an advertisement in this issue Mrs. Nelda T. Baucom and Mrs. James D. Stephens announce the opening of their florist shop at 704 North Stewart Street in Raeford. Mrs. Stephens has recently completed a course at the Southeastern School of Florists in Columbia, S. C., and the new business will offer a complete line of cut flowers, potted plants, wedding and funeral arrangements, corsages and flowers for all occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris and children of Burlington spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Harris and family.

To Dedicate Piano In Memory Of Five Killed In Wreck

A new Jesse French piano, presented to the church by the Pioneer Fellowship in memory of five of their number who were killed in a wreck last year will be dedicated in services at Bethel Presbyterian Church at 8:00 o'clock on Sunday night, August 1. The Pioneers have raised the money through contributions and in other ways.

The five boys, all in their teens and all members of the Bethel Sunday School, were killed in a highway accident on the night of Friday, July 17, 1953, that took two other lives as well and was the worst tragedy ever to hit in Hoke County. They had attended a fellowship meeting of the Sunday School on the night they were killed.

At the services Sunday night the new piano will be dedicated to the memory of James William and John Archie Blue, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Blue; Billy Joe Clark, son of Mrs. Maude V. Clark and the late Luther Clark; Robert Neill Currie, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Currie; and Robert Easterling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Easterling.

The public is invited to attend the service.

Lumbee Electric Cooperative Gets New Loan Approval

A loan of \$420,000 which has just been approved by the board of directors of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation was submitted to the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority at its summer meeting held in Burnsville. The State Authority has approved this loan and has forwarded same to the REA in Washington, D. C.

The loan, according to D. J. Dalton, Manager, is to cover membership extensions and furnish school football team here for several years.

It is for adding additional transformer and line capacity for the some thirty members who are going all electric each month.

C. L. Ballance, president of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, and also a member of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, was present with other members of the Authority at the meeting.

The manager, in presenting the application to the North Carolina Authority, reviewed briefly the progress of the cooperative stating that at the time the cooperative was organized a small group of people in Hoke County was attempting to tie in a line to the Pee Dee Electric Cooperative now operating out of Wadesboro. After this group contacted the Wadesboro Cooperative, the manager wrote the REA for a field survey as to the possibility of forming an electric cooperative in the area which this group represented. It was true, there were various groups from over the entire area who were working on obtaining electric service; however, consolidated efforts were not achieved until REA's field representative was sent into this area. At this time, the South River Electric Membership Corporation and Lumbee River Electric Membership were organized. After two weeks in the vicinity, the field representative reported to Washington that he felt each of the groups would have some 200 miles of line thickly enough settled to qualify for a loan.

All interested persons who attended these early meetings remember the various individuals who advised that neither of these areas would justify an electric cooperative operating on a sound financial basis. Dalton pointed out to the board that this day had been well outlived as some sixty days after the original organization meeting, he and the entire

ICE CREAM SUPPER

The women of Philippi Presbyterian Church will sponsor an ice cream supper in the Philippi Fellowship building on Friday night at 7:30 to raise money for the church's new organ. The public is invited.

Highest Honor In Maintenance To 130th Battalion

The 130th AAA Battalion, North Carolina National Guard, of which Battery A of Raeford is a part and which is commanded by Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr., of Raeford, excelled at training at Camp Stewart, Georgia, during their two-weeks encampment in June, but the units excel all others in North Carolina in another way as well, it appeared from a presentation made in Red Springs Monday night.

Colonel John E. Foreman, maintenance officer for the National Guard of the State of North Carolina, acting in behalf of Adjutant General John Hall Manning, presented the State Maintenance trophy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, to the entire battalion of five batteries. This trophy is awarded annually by the National Guard Bureau of the Department of the Army to the company or battery in each State which best takes care of its equipment, clothing and weapons. Its presentation to an entire battalion is without precedent in North Carolina and was made as an exception by the Bureau on the specific request of General Manning in view of the outstanding maintenance being practiced by all units of the battalion.

The entire officer strength of the battalion was present with Col. Lamont to receive the award at the headquarters battery armory in Red Springs, as well as the entire enlisted strength of headquarters battery. Unit administrators of the batteries, who also serve as maintenance, supply and administrative technicians, were also present.

In making the award Col. Foreman recalled the organization of Battery A here in March of 1947, of headquarters battery in Red Springs in June of that year, and of the subsequent organization of Battery C in Sanford, Battery D in Southern Pines and Battery B in St. Pauls. He also pointed to the battalion's outstanding record of excellence in training a maintenance since its organization, and particularly to its training record in Camp Stewart this summer. He said that he was not surprised at being able to bring the maintenance trophy to the battalion, as he had expected it.

Accompanying Col. Foreman to Red Springs on Monday night was Col. Herbert H. Harris of the Regular Army, who was instructor for the 30th Division before leaving for a tour of duty in Formosa and who is assistant to the Senior Army Adviser for the State at the present time. During his tour with the Division Col. Harris was most helpful to the batteries of the 130th battalion in attaining training efficiency. He expressed pride in battalion and said that he was proud of Col. Lamont and every one of his officers and men.

Col. Lamont, in receiving the trophy, told his battery commanders and officers that they and the men of their batteries had won the award, that he had just received it, and said he was proud of their achievement. It was pointed out that while battery commanders, unit administrators, motor, mess and supply sergeants appear to have more to do with maintenance than others, the responsibility and the credit for perfect maintenance rest with and belongs to every man and officer of every battery. Only by each man doing his job could such a record have been attained, he said.

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