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## Addenda - - By The Editor

Members of the town board estimate that Highway Commissioner Forrest Lockey saved the town about \$8,000 when he managed to get the town's paving done on the same contract with the State contract for the repaving of 15-A and the paving of by-passes on it. Lockey keeps doing things for this town and county, both in his official capacity and personally, and we are grateful. He's a Raeford boy, you know and he certainly hasn't forgotten it.

D. Scott Poole, former turpentine slasher, farmer, school teacher, printer, editor and publisher, legislator and for many years a ruling elder of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, passed his 96th birthday quietly at his home here on Tuesday of this week. There was to have been a family gathering at the home of his son, W. L. Poole, but Mr. Poole didn't feel like going, although he is generally getting along fine and feeling well for his age. An elder of the Presbyterian Church since 1915, Mr. Poole is the oldest one in service and age. Prior to 1915 he was an elder in other Presbyterian Churches. In his church he has been a Sunday School teacher and most interested in church music. While he is feeling well, he doesn't hear or see well, and getting around too many people excites him somewhat. To Mr. Poole on this occasion go our best wishes and admiration.

Unofficial report is that if North Carolina decides definitely to accept the entire 30th Infantry Division of the National Guard the 130th AAA Battalion will become the 130th Tank Battalion of the Division. We'll be armed with medium tanks, although bigger than any that saw much action in World War II, with 90 mm guns. If I had known this I would have watched my waistline a little closer, as I don't know if I can even get in a tank. I'm willing to try, though, and general attitude throughout the battalion is that it's going to be fun. If the 130th does get tanks, it will certainly be a compliment to the efficiency of the battalion, as that will without doubt be the hardest conversion to be made by any unit in the State.

Made a note on my pad Monday to put something in the paper about the paving getting started in town. Didn't consider it much, but just thought it would take several weeks. I was quite surprised to hear this morning when I started to write about it that they expected to get through today. It sure takes a long time to get them started paving your street, as compared to the time it takes them to do it when they do get started.

Jackson Street and Stewart Street will be long straight streets, now that they are paved, and there are a lot of families with children living on both. Stewart Street has a break back of the McLauchlin School to slow traffic some, but there will be a four-block stretch of Jackson Street without a stop. It has been suggested that Jackson Street as well as the streets crossing it be stop streets. There will be little through traffic and no one is in too big a hurry to stop at a corner if he might keep from hitting a child by so doing. That is something the town officials can be thinking about. Notice they are using stop signs on Main Street at Prospect Avenue now instead of the traffic light. This may work as well, although a left turn from Main into Prospect is more difficult.

The swimming hole—"Rockfish Park" has been suggested as  
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## Defendant Pays Two Fines For No Driving License

Jake Ellis, white, was charged some time ago with driving without driver's license, and for some reason or other his case was not tried until Tuesday of this week when it came up before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court. He pled guilty and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. While waiting for trial on the first charge, however, he got caught again, so a charge of the same offense came up Tuesday against Jacob Jackson Ellis, the same man. He made the same plea and had to pay the same amount.

Fidel J. Archuleta, white soldier, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs. Hubert Harris, colored, pled guilty of driving drunk, a second offense, and got three to four months suspended on payment of \$200 and costs. He also pled guilty of driving after his license had been revoked and got three to four months to be suspended on payment of \$200 and costs for this.

Alfred E. Steele, colored, pled guilty of driving drunk and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Lillie Jane Brigman, white, was found not guilty on a charge of having improper brakes. For having no driver's license she got 60 days suspended on payment of \$50 and costs, after pleading guilty.

State dropped the case in which Chancy Wright, colored, was charged with violating the prohibition laws.

Mack Shields, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of violating the game laws.

Tom Watson, colored, was found not guilty on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a shotgun off his premises on Sunday.

Peter Patmore Perry, white, had to pay \$10 and costs for having improper brakes. Freddie Fisher, colored, paid the same for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Haywood Brown, colored, pled guilty of driving without a license and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Atwell C. Russell, white, and Walter N. Willis, colored, each pled guilty of being drunk in a public place and each got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

James D. Craig, white, left a \$40 bond on a charge of allowing an unlicensed driver to operate his car.

Elwood Newman, colored, paid \$10 and costs and Douglas Burke, white, paid costs for exceeding the speed limit by different amounts.

## School Official Is Speaker At Kiwanis

J. E. Miller, assistant State superintendent of public instruction, was guest speaker at the regular weekly supper meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club at the Hoke High school cafeteria last Thursday night. He was presented to the club by Hoke School Superintendent K. A. MacDonald.

Miller talked generally about public education in North Carolina, and brought the club members many interesting facts. He spoke of the need for more teachers as the most critical shortage, but said that there was also a growing shortage of classrooms.

He said there would be more than a million children in North Carolina's schools this year, more than ever before. The increase, he said is due to more beginners than ever before and a consistently growing number of children transferring to North Carolina schools from other states.

## Officers Destroy 23 Stills During Four-Month Period

The Hoke County sheriff and rural police officers this week released figures on liquor stills destroyed in the county in the past four months by townships, and the total is 23 stills with a total manufacturing capacity of 11,000 gallons.

In April four stills were taken in Antioch Township, one in Stonewall, two in Blue Springs and one in Raeford Township, for a total of eight.

In May one was destroyed in Antioch and three in Stonewall for a total of four.

In June one was taken in Blue Springs, two in Antioch, two in Rockfish, one in Quewhiffle and one in Stonewall, for a total of seven.

In July they took one in Blue Springs, two in Stonewall, and one in McLauchlin, for a total of four.

## County Board Has Routine Meeting

The Hoke County board of commissioners held its regular monthly meeting Monday with all members present. Routine items of business were disposed of and a jury for the August term of Superior Court was drawn.

A delegation of citizens of Little River Township appeared before the board and asked that H. J. Denny be employed as a deputy sheriff for that township. The board approved the employment of Denny for a period of three months at a salary of \$50 a month plus fees and mileage on necessary trips to Raeford in cases where the county is liable for costs. The board stated "It is distinctly understood that Mr. Denny is to work under the supervision of the sheriff, who is to approve all bills for mileage."

The board unanimously voted to name Mayor Alfred Cole of Raeford civil defense director for Hoke County, and directed the county accountant to advise the State director of civil defense of the appointment.

## Set Emergency March Of Dimes For August 16-31

Despite vast sums of money contributed to the fight against infantile paralysis, North Carolina polio chapters are still on the "receiving end" of the March of Dimes organization, Sheriff D. H. Hodgin, director of the Emergency March of Dimes in Hoke County, declared today.

In an appeal to all people of the county to help their National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis pull out of its present critical financial plight, Hodgin pointed out that North Carolina has benefited tremendously from the generosity of this organization.

"Up to July 15 this year," he said, "fourteen of our polio chapters have asked for and received from the Foundation's Emergency Fund \$110,650.00 for the care of our own children and young men and women stricken by polio. Undoubtedly, much more would have come to us but for the fact that this source of emergency aid has run dry," said Hodgin.

This distressing situation is why the special drive has been set in Hoke County and the nation for August 16-31.

The Emergency March of Dimes director pointed out that the total raised in last January's March of Dimes was not enough to continue payment of patient aid bills this year, in addition to meeting the costs of the vaccine field trials and purchase of increased quantities of gamma globulin. "To North Carolina \$441,445.00 worth of gamma globulin, the temporary preventive against paralytic polio, has been allotted this year," Hodgin said.

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## Opening Dates For School Year Set By Board

The Hoke County Board of Education met Monday night and set the opening dates for the white, colored and Indian schools of the county for the 1954-55 term, among other things.

The white schools of the county will open for the term at 9:00 a. m. on Thursday, September 2. All teachers but one have been employed for the white schools.

The colored schools will open on Monday, September 13, at 9:00. This is the first time the colored schools have opened so early, and is in the nature of an experiment by the board in view of their fine attendance last year. All teachers have been employed for the colored schools with the exception of two at Upchurch.

The Hoke County Indian School will open on Monday, September 27 at 9:00 a. m. All teachers have been employed for this school, which is losing one because of low attendance.

All schools in the county will close on Tuesday, December 21, for Christmas, and will reopen on Monday, January 3, 1955.

County Superintendent K. A. MacDonald said he expected to see an increase in the enrollments at all schools, particularly in the lower grades. Last year of 5230 school age children in the county there were 4321 enrolled in the schools during the year. Last day enrollment was 3974. Average daily attendance in the county was 3502 for a percentage in attendance of 90.9. There were 1520 enrolled in the white schools, 2600 in the colored and 219 in the Indian School.

At the meeting the board also approved preliminary drawings for the auditorium at Upchurch School.

## Holland To Preach To Presbyterians

Dr. Harry K. Holland, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Ga., and former pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, will preach at the local church at the morning worship service on Sunday, August 8. While in Raeford Dr. and Mrs. Holland will be guests of Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Smith and family.

Dr. Holland was pastor of the Presbyterian Church from 1941 until 1947, leaving here to go to the Marietta church. He succeeded Dr. Watson M. Fairley as pastor here and was succeeded by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, present pastor.

## 50 MERCHANTS START GIVING TICKETS ON CAR AND PRIZES

Almost 50 merchants of all descriptions in and around Raeford started this week giving tickets with purchases on the impressive \$3,000 worth of prizes to be drawn for at the second Fall Festival here to be held on Wednesday, November 2. Enrollment in the affair reached almost 100 per cent of the town's firms this week and the others are expected.

Headline attraction on the gift list is the new 1954 Chevrolet two-door green and tan sedan which was placed on display on the street in front of Hoke Auto Co. this week. This, however, is to be only one of many prizes which will be given at the festival. There will be several other prizes from the group, operating as the Merchants Division of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., and there will be many prizes drawn for which will be offered by the individual merchants participating.

Merchants listed as participat-

## Over Two Miles Of Streets Are Paved Here This Week

Town Board Member Truman Austin reported to the board on Monday night at its regular monthly meeting that the paving of the streets set up for it had started. By today this paving is almost completed.

The paving being done this week is on 11 different streets in town and takes 12,220 feet off the approximately 7 1/2 miles of unpaved streets which remained in the town. Other paving to be done this summer will reduce the unpaved streets to about four miles.

Streets being paved and the distance on each in feet are as follows: Campbell 400, Jackson 1440, Highland 720, E. Edinboro 800, Elwood 640, N. Stewart 1700, S. Stewart 1560, Wilmoth 540, E. 5th Ave. 400, W. 5th 1220. West Edinboro Avenue is also being paved for a distance of 2800 feet by the State as a connecting road not at the town's expense.

The board voted Monday night to investigate the needs of the street department for reconditioning or replacement of its oldest truck.

It was also voted to investigate the possibility of purchasing gasoline in bulk at wholesale prices for the town's trucks, tractors and car.

All board members were present at the meeting and Mayor Alfred Cole presided.

## Mrs. McLauchlin To Teach Bible Again

T. B. Upchurch, chairman of the Hoke County committee for the teaching of Bible in the schools, a committee with members from many of the county's churches, this week said that Mrs. T. N. McLauchlin, who has been teacher of Bible for several years and who had resigned at the end of the last term to take a regular teaching job, had been employed to teach Bible again.

Upchurch expressed the pleasure of the committee that Mrs. McLauchlin had again accepted the work and said that she would teach at Hoke High two days a week, two days at Seventy-First and one day at Hope Mills.

## LEGION TO MEET MON.

Commander Truman Austin of the local Ellis Williamson American Legion post, this week reminded members of the regular monthly meeting and supper of the post which is to be held at the High school cafeteria on Monday night at 6:30. He urged all legionnaires to attend and said that a film would not be shown.

## MILL HERE WILL BECOME PART OF HUGE TEXTILE COMBINATION

### Booster Club To Start Membership Drive Next Week

Jake Austin, president of the newly-organized Hoke High Boosters Club, this week announced plans for the club's first membership drive, and said that it would start next week under the leadership of the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce. He pointed out that while the Jaycees will lead the drive, everyone that can is expected to help by joining and getting other members. A goal of 300 members for the first year has been set.

The arrangements for the conduct of the drive were made at a meeting of the directors of the club on Monday and it was decided that members of the Boosters Club who pay dues for a year in advance will be given season tickets to the five football games the Hoke High Bucks play in Raeford this fall. Dues will be \$1 per month, or \$12 per year, and according to Austin may be paid any way the member desires, so long as a payment is made upon joining and a pledge card is signed for the unpaid balance.

Funds raised are to be used in promotion of the entire athletic program at Hoke High, and members of the club will help put the contests over in any way that they are able. Season Tickets will also be placed on sale through the High School very soon. These will be issued by Booster Club members qualified for them on the night of the first game. Home games will be played at 8:00 p. m. at Army Park and will be on Friday nights as follows: September 10, Clinton; Sept. 17, Elizabethtown; October 8, Rohan (Richmond County); October 29, Tabor City; November 12, Laurinburg. The schedule also includes five games away from home as follows: Sept. 24, Chadbourn; Oct. 1, Hamlet; Oct. 22, Wadesboro; Nov. 5, Fairmont; No. 19, Lumberton.

### Southeastern Schools Organize

A group of principals of 10 Southeastern North Carolina schools met recently and organized an athletic association. The 10 schools in the group are Whiteville, Tabor City, Lumberton, Clinton, Hoke High, Sanford, Laurinburg, Hamlet, Rockingham and Wadesboro.

W. H. Coble, principal of Laurinburg High School, has been chosen temporary president of the SEAAAA.

The association has six main objectives in organizing. These include the promotion of athletic relations in a high plane, to uphold the regulations of the N. C. High School Athletic Association and the State Department of Education, the enactment of policies that will make for general understanding in regard to athletic contests, the furthering of a spirit of fellowship among the administrators of the athletic programs in the member schools, the correct and adequate publicizing of contests and standings in the major sports, and the broadening of the athletic programs in the member schools.

Directors of the Hoke High Boosters Club have expressed the opinion that this organization will fit right in with the aims of the club as to Hoke High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDiarmid of Jackson, Miss. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hatcher at their White Lake cottage. Miss Betty Lou McDiarmid of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. is also a guest of the Hatchers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Newton of Faison were week end guests of Miss Lona Graham.

### American Woolen Co. To Buy Robbins Mills

Fast-moving developments in the textile business this week indicated that the Raeford plant of Robbins Mills, Inc., would probably become part of a gigantic textile empire to be made up of plants of the American Woolen Company and Textron, Inc., along with the five Robbins plants.

First announcement of the move was on Monday when Robert L. Huffines, Jr., president of Textron, Inc., announced that his company had purchased 370,733 shares of Robbins stock from the J. P. Stevens Co. The Stevens Co. had purchased the stock, amounting to about 42 per cent, from the family of Karl Robbins, founder and one-time chairman, in May. Textron, Inc., controlling 45 per cent of the American Woolen Company's common stock, is its largest stockholder also.

On Wednesday the board of directors of American Woolen Co., meeting in New York, voted to refer to American Woolen stockholders proposals which would:

1. Authorize the purchase of the 42 per cent stock interest in Robbins Mills recently acquired by Textron, Inc., from J. P. Stevens & Co.

2. Authorize the acquisition by American Woolen Co. of Textron's various textile properties.

Textron's manufacturing facilities outside the textile field would not be included.

It was pointed out that the move will give American badly needed production facilities in the South. Robbins has several up-to-date Southern plants, with mills at Raeford, Aberdeen, Red Springs and Robbins in North Carolina and Clarksville, Va.

The three-way merger will afford Textron new diversification possibilities, with American providing wollen and worsted goods and Robbins synthetic fabrics.

### Selling Company

Joseph B. Ely, president of deficit-ridden American Woolen, reported that the directors also approved plans to form a new sales organization which will merchandise fabrics produced by American Woolen Co., Robbins Mills and Textron.

Also approved was formation of a wholly-owned textile factoring organization which would have a capitalization of 10 million dollars.

Robert L. Huffines, Jr., president of Textron, Inc., would head the new American Woolen selling organization.

These moves were seen as designed to strengthen American's competitive position with the addition of the synthetic fibre and cotton fabric lines of Robbins Mills and Textron. The entire plan is reported to have been sanctioned by Textron Chairman Royal Little before his recent departure for a European vacation.

Textron as of March 1 had an annual textile plant capacity for production of 72 million linear yards of cotton goods, 102 million linear yards of synthetic filament fabrics, 24 million linear yards of synthetic spun woven goods and 10 million square yards of synthetic knit goods.

Plants are located in Anderson, S. C.; Belton, S. C.; Charlotte, N. C.; Garnerville, N. Y.; Williams-town, S. C.; and Puerto Rico. They are equipped with 226,000 spindles, 8,136 looms, 48 triest knitting machines and dyeing and finishing equipment.

### McINNIS REUNION

The McInnis Clan will hold its annual reunion at the Dunderach Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 15. The program will begin at 11:00 a. m. All members and their friends are invited to attend and bring a basket lunch.