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## Addenda - - By The Editor

Background work for the United Fund Drive this fall is going right along, I understand. Crawford Thomas is chairman of the "Budget and Admissions" committee of the United Fund of Hoke County, and there is more work and responsibility involved in this committee than you might think at first. The group has the task of setting up the entire budget for the drive. They have to find out what charities, funds and organizations should be included in the Hoke County drive, and the extent to which each should benefit. They have to reach an agreement with each of these organizations that they will participate in and accept benefit from the local drive and in the degree that is worked out. After all this is worked out and agreed to by the organizations on a basis of "Fair-Share" giving, the entire budget and list of participating members (benefitting organizations) will be submitted to the board of directors of the Hoke County United Fund for approval. The committee is in the process of handling these matters at the present time.

When they finish their job the ball will be passed to the campaign chairman, J. L. McNeill, who will have to work out details of the drive, acquaint the public with the need and reasons for it, and supervise the raising of the budgeted amount of money. Lot of work but still, it's on a fair share basis of need and it will save all those drives that come one after another during the first few months of every year. Persons who so desire may specify a charity to which they wish their United Fund gift to go, and they won't have to help with a drive or face somebody wanting them to give to one every other week for months. I think we'll like it.

The Hoke High Boosters Club got their membership campaign off to a good start this week, according to President Jake Austin. Membership cards were turned over to the Jaycees at their regular meeting on Tuesday night, and at last reports were being well received by the people of the county. The Jaycees, the directors of the Boosters Club and others helping are planning to give everyone in the county a chance to join and then help get others.

McLaughlin Company, one of the first stores to enter into the Fall Festival promotion, was accidentally left off the list appearing in the news article and the advertisement which announced the beginning of the event and the participating stores. They are still in it. Raeford Auto Co. has been added to the list since last week.

## PERSONALS

Pfc. Dan Carter, Jr. of Glenview, Illinois is visiting in the home of his father, Dan Carter.

Miss Janet Hodgkin is spending this week at Topsail Beach.

Mrs. John Liles of Richmond, Virginia is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Smith.

Major Milo Postel is a patient at Fort Bragg Hospital.

Mrs. Howard Wardlaw and children, Bradford and Joyce, of Clemson, S. C. were week end guests in the home of her uncle W. L. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lundy, Jr. and children of Sanford visited Mr. Lundy's parents during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Wood are spending this week with relatives in Wilmington.

## Tobacco Stolen Tues. No Arrest Expected

Rural Policeman H. M. Meeks reported yesterday that almost 150 sticks of tobacco were stolen from the farm of J. B. Mays in Quewhistle Township some time Tuesday night. He said that it appeared that the thieves had parked their car in the road and carried the tobacco to it and driven away, leaving no clues. Meeks said this was the first theft of tobacco he had heard of in this county this season, and urged farmers to take precautions with their tobacco because of the fact that such thefts are almost impossible for officers to trace.

## Service Personnel Now May Receive Reenlistment Bonus

Local Air Force Recruiter Master Sergeant Iven D. Quillen announced this week that all prior service personnel who reenlist within 90 days after discharge now have the opportunity of being paid under the new reenlistment bonus law, Public Law 506, or the old bonus law. The new law passed by Congress only last week, applies to all branches of the service.

Under the new bonus law it is possible for a serviceman who reenlists to draw up to \$2,000. The amount of each man's bonus depends on the man's grade at the time of discharge, his length of service and the number of years for which he reenlists.

Sergeant Quillen said he would be at the Post Office in Raeford on Fridays and that he would be glad to interview recently discharged service personnel and tell each man the amount of reenlistment bonus he is eligible for. In Fayetteville on Thursdays and Saturdays, he may found at 213 Franklin Street.

## FIRE DESTROYS HOME

The home of Dock Thomas near Antioch was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon and all the clothing and personal effects of the family were lost. Persons wishing to help them out may take gifts of clothing, furniture, etc., to Mrs. Giles at the Welfare Department.

## BAPTIST PREACHER TO DISCUSS LOCAL CHURCH

The Rev. James E. Baker, pastor of the Raeford Baptist Church, said this week that his sermons next Sunday would be on the things right and wrong with the local church. At the morning worship service his subject will be "What Is Wrong With The Raeford Baptist Church." At the evening service at 8:00 o'clock his subject will be "What Is Right With The Raeford Baptist Church."

## WOODMEN CIRCLE PLANS PICNIC NEXT TUESDAY

The annual picnic of Cedar Grove No. 179 of Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle will be held at Aberdeen Lake on Tuesday afternoon, August 17. All members and their families are invited to come and bring baskets. Swimming games and dancing may be enjoyed until the meal is served at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Poole and family were week end guests of Mrs. Poole's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander. They came down to bring Mrs. Poole's sister, Mrs. R. C. Langis and children, who had spent the week with her in Belmont.

W. A. McDonald is a patient at Moore County Hospital where he underwent an operation on Tuesday.

Dallas Cameron and Dallas, Jr. and Miss Nancy Cameron of Lake Waccamaw spent the week end with Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Smith.

## Recorder Handles Heavy Docket In Court Tuesday

Business picked up in Hoke County recorder's court this week, as 21 varied cases were disposed of and 14 speeders made a total of 35 cases handled before Judge T. O. Moses.

James B. Stoots, white, was charged with hit and run driving and driving drunk. He pled guilty and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs for driving drunk and prayer for judgment was continued on payment of the costs for hit and run driving. He was also indicted for assault, and he preferred charges of assault against Raeford Policeman C. J. McNeill, but both cases were dropped by the State.

George L. Hameck, white, pled guilty of driving drunk and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case in which Gerald Whitaker, white, was charged with escaping from the prison division of the Sanatorium.

Three violators of the prohibition laws by illegally possessing liquor for sale were tried. Ila Mae Jacobs, Indian, was found guilty. She got 60 days suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Edward Wilkerson, colored, pled guilty and went to the roads for four to six months. Clara Singletary, colored, was found guilty and sentence was from three to four months in jail, to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and two years good behavior.

Other prohibition law violators were Roy Lee Monroe, Nellie Archie McMillan and Walter K. Ingram, all colored. Each pled guilty and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs. Rayos Florentina, white, got the same for being drunk and violating the prohibition laws.

James Bobb, white, pled guilty of damaging the jail and had to pay costs and \$16.10 damages.

Lexie O. McCrimmon and Carl R. Hish, both white, each pled guilty of public drunkenness and each had to pay \$10 and costs. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of costs by Charles Henry, colored, on the same charge.

Purell Little, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of larceny.

Hulane Sanders, colored, paid costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Gaston Shaw, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of costs for driving with no driver's license.

State dropped cases against Julia Ellis, colored, for careless and reckless driving, and Oscar Williams, white, for improperly parking on a highway.

Speeders in court were Kenneth J. Dumbree, white, pled guilty, \$10 and costs; Marshall F. Love and Austin E. Magee, both

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## Guard Unit Nears Maximum Strength

Battery A, 130th AAA Battalion, outstanding unit of the North Carolina National Guard, is nearing its full allotted strength of 120 enlisted men. It was announced this week by Captain Edwin D. Newton, commanding and Chief Warrant Officer Roger W. Dixon, unit administrator. The announcement was made for the benefit of men who may be contemplating joining the Guard, as there are at present only six vacancies.

The present strength of the unit is 114 of the allotted strength of 120, and if the Governor approves the complete organization of the 30th Division in North Carolina and the 130th is converted to a tank battalion as is planned, its maximum strength would be reduced to 113. In the event this conversion were made and the reduction in authorized strength effected men in the unit would be allowed to stay and the actual reduction would be made by normal turnover. Such a situation might cause the unit to have no vacancies for new men for some time, though, Mr. Dixon said.

He said the present vacancies would be filled on a first come-first served basis, as has always been done in the past.

## Hoke 4-H Group To Attend Camp At Manteo Next Week

The following 4-H Club members plans to attend 4-H Club Camp at Roanoke Island 4-H Club Camp at Manteo during the week of August 16-21: Charlotte Posey, Lee Ann Blake, Glenda Ellen Hord, Horace Walters, Jr., Tommie Seaford, Billy Cameron, Jennie Pearl Sanders, Marian Ann Pittman, Barbara Cothran, Brownie Hendrix, Jr., Peggy Williams, Jackie, Tommie and Rodney Pickler, Mack McBryde, Dick Tickle, Lee Jordan, Donald Lindsay, Jerry Jones, Shirley McNeill, Bobby Parker, Bonnie Wilkes, Johnny Stanton, James Potter, Robert Lee Lovette, Carolyn Rose Conely, Grady Vanhoy, Sandra Strisher, Ralph Currie, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Harold Chason and Grady Leach. The group will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williford, Miss Josephine Hall, and R. A. Smoak.

The bus will arrive at the Raeford Grammar School at 7:00 on Monday morning and will leave as soon after seven as possible.

Mrs. "Doc" Truelove entered Scotland Memorial Hospital Sunday where she is a patient.

Mrs. Edith Ulrich and children and Mrs. Elizabeth Berry are visiting the Rev. and Mrs. Baxter Pond in Covington, La.

Mrs. Kate McPhaul spent several days this week at Carolina Beach with Mr. and Mrs. John S. Batemann.

## Plans Made To Install Pastor At Bethel & Shiloh



JOSEPH W. AMORY

Joseph W. Amory of Raeford will be ordained as a Presbyterian minister and installed as pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian Church in a service at the church on Sunday, August 15, at 8:00 p. m., it was announced this week by the Rev. C. M. Gibbs of Fayetteville Presbytery. Mr. Amory will be installed as pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church in a service there at 8:00 p. m. on Sunday, August 22, 1954.

Mr. Amory is succeeding the late Rev. Silas A. Ewart as pastor of the two churches. Mr. Ewart died on August 22 of last year and his son, the Rev. Jack W. Ewart, who is pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen, is to serve on the ordination and installation commission.

The commission named by Fayetteville Presbytery for the service at Shiloh includes the Rev. C. M. Gibbs, who will preside and propound the constitutional questions; The Rev. W. B. Heyward of Raeford, who will preach the sermon; the Rev. Jack W. Ewart, who will charge the minister; Ruling Elder Dr. R. L. Murray of Raeford, who will charge the congregation. Alternates are the Rev. W. Knight Thompson and Ruling Elder J. H. Blythe.

Named for the installation service at Bethel Church on August 22 are the Rev. Mr. Gibbs to preside and propound the constitutional question, the Rev. Jack W. Ewart to preach the sermon, the Rev. W. B. Heyward to charge the minister, Ruling Elder K. A. MacDonald to charge the congregation. Alternates for this service are the Rev. Gower Crosswell of Antioch Church and Ruling Elder O. B. Israel.

The new pastor, a native of Norfolk, Va., was married in May and moved here about the middle of June. He and Mrs. Amory have a home in Sunset Hills in Raeford. He attended Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., and graduated this year from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. Mrs. Amory is the former Miss Mary Johnson Stephens of Lumberton, and before her marriage she was director of religious education at the Virginia Beach, Va., Presbyterian Church.

## Revival To Start Sunday At Philippi

A series of revival services will be held at Philippi Presbyterian Church Sunday through Friday evenings of next week, it has been announced. Starting on Sunday, August 15, the services will begin each evening through Friday, August 20, at 7:30 p. m. The messages will be delivered by the Rev. Stuart Ritchie, pastor of the Village Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville.

The announcement was made by James Ives of Norfolk, Va., who is serving the church as summer student supply pastor. There will be special music at the services under the direction of Mrs. C. E. Autry.

## Hoke High Football Practice Next Week

Principal W. T. Gibson, Jr., of Hoke County High School, announced this week that the first football practice of the 1954 season would be held next Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the high school gymnasium, and he urged all candidates for the team to be present. Coach Archie Brigman is in Greensboro this week attending the clinic for coaches. On Monday afternoon a doctor will be present to examine all players and they will get down to work the next day in preparation for the first game of the season which will be against Clinton here at 8:00 p. m. on September 10, less than a month away.

## New Greyhound Bus Shown Here Sat.

The Scenicruiser, a revolutionary new type of motor bus soon to be placed in service on the north-south runs of the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation through Raeford, was on display here for almost an hour last Saturday morning. Visitors were invited to enter the bus and after viewing its facilities were given the facts about it over the loud speaker system. It was parked in front of the Raeford Furniture Co. from 9:30 until after 10:00.

With the Scenicruiser, Greyhound has a 43-passenger motor coach embracing scores of important innovations for passenger comfort, safety, convenience, and sightseeing enjoyment. In addition, this new bus incorporates a large number of engineering advances that will permit more efficient operation and maintenance. These new features, together with the handsome design and modern styling of the Scenicruiser, can be expected to draw passengers from a broader market than has ever been attracted to bus travel in the past.

One of the most striking innovations in the design of the Scenicruiser is the spacious rear passenger deck, which is elevated above the forward seating area, to provide unequalled sightseeing opportunities. A wide windshield curved around the entire forward section of this upper level gives an unobstructed view of the road ahead. Big "picture" windows, of glare resistant glass and measuring six feet in length, comprise more than 90 per cent of the side structure of the Scenicruiser above the seat level.

Other marked improvements in bus travel comfort are assured by the use of a new type of individually-controlling reclining seats, added "leg-room", and also by the inclusion of washroom facilities.

The ventilation system is capable of drawing fresh air from the outside at a rate sufficient to change the air in the bus every 40 seconds. This air is cooled and dehumidified or heated, as required, and circulated in the bus through vents at the window ledges.

Although all passengers ride above the level of passing cars, the overall height of the Scenicruiser is less than a foot more than the conventional highway bus and well within the prescribed height limitations.

The most important mechanical innovation in the Scenicruiser is the use of twin diesel engines. Two 150-horsepower engines are mounted side by side at the rear of the bus. One engine may operate the air-conditioning unit at idling speed when the bus is parked at terminals.

Air-suspension, which completely eliminates metal leaf springs, and which was first introduced by Greyhound on its Highway Traveler bus in 1953, is standard equipment on all Scenicruisers. The coach body is held constantly level on curves, despite variation in the load distribution, by automatic valves controlling the air pressure.

## Chamber Directors Discuss Problems At Monthly Meet

The board of directors of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., held its regular monthly meeting and supper at J. L. McNeill's pond on Tuesday night. Several members of the Chamber other than directors were present and J. M. Williams, certified public accountant of Raleigh, was also a guest.

The activities of the Chamber of Commerce, the people of the town and the town government toward civic improvement during the first seven months of 1954 were reviewed. The re-lighting of Main Street, the paving of many streets and plans for others, the clean-up campaign in town and at the cemetery, the control of fund solicitation in Raeford and other items were discussed.

Recent improvements to the swimming hole were mentioned and further improvements were planned. The board voted to close the place for swimming or other activities at 9:00 o'clock nightly as long as there are no lights there and to ask the sheriff's department and rural police to enforce this.

Discussion of a plan for improving the park area in the block east of the J. W. McLaughlin School was extensive, with the possibilities for eventual arrangement of a softball ground and skating rink there being talked about.

J. Irving Hubbard made a report to the board on the cooperation of the merchants of the town with the Merchants Division of the Chamber in arranging and planning the "Fall Festival" to be held November 3. He said there were 49 participating stores and said that public interest in the new car to be given away was high.

Plans and possibilities for making some permanent arrangement for having the Raeford cemetery cared for were talked about at some length, and recommendation was discussed. The possibility of having auto license plates sold here for next year was also talked about.

## State Cotton Crop Forecast 49,000 Bales Less Than '53

(N. C. Crop Reporting Service)

The first cotton report of the 1954 season forecasts a North Carolina crop of 400,000 (500-pound gross weight) bales. This forecast is based upon August 1 reports from growers, ginners, and others throughout the cotton growing areas of the State. Such a crop would be 49,000 bales below the 490,000 bales harvested last year and 106,000 bales less than the 10-year (1943-52) crop of 506,000.

The North Carolina Crop Reporting Service points out that the 1954 crop is later in development than last year's crop. The unusually cool temperatures during May resulted in considerable loss of original plantings and more than the usual amount of replanting was necessary in many of the cotton producing counties. The crop made very little growth during May. However, plants generally are fruiting up heavily and weevil infestation has been considerably less than last year.

Lint yield per acre, is estimated at 333 pounds, compared with 278 last year and the average of 340 pounds.

The total United States cotton crop is estimated at 12,680,000 bales, compared with 16,465,000 bales harvested last season and a 10-year average crop of 12,448,000 bales. Total production is off sharply because of acreage reductions. However, forecast yields are higher than those harvested last year in all cotton States except Georgia, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.