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Addenda

By The Editor

Seems to me the excitement over the State among law enforcing agencies over a recent Supreme Court ruling has been somewhat unnecessary and misleading as well. The Supreme Court, as I understand it, found a man not guilty of resisting arrest and assault when he had been arrested for being drunk. The thing that made the difference was that the man was found not guilty of being drunk by a lower court, but guilty of resisting arrest and assault. The Supreme Court apparently felt that a man has a right to resist an illegal arrest, and the inference to me is that if he had been found guilty of all three he would have stayed guilty. At any rate, there is a local law against drunkenness in public in this county, in case anybody gets an idea he can't be arrested for it. State and local officers can and will continue to make arrests without warrants where misdemeanors constituting breaches of the peace are committed in their presence. Highway patrolmen do have the power to make arrests for traffic violations on the spot when committed in their presence.

Article in the Laurinburg "Exchange" last week indicates that we don't have any monopoly on vandalism here in the few who insist on making a mess at the Rockfish Park swimming hole. "Riverton" on Drowning Creek has been a much used public swimming place for many years. Drowning Creek being much larger and swifter than Rockfish, it has been thought necessary to keep a rope across it below the swimming place for use by any who got in trouble and began to get carried downstream. Two new ropes have been provided this summer, the paper said, and thieves have got them both. Guess we just have to do the best we can in spite of such people.

This week marks the end of one point of view we have been getting from Washington. When the late Willis Smith went there as our Senator he began writing a weekly column on activities there for the papers of the State, probably because his assistant, Jesse Helms, was a former newspaper man. Senator Alton Lennon continued the practice when he was appointed after Smith's death, and his column has been interesting... at least another inside viewpoint on happenings in Congress. With Congress about to adjourn, his last column appears this week. He will not be back, so it may be assumed we won't have such a column for a while. If Senator-elect Scott felt like writing a column, I doubt if he would want to do anything like Smith or Lennon did it.

I have been asked to call to public attention the dangers to small children of discarded ice boxes and refrigerators. 59 boys and 20 girls from two to 12 years of age have died by crawling into these boxes and suffocating, and the rate of such accidents is increasing. These boxes may be made harmless by removing the doors or removing the latch stops, or by destroying them entirely. The last is considered the safest.

Rain has come in varying degree to several parts of the county this week, I hear, and on at least one occasion it started toward Raeford. When it gets to the area right in and around Raeford, though, it stops. We had a lot of blowing Wednesday night, but only a few drops. It's sure mighty dry.

Representative Harry Greene is looking forward to being the guest of General Claude Bowers of Warrenton with the 30th In-

First 1954 Cotton Ginned This Week

The Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Company gin here reported that they ginned the first bale of cotton gathered in the county from the crop of 1954 on Wednesday. The bale, which graded Strict Middling, was grown by Forrest Godwin on John K. McNeill's farm and Clyde Upchurch, Jr. gin manager, thinks it was probably the second to be ginned in the State this year, as one was ginned in Dunn Tuesday. The staple was one inch, said to be so short because of the dry weather.

McNeill also shared the honor of having the first bale ginned last year, although it was on August 25, one week later. There were two other bales ginned in the county on that day last year.

Picking cotton is not general in the county yet, however, but is expected to get under way about the first of next week on most farms. The crop is expected to be gathered quickly and to be somewhat lighter than predicted earlier, due to dryness in many sections.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dickson attended the funeral of Mrs. E. E. Young in Danville, Virginia Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keith and children of Wadesboro spent Sunday with Mr. Keith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keith.

Miss Vivian Tally of Wilmington was a week end guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lester.

Miss Delaine McFadyen is visiting Miss Anne Cromartie in Raleigh this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blue spent the week end at Tilghman Beach with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fountain.

Mrs. Harold Thomas and baby son of Miami, Florida are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thomas.

Miss Lydia McKeithan and Bonnie Kate Blue are spending a few days at Tilghman Beach with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fountain.

Mrs. Wade Marr, Jr. of Raleigh left Saturday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. T. M. Ripley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Mann and family spent Sunday in Warsaw with Mr. and Mrs. Abe Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Long and Bobby of Charlotte visited relatives in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Henry and children are visiting relatives in Smithfield.

Mrs. Mary D. McBryde is on vacation from Mann's store.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Davis, Jr. spent the week end with Miss Katherine Whitford at Atlantic Beach.

Mrs. J. H. McNulty and children of Waverly, Ohio are visiting Mrs. McNulty's mother, Mrs. J. P. Smith.

Bill Sellars of Waverly, Ohio spent the week end with his family here.

Marcus Edwards of Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh spent last week with Crawford Thomas, Jr.

Mrs. H. L. Gatlin and Mrs. W. E. Freeman attended the WMU Week at Ridgecrest. On their return trip they visited with Mrs. Gatlin's sister and family, Dr. and Mrs. Belk. They spent Wednesday night of last week at their summer home at Sparrow Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Thelbert Apple of Garner spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williamson.

Mrs. W. T. Covington Dies Late Saturday; Funeral Here Sunday

Mrs. Katie McLean Covington, widow of the late William T. Covington, died in the Laurinburg hospital early last Saturday night of a heart attack. She had been a patient at the hospital since the first of the week, having undergone a minor operation on Wednesday.

She was 71 years of age and was a native of Scotland County, daughter of the late Hector McLean and Eliza Patterson McLean. She was married to Mr. Covington in 1918 and had made her home here since that time. She was many years a leader in the civic and religious life of the community, having served as president of the Women of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, the Raeford Garden Club and the Chaminade Music Club. She was also known for her love of music and was a piano teacher.

The funeral service was conducted at the Raeford Presbyterian Church at five o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor, with Dr. Harry K. Holland of Marietta, Ga., a former pastor, and the Rev. William DuBose, of Laurel Hill, assisting. Burial was in the Raeford cemetery. Pallbearers were Neill McFadyen and J. L. McNeill of Raeford, A. S. McKeithan of Red Springs, Marshall James of Maxton, James P. McRae and Dr. Alex Erwin of Laurinburg.

Mrs. Covington is survived by two sons, William T., Jr., and J. Robert Covington, both of Charlotte; one sister, Miss Lila McLean of Laurinburg; and three grandchildren.

Large Crowd Attends McInnis Reunion At Dundarrach Sunday

The annual reunion of the McInnis Clan was held at Dundarrach Presbyterian Church last Sunday, and more than 250 members of the clan from far and near gathered for the occasion. Curtis McInnis of Aberdeen and Miss Maggie Jane McBryde of Raeford were in charge of the program, which started at 11:00 a. m.

The devotional service was conducted by E. M. Smith of Raeford, and special music was provided by Daniel Patterson. Members of the clan were welcomed by Mrs. Bill Andrews, and the response to the welcome was delivered by Belton Odom of Manning, S. C. Mrs. A. A. McInnis of Rockfish presented an interesting paper on the history of the clan and particularly on the old homes established by Angus McInnis and his sons, John and Duncan, when they came to this section from Scotland between 1815 and 1820.

After a bountiful picnic dinner on the grounds the clan heard an interesting account by J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen of his recent trip to the Holy Land.

A prize was given to Mrs. Mary Jane Odom of Alcolu, S. C., who at 84 was the oldest person present, and to little William Reid of Dillon, who at three was the youngest.

At the business meeting Daniel M. McInnis of Dundarrach was elected president, Thomas McInnis of Rockfish vice-president and Curtis McInnis of Aberdeen secretary - treasurer. Historians chosen were Mrs. A. A. McInnis and Miss Maggie Jane McBryde. The clan voted to meet again next year at the same place on the third Sunday in August.

Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Holland of Marietta, Georgia and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boney and baby daughter of Wilmington were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Yarborough of Fayetteville visited in the home of Mrs. Yarborough's sister, Mrs. James A. Williamson, during the week end.

Indian Pays For Having Equipment To Make Whiskey

A Hoke County Indian appeared before Judge T. O. Mosen in the County recorder's court on Tuesday on charges that he had the equipment and paraphernalia necessary to manufacture liquor, and that he had a still for making it. Roosevelt Chavis entered a plea of guilty of having the equipment and sentence was not less than 60 nor more than 90 days on the roads, to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior. Officers were unable to locate a still, however, so this charge was dropped.

William A. Tillman, white, pled guilty of driving drunk and having no driver's license. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$125 and costs.

Lucy Barber, colored, pled guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and use of profane and indecent language. She was sent to prison for not less than 12 nor more than 15 months.

Ben F. Stevens, white, was found guilty of failing to yield right of way. Prayer for judgment was suspended on payment of costs and damages.

Leroy Leak colored, was found guilty of stealing some oats from David Gibson. Sentence of four to six months was suspended on payment of \$50 and court costs, \$14.22 for the oats, and two years good behavior. Dunk Thomas, Jr., colored, was found not guilty on the same charge.

J. D. McKeithan, white, was found guilty of violating the truck licensing regulations and judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

Archie Conoly, white, paid costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Gus Lilly, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior for violating the prohibition laws.

Norris Clair McNair, colored, paid \$20 and costs for driving with improper brakes and lights.

Little Ray Dial, Indian, paid costs for public drunkenness.

Robert Logan, white, pled guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and had to pay \$25 and costs.

Woodrow W. Edwards, white, (Continued on back page)

March Of Dimes Emergency Appeal Is Now Being Made

Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin, chairman of the Hoke County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, this week appealed to the people of the county to be generous in their support of the Emergency March of Dimes now to be conducted in an effort to raise \$20 million nationally. He said the program faced a cut in patient care unless the money was raised and pointed to the fact that this State has been carried in the past by others in fighting polio. "Now," he said, "is our chance to pay off our debt of gratitude when those states are in desperate need of help."

Hodgkin said that North Carolina has had relatively little incidence of polio in 1954, and Hoke County has had only four cases. Yet across the nation, polio incidence is running 29% ahead of the average for the past five years with epidemics in Florida, Texas, Georgia, California and Minnesota.

Eighteen North Carolina chapters have run out of funds from January's March of Dimes, and are now dependent on advances from the Epidemic Aid Fund in New York. Nationally, the funds for emergencies have run out.

An appeal is being made by mail in Hoke County and Sheriff Hodgkin urgently requests the public to be prompt and generous in responding.

Young Democrats To Meet Friday

The Young Democratic Club of Hoke County will hold its annual meeting and election of officers at the courthouse on Friday night, August 20, at 8:00 o'clock, Sam C. Morris, president, announced this week.

He said that in addition to the election of officers delegates would be selected and instructed for the State Young Democratic convention to be held in Charlotte on September 16, 17 and 18. He urged Democrats interested in the club in this county to attend.

Mrs. G. W. Hanna and Miss Sarah Hanna returned Monday from a trip to Gastonia and Harrisburg. On Wednesday they attended the Whiteside reunion in Gastonia.

TYPICAL CORN YIELD - NONE



Shown above is Joe Stevens in a field of corn that is typical of the non-yielding fields all over the county this year. This picture and others of cotton and tobacco were shown at the meeting on the farm disaster situation Tuesday. Dry weather has lost the county an estimated \$600,000 worth of corn this year.

FARM GROUP ASKS THAT HOKE BE DECLARED A DISASTER AREA

Judge Hubbard To Hold Big Court Here Next Week

Judge Howard H. Hubbard of Clinton will open the regular August term of Hoke County superior court here next Monday, for the trial of civil and criminal cases. This will be Judge Hubbard's first service on the bench in Hoke County. The same grand jury which served at the last term will serve again for this one.

Civil cases to be tried consist of six divorce cases and three others. About 30 criminal charges are on the docket for trial, but due to the fact that many of them find several defendants charged in the same case and that some have been continued several times and probably will be again, it is expected that only about a dozen criminal cases will actually be tried. Most of these are appeals from recorder's court, with more being on drunken driving charges than anything else.

Cases involving felonies rather than appeals include Will Perkins, white, charged with attempted rape; James Moore and John W. McAllister, colored, breaking and entering and assaulting Laverne Smith; L. C. Cunningham and Ozell Beatty, colored, receiving stolen property - (Cunningham also has several cases on appeal); Jesse Lowery, Indian new on the roads, charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious, painful and permanent injury to Sarah Marie Bullard on July 4 - (She lost her leg after being shot with a shotgun); Charles Irvin Cumbo, Winston-Salem white man charged with breaking and entering the offices of Doctors Julius and Riley Jordan here on July 4 and stealing some money.

Other cases to be heard include about a half-dozen drunk driving convictions being appealed from recorder's court, speeders on appeal and an assault case being appealed.

Jury list for the term is as follows: John Glisson, Hurley W. Jones, Malcolm N. Blue, William L. Poole, Jr., R. A. Norris, G. A. Page, John W. Scull, Melvin L. Dees, Warren Phillips, Claud Stone, Chester Wade, Jack E. Campbell, Mrs. C. L. Thomas, N. A. McNeill, Thomas E. Stanton, Mrs. Alfred Cole, Edwin Mercier, Homer Maxwell, H. L. Gatlin, Sr., John Stewart, Mrs. James Thames, W. F. Tender, David B. Harris, P. C. English, F. C. McPhaul, Robert McPhail, Dale L. Kermonde, G. L. Newton, Richard F. Taylor, J. T. Leslie, John D. McKeithan, Madison McD. Shaw, W. B. Glisson, G. W. Ray, Elvin Smith.

AT FT. LEONARD WOOD

Pvt. Lansie G. McGilivray, son of Hazel J. McGilivray, Route 3, Raeford has recently completed basic infantry training at Fort Leonard Wood with a unit of the 6th Armored Division.

W. L. Alexander, James, Bobby, Thomas and Johnny Maulsby, visited relatives in Western Carolinas over the week end. On their return they came by Anderson, S. C. and brought Jane Alexander, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander's, home with them for a visit.

Misses Jeannette and Bonnie McLaughlin spent last week end at Montreat.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Culbreth and children vacationed for a week at Highlands.

Wilmer McDonald is a patient at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem.

Farm Home Heads At Meeting Here Tuesday; State Action Friday

A group of Hoke County Farm leaders, local government farm service workers and others met here Tuesday morning with Forrest J. Isenhour, State Director of the Farmer's Home Administration, to discuss the critical farm situation in Hoke County due to drought conditions. The group unanimously decided to ask Governor Umstead to recommend to the President that Hoke County be declared a "Farm Disaster Area" for 1954.

Last year this county was approved for emergency loans, but the group feels that crop conditions this year definitely warrant its approval as an emergency area eligible for help in the national feed program.

The recommendation was to be prepared by a committee consisting of W. P. Phillips, chairman, Miss Louise Blue, secretary, with T. B. Upchurch, J. H. Plummer, N. L. McFadyen and Hubert Chaney as members. It was to be sent at once to the Governor's Emergency Committee, of which Isenhour is chairman, and which is to meet in Raleigh on Friday to consider the problem over the State as a whole and to make recommendations to the Governor to help him in his recommendation to President Eisenhower.

Final approval by the President would make Hoke County farmers eligible for assistance as outlined above in addition to the emergency loans which were authorized last year. This approval is by no means certain, Isenhour pointed out, as it has gone only to the most destitute areas of the country so far. While this county was not approved last year, it was shown that conditions are far worse this year.

With Isenhour from the State FHA office were A. E. Rozar and D. H. Sutton.

T. B. Upchurch submitted a plan to the group through which the government could make emergency loans of grain held by the Commodity Credit Corporation to farmers on the condition that the grain be returned during two following crop years or paid for at the then prevailing loan rate for these commodities. He pointed out that this would put these surplus commodities to work where they are vitally needed, help farmers without additional appropriations of money, save storage costs and provide the CCC with fresher commodities in their place or get the government its money back out of them.

After hearing this plan the local meeting unanimously approved it, and the committee was instructed to draw this up as a separate recommendation. It was felt by most present that this plan might be practical and wise on a national basis.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY HAS REVIVAL

A series of revival services is now in progress at the Church of God of Prophecy on the Aberdeen Highway, the Rev. F. B. Haywood, pastor, reports. The services are to continue through this week and next with the Rev. L. O. Bunce, pastor of the Mt. Carmel church, bringing the messages. Services begin nightly at 7:45, Mr. Haywood said, and the public is cordially invited.

R. C. Langis and his mother of Middleton, Mass. are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander. They came to take Mrs. Langis and children home.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hubbard and daughter, spent the week end at Myrtle Beach with Mr. Hubbard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hubbard.

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