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Addenda - -

By The Editor

K. A. MacDonald, treasurer of the Hoke County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said today that 117 persons had responded to the appeal for emergency funds so far with \$581. He said this represented an answer from 39 persons since last week, and he renewed his appeal to others to send their contributions in.

The temperature, which seemed to relent a little for a day or two last week, shot back up during the week-end and is still up there every day. Labor Day, which is traditionally considered the end of the summer, may be that up North where it started, but it doesn't seem to be the end around here. Monday, with temperatures over 100 in most of the State, was the hottest day ever recorded in Charlotte. A temperature of 109 was reported in Wilson. Clothier I called on this week asked me if I had any advertising that would sell sweaters and lumberjackets in such weather. I kept moving.

Mrs. Reid Childress, who serves as secretary to County Accountant J. A. McGoogan, plans to attend a five-day course in "Uniform County Accounting" at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill next week.

The road from "Dundarrach to the old Lumberton road at the old Charlie Johnson place" was approved for paving by the county commissioners Tuesday. It, I am told, is one of the few in that township that were missed when Kerr Scott was governor. My same informant wondered if the description of it as quoted above could have had any bearing on its not being paved then. At any rate, people in that section seem to want it and it apparently should be paved now.

The Raeford town board of commissioners did not meet on Monday, due to the fact that many took it as a holiday. They are holding their regular monthly meeting at the town hall to night.

Sergeants John Scott Poole and John Whiteford Jones of Battery A, 130th AAA Battalion, North Carolina National Guard, returned this week from a little over ten weeks at the Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where both successfully completed their courses to qualify for commissions in the National Guard. They report weather above 100 degrees as the rule there, and Poole seems to prove both that and the fact that they had to go and go hard all the time they were there. He lost about 35 pounds during the course or as Jones says, "Poole lost about what I weigh." These men typify the spirit in the local unit, which seems to be to do things a little better and to have its people a little better qualified than the next one. The whole outfit deserves the good regard and support of the people of the county, and seems to be getting it, as they stay about full of men. Poole and Jones are the first to ever qualify for peacetime commissions in the Guard by attending OCS.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Combs of Winston-Salem spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Nixon.

Billy Lester of Camp Gordon, Georgia spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lester.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Byrd and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Parker and Billy and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Parks and family spent the week end at Myrtle Beach.

Technicality Gets Defendant Off In Court Tuesday

Making the best of a technicality that a warrant was not prepared nor read to him at the right time was enough to get the State to drop its charge of driving drunk against Solomon W. Gillis, colored, in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday. He entered a plea of guilty of driving with improper brakes, however, and Judge T. O. Moses apparently took the other charge into consideration when he sentenced him. Sentence was 60 days on the roads, to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$50, the court costs, and two years good behavior.

Alton E. Odom, white, was found guilty in two cases of driving after his license had been revoked. He was also found guilty of driving with improper license plates and having non-tax-paid liquor. He was sent to the roads for a total of four months.

Charlie Thomas, colored, pled guilty of driving drunk and damaging another car. Sentence was 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$100, costs, and \$93.22 damages to Harold Currie.

Robert Lee Brown, white, went to the roads for from three to four months, on two charges, driving drunk and non-support of his family.

Bennie Bandy, colored, was found guilty of assaulting William Strickland and sentenced to two years on the roads. He appeared and posted \$1000 bond.

James Thomas McNeill, colored, was found guilty of assaulting his sister with a knife and went to the roads for two years. William K. Broome, white, pled guilty of hit and run driving. Sentence was 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25, court costs and damages to J. M. Burkhead.

William B. Farmer, white, pled guilty of improperly parking on the highway at night without lights and being drunk in public. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

James Arthur Leslie, colored, pled guilty of being drunk and disorderly and interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty. He was sent to the roads for 90 days.

Mary Lilly Graham, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of possessing non-tax-paid liquor. Her husband, John D. Graham, was found guilty on the same charge and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Caleb Tate, Jr., colored, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving. Sentence was three to four months to be suspended on payment of \$50, costs and damages to L. L. Fuhrcloth.

James D. McAllister, colored, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. Sentence was 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, a doctor bill, and two years good behavior.

Martine Locklear, Indian, was found guilty of assaulting his wife. Sentence was three to four months to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior.

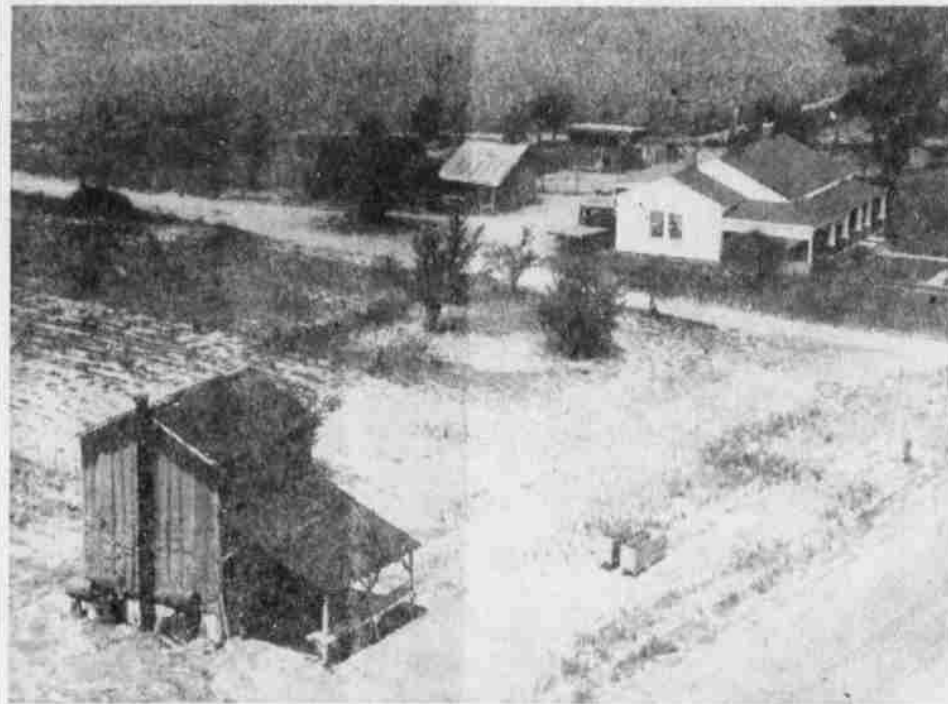
Robert S. Logan, white, pled guilty of driving drunk without driver's license and violating the prohibition laws. Sentence of 30 days was suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

For traffic violations the following paid \$10 and costs: Stanley McKinnon, colored, no brakes; Roy E. Hanson, colored, passing on a curve; Dock Morrissey, colored, failing to stop at a stop sign.

Speeders included John W. Smith, colored, \$10 and costs; Bobby F. Cooks, white, \$25 and costs; Ernest K. Hopkins, John L. Brown and Duane E. Gottschall, all white, \$25 bond each; Johnnie H. Wisc, white, \$15 bond.

Mrs. L. B. Brandon returned Friday from a visit with relatives in Lowerys, S. C.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS HOKE COUNTY FARM?



Above is the second "mystery farm" of the series of unidentified farm pictures being published in The News-Journal. Nobody knows whose farm it is—not even the photographers—and the paper is relying upon the readers for identification. Names of those correctly guessing the farm will be published in next week's paper and a prize of a six-months subscription to the paper will be given to the first person with a Raeford city address making identification and another six-months subscription to the first person with an address outside Raeford, that is, Raeford RFD or other. The operator of the farm will receive a beautiful mounted enlargement of the original photo, if he will call at The News-Journal office. Farm operators who recognize their farms in the newspaper series should come to the office at first opportunity so they can make positive identification and get their free pictures.

Calling themselves "The greatest array of talent to ever come from behind the walls," the 30 stars of Central Prison Varieties were this week making preparations to come to Raeford for their two-hour performance at Hoke High School Saturday night, starting at 7:45. They are appearing here under the joint sponsorship of the Raeford Woman's Club and the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce, who will use funds raised for the community building fund.

Colored Schools To Open Monday; Expect Near 2,000

Final preparations are being made this week for the opening on Monday of the 12 colored schools of the county for the 1954-55 term. Based on the facts that there was an opening day enrollment of about 1750 year before last and 1887 on opening day last year, an enrollment of around 2,000 can be expected this year. Total enrollment last year reached 2600, according to figures in the office of County Superintendent K. A. MacDonald.

The 12 schools and their opening day enrollments last year are: Upchurch 995, Burlington 245, Laurel Hill 158, Bowmore 119, White Oak 69, Freedom 57, Buffalo 52, New Hope 51, Shady Grove 41, Friendship 39, Frye's Mission 37, and Rockfish Colored 24.

The opening date this year is approximately two weeks earlier than usual, and Supt. MacDonald this year urges everyone to cooperate in getting the children to school and keep them there. He said he realized there was cotton to pick and tobacco to grade, but pointed out that the schools would cooperate as usual by running a short schedule for the first two weeks during which time the schools would start early and let out early. He would not predict the enrollment this year for the colored schools, having, as he pointed out in his column this week, missed his guess on the white schools, where opening day enrollment dropped this year from last.

The regular pre-school bus drivers meeting is being held at one o'clock this afternoon, and drivers are to receive their instructions from patrolman, principal and superintendent. Buses are also being assigned by the head mechanic, Mr. MacDonald pointed out that all drivers have been certified by the State Safety Division bus driver trainer, and expressed the hope that all would cooperate to make the coming year another one without accidents.

Colored principals of the county are to meet Friday morning at the Upchurch school with the county superintendent for the

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Prison Band Coming Here Saturday Night

The Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Division of Agricultural Statistics of the N. C. Department of Agriculture this week released the monthly cotton forecast for North Carolina, as of conditions prevailing in the State on September 1. The forecast places prospective production for the 1954 Tar Heel crop at 400,000 (500-pound gross weight) bales. This forecast is based upon reports from cotton growers and ginners throughout the cotton-producing sections of the State. The September 1 estimate reflects no change from the August 1 report, and compares with 449,000 bales ginned last season. The 10-year (1943-52) average production for the State is 506,000 bales.

Production prospects declined rather sharply in some of the drought-stricken southern Piedmont counties. However, this decline was offset by improved prospects in other areas.

The North Carolina Crop Reporting Service further states that September 1 indications point to a State average yield of 336 lbs of lint per acre. Such yield compares with 278 pounds harvested in 1953 and the 10-year average of 340 pounds.

It is estimated that 571,000 acres will be harvested this year, compared with 775,000 acres har-

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First Mystery Farm Picture Is Of Womble Place

Last week's "Mystery Farm Picture," the first of the new feature series appearing in The News-Journal got quick identification when the papers reached McCain on the afternoon mail last Thursday. It was identified as the J. B. Womble farm at Ashley Heights, and first to call The News-Journal with the identification was Miss Mildred Womble, Ashmont schoolteacher who lives on and is one of the owners of the farm. Richard Satterwhite from McCain brought the "News-Journal" up and showed the picture to Mrs. Womble and Mildred, who called up John Flannery, Sanatorium dairy specialist, and Robert Gatlin, Raeford farmer and civil engineer, were the next two to make positive identification of the picture.

The farm, about 150 acres, belongs to the estate of the late J. B. Womble, Sr., who died in 1943. Mr. Womble was a native of Chatham County who had worked at the Sanatorium for almost nine years before acquiring the farm. It is now owned by Mrs. Womble, her daughter, Mildred who lives with her on the place, and her son, J. B. Womble, Jr. Mrs. Womble was Miss Lena Segroves of Coal Glen, Chatham County, before her marriage to the late Mr. Womble. Miss Mildred Womble graduated from Hoke High School and Woman's College, UNC. This is her tenth year at the Ashmont School where she teaches 2nd and 3rd grades.

J. B. Womble, Jr., graduated from Hoke County High School and attended N. C. State College for one year. He entered the Army with the National Guard here in 1940, serving four years and four months including service in the Dutch West Indies. He is married to the former Helen De Loache of Savannah, Georgia, and they live at Ashley Heights with their three children.

The farm was at one time part of the old E. B. Saunders peach farm and was up until not so many years ago entirely covered with peach orchards. These have been entirely removed and in the last few years the place has been planted entirely in crotalaria and small grains. The home has been improved and remodeled at several times since the Wombles have lived there.

The Wombles are members of Shiloh Presbyterian Church at Montrose.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McLeod and Mrs. J. B. Thomas took Benny McLeod to Staunton, Virginia Tuesday where he will enter Staunton Military Academy this year.

County Board Holds Monthly Meet Tues.

The Hoke County board of commissioners held its regular monthly meeting at the courthouse on Tuesday with all members present. Business considered by the board consisted entirely of matters dealing with roads of the county.

A new road from the A. W. Wood residence at Rockfish to the L. H. Koonce residence there, a distance of 800 feet was approved and added to the public road system.

The board approved and made a public road the road from the Raeford-Maxton road at the J. B. Thomas farm to the T. D. Potter place and thence to N. C. 211, a distance of about three-quarters of a mile.

The board passed a resolution asking the State Highway commission to improve the "Way-side" road in McLauchlin Township.

A petition was presented to the board regarding a road in Que-whiffle Township. The location specified was not clear to the board, so the matter was held for further investigation before action is taken.

The board approved a petition and recommended the paving of the road in Stonewall and Antioch Townships from N. C. 20 at Dundarrach 2.4 miles to the old Lumberton road at the old Charlie Johnson residence and from this road near the Archie Howard residence 1.2 miles to the wire road near Gold Hill. It was pointed out in the petition that four school buses use part of this road and three the remainder.

Angus H. McKenzie Is Buried Saturday

Angus Hubert McKenzie, 43, died at his home in the Antioch community early Friday morning following a heart attack. He was the son of Mrs. Ethel Lovington McKenzie and the late Angus Hugh McKenzie.

Funeral service was conducted at four o'clock Saturday afternoon at Antioch Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Gower Crosswell, pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, the former Mary Myrtle Thomas of Lumber Bridge; two sons, Hubert and Johnnie; one daughter, Mary Sue, all of the home; one sister, Mrs. J. B. Hennon of Washington, D. C.; one brother, John C. McKenzie of Providence, R. I.

District YDC Rally Friday Is Biggest

President Sam Morris of the Hoke County Young Democratic Club and 13 members of the club represented this county at the Eighth District rally in Southern Pines Friday night. More than 300 men and women gathered for the occasion, at which N. C. Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine was the feature speaker. Ten of the 12 counties of the string-out district were represented.

The crowd enjoyed fun and fellowship, an outdoor chicken supper and a string-down-the-line speech by Ballentine. Introduced by Rep. H. Clifton Blue of Moore, Ballentine got down to political brass tacks - the duty of Democrats to return a Democratic Congress to Washington in November. The affair was presided over by District Chairman Pat Taylor, Jr. of Wadesboro, assisted by Volt Gilmore of Southern Pines, rally chairman. Dignitaries present were recognized and John Lang of Carthage, secretary to Rep. C. B. Deane, who is abroad on a government mission, brought greetings from the Eighth District Congressman.

Yvonne Dull returned to her home in Sanford on Wednesday after spending several days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ellis.

Hoke High Bucks Open Vs Clinton Here Tomorrow

Kickoff At 8:00 P. M.

Coach Archie Brigman and his Hoke High school football squad take the field here Friday night against Clinton High in the first game for the newly-organized Southeastern AA Athletic Association championship, and interest seems to be running high and hopeful among local students and fans.

The local squad has been working hard for several weeks under Brigman and Assistant Coach George Wood, and experts predict that their high spirit and aggressiveness will go far to make up for what they lack in weight and experience. Probable starting lineup for the Bucks, as released by Coach Brigman, today placed Kenneth Cuthbert at 155 and Jack Morris at 160 at ends, Jimmy Hedgepeth at 195 and Lacy Koonce at 185 at tackles, Grady Butler at 170 and Neill McFadden at 160 at guards, Derry Walker, weighing 180 at center. In the backfield Raymond Waddell is quarterback weighing 160, Malcolm Maxwell and Lewis Upchurch at halfbacks, and Ed weighing 170, and Joe McLeod, at 150, at fullback. The coach was unable to give the numbers of the players as game uniforms had not been issued this morning.

Outstanding among the experienced men of the squad are Halfback Malcolm Maxwell, and Tackles Lacy Koonce and Jimmy Hedgepeth. Others who will probably see action on Friday night are Frank Inman, Neill McDonald, Younger Snead, Richard Cathcart, Gerald Wright and others. Inman, a regular last year, has not been able to go full speed yet because of an injury he suffered in the Dunn game last fall but is expected to round into shape very soon.

Coach Brigman said the team is at full strength for the contest, that every candidate has been working hard and that spirit is high.

Along with the reports of increased interest in the team came a report from Jake Austin, president of the Hoke High Boosters Club, that the club had almost 100 paid members and that they expected to exceed that by kickoff time tomorrow night. The club, organized during the summer to promote athletics at the school, is giving a season ticket for the five home football games to all members who pay a year's dues at one dollar a month in advance. Representatives of the club are to be at the gate tomorrow night to accept memberships.

Three other conference games will be played in the 10-school conference tomorrow night with Whiteville at Wadesboro, Rockingham at Tabor City, and Lumberton at Hamlet. Sanford and Laurinburg will play Chapel Hill and Bennettsville, respectively, in non-conference affairs.

LEGION TO MEET MON.

Commander Truman Austin of the Hoke County Ellis Williamson post of the American Legion this week reminded all legionnaires of the regular monthly meeting and supper of the post at the High school cafeteria at 6:30 next Monday night. He urged all to be present and said that W. L. Poole would be mess sergeant, chief cook and bottle washer for the occasion and promised a good meal.

FAIRCLOTH REUNION

The annual Faircloth reunion will be held at Ephesus Baptist Church at Arabia on Sunday, September 19 with a picnic dinner on the grounds at 1:00 o'clock and music from several good quartets. The public is invited.