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Addenda - - By The Editor

Sometimes, I guess, everyone gets behind, and this is one of them for me. This is going to have to be short, sweet or not, if you get your paper on time, for I should have been through long ago.

An explanation seems to be in order as to why Hoke High school is not being considered in the standings of the South-eastern Athletic association football teams. The impression left the daily papers was that we were thrown out or otherwise dismissed, but such is not the case. It just worked out that Lumberton and Rockingham have won the same number of games in the conference, except that Rockingham has played Hoke High and Lumberton has not and will not. This would give Rockingham a higher percentage in the standings, and as all teams play each other but Raeford, it was not thought fair to Lumberton. So, with the agreement of officials here, it was decided not to count us this year. The scheduling was unavoidable, due to contracts, but Hoke High will play them all next year and be counted.

News from the courthouse includes an item to the effect that Superintendent MacDonald and the board of education are planning a feed for the wildlife protectors, or game wardens, or if they are not, then they ought to be planning it. Idea is that the schools get fines from hunters who violate game laws, and four of these paid in \$250 each this week. One official thinks if the school people do have such a feed maybe the game wardens will catch a hundred or so night hunters for them. At \$250 a head, that wouldn't be bad . . . might even lower taxes a little.

John McGoogan represented this county at what was to be a four-county meeting in Lumberton Monday on the subject of employing a rainmaking outfit for this area . . . "water resources development." McGoogan says the people call it. The company is the same one which has been under consideration in other parts of the State, notably Greensboro, and comes from Denver, Colorado. He said they had the facts to show that they had really produced in South Dakota and other states in the north-west, but are able to produce better on a larger scale than four counties. The people at the meeting got to thinking about the legal tangles which could possibly arise from such a venture, and decided to let it wait a while. They considered what the situation would be if, say, a man's crop of hay were ruined by rain the county hired these people to get to fall. They took the possibilities from there, I gather, and so can you if you will let your imagination run a bit.

If somebody tried to tell you you couldn't vote next Tuesday, you'd vote or bust, wouldn't you? It is definitely a privilege that more people in this world don't have than do. The best way to keep it is to use it, in addition to the tangible advantages to this county from getting a fair sized vote out which I mentioned a week or so ago. Let's take the week or so ago. Let's take the joy this privilege we have.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Senter had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Sexton and Miss Janie Sexton of Kipling and Miss Janie Brown Sexton of Varina.

Major David Scott Currie of Bolling Field, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott Currie.

First United Fund Campaign Gets Started

55 At Meeting Monday; 2 Firms Report 100%

Fifty-five officers, chairmen and workers of the 1954 United Fund drive in Hoke County met at the Hoke High school cafeteria on Monday night and made final plans for conducting the one-week drive, which started all over the county on Tuesday.

President H. L. Gatlin, Jr., presided over the meeting and Crawford Thomas reported for the budget committee on the budget for the fund in the county this year. The budget, he said, is \$5460, which is to be divided among the following items: American Red Cross, \$1800; United Defense Fund, \$500; Boy Scouts, \$1100; Girl Scouts, \$200; Blind (White Cane), \$150; Township Relief Fund, \$1000; Boys Recreation Fund, \$150; Reserve, \$160; Expense, \$150; Shrinkage, \$250.

Following the review of the budget J. L. McNeill, campaign chairman for the drive, conducted a session in which plans for the drive were discussed and materials for use by the workers distributed.

All communities and the Sanatorium were represented at the meeting.

Since the start of the drive, two firms in Raeford have reported 100 percent participation by their employees. These are Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Company with a total contribution of \$551, and The Bank of Raeford with a total of \$297 by its employees. Chairman McNeill said response so far was gratifying, and that he expected to bring the drive to a successful conclusion the first of next week.

Dean Whites Lose Home In Fire Wed.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean White on Harris Avenue, formerly the Bruce Morris home, was almost completely destroyed by fire between 9:30 and 10:00 o'clock Wednesday morning. None of the family were at home at the time, although Mr. White was in Raeford and got there soon after the fire department. Mrs. White was working and Paul and Johnny were in school. Jimmy, their oldest son, is in school at Carolina.

It was thought that the fire started from the floor furnace, which White said he had left burning low. However, he says that examination of the floor furnace since the fire leads him to believe that it was not what started the fire. The house, built of longleaf pine, burned rapidly, and although the fire department was able to save a large part of the exterior, the furniture and personal effects were practically all destroyed. Both the house and the furniture were partially covered by insurance. Alarm was turned in by Jim Lentz, who saw the fire and called in from the home of Mrs. Ryan McBryde.

The Whites have been with the J. W. McPhaul family since the fire, and are moving into the residence of Mrs. Paul Dickson, Sr., on Donaldson Avenue.

DRAFT OFFICE HOLIDAY

The office of the Hoke County draft board in the courthouse will be closed all next week.

Mrs. J. T. Ross left Saturday for Washington where she will visit before leaving for Long Beach, California the last of the month. In California she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Sam Riddle and family.

Mrs. J. C. Blythe, Sr. and Mrs. J. C. Blythe, Jr. of Huntersville were week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Halley Blythe.

Cooper's Is Robbed Early Last Friday

Cooper's Super Market here was entered from Main Street some time after midnight last Friday morning and \$958 was taken from a metal cabinet. The thief or thieves entered by knocking out a small piece of glass in the right side of the store entrance.

J. E. Byrd, store manager, says he knows it was after midnight because he checked the store when he came down town to the fire at Home Furniture Company, shortly before midnight. This was a small blaze starting from defective wiring, and was noticed by Night Policeman C. J. McNeill when on his rounds.

McNeill was relieved by Policeman Lee Shepard at around midnight, but the break-in at Cooper's was discovered at around seven Friday morning by Bernard Bray of Raeford Auto Company, who notified Byrd, Shepard, who was working out a notice after having been "allowed to resign" by the town board, knew nothing of it. Shepard was allowed to resign because members of the board and the mayor said they had found him un dependable generally and drinking on one or two occasions. His badge was taken up and he has not worked since last Friday morning when Chief W. J. McQuage went to his home and interviewed him.

Snead Is District Boy Scout Official

Younger F. Snead of Raeford was chosen vice-chairman of the Western District of the Cape Fear Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America at the annual business meeting of district scout officials in Lumberton recently. Jimmy Morgan of Laurel Hill and Donald McCoy of Lumberton were also named to district offices. The district, including Hoke, Scotland and part of Robeson counties, is one of six in the council.

Sam Chambers, district executive, states that the new officers will start to serve on November 1. Other business at the meeting included planning the western district "Scouters Night" to be held November 15 at the Raeford Methodist Church.

W. M. Thomas returned from Moore County Hospital on Monday where he has been a patient.

Four Men Pay \$250 Each For Night Hunting

Recorder Hears Other Cases

Four white men were found guilty of hunting at night before Judge T. O. Motes in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday and had to pay fines of \$250 each plus court costs. They were Ralph Davis of Gastonia, Jay Lunsford of Fayetteville RFD 3, B. R. Stroup and D. L. Kaiser of Bessemer City. Their rifle, spot lights and ammunition were confiscated, but the car they were using was found to be the property of Edward Lindsay and was returned to him after the court learned that he knew nothing of the use to which it was being put.

Jesse Farmer, Willie Lee Wilson and Ed Davis, colored, all pled guilty of assault. Farmer and Wilson got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 each and costs and Davis got off with the costs. Cleo and June McDuffie, colored, pled guilty of assaulting George Morrison and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and a \$3 doctor bill. Herman Mason, white, pled guilty of stealing a sheet of cotton from Pink Simmons and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior. Roy Lee Powell did the same but went to the roads instead of paying out.

Fletcher Pierce, Indian, pled guilty of driving drunk and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Mary Brasler, colored, pled guilty of being drunk and disorderly and got four months in prison, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs. James Poe, colored, had to pay costs for being drunk. Jim Davis, colored, paid \$10 and costs for being drunk in public. C. Q. Carson, white, was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$10 and costs.

Dave McNeill, colored, had to pay \$10 and costs for having improper equipment on his car. Speeders included Edward P. King, white, 30 days suspended on payment of \$15 and costs; Frank Hester and Samuel J. Britton, costs each; M. L. Cannon and Elijah L. Smith, Jr., \$25 bond each; Jim K. Pappas, white, \$15 and costs.

John D. Currie, Killed At Gin, Is Buried Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday for John Daniel Currie, 25-year-old native of this county and resident of Wagram who died Friday from injuries received when he was pulled into the gin machinery at the Lumber River Gin Co. between Wagram and Maxton.

It is thought that Mr. Currie was attempting to cut off the machinery when a ring he was wearing caught on some part of the equipment and he was pulled into the cotton gin and thrown against a concrete block. W. L. Roper and other employees of the company witnessed the accident and rushed Currie to the Scotland County hospital shortly after 10:00 a. m., and he died at about two o'clock from severe cuts about the body and head injuries.

"J. D.", as he was known here, was the eldest son of Pearlle Bounds Currie and Sherwood Currie of this county, and was born April 19, 1929. He was a graduate of Wagram High School and Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C. He was a devoted sports fan and, along with several other Hoke County boys, was a member of the 1948 American Legion baseball team in Red Springs which won the Eastern North Carolina championship. He married the former Mamie Elizabeth Coughenour of Lumberton, and they were the parents of a three-months old son, John Daniel Currie, Jr. He had made his home in Wagram and worked at the Lumber River Gin Co.

The funeral was conducted at Antioch Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, at 2:30 Sunday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. Gaver Crosswell, assisted by the Rev. Joseph Amory, pastor of Bethel and Shiloh Presbyterian Churches, Dr. Paul Early of Red Springs, and the Rev. G. B. Vaughn of Mississippi. Pallbearers were Harlee Johnston, Frank McNeill, Douglas Clark, Jack Roper, Buddy Smith and Beverly McIntyre.

Survivors include his wife and son, his parents, and one brother, Charles Thomas Currie, of Red Springs.

H. C. Maxwell Home Pictured Last Week

A record number of readers of The News-Journal identified last week's mystery picture as the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Maxwell about a mile southeast of Raeford on the Lumber Bridge road. First to make identification and win the subscription was Mrs. Harry Epstein, with Mrs. Cornelia Russell of Lumber Bridge, RFD, winning the rural prize. Others among the first to name the house included Angus Wilkes, Linda Andrews, Angus Currie, Mrs. Furman Clark, Mrs. Mary Shevbridge, Dewey Howell, Mrs. Bill Jones, C. D. Bostic, Camella Guin, and J. H. Blythe. About 20 others also called in the correct identification.

Henry Maxwell, along with D. H. Yarborough is gin manager and farm superintendent for the Oakdale farm of the Johnson Company, and his home is on an acre of land purchased from Mrs. John Campbell in 1952, when the Maxwells built their home there. It was a part of the Oakdale farm, formerly owned by the late J. S. Johnson and his father, the late J. W. Johnson. A full history about this farm will appear when Mr. Yarborough's house turns up in a picture, as it undoubtedly will before the series ends.

Mr. Maxwell is a son of Henry C. Maxwell and the late Ellen Kate McKenzie Maxwell, and has been with the Johnson Company since 1942. In September, 1938 he was married to Miss Sarah McFadyen, daughter of the late Leonard and Estella Chason McFadyen of this county. They have one daughter, Patricia Ann, aged 10.

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MERCHANTS EXPECT BIG CROWD FOR FESTIVAL NEXT WEDNESDAY

Hoke High Will Meet Tabor City For Homecoming

The Hoke High Bucks, who continued their unfortunate ways against a strong Wadesboro eleven last Friday night by getting beat, 23-0, will meet Tabor City High at Armory Park here tomorrow night at eight o'clock. Report around the high school is that the team intends to win this one, as this is the homecoming week-end at the high school.

The school band will march and play at the half. The candidates for Homecoming Queen will be introduced before the kick-off, and fans are asked to come a little early for this.

The Homecoming dance is Saturday night, October 30. It will start at 8:30 in the gym, with music being furnished by Tom Gibson and his orchestra. The voting for queens will be continued until 9:30, and the Homecoming Queen will be crowned shortly after this time. There will also be a short program at intermission.

Candidates for queen are Sara Gullodge, 12th grade; Dayne Capps, 11th grade; Jimmie Walters, 10th grade; Ruby Wilkinson, 9th grade; Sadie Chambers, 8th grade.

Local Lady's Father Is Buried In Durham

Charles J. Williamson of Fayetteville, father of Mrs. Joe E. Gullodge of Raeford, died in his sleep Monday night at Duke Hospital in Durham. He was 70 years of age.

Mr. Williamson was Fayetteville branch manager of Standard Supply Company and was a vice-president of the company. He was highly regarded as a business man, was a past president of the Fayetteville Kiwanis club and was a deacon of the First Baptist Church.

Funeral service was conducted from the church at 11:00 a. m. today by the pastor, the Rev. Louis Gaines, assisted by Dr. Walker B. Healy. Burial was to follow in Maplewood cemetery in Durham.

In addition to Mrs. Gullodge he is survived by his wife, another daughter, two step daughters, a stepson, two brothers, two sisters, three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

PTA Sets Festival Thursday, Nov. 11

J. W. Canaday, president of the Hoke-Raeford Parent-Teachers Association, announced this week that the association would have a "Fall Festival Night" at the High school on Thursday, November 11, in place of the regular Halloween carnival which was not held this year due to a conflict in dates.

Canaday said supper would be served in the cafeteria from 5:30 to 8:30, with barbecue and chicken salad plates being the menu. He also said there would be lower priced plates for children.

In the high school building the affair will be built around a free talent show at 8:30 in the auditorium, followed by the crowning of the king and queen of the festival. He said there would be plenty of cake and soft drinks of all kinds, and seven fun booths in the building, and urged people of the community to attend to help the PTA with its annual money-raising activity.

Tommy Bradley of Kipling spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Austin.

Four Bands; Several Floats; Starts At 2:00; To Give Car And Many Other Prizes

Members of the Festival day committee of the merchants division of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce said this week that all was in readiness for the big Fall Festival on Main Street next Wednesday afternoon, November 3. Interest has been high in the festival this year, in view of the fact that the division is giving away a new 1954 Chevrolet and some 30 other prizes, all of which are listed in an advertisement in this paper.

The parade will start on North Main Street at 2:00 o'clock and will include four, and probably more bands, school children, floats from schools, civic clubs and business houses, and other entertaining features.

The stand containing the prizes will be located on Main Street near the Bank of Raeford, and after the parade the program will open with a welcome by Mayor Alfred Cole to all who have come to Raeford for the occasion.

The committee said this week that any wishing to enter floats could still do so by contacting Elmore Stanton at Home Furniture Co.

The last chance at the car will be given away on Tuesday, as all the member stores will deliver their stoves in containers to the fire station at the close of business on Tuesday, where they will remain locked up until taken to the stand near the Bank for the drawing on Wednesday afternoon.

Deane Expects Large Vote In Election Tuesday

Rep. Charles B. Deane of the Eighth N. C. Congressional District said this week that for the past month he has intensively canvassed the political situation in each of the twelve counties of the District. From the interest shown in all counties, he expects the Democratic majority for Senatorial and Congressional candidates in the November 2 election in the Eighth District to go beyond 18,000.

The Congressman reported that Democratic leaders in each of the twelve counties are aroused and hard at work on getting out a large Democratic vote on November 2. Usually, in an off-year election when there is no Presidential campaign the size of the Democratic majority on a local basis is smaller because of a lack of interest on the part of voters in taking part in the election.

During the last off-year election of 1950 the Democratic majority for Congressman in the Eighth District was 13,146; however, Mr. Deane feels that this majority will be pushed over the 18,000 mark this year.

In analyzing previous election returns in Hoke County, Mr. Deane indicates that in order for the Eighth District to attain its Democratic majority of 18,000 in Senatorial and Congressional races on November 2, it will be necessary for the Democrats of this county to roll up a majority of 1,100. Hoke County leaders have accepted this goal and expect to go beyond.

Mr. Deane feels that the voters throughout the District, State and Nation are thoroughly aroused, and he is confident that the Democrats will organize both the House and Senate in the next Congress.

The Congressman expressed not only to the senior Democratic Party leaders but also to the women and Young Democratic (Continued on back page)



Col. Richard R. Middlebrooks, professor of military science and tactics at North Carolina State College, congratulates James D. Tapp of Raeford on his appointment as colonel in command of the College Army ROTC Regiment. Also pictured at right is the new regimental executive officer, Tapp, a senior in the School of Civil Engineering at State, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tapp of Raeford.