

## Addenda -

By The Editor

The memory of some of our Main Street business folks is beginning to fail a little. Some of them have forgotten, apparently, about their agreement among themselves some time ago to park their cars off Main Street and to have their employees do the same, leaving the front parking places for the customers. From now until Christmas would be a mighty fine time for those who have forgotten to wake up and remember. You know, the closer they ride to your store the shorter the distance they'll have to walk to get in it, where you want them.

Members of the Raeford Methodist Church expect to have a big day in the history of the church here on Sunday, December 12. They have finished paying for their new church, organ and parsonage, and will have a dedication service for all three. They expect to have one of the most prominent men in the entire Methodist Church here for the occasion, and full details will be published next week.

T. O. Moses, judge of the Hoke County recorder's court, who is paid a lower salary than the solicitor of the same court because the county had to pay more to get anyone to take the job of solicitor, is making a determined effort to get the pay for his job raised.

He has circulated a petition asking the county commissioners for a raise in salary, and has a large number of signatures on it, I understand. In acquainting people with what he is asking them to sign, the judge is showing a sheet on which he has listed the salaries of recorder's court judges in the counties around Hoke.

So that you will see what he has in the way of a case these figures are as follows: Moore County, \$3500; Harnett, two districts, \$3600 each; Robeson, six districts with two getting \$2064 each, and the others getting \$3000, \$2400, \$2480 and \$2000; Scotland, \$2610; Lee, \$2600; Cumberland, \$5160, and City of Fayetteville \$5600. In Hoke County Moses is paid \$1200 a year, and he contends he should get more.

To further strengthen his argument the judge has referred to the court records for the year ending Nov. 30, 1934, to compare them with the year ended this Nov. 30. In that year 20 years ago he says the books show that there were approximately 168 cases docketed in the Hoke County recorder's court, exclusive of appeals and hearings which were sent to higher court. During the year just ended he says the books show that the same court had 1651 cases, but that the judge got the same salary. This almost 10 times as many cases, and I wondered if he couldn't be wrong, so I went to the clerk's office to see for myself. I didn't get to check the 20-year-old docket, because the clerk was busy and I didn't have time to dig it out myself, but I did get a fair comparison on the amounts paid to the county general and school funds. The two or three months in the past I looked at indicated that the general fund was getting some \$60 to \$75 a month then and the school fund from \$300 to \$350. I understand that the general fund gets from three to \$400 frequently these days and the school fund \$2500 or better.

Disregarding whether or not you have any use for Judge Moses, or whether or not he needs the money, it would appear that the above facts, if true, would command some consideration from the board of commissioners. Having it put to them the way he plans to do it, I feel certain they will carefully consider the matter.

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## CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS HOKE COUNTY FARM?



Above is another in the series of "mystery farm" pictures being published in The News-Journal. Nobody knows whose farm it is—not even the photographers—and the paper is relying on the readers for identification. Two six-months subscriptions are offered for first identifications and the rules are as follows:

1. You may win but once in the year the series runs.
2. One winner will be the first person to come to or call The News-Journal Office, 2121. Staff of the paper cannot accept identification anywhere else.
3. The other winner will be the present subscriber who now receives the paper on Raeford route one, two or three, or an address

outside Raeford, who first identifies the picture at The News-Journal office in person or by telephone.

Owners or operators of the farms pictured are not offered the prize, but we do have a beautiful mounted enlargement of the original photo, free for each of them and invite them to call at the office for it each week.

## Santa Claus Is Expected Here Next Wednesday

W. C. Phillips and Elmore Stanton of the Merchants Division of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce announced this week that all was in readiness for the arrival of Santa Claus for the Chamber's Annual Kiddies Christmas Party next Wednesday afternoon. They said that Santa Claus was expected to arrive at about 3:30 o'clock at the stand on Main Street where he is to be welcomed by Mayor Alfred Cole and others.

They say that there would be music and fun for all, and that they were practically certain Old Santa would bring several hundred bags of candy and the like for distribution to his young friends, all of whom are invited to the party.

Ed Smith, chairman of the Christmas street lighting committee of the Chamber, reports that he expects to have the Christmas lights ready to turn on for the first time next Wednesday also.

## United Fund Has At Least \$5689 With More Coming

J. L. McNeill, chairman of the successful United Fund campaign recently conducted here for the first time, said today that the county goal had been reached in cash and pledges, and that there was still a little money left to be turned in. Goal was set at \$5480, and the report today showed \$4630.28 in cash and \$1059 in pledges for a total subscription to the fund of \$5689.28, or a little over four per cent over the goal.

Breakdown of the receipts by divisions is as follows. In the township collections Antioch reported \$219.75, Arabia \$97, Wayside \$67.50, McCain \$282.78, Rockfish \$16, Montrose \$46, Blue Springs \$61.50, Dundarrach \$25.50, Colored Division \$122.23, Raeford township \$519, Little River \$35, and \$5 unidentified, for a cash total from the township collections of \$1497.28. Pledges were Wayside \$10, Colored Division \$58 and Little River \$3.

The professional division including the doctors and lawyers reported a total cash collection

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## J. L. Wood Home Last Week's Photo Traced 80 Years

Last week's farm picture of the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Luther Wood on the Pine Forest farm four miles west of Raeford, was quickly guessed by several readers. First to name it was J. T. Leslie, followed by J. D. Howell, Clifford Collins, Mrs. Biggs Burnette, Mrs. A. R. Morris, Jack Pope and Mrs. McNair Smith.

First rural subscriber to name it right was Mrs. Marshall Newton of route two. The Woods came to this county in 1932 and bought the place in 1934 from the executors of the J. W. McLaughlin estate, getting 310 acres at that time. Since then 156 acres has been sold to Robie Calloway and Hunter Carroll, leaving the farm now 144 acres. Mr. Wood, a native of Surry County near Mt. Airy, says he was sent down here in 1932 by Hoover, and came in a Hoover car. In Surry County he had been a tobacco grower and warehouseman. Mrs. Wood is the former Letha Briggs, also of Surry County, and the two were married July 25, 1900.

Members of the Raeford Baptist Church, they have six children living. They are James G. of Mt. Airy, Glenn W. of Sparta, Kermit L. of Raeford, Mrs. Paul Burnette, Mrs. George Johnson and Mrs. McNair Smith, all of Raeford. One daughter, Mabel, was killed by an auto here in

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## Bucks To Open Cage Season At Hamlet Tomorrow

The Hoke High Bucks have been practicing basketball some 30 strong since November 22 under the tutelage of Coach Archie Brigran, and the girls have been working out under Coach George Wood.

Leading the list of candidates for the Bucks are Lacy Koonce and Johnny Bobbit, regulars from last year, along with Ed Bowling, Don Tickle, Grayson Matthews and Kenneth Culbreth, who saw some action with last year's varsity.

For the girls Claudine Hodgkin, Janet Guin and Faye Dark will be back again to head the scoring with able assistance expected from Scarborough, Conolly and Blake. The guards are expected to be strong again with Linthicum, McNeill, Gobeille, Gibson, Benner, Williams and S. McNeill.

All practice sessions have been strong and spirited as the teams prepare for their opening game in Hamlet on Friday night of this week. This will be the first of a 20-game schedule for the teams, who will play most of the good teams in this section of the State. The Hoke boys team will be competing for District Two championship, the winner of which will advance to the AA State tournament.

The schedule includes 10 games at home and 10 away and is as follows: Dec. 3 Hamlet away, 7

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## MAYOR BUYS FIRST 1955 AUTO TAG



Mayor Alfred Cole is shown above buying the first 1955 auto tag from Martin Baumgartner, manager of the Chamber of Commerce office, with J. A. Baucom and E. R. Campbell.

## 26 Cases Heard By Recorder In Court Tuesday

About an average docket of 26 cases went through the regular Tuesday session of Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses, with only 10 being for speeding.

Kathleen Geddle, colored woman who was found guilty of cutting Gussie Mae Hall and inflicting serious injury last week, and who had been sentenced to a year in prison to be suspended on payment of \$100 and doctor bills, got a new hearing Tuesday. This time the judge changed the sentence to four to six months to be suspended on payment of \$25, costs, doctor and hospital bills, and on condition of two years good behavior.

Max Randleman, Lucille Jenkins and Thomas E. Yeoman, all white, each pled guilty of driving drunk, and judgment was suspended in each case on payment of \$100 and costs.

Albert Craddock, colored, was found guilty of carrying a shotgun off his premises on Sunday and of assault. Sentence was four months to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and two years good behavior.

In the case in which Dunk McGougan, colored, was charged with larceny, court returned a verdict of guilty of misappropriation of property. McGougan was given 30 days on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and two years good behavior.

Paul Davis, colored, was found guilty of non-support. Sentence was six months, suspended on condition that he pay costs, \$10 weekly to his family and be of good behavior for two years.

Russell McKinnon, colored, pled guilty of assault and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, doctor bill and two years good behavior.

James Wright and Georgiana Wright, colored, of McCain, were each found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. James got 12 months suspended on payment of \$250 and costs and five years good behavior, and Georgiana got the same except her fine was only \$100.

James M. Dial, Indian, pled guilty of trespass. Sentence was 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and two years good behavior.

Garfield Watkins and Nathaniel Purell, both colored, each had to pay \$10 and costs for careless and reckless driving. William Spruell, colored, had to pay costs on the same charge.

Sam McRae, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for having no driver's license. Loyd B. Smith, white, had to pay \$10 and costs for driving with an expired license.

Speeders appearing for trial were G. D. Hahan, white, costs, and Ray E. Chandler, white, \$10 and costs. Leaving bonds for speeding were Augusta McLaurin, Charlie L. Brunson, Stanley G. Griffin, Thomas F. Bolick, Wilbur Evans, \$25 each, and Harvey Dutter, Billy M. Tarleton and Robert L. Hackett, \$15 each.

## SHOOTING TUES. NIGHT

Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin said that when he got back from Little River Township Tuesday night he was called to investigate another shooting on the H. R. McLean farm rented by J. Luther Warner south of Raeford. He arrested Colon Harris, colored, for shooting Kelly Stubbs, also colored, in the abdomen with a shotgun. Harris was released under \$300 bond Wednesday after it appeared that Stubbs was not seriously injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greene and Frances Ward spent the holidays in Swansboro with Mrs. Greene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hatzell.

## Mayor, Chairman Proclaim Dec. 15th 'Safe Driving Day'

"Motor vehicle accidents on our streets and highways have become one of the most critical problems in the State of North Carolina, as in the rest of the Nation. In each of the last two years, they have taken more than 38,000 lives in our country, injured more than a million persons, and caused approximately \$4 billion in damage and related costs.

"In order to demonstrate to everyone that traffic accidents can be reduced materially when all motorists and pedestrians do their part, the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety, in cooperation with various national organizations, and public officials, is sponsoring a 'Safe Driving—or S-D Day' throughout the United States. The date is Wednesday, December 15.

"Every community is being asked to accept the challenge to remain completely free of traffic accidents for that 24-hour period. We hope that this county and town will accept this challenge gladly, and that all of us will exert the most conscientious effort to achieve the accident-free goal.

"By December 15, each of us will be more conscious of the need for year-around observance of proven methods of traffic safety, and year-around support for those public officials and others who are devoting their efforts to making our streets and highways safe places to be.

"Whereas the President of the United States has asked the Governors of all of our States to cooperate in the S-D Day program, and in the activities preliminary thereto; and,

"Whereas, the Governor has appealed to all Mayors and County officials for their active support; and,

"Whereas all of the major safety organizations are participating energetically in this undertaking;

"Now, therefore, as Mayor of Raeford and Chairman of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, we are happy to pledge our full cooperation in this great and worthy effort; and, to that end, we hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 15, 1954 as Safe Driving Day in this town and county."

Alfred Cole, Mayor  
Town of Raeford.  
J. F. McMillan, Chairman  
Hoke County Commissioners.

## Bray's Father Passes In Randolph County; Funeral Held Sat.

Claude C. Bray, well-known Randolph County farmer and father of Bernard Bray of Raeford, died in Randolph County Hospital early last Thursday morning after an illness of several weeks. He was 74 years of age and lived at Ramseur, route one.

Mr. Bray was a native of Chatham County and was a Mason. He was a member of Brush Creek Baptist Church where funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by the Rev. Reid Harris and the Rev. W. C. Farrell. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sallie Andrews Bray, one daughter, five sons, two sisters, one brother and eight grandchildren.

## CUB SCOUTS, PARENTS TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

W. L. Howell, Jr., cubmaster of Cub Scouts in Raeford, announced this week that a meeting of all boys of Cub Scouts age and their parents at the McLaughlin School on Friday night, December 3, at 7:30 o'clock. He said that Sam Chambers, western district Boy Scout executive, would be present to explain the details of the Cub program, and invited all interested boys and parents to attend.

## Storekeeper In Little River Is Shot Tuesday

R. L. Brooks, white man of about 70 who operates a store near Lobella in Little River Township, was shot in the back twice with a .22 caliber rifle Tuesday and is in serious, if not critical, condition in Moore County Hospital.

Alvis Faulk, 17-year-old colored boy who lives about a quarter-mile from the store, is lodged in the Hoke County jail without bond pending Brooks' recovery, and according to Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin has confessed the crime. Ervin McLeod, another colored lad of the neighborhood, is also in jail after having admitted that he was near the store with a rifle that day also. Faulk, however, says that McLeod was not with him, according to the sheriff. Faulk is the son of Sam Faulk, a patient at the Sanatorium, and lives with his mother.

The sheriff said the shooting took place about midday Tuesday, and that he went to Little River Township and brought Faulk back to jail. He said Faulk said he had heard about the shooting, but steadfastly denied having any part in it or being near at the time, or even having a rifle.

Returning to Little River Tuesday night the sheriff said he saw Louvenia McCrinmon, who said she had lent rifles to both Faulk and McLeod. Back in Raeford that night when Faulk was faced with McLeod and the rifle the sheriff said he admitted the shooting.

Faulk, according to the sheriff, said he had bought some cheese from the storekeeper, and they had had some words about how much cheese he got for a quarter. He said that he later shot Brooks in the back, and that when he walked outside he shot him again, and then ran. Brooks made it to his home nearby and fell in the doorway.

At last reports doctors were hopeful that Brooks would be strong enough to stand an operation for the removal of the bullets from his lung.

## Edward M. Smith Dies Tuesday A. M.; Funeral Wednesday

Edward M. Smith, retired bookkeeper, farmer and woodworker who had been a resident of this community for many years, died in Moore County Hospital at 12:35 Tuesday morning, after a long period of declining health and a short illness. He would have been 74 years of age in January.

A native of Linden in Cumberland County, he was married to Miss Sally Mitchell of Fairmont in 1901, and they lived there for many years, coming here in 1922 when he was farm supervisor for the Dockery Mercantile Co. in Hoke County. Mr. and Mrs. Smith also lived in Evergreen for several years, returning here during the war, after which he operated the woodcraft shop for Hoke Concrete Works. He was a member of Ephesus Baptist Church. Mrs. Smith passed away in 1951.

Funeral service was conducted Tuesday afternoon at the home of his daughter here, Mrs. Jesse Gulleddge, by his pastor, the Rev. E. C. Taylor, and the Rev. James E. Baker. Burial was in Raeford cemetery.

He is survived by three daughters in addition to Mrs. Gulleddge, Mrs. Edison McGirt of Raeford, Mrs. Macon Shaw of Evergreen, Mrs. J. W. Floyd of Lumberton; one son, E. E. Smith of Raeford; two brothers, Dan Smith of Dillon, S. C., and Jess Smith of Florence, S. C.; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bruce Phillips of East Carolina, Greenville spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Phillips.