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Addenda

By The Editor

On the chance that Judge T. O. Moses is not seriously ill, which I sincerely hope he is not, I am going to wonder publicly if the county commissioners made him so sick Monday by deferring his request for a raise that he couldn't hold court on Tuesday. At any rate, Vice-recorder J. M. Andrews presided over the Tuesday session of recorder's court.

Well, they gave him an attentive hearing on Monday, I understand, and they didn't turn him down, so it might be a fair guess that they will get around to raising his pay some one of these days, although not as much as he might want and think is right.

It has been called to my attention since mentioning the matter that there is talk of establishing uniform traffic courts over the State, and this would certainly be a good thing. This would take away about three-fourths of the cases that pass through the recorder's court, I estimate. That, however, has nothing to do with the present situation, nor with the fact that Judge Moses appears to be getting less than many in his line.

John McGoogan points out several facts that bear on this question a little. One is that he says he checked the salary of the recorder's court judge in 1934 and found it to be \$600 per year, as against \$1200 now. I believe the solicitor was on a fee basis in those days, and don't know whether he made more than the judge did out of the court or not. McGoogan also points out that while the court is undoubtedly a good thing for the schools, its salaries and costs are paid from the county general fund. Most of the jail cases are handled through this court, he says, and by the time you add these costs the county general fund is in the "red." I have also been informed that raises are limited to 20% by law during a term. Of course, the judge was raised during his last term, but this is another one.

Arch Sanders and his crowd of bear hunters really operated in Bladen County last week. They got a 523-lb. monster on Friday about noon. Marvin Lofien killed the bear, with a rifle that had had the sight knocked off it by the brush, which was so thick they had to drag the beast two miles, according to Arch, before they could get a wheeled vehicle to him. He also said it took 10 of them to drag him. Looking at him and thinking about the thick brush, I could well believe it. Arch said the bear was known as "Old Nub," and that one resident of the neighborhood had seen his peculiar tracks around there for over 30 years. All the front toes on his left fore paw had obviously been gone a long time, judging from the hardened and worn condition of the stump and the remaining toe. Two of the many dogs were banged up pretty badly in the fight that took place before he was shot. I wouldn't get in a field with something like that, much less in the middle of a thick swamp. Every man to his own taste for amusement, though.

Heard today that R. L. Brooks, Little River Township storekeeper who was shot last week, is getting along fine and improving rapidly, although they haven't yet operated to remove the bullets. Sheriff D. H. Hodgins said he had had word that he could go and talk to him about getting shot in the back any time he wanted to, and that he was going to do so. There isn't really a great deal of hurry about this, as the sheriff says the Faulk boy admitted that he did it, and that's plenty to hold him on.

Ed Smith, of the Chamber of (Continued on page 6)

Judge Andrews Holds Average Session Of Court

J. M. Andrews served his first session as judge of Hoke County's recorder's court Tuesday in the absence of T. O. Moses since being appointed vice-recorder recently. The session Tuesday was about average, with nine varied cases on docket and 17 speeding charges. Twelve of the speeders left bonds and kept going.

Campbell Coleman, white, pled guilty of driving drunk and violating the prohibition laws. He had to pay \$100 and costs. James McCall, colored, also pled guilty of driving drunk and had to pay \$100 and costs and \$32.23 damages as well.

Lem Walker, Jr., colored, paid \$10 and costs for driving with improper lights.

Tom McKinnon, colored, pled guilty of driving after his license had been revoked. He had to pay \$200 and costs.

John H. Gilchrist, Jr., colored, paid \$25 and costs for having no drivers license.

Lafrancis Jordan, Jr., colored, left a \$50 bond on a charge of failing to yield right of way and resisting arrest.

Harold A. Chason, white, paid \$10 and costs for careless and reckless driving.

Albert Kirk, colored, pled guilty of drunkenness. He got 30 days to be suspended on payment of costs and two years good behavior.

Corinus Bank, colored Sanatorium patient, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and violating prohibition laws. He was sentenced to 18 months in the prison division at the Sanatorium.

For speeding Richard A. Bolton paid \$25 and costs, Ned G. Blackwell, Charles Danziger and Wallace E. Vanhoy each paid \$10 and costs, and Bennie L. Howell paid costs. Leaving bonds for speeding were Arthur V. Beatty, Edith Jacobsen and Richard B. Allen, \$25 each; Casey Lee Best, Howard W. Wilcox, Ethleen Evre Cochran, William D. Currie, Hubert Shelton, Ardie Anderson, Joel W. Metts, Robert W. Kirkham and Joe W. Hammett, \$15 each.

Church Men's Annual Joint Meeting Tues.

The annual joint meeting of the men of the Raeford Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches will be held in the Presbyterian church next Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock. Supper will be served and the program will be provided by the Baptist men.

Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Marc H. Lovelace, professor of Archaeology at the Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest.

Dies Of Exposure Near Dundarrach

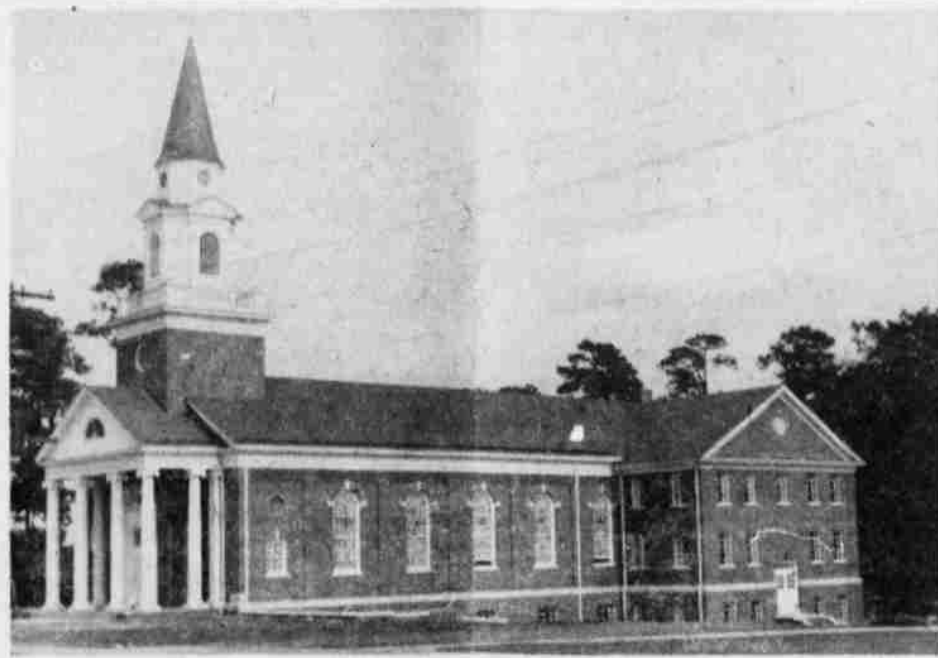
William P. Hall of Parkton, was discovered by Luther English about a mile from the home of his sister, Mrs. James Willis, at Dundarrach at about 7:00 a. m., Monday. He was unconscious, and English went for Mrs. Willis. They went back and got Hall, who died, apparently from exposure before they got to her house with him.

Graveside services were held at Parkton cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, with Dr. Crales Tuckey, pastor of the Parkton Baptist Church, conducting.

The dead man is survived by Mrs. Willis and two brothers, Ed and Simon Hall, both also of Parkton.

WOODMEN TO MEET

There will be a special meeting of the Raeford Camp of the Woodmen of the World on next Thursday night, December 16, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.



One Correst Guess On Last Week's Photo Of Mumford Home

Only one reader was able to correctly identify the Lucille Mumford home in McLauchlin Township which was pictured in last week's paper as the mystery farm photo, although there were several incorrect guesses as to whose home it was. Alexander Geddie, of Fayetteville, got it right and won the six months subscription.

The home is located on the road from Rockfish to Arabia, and is about two miles from Rockfish. It is the home of Mrs. Lucille Mumford, a teacher in the Freedom Colored School, and has been in the family of her late husband, John K. Mumford, for 40 or 50 years, having been owned by his father, Charlie Mumford, who came to this county from Richmond County. The farm, 42 acres, was rented and farmed during the past year by Clarence Koonce.

Mrs. Mumford, formerly Lucille Hamlet of South Boston, Va., and her late husband were both graduates of Fayetteville State Teachers College, and he taught in the schools for 18 years before his death in 1950. She began teaching in this county at Upchurch School in 1935, and has since taught at Millside, Shady Grove, and Rockfish. She is now teaching her fourth year at the Freedom school.

Prior to her husband's death they farmed the place along with their school teaching, raising the usual crops for this section. They built the home shown in the picture eight years ago and their old home burned two years later. They also built barns and a tobacco packhouse.

LICENSE TAG SALES MOVING SLOWLY HERE

Most people, apparently must be waiting for the license tag deadline to get a little closer before they buy the new 1955 plates, as Martin Baumgartner, manager of the Chamber of Commerce office, says that in his first week of operation only 171 sets of tags of all type were sold.

The office opened in the Bank of Raeford building on December 1, and will be operated by the Chamber on a permanent basis. Hours during which tags are sold are from nine to five daily and nine to noon on Saturday. Baumgartner says come on along and get them now before the rush which is certain to come.

STOCK LOCAL STREAMS

H. R. McLean, county wildlife protector, reports that 4,200 shellcrackers were released in Rockfish Creek and Lumber River on December 2. He says shellcrackers are a much sought after fish by anglers in Florida waters.

BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER WILL LEAD METHODIST DEDICATION

Town Board Has Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Raeford board of commissioners was held at the town hall on Monday night with Mayor Alfred Cole presiding and with Commissioners Austin, Gatlin and Sanders present.

After routine monthly items of business the board decided to install street lights back of the county office building and on South Magnolia street at the turn into the lumber yard.

Following procedure adopted in many other municipalities in the State, the board decided to establish a traffic bureau. This bureau is to serve as a means of processing minor traffic violations, such as improper parking, illegal use of loading zones, bus stops and taxi stands, parking at alley or driveway entrances, parking on left curb, double parking, illegal U turns, disregarding stop signs, no city tags, obstructing traffic and the like. In the bureau these may be handled with routine instead of being handled as criminal cases as they have been.

Mrs. Lucy McKinnon, Local Man's Sister, Dies In Laurinburg

Mrs. Lucy Snead McKinnon, prominent Laurinburg woman, wife of Judge John B. McKinnon of Laurinburg, and sister of Younger F. Snead of Raeford, died in Laurinburg early Monday morning at her home after an illness of several months.

Mrs. McKinnon was born in Scotland County, May 20, 1900, a daughter of the late Samuel A. and Cora M. Snead, who lived in Raeford for many years. She attended Carolina College for Women in Maxton, now Presbyterian Junior College, and had lived in Laurinburg since her marriage to Mr. McKinnon in 1920. She had held a position in the bookkeeping department of John F. McNair, Inc. from 1929 until the onset of her illness early this year.

Funeral service was conducted at the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church at 3:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by Dr. S. H. Fulton, pastor. Burial was in Hillside cemetery in Laurinburg.

In addition to her brother here she is survived by her husband; three sisters, Mrs. Samuel Halperin of Newburyport, Mass., Mrs. Jewel Klouse of Myrtle Beach, S. C., and Mrs. Ralph Chapman of Aberdeen; another brother, Samuel A. Snead, Jr., of Myrtle Beach, and several nieces and nephews.

Organ And Parsonage To Also Be Dedicated Sunday

Four years and two months after holding their first service in it, members of the Raeford Methodist Church have paid for their fine new church building and will have its formal dedication on Sunday, December 12, with Bishop Paul N. Garber, resident bishop of the Richmond area, present to preach the sermon of dedication.

The new parsonage on North Main Street, given to the church by the children of the late T. B. and Mollie Upchurch in memory of their parents and furnished by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the church, will also be dedicated by Bishop Garber in a service there on Sunday afternoon.

The church organ, paid for by the ladies of the church, will be dedicated at the morning service also, and a concert of sacred music will be played at the evening service by Richard L. Harper, member of the Armed Forces at Fort Bragg, organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, and master of music from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists. His program has been well selected from famous composers, and promises to be an unusual opportunity for all interested in church and music.

The dedication service Sunday morning will be participated in by several former ministers of the church, and the Rev. J. W. Bradley, minister here from 1908 to 1912 when the church was first made a separate charge, is expected to be here with his wife. The wedding of Mr. Bradley to Miss Betty Lentz was the first wedding in the old church building which was built in 1903 and which was burned on December 26, 1948. Taking part in the Sunday morning service in addition to Bishop Garber and the Rev. J. Herbert Miller, present minister, will be the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Fayetteville district superintendent, the Rev. W. L. Maness and the Rev. P. O. Lee, ministers of the church before Mr. Miller.

The old church building was built in 1902 and 1903, with M. W. Dew furnishing the labor for a contract price of \$570. The new church, built following the loss of the old one December 26, 1948, had C. L. Thomas as chairman of the building committee, L. M. Upchurch heading the plans committee and R. B. Lewis chairman of the finance committee. It was built at a cost of about \$145,000, and the first service was conducted by the Rev. P. O. Lee to a capacity congregation on Sunday, October 15, 1950. At the ingathering of the congregation on October 19, 1954, the last of the money to pay for it was raised.

Cotton Referendum Committees, Polling Places Announced

The Hoke County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee office this week announced the membership of Community Referendum Committees who will be responsible for conducting the Cotton Marketing Quota Referendum throughout the county on December 14. All members of the Referendum Committees are cotton farmers eligible to vote in the referendum. Many of the referendum committeemen are also elected Community Committeemen.

Arrangements for the establishment of polling places in all Hoke County's eight cotton growing communities have been completed. Notices have been mailed to each farmer known to be eligible to vote, advising him of the place where he may vote in the referendum. All persons who, as landlord, tenant, or sharecropper, had an interest in growing upland cotton in 1954 are eligible to vote in the upland referendum. If there is any question about eligibility, farmers are asked to check with their county ASC Office.

The community polling places in the December 14th balloting are as follows; from 8:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M.

Allendale, Allendale Community House; Antioch, Antioch Community House; Blue Springs, Blue Springs Community House; Little River, Little River Community House; Wayside, Marshall Newton Store; Rockfish, A. W. Wood Store; Quewhiffle, Montrose Community House; Raeford, Hoke County Office Building; Stonewall, Dundarrach Trading Co.

Funeral Held Sunday For Robert Ray At Galatia Church

Funeral service was conducted at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Galatia Presbyterian Church for James Robert Ray, 38, native of this county who died in a Fayetteville hospital Friday night after a lingering illness. He was a son of Mrs. Margaret Gillis Ray and the late Marshall G. Ray.

A member of a prominent family in Hoke and Cumberland counties, Mr. Ray was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a lifelong member of Galatia Church. For several years he was parts manager for Yarborough Motor Company in Fayetteville.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. B. O. Shannon, pastor, assisted by Dr. Samuel E. Howie, of Fayetteville. Burial was in the cemetery at Galatia. Pallbearers were Harmon Lindsay, Robert Currie, Tracy Monroe, J. T. Barefoot, John Nunalee and Arnold Ray.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jean McNeill Ray; one son, James Robert Ray, Jr.; his mother, Mrs. Marshall G. Ray of Route 2; one sister, Mrs. Isabel Ritter of Route 2; four brothers, M. Gillis Ray of Fayetteville, route 3, Captain Gilbert M. Ray of the Army, serving in Japan, John A. Ray of Fayetteville, and Dempsey B. Ray of Kure's Beach. Mrs. Ray is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McNeill, also of this county.

Cage Teams Win 1, Lose 1 During Week

The Hoke High basketball teams went to Hamlet for the opening game last Friday night and both girls and boys came home victorious.

The boys kept the lead during most of a slow game and won 30-27, with Koonce having 10 points and Bobbitt 8.

On Tuesday night for the first games on their home court the Hoke teams did not fare so well as they dropped both games of a doubleheader to the boys and girls from Elizabethtown.

Maxton High will play the Hoke teams in the local gym Friday night.

County Officials Are Sworn In; Begin New Terms

Old Board Final Meeting

A new board of Hoke County commissioners took office officially Monday, the regular day for the monthly meeting, with only one new member. Also sworn in at the beginning of new terms of office were the county sheriff, and C. E. Autry, beginning his first term as Raeford Township constable.

The members of the board succeeding themselves on it are J. F. McMillan, W. M. Thomas, N. H. G. Balfour and Douglas McPhaul. They, along with Douglas Monroe, the new member, were administered their oaths of office by Court Clerk J. B. Cameron. Sheriff Hodgins was also sworn in for his new four-term by the clerk. The county board examined bonds of the sheriff, clerk and constable and approved them.

At its organization meeting the board elected McMillan chairman and Thomas vice-chairman by unanimous vote. The meeting was then adjourned until December 13, at 7:30 p. m., at which time remaining business will be attended to, including the name of list takers for the townships.

Final Meeting

The retiring board of commissioners, consisting of J. F. McMillan, chairman, W. M. Thomas, N. H. G. Balfour, Douglas McPhaul and W. M. Monroe, met in final session on December 6, with all members present.

On motion of N. H. G. Balfour, the board disapproved the request of the State Highway Commission that the Raeford-Vass road through the Fort Bragg reservation be taken off the county road map.

J. L. McNeill appeared before the board and discussed the disposition of funds remaining from the land fund, but no action was taken.

County employees were granted three extra days off for Christmas, December 23, 24 and 27.

Judge T. O. Moses appeared before the board requesting a raise in salary, but after a lengthy discussion the matter was deferred to a later meeting.

The board expressed its appreciation to W. M. Monroe for the fine cooperation he had given during his term in office, and assured him that he was retiring with their best wishes.

Hoke High Band, Choruses To Give Concert December 16

On Thursday, December 16, the Hoke County High School Mixed Chorus, Band, and Eighth-Grade Chorus will present their annual Christmas Concert at 7:45 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

The band, directed by J. B. Renni, and the Eighth Grade Chorus will each present several selections. Accompanied by Virginia McNeill, the eighty-five-voice chorus under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Wood will feature as its part a program entitled "The Christmas Card" by Alice Brainard. Tableaux depicting various Christmas Cards will be formed by the Dramatic Club with Miss Peggy Stanton in charge. Included in the musical selections will be two numbers by the Girls' Ensemble made up of Janice Benner, Faye Dark, Ava Gosnell, Claudine Hodgins, Alma Lee Lovette, Helen Rose, and Jean Willis. The public is cordially invited to attend.

NAMED CLASS OFFICER

Miss Hazel McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McLean of Raeford, has been elected vice president of the freshman class at Flora Macdonald college.