

## Addenda -

By The Editor

George W. Cox, postmaster here during the administrations of President Harding, Coolidge and Hoover, and who I understand is the oldest member of the Raeford Methodist Church, was telling us this week after seeing the program for the dedication of the church that one of the former ministers listed in it had died just last week. He said that the Rev. J. T. Draper, pastor of the church from 1915 to 1917, had passed away in Warrenton.

Bruce Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Phillips, is at home from East Carolina College at Greenville for the holidays with his parents. He tells me that he is sports editor for the Greenville "Daily Reflector," an afternoon newspaper of about 15,000 circulation. He worked for the paper while attending school last year, and when he got back this fall the sports editor got drafted, and he stepped in. He works for paper in the mornings and attends school in the afternoons. He is a sophomore at ECC.

Solving of the most recent break-in at Hoke Trading Company last Saturday leads officers to the conclusion that two of the other three there this year were about like the last. That is, they were unplanned and carried out by vagrant travelers. The other robbery, the one where the safe was hauled away, had to have some planning, however.

J. M. Williams, certified public accountant of Raleigh, who has been auditing for Hoke County and the Town of Raeford for a number of years, has been having right much trouble with his health recently. He underwent a major abdominal operation this month and at last reports was doing fine and hopes to be at home for Christmas.

Mr. Williams took the part of this county strongly when the Army tried to partition it, and gave great help in preparing the figures and statistics used in defeating this effort. He has many friends here who wish him a rapid return to good health. His address is 2721 St. Mary's Street, Raleigh. In case you want to drop him a note at this season.

Christmas is about here. With this thought comes a wondering in my mind if it couldn't be a little better, from some standpoints, right here in Raeford. If we did some thinking between now and next Christmas couldn't we make it a more meaningful occasion than it will be to most of us this year. Maybe I'm taking the old chamber-of-commerce-promotion point of view, but I believe it could.

What is Christmas? Holly and tinsel and gaily wrapped packages. The light in a child's eyes as he sees the glittering tree. Santa Claus and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

Christmas is every one of these things. But, most of all and most important of all, Christmas is Christ's birthday. The Christ Child in His lowly manger crib in Bethlehem started it all—is the reason for it all.

TO PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS is the goal of a concerted community effort in many communities and towns across the great land we live in. Its purpose is to make the Christ Child and His birthday uppermost in the minds and hearts of everyone throughout the Christmas season. We might try it here.

If we could, and if we succeeded even a little bit, our community and we as individuals will become that much stronger in the fight against those forces which aim to put Christ not only out of Christmas but out of every day of our lives.

## 67 Motorists Pay For Speeding In Recorder's Court

State Highway Patrolmen had another active week on the highways of the county last week, resulting in 67 cases of speeding being cleared through the county recorder's court on Tuesday before Judge T. O. Moses. Most of the cases were bond forfeitures, with seven defendants pleading guilty and paying fines or costs. There were 14 other cases tried.

John D. Gunter, his wife, Mrs. Mary K. Gunter and Kenneth Sandy, all white, were charged with violating the games laws by hunting at night. Mrs. Gunter was found not guilty and the men were both found guilty. Each got a sentence of 30 days suspended on payment of \$250 each and costs. Two guns and a flashlight were confiscated.

Paul H. Starnes, white, was found guilty of driving drunk and sentenced to 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. He appealed and posted \$300 bond. Alex Lowery, colored, and Paul A. Bridgewater, white, pled guilty of driving drunk and got the same sentence. They paid.

Mark Anderson, colored, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws and paid \$10 and costs.

For public drunkenness, Worth Quick, white, left a \$25 bond, and James C. Evans, colored, paid \$10 and costs.

Oscar Lee Stark, colored man pleading guilty of breaking and entering and larceny at the Hoke Trading Co., was held in jail for Superior Court in default of a \$1000 bond.

Duncan Chambers, colored, settled damages and paid \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving. Willie James, Jr., had to pay \$10 and costs and \$16 damages for careless and reckless driving.

L. W. Ray, colored, had to make good a bad check and pay court costs.

Raymond Jones, colored man charged with non-support, had judgment suspended until February 1, 1955, during which time he is to turn over two-thirds of his earnings to the court clerk for his family.

Speeders appearing or being represented included Jacob Oliver, \$40 and costs; Billy Picklesimer and Herbert Sidham, \$10 and costs each; Hazeline Eilers, Elwood S. Cain, Dominick Montrose, Mammie S. Brewer, Edith Whitaker Graham and Shirley Rose Strickland, costs each.

Leaving bonds for speeding were Sylvester Alston, Sidney M. (Continued on back page)

## Stonewall Ruritan Install Officers; Pick McInnis Outstanding

The Stonewall Ruritan Club met for supper in the Mildouson School lunchroom last Wednesday night. Tom Cameron of Raeford was the speaker, and his remarks on the need for more recreational facilities were most interesting.

New officers installed were W. L. Smith president, Whiteford Jones vice-president, C. E. Jackson secretary, and John Glisson three-year director.

Daniel M. McInnis was voted the "Man of the Year" by the members of the club. Serving as lieutenant governor of the Cape Fear District of Ruritan National last year, he is a charter member of the Stonewall club and a past president. Considered a hard-working, willing, civic-minded man by the club members, he organized three new Ruritan clubs during 1954.

## DR. O'BRIAN HOME

Dr. A. L. O'Brian returned home Tuesday from Moore County Hospital, where he had been a patient for several weeks. He is much improved.



## Vespers Program At Presbyterian Church

A Christmas vespers program will be presented at the Raeford Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. The singing will be by the chancel choir of the church under the direction of Mrs. Kerr Stevens.

The program will be in the form of a candlelighting service, with selected scripture readings and congregational singing as well as the lighting of the candles and songs by the choir. The public is invited.

Katherine MacDonald of Meredith College is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. MacDonald.

Dave Barrington of Elizabeth City spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Helen S. Barrington.

## NO PREACHING SUNDAY

There will be no preaching service at Tabernacle Baptist Church Sunday night, December 26 but the BTU will meet, after which the congregation will attend the Christmas Pageant at Galatia Presbyterian Church.

## LOSES HOME IN FIRE

Pat McNeill, 70-year-old colored man who lived alone on his own place near Duffie, lost his home and all his effects recently by fire. He has no family other than a foster son, and will welcome any gifts of clothing or household furnishings. These may be left with Mrs. C. H. Giles at the County welfare office for him.

Alfred Cole, Jr. will spend Christmas in Granite Falls with Miss Nancy Mackie.

## Baptists Here To Join In Student Night Program Sun.

The Raeford Baptist Church will join with the thousands of other churches of the Baptist Convention in holding a "Student Night" Christmas program on Sunday. The program here will begin at 7:30 and will be presented by high school seniors and college students of the church.

The holding of the programs in churches in this area is being sponsored and promoted by the Baptist Student Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. The public is invited to attend the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Crawley of Lumburg, Virginia will arrive Wednesday to spend the holidays with Mr. Crawley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Crawley.

## 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.

## Most Businesses Will Be Closed Monday

Indications were that most stores and business houses in Raeford would be closed next Monday, December 27, giving their employees the traditional extra day of Christmas holiday.

Most of the firms listed in the advertisement on page 11 of this issue will be closed, including the AAA branch office operated in the Chamber of Commerce office for the sale of State auto license tags. The automobile dealers, who will be closed on Friday, will be open for business on Monday, as will a few others who are not listed in the ad as being closed. The Bank of Raeford will also be closed on Monday.

The News-Journal, whose employees have had work almost around the clock several times recently, will be closed on both Friday and Monday, and the county offices, both in the courthouse and the county office building, will be closed Thursday through Monday.

Robbins Mills will suspend operations at midnight Thursday and will begin again at 8:00 a. m. Monday. Para Thread Company was closed at 11:00 p. m. Wednesday and start operations again at 7:00 a. m. Monday. Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Co., Hoke Concrete Works and Hoke Tool Works will shut down at noon Friday and be closed until Tuesday morning.

## Another McNeill Home Photo Is Quickly Named

Last week's mystery picture was the second McNeill home in succession to be printed in the weekly feature. This time it was the home of Mrs. W. J. McNeill, two miles south of Raeford on the Red Springs road, after Mrs. Hector McNeill's home seven miles south on the Laurinburg road had appeared the week before.

First to identify the picture correctly was Irvin Currie, who dropped in to pick up some printing for the REA just as the first News-Journal came off the press. He won himself a six-months subscription, as did J. H. Blythe of route one, the first rural subscriber to name the home correctly. Others giving correct answers were Mrs. Belton Wright, Mrs. Clarence Willis, Ed McNeill, Don Conoly, Mary Peele, Mrs. W. E. Willis, Ken McLaughlin, Mrs. Chalmers Davis, Mrs. Archie McDiarmid, Derry Walker, Mrs. Edwin Newton, Mrs. L. B. Dees and Mrs. J. D. Clark.

Mrs. McNeill has been living on the 115-acre farm since she was married to the late Mr. McNeill December 2, 1917. She was the former Addie Baker of this county.

Mr. McNeill, who passed away in July, 1932, came into the first 50 acres of his farm when he was born, as his grandfather, the late Neil Archie McNeill, gave it to him for being his first male grandchild. He had lived on the place for several years prior to his marriage in 1917, and the farm has been in the McNeill family for four generations. Mrs. McNeill doesn't know just when it was acquired by the family, but knows that her late husband cleared his land and began to farm it. The home shown in the picture was a two-room structure originally and Mr. McNeill began to add to it in 1913, and it is now a comfortable eight-room home. The tobacco packhouse and barns and other buildings have been constructed since Mr. and Mrs. McNeill were married.

Tobacco, cotton, corn, wheat, oats are raised and cultivated by tractor mostly, although they have four mules. They also have six cows.

Mrs. McNeill is a member of the Raeford Home Demonstration Club, and the family are members of the Raeford Presbyterian Church. She has eight (Continued on Back Page)

## Officers Arrest Negro Youth For Bowmore Theft

For the fourth time in the past year, the Hoke Trading Company general store at Bowmore, five miles south on 15-A, was forcibly entered last Friday night or early Saturday morning. Oscar Lee Stark, colored, about 17, is in the county jail charged with breaking and entering and larceny. On none of the other three occasions were officers able to make an arrest. Stark gave his home as some place in Florida.

W. T. Walters, manager of the store, discovered the burglary when he went to open up on Saturday morning. In previous burglary the plate glass front of the store had been broken and had not been replaced, but had been barred and boarded up. The thief had pulled off the boards and gone between the bars. On the inside the petty cash, amounting to \$3.79, was gone, and the front of the safe had been battered with a hammer in an unsuccessful attempt to enter it.

Rural Policeman H. M. Meeks and an agent of the State Bureau of Investigation, who had assisted in investigating the other break-ins at the same store, got on the case Saturday morning. Due to a heavy rain during the previous night they were able to follow footprints away from the building and in the general direction of the home of Moses Covington, east of the store. While they were doing the tracking, Covington came up. When he found what they were about he volunteered the information that their man might be at his house, as he had put up a stranger in the rain the night before who said he was going from New York to Florida.

The officers found Stark there, and with him or hanging on the line outside three pair of pants, shoes, shorts, socks, watches, a knife, an electric razor, 28 packages of cigarettes, underwear and other merchandise Walters identified as apparently having come from the store. Stark at first knew nothing of the matter, but later admitted the whole business, according to Meeks.

There is no apparent connection between this robbery and the other three, Meeks said, but fingerprints taken after the others are being compared with those of Stark.

## Kiwanians Plan Program For Year

The 1955 Program of the Raeford Kiwanis Club was instituted by its 1955 President, Buck Blue, and 1954 President, Israel Mann, at a steak supper in Mann's Rumpus Room Wednesday night. The 1955 Board of Directors and committee chairmen were guests of Blue and Mann.

After supper, rising President Blue outlined his program for the year, stressing boys' and girls' work, agriculture, underprivileged children, Boy Scouts, law and parliamentary procedure, public affairs, inter-club relations, and public relations.

He was promised enthusiastic support for his program. Quite a number of questions were asked, and suggestions made for implementing the program.

The 1955 officers will be installed by the rising Lieutenant Governor, J. B. Thomas, on the evening of Thursday, December 30. These officers are: J. H. Blue, President; C. L. Thomas, Vice-President; A. H. McPhaul, Secretary - Treasurer; and Israel Mann, J. H. Austin, J. W. Flannery, Marion Gatlin, D. G. McFadyen, Neil Ross, E. B. Satterwhite and Younger Sneed, directors.

Bobby McNeill of Camp Lee, Va. and Neill Adams McNeill of Greenville, S. C. are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John K. McNeill.