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## Addenda -

By The Editor

It would appear from yesterday's News & Observer that Hoke County citizens can be reasonably certain they are being represented in the General Assembly this session. The county's Representative Harry A. Greene had his picture on the front page together with several other legislators who had arrived on Tuesday for the opening of the 1955 sessions yesterday, so Greene's there, for sure.

As quick as he can get around to it will not be too soon for his bill about the salary of the judge of the Hoke County recorder's court. The county board can't figure what they can legally do from laws on the books now, and need legislation to clarify this, telling them if they can set the judge's salary, and how much they can raise or lower it at a time if there are any limitations. They will also need to learn in the bill whether or not they can make a change during a term of office, although one would think they should be able to change any salaries but their own at any time they saw the need.

The county had already been faced with the necessity of paying the solicitor of the court more than they had paid the judge since somebody learned that he was employed instead of elected and they couldn't get a lawyer for less than the \$125 a month they had been paying G. B. Rowland. A. D. Gore had it for a while at \$100 and quit, and then they got Rowland for \$125 while the judge was still in only getting \$100. Well, Rowland wrote them in December with his resignation effective January 1, unless the salary could be "substantially increased" effective on that date. He cited the greatly increased volume of business in the court as his reason, saying that time necessary for preparation of cases had increased proportionately to the extent that a lawyer holding the job was almost unable to conduct a private practice.

I understand Mr. Rowland indicated privately to some of the board that he would consider \$25 a month a "substantial increase", and that is what he got when they raised him to \$150 at their meeting on Monday. Now he will get half again as much as the judge, and I can't see where his work in the court is any more strenuous than that of the judge, if as much.

Webster defines a paradox as something that is opposed to common sense but which may be true in fact. Something I saw from the front of the office here on December 24 would be a paradox, according to that definition, I believe. Two or three boys, 10 to 12 years of age, were on roller skates on the other side of the street. They were skating in and out around the backs of and between the cars, leaving cards on the windshields, and I assumed that they must be distributing the advertising of some fortune teller or the like, and that it was a rather dangerous way to do it, traffic being as it was. Where the paradox came was when a man brought one of the cards the boys were putting out into the office and handed it to me with remark that I might put two and two together and find something to write about.

The card they were putting out was entitled "A Motorists Prayer," and was signed by the State Highway Patrol. It was being distributed as a promotion of highway safety over the Christmas holiday, presumably.

Guess we should have made news of the fact that Attorney A. D. Gore moved his office recently from the second floor of the

## Dixon To Head March Of Dimes In Hoke This Month

Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin, chairman of the Hoke County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has announced that Roger W. Dixon, unit administrator for Company A, 130th Tank Battalion, had accepted the appointment as county chairman for the 1955 March of Dimes.

Immediately after his acceptance of the appointment Dixon announced plans for conducting the drive in this county, and said that the first move would be an appeal to residents of the county by mail. He said letters would be mailed in the next few days to many residents and former contributors to the drive, and that contributions would also be accepted on a personal basis to be announced later.

In announcing the appointment Sheriff Hodgkin urged people of the county to cooperate with the campaign chairman in making the drive here the success it has been in the past. Noting advances made in the study of the Salk trial polio vaccine, Dixon said, "We open the 1955 drive with bright prospects for eventually conquering polio."

"In Hoke County as in counties throughout the nation, people are giving an increased measure of their time, money and skills. This is important," he said, because in the meantime the Hoke County chapter must continue the long-term care of polio victims of former epidemics."

The 1955 campaign is scheduled to run the entire month of January.

## FARM ITEMS

By W. C. Williford  
County Farm Agent

Fumigation of tobacco plant beds for pest control seems to be the principal subject of discussion among farmers this week. The weather during the past week has been almost perfect for the fumigation treatment. The material used for fumigation is Methyl Bromide which is sold under many different trade names.

It is a highly poisonous gas that you can neither feel, see, nor smell; but the manufacturers have taken safety measures to protect you while you use it. They have added 2% tear gas which gives you a warning if any of the poisonous gas is escaping. If you are fumigating your beds and your eyes start to burn, it is time to lay down what ever you are doing and walk into the wind. The tear gas expands faster than the Methyl Bromide and will get to you first and give you a warning that some of your equipment is leaking. As long as you use it according to directions, you have nothing to worry about.

In the heaviest tobacco growing areas, the farmers have been using these treatments for several years and are still reporting excellent success. The more that you use it, the more you will pick up little labor saving ideas that will make it less burdensome.

Ideal conditions are fifty degrees or higher with the soil fairly moist but not wet enough to be sticky. The soil should be left as loose and pliable as possible before treating. Since fumigated beds have less diseases and insects as well as weeds, it is usually advisable to reduce the amount of seed that you use.

Growers generally say that they can get plants about one week earlier on beds that have been fumigated. The gas treated beds can be sowed as late as the first part of February and still produce plants about as early as you are ready to set them.

As far as the details for fumigation, they are generally covered very well in the manufacturers' printed material that is supplied.

## 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-month 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.

## Junior Class Will Give Play Thursday

"Taming the Brat", a three act comedy, will be presented by the Junior class of Hoke County High School on Thursday, January 13, at 8:00 P. M. The play is under the direction of Miss Paula Pegg and Mrs. B. B. Cole.

The cast of characters is as follows: Lottie, the Nagel's maid, Julia Morris; Mrs. Nagel, the mother, Frankie MacDougald; Mr. Nagel, the father, Billy Guin; Jess Pomeroy, a big, good-looking football player, Lacy Koonce; Jerry Hughes, a likeable boy of sixteen, Paul White; Dave Martin, Jerry's pal and tennis partner, Dick McFadyen; Louise, a gossiping teen-ager, Lillian Scarborough; Myrtle, not unlike Louise, but a little more reticent, Norma Jean Boyles; Janice Nagel, spoiled, self-indulgent fifteen-year-old, Joan Gobeille; Myra Jason, Jess' girl, June Hall.

As the story of the play unfolds, Janice, better known as the "Brat", gets a terrific crush on the Nagel's hired man, Jess. He doesn't pay a bit of attention to her because he already has a girl, and he has also promised Jerry, who likes Janice, that he will help to unspoil her. But Janice, who has always gotten everything that she wanted, throws a tantrum to show that what she wants now is Jess. When all of a sudden Jess begins to play along with her, complications set in, that have their outcome in several fights, and a change for the better. Two silly teen-agers, two nervous parents, \$150, and a near riot, added make the story of "Taming the Brat".

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Veasey were: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McFadyen and Susan of Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pitt and Olivia of Rocky Mount and Mrs. Maude Gibson of Red Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander of Chapel Hill spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander and Mrs. Mary Helton Smith.

Pvt. William H. Clark left Sunday for Fort Benning, Georgia after spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. N. A. Clark, and family.

Thomas Alexander of Washington, D. C. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander.

## Second McGougan Home Pictured

Last week's picture was of another McGougan home, in the same section as the one the week before and on a farm which was originally part of the old McGougan place written about last week. The home of Mr. and Mrs. John E. McGougan, it is located on the farm of J. E. McGougan, first cousin of Ernest McGougan of Lumber Bridge. First correct identification was made by Neill A. McDonald, III, followed by John Lester and Mrs. J. T. Haire. First rural subscriber to correct name the place was C. M. Terry of Route one, Lumber Bridge, followed by Phyllis McInnis, Jimmy Jones, Jerry Jones, Mrs. Frank McGregor and Billy McInnis, all of Shannon, RFD, and Mrs. B. B. Bostle of Route two. As usual, there were several incorrect guesses.

John E. McGougan was married in April, 1947, to Betty Lou McGregor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McGregor of Dundarrach, and they have a daughter, Dorothy Clyde, seven, in the first grade at Mildouson School, and another daughter, Rosemary, aged one year. The McGougans are members of the Lumber Bridge Baptist Church and Mrs. McGougan is a member of the Home Demonstration club. John is a graduate of Hoke County High School.

They own their home, and John farms with his father who owns the farm around it, about 180 acres. They also own and farm 180 acres in another tract and rent about 200 acres. They raise cotton and have 13 acres of tobacco and 35 hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Nance of Whiteville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Mann.

The Rev. J. Herbert Miller, C. L. Thomas and A. H. McPhaul attended a special session of the North Carolina Conference at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKeithan, Jr. and son of Elizabethtown spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKeithan.

Mrs. Donald Ratz of Chicago, Ill. is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Ivey.

## County Board Has Monthly Meeting

The Hoke County board of commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Monday with all members present and Chairman J. Fulford McMillan presiding.

Salary of prosecuting attorney of Recorder's Court G. B. Rowland was raised to \$150 from \$125 per month. Rowland had submitted his resignation effective January 1 unless more money was forthcoming.

Dave Jones, janitor at the courthouse, was placed on probation and made subject to immediate discharge as a result of having allowed the boiler there to overflow through upstairs radiators into the register of deeds' office and damage valuable records. This was not the first time this had happened and the board decided that the next time would be the last.

It was ordered that the county's two rural policemen be placed under bond. The question of the county paying the premiums on bonds of all county officials was discussed, but no action was taken.

Julian Love was appointed tax list taker for Blue Springs Township in place of C. J. McNeill, who is ill.

## Town Board Holds Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the board of town commissioners was held Monday night, January 3, with all members present and Mayor Alfred Cole presiding.

The board voted to employ W. D. Pittman of Elizabethtown as a police officer on the usual 30-day trial basis with permanent employment if satisfactory. Pittman, who began work the next day, came to Raeford with good references from Elizabethtown, where he had served as policeman for several years. He had last been in the filling station business there. He was employed to fill the vacancy caused by the illness of C. J. McNeill.

It was voted to pay the State Highway Commission \$10,500 for paving in town, according to prior agreement.

It was decided that consideration of regulation of taxicabs operating in Raeford would be continued pending receipt of further advice on the matter from the local government commission.

## Plans Complete For Chamber Meeting Next Tuesday Night

Plans were completed this week for the annual meeting and supper of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce at the High School cafeteria next Tuesday night at seven o'clock, and tickets for the affair were being sold by the 12 directors. Complication which arose when the meeting was unknowingly scheduled for the same time and place as the regular meeting of the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce was solved when the Jaycees at a call meeting on Tuesday night were kind enough to change their meeting. They did this in view of their extra meeting this week and thus allowed the senior body to continue with their plans.

Speaker for the meeting Tuesday night is to be Ed Lewis, manager of the Roanoke Rapids Chamber of Commerce. A man of considerable experience and achievement in his field, Lewis is expected to offer many suggestions and ideas which will result in the Chamber of Commerce here being a profitable and lasting business investment to its members and a continuing source of improvement to the community.

Directors expect an attendance of 100 or more persons, and state the program usually conducted at annual meetings will be dispensed with in order to allow the speaker plenty of time without making the meeting too long.

## Basketball: Girls Win Over 71st As Boys, Jayvees Lose

Resuming their activity after the Christmas holidays, the Hoke County High school basketball teams went to 71st High School in Cumberland County for three games on Tuesday night. The strong girls team won by a score of 69 to 60, while the boys team lost 49 to 31. The junior varsity boys game, which was the opening contest, was also won by 71st, 57-36.

In the first game Spears with 21 points and Vaughn with nine led the victors, while the Hoke leaders were Tickle with 15 and Kelly with nine.

In the girls game 71st took an early lead which the Hoke girls gradually lessened to take the lead at the end of the first quarter, 17-16. At half-time the Hoke girls were in front, 37-28. The second half was even, with 71st getting within five points at one time. Claudine Hodgkin, Hoke's all-state of last year, poured in 16 field goals and five out of seven free throws to score 37 points. Mary Frances Wilson scored 27 points for 71st and close behind her was Janet Guin of Hoke High with 26 points.

After leading 28 to 24 at half-time the 71st boys put on a strong second half to increase their final lead to 49-31. Lacy Koonce of Hoke High was high scorer in the game with 15 points.

The Hoke teams go to Lumberton on Friday night, and next Tuesday night they will play the boys and girls of Maxton in Maxton. Next home games will be on Friday night, January 14, against the teams from Clinton High School.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fisher returned to their home in Wilmington, Delaware after spending the holiday season with Mrs. Fisher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gull-edge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Greene of Atlanta, Georgia and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greene and Frances Ward spent Christmas and the following week end in Greenville, S. C.

C. J. Benner of Wake Forest and Miss Ina Mae Benner of Raleigh returned Sunday after spending the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Benner.

## 2 Negro Youths Held Without Bond On Capital Charge

Judge Hears Other Cases

Four Negro youths were given preliminary hearing in recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses Tuesday on charges of assault and rape of an older colored woman. They were Willie Hollingsworth, 16, John Clifton Morrison, 17, Rappah James Shaw, 16, and Robert McMillan, 18. The offense is alleged to have taken place in Raeford on Saturday, December 18. Probable cause was found as to Hollingsworth and Morrison, and they were ordered held for Superior Court without bond. Probable cause was found as to accessories to the fact as to Shaw and McMillan, and their bonds were set at \$500 and \$1000, respectively. Both were still in jail yesterday in default of bond.

William B. Tice and Carl Thomas Davis, both white, each pled guilty of driving drunk, and each got 90 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

James T. McKenzie, white, paid \$10 and costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Robert A. Herndon, white, pled guilty of killing a doe. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$100 and court costs.

Ulysses McCall, colored, was found guilty of non-support of his wife. Sentence was eight to 12 months, to be suspended on payment of costs and on payment of \$7.50 weekly toward her support. He appealed and posted \$250 bond.

Jesse C. Hodge, white, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and failing to stop at a stop sign. Judgment was continued for two weeks, pending settlement of damages, on payment of \$10 and court costs. In the same manner, for careless and reckless driving and damages, judgment was suspended for two weeks on payment of costs by Kenneth W. Bertram.

W. S. Thomas, white, pled guilty of passing on a hill. Damages having been settled, judgment was suspended on payment of \$12.50 and costs.

Dannie McDuffie, colored, was found guilty of assaulting Rosa Lee McCain by slapping her. He had to pay \$10 and costs.

John McDaniels, colored, had to pay \$10 and costs for having improper license plates on his car. Howard Miller, colored, paid costs for careless and reckless driving.

Arlene H. Payne, William F. Tucker and Henry J. Wilkins each paid \$10 and costs for speeding.

Robert W. Surles left a \$80 bond for speeding and Pauline E. Canidlin left \$40. Leaving \$25 bonds were Jess B. Tatum, Eugene B. Fauchaux, Thomas J. Barfield, Ralph Q. Nauright, Jr., and Margaret A. Harrington.

Leaving \$15 bonds were Charles M. Sutton, Samuel Schner, Josh Peterson, Laverne Barfield, Paul R. Kidel, Paul A. Steele, Herbert H. Sorey, Russell L. Ghunt, Jr., Frank G. McDaniel, Harold H. Isnel, James E. Lucas and James C. Taylor.

## Deer, Dove, Squirrel Hunting Season Ends

County Game Protector H. R. McLean this week reminded all hunters of the fact that open seasons on deer, dove and squirrel ended last week. Dove season closed on December 29, and seasons on deer and squirrel closed on January 1. He warned all hunters turning from deer to smaller game to plug their hand operated and automatic shotguns. The open season on other game will close on January 31, except for opossum and raccoon, which will close on February 15.

Jack Marcel of Raleigh spent the week end with James Alexander.