

Addenda

By The Editor

Representative Charles B. Deane's appointment to the House Appropriations Committee of the 84th Congress, which was mentioned here last week, was referred to in an Associated Press article discussing the assignments of North Carolina Congressmen as "the most important assignment short of a chairmanship."

Note that Rep. Harry Greene has been named a vice-chairman of the powerful house finance committee of the North Carolina General Assembly by Speaker Larry Moore. Moore has been sick in a hospital and has not released a complete list of appointments.

Speaking of Greene . . . I expect people of the county will feel disappointed that he did not see fit to vote against the rule the house passed yesterday which will enable them to completely hide any of their activity from the people of the State, or even from each other for that matter. I think passage of this rule is a terrible thing for a body of such stature as our General Assembly to pass, and one which they and the people of the State will regret. I am in full agreement, for once, with the Raleigh News & Observer in condemning its passage. But back to our representative, the News & Observer named 20 of the 21 who opposed the rule. Maybe Greene was the other one, and if he wasn't I hope he was absent.

If neither is the case I just can't understand it, because I have heard Greene express himself many times on the right of the people to know what is going on in their public business . . . at their courthouse, their town hall, and in their Legislature. The first step in countries that have lost their freedom and democracy has been to conceal the actions of public officials from the people. To be certain of their freedom the people must have available all the activities of their public officials on public business. They represent us, you and me, and we have a right to know what they are up to in making our laws and spending and levying our taxes. This is not just a wall from the newspapers of the State who have hurt feelings because they can't sit in the inner circle . . . If they can't sit there, you, the citizens, can't find out what goes on there. They sit there for you and in your place. If they are denied access, it is you in the final analysis who is being denied access. This question is a vital one, and no measure will be too great for the ultimate defeat of this rule, in my opinion. I will report on our representative's attitude after I have talked to him.

Opponents of the rule asked that the vote on it be deferred for 24 hours, just to give everyone a chance to think it over, and this was even overruled in getting it rushed by, although there was no reason to hurry. Another thing about the way it was handled seems deserving of contempt to me, and that is the fact that the boys didn't have the guts to do it on a roll call vote.

The new measure provides that committees may have "executive" sessions (a nice word for secret) whenever a quorum is present and a majority votes for such a session. It also provides that the chairman of a committee may remove anyone he considers prejudicial to good order in the committee room, or some such similar indefinite phrasing meaning that the chairman may have anyone he doesn't want in put out.

The two provisions of the rules are to apply to committees, where the work of any legislative body is done. As the News & Observer says, they might as well lock up

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Hoke Girls Win Two As Hodgins Scores 72 Points

Play Here Friday Night

The Hoke girls basketball team picked up two more victories this week behind the spectacular play of All-State Claudine Hodgins, who scored 36 points in each of the games. Victims were Clinton High here last Friday night and Red Springs there on Tuesday night.

Against Clinton the boys dropped a 59-45 game, but took their affair from Red Springs on Tuesday, 45-44.

In the Clinton game last Friday the Hoke girls had a 11-9 lead in the first period, and increased it as they went along to win 65-45. In addition to Hodgins' 36 points, Janet Guin tallied 23.

Against Red Springs on Tuesday Claudine again got 36 and Janet scored 20. High scorer for Red Springs was McMillan, with 33 points. Hoke girls won 56-51.

Boys Win And Lose

In the boys contest against Clinton Ed Bowling for Hoke led the scoring with 21 points, although his team was beaten 59-45. Caison, with 17 points, was top man for the visiting Clinton team.

At Red Springs Tuesday night Bowling again led his team in scoring, and this time to victory as well, as they won 45-44. Bowling dropped in 17 points this time, followed by Bobbitt with 16 points. McCracken was high for the home team with 13.

Here Friday and Tuesday

The Hoke boys and girls teams will play Tabor City in the local gymnasium tomorrow night, and on Tuesday night they will play the Lumberton teams here. On Friday of next week they will go to Clinton.

Mrs. Callie Bostic Dies Early Tuesday; Funeral Held Today

Mrs. Callie Davis Bostic died Tuesday morning in a Fayetteville hospital and funeral services were held at 1:00 o'clock this afternoon at the home of her son, Clifford D. Bostic, in this county, Lumber Bridge, Route one. The Rev. W. B. Cotton and the Rev. N. P. Edens conducted the services, and burial was to follow in the Golden Grove cemetery in Kenansville.

Mrs. Bostic was born in Person County, daughter of the late W. T. and Mollie Davis. She was the widow of the late C. L. Bostic of Duplin County, near Kenansville, from which place she came to this county in 1930. She had lived with her son, Clifford, since that time and celebrated her 80th birthday last October.

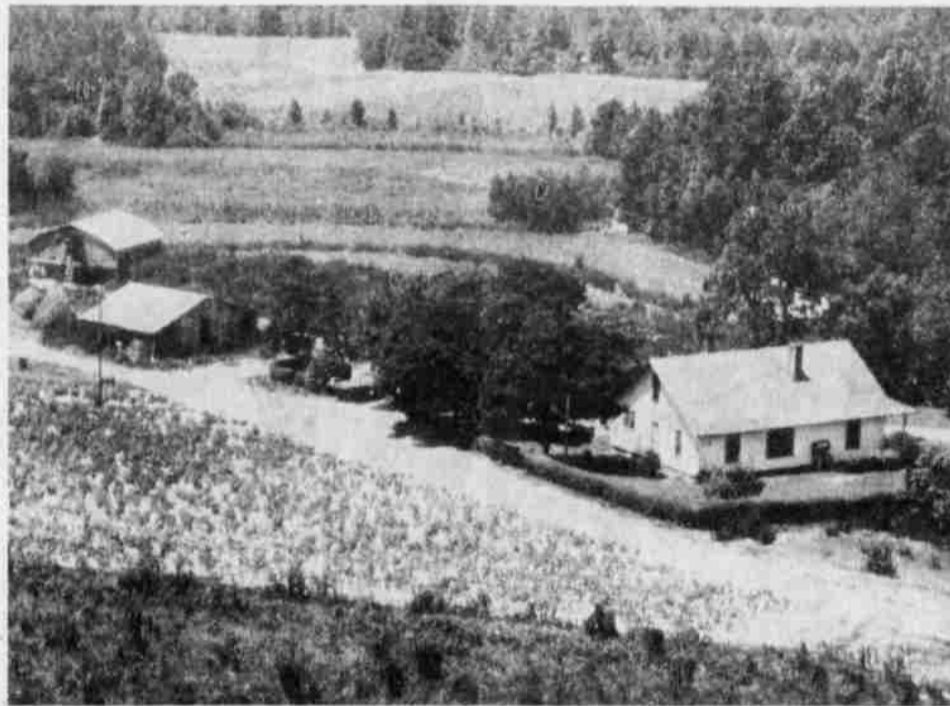
She is survived by four sons, Clifford, Burnice B. of Route two, Raeford, Kenneth Bostic of Hope Mills and Gardner Bostic of Red Springs; one step-son, W. L. Bostic of Magnolia; three daughters, Mrs. Delton King of Fayetteville, Mrs. Thomas Rogers, Warsaw, and Mrs. W. B. Lowrance, Port Gibson, Mass.; three brothers, C. J. Davis, Clinton, R. V. Davis, Beulahville, and W. T. Davis, New Hill. She also leaves 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Two Mystery Pictures Running This Week

The "Mystery Farm Picture," which appeared in last week's paper, was not identified correctly, and so appears again this week, on page three. Usual subscription prizes will be given for its identification, and the framed original is waiting at the office for the owner or occupant of the home to come in and claim.

This week's picture also appears, and prizes will be given for its correct identification.

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.

John A. McKeithan, Long-Time Resident, Passes Away Sun.

John A. McKeithan, native of the McKeithan Pond section of the part of this county that is now the Fort Bragg reservation, died at Moore County Hospital Sunday after being in declining health for some time and in the hospital for about two weeks. He would have been 80 years of age in February if he had lived.

Mr. McKeithan was the oldest son of the late Daniel and Lydia McKeithan and came to Raeford to live before the year 1900. He was in the mule and horse business here for some time, and dealt in naval stores in several southern states for many years.

Funeral was conducted at the Raeford Presbyterian Church at three o'clock Monday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Heyward, and burial was in Raeford cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma McKeithan; three sons, M. B. McKeithan of Raleigh, J. D. and Julian B. McKeithan of Raeford; one daughter, Mrs. William Maurer of Rocky Mount; three brothers, M. L. McKeithan, Martin McKeithan and Herbert McKeithan, all of Raeford; two sisters, Mrs. Christian Davis of Raeford and Miss Mayme McKeithan of Raeford; and seven grandchildren.

Floyd Capps Funeral At Galatia Friday

Floyd J. Capps, 54, son of the late Louisa May Lewis and John R. Capps of this county, died last Thursday morning at about 5:30. He had been a resident of the county all his life.

Funeral service was held at 4:00 o'clock Friday afternoon at Galatia Presbyterian Church in Cumberland County, with the Rev. Scott Turner, Jr., conducting. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. May Hinson of Goldsboro; three brothers, W. H. Capps of New York City, Arthur L. of Fayetteville and Milton E. Capps of Fayetteville, Route one.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Upchurch were called to Albany, Georgia Saturday on account of the illness of Mrs. Upchurch's uncle. Mr. Upchurch returned on Monday, and Mrs. Upchurch will return the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Joe C. Campbell Dies Yesterday; Plan Funeral Antioch Fri.

Mrs. Joe C. Campbell died in Scotland Memorial Hospital at 6:50 p. m. Wednesday, and funeral will be held at Antioch Presbyterian Church at 3:00 o'clock Friday afternoon, January 21.

Mrs. Campbell, the former Margaret James McBryde, was born May 5, 1882, daughter of the late James A. McBryde and Margaret B. McInnis. She had spent her entire life in this county and was the widow of Joe C. Campbell, who died last February.

Funeral services for Mrs. Campbell will be conducted by the Rev. Gower Crosswell, her pastor at Antioch, and burial will follow in the church cemetery. Pallbearers are to be Walter G. McBryde, Dan Campbell, Jr., Wilson McBryde, Bruce Conoly, Everett McBryde, Lloyd Gillis, Douglas Johnson and John Haire.

Surviving are two children, Mrs. Murphy McLaughlin of Red Springs and Clyde Campbell; two grandchildren; three brothers, J. D. McBryde, A. M. McBryde and D. M. McBryde; and a number of nieces and nephews.

James A. McQueen Passes At 84; Buried At Bethel Sunday

James Archibald McQueen, 84-year-old native of this county, died at a Laurinburg nursing home Saturday morning after a long period of failing health. He was a son of the late Rev. Archibald McQueen and Flora Nicholson McQueen, and was born in the part of this county that was then Robeson.

He was a farmer in Blue Springs Township before health forced his retirement some years ago, and he was also a mail carrier for several years. He was a Mason and a member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services were conducted at Bethel Presbyterian Church at four o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. J. W. Amory, pastor at Bethel. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. McQueen is survived by two sisters, Mrs. E. S. Smith and Miss Flora McQueen of Raeford.

Mrs. Russ Parker left Tuesday for Corbin, Kentucky to join her husband, Major Parker, who is stationed there.

Solicitor Rowland Considers Quitting

(By Paul Dickson)

Solicitor G. B. Rowland told me today he was seriously considering resigning his position as solicitor of the Hoke County recorder's court after a case that was tried in the court yesterday. He referred to the case in which R. L. (Roy) Long was tried on a charge of driving drunk and found not guilty by Judge Moses. Long was arrested by State Highway Patrolman Harris in the presence of Patrolman Herbin soon after midnight on the morning of December 23, and both patrolmen testified that he was drunk in their opinion, thick-talking, unsteady on his feet, smelling of alcohol.

Evidence by Long and some tenants and friends of his was that he had been bird hunting the day before and had stopped at their home where they had worked on a tractor until about midnight, and that all Long had had to drink was two beers.

He was found not guilty, and Rowland says that after leaving the courtroom Moses (judge of the court) made a remark in which he used the expression "rubber stamp" in referring to the highway patrolmen. Rowland said that if their evidence was not to be considered in the court that he did not see how he could do any good as prosecuting attorney, as officers have a duty to be where crimes are likely to take place, and that evidence for the State in most cases comes from officers of the law. He said that if these officers were as untrustworthy as Moses seems to think they are, they ought to be replaced.

Rowland also told me that Long had come to him about the case, saying that he was guilty and wanting to know if there was some way he could get it deferred until September, as he could not get around to look after his farming interests this year without being able to drive. Rowland said he told him he couldn't represent both sides, and that he had better go get him a lawyer.

He didn't act like he had made up his mind when he left here, but he seemed somewhat upset about the whole matter, as it appears to me he had good reason to be.

Mrs. Wilmer McBryde visited Mr. and Mrs. Angus Sinclair in Maxton on Sunday.

HEAVY DOCKET FACES JUDGE STEVENS IN SUPERIOR COURT

Recorder's Court Tues. And Wed.; 15 Cases Heard

The regular session of Hoke County recorder's court was held before Judge T. O. Moses on Tuesday and again on Wednesday, concluding shortly before three p. m. Fourteen cases were heard in court, with only one being contested, although there were two other pleas of not guilty without defense attorneys. Seventeen bonds were forfeited on charges of speeding, and one on another charge.

R. L. Long, white, was charged with driving drunk, and was found not guilty. Ace Miles, colored, pled guilty of driving drunk and got 90 days suspended on payment of \$100 and court costs. James L. Blackman, colored, pled guilty of driving drunk and carrying a concealed weapon. Sentence was four months, to be suspended on payment of \$150 and costs, confiscation of the pistol, and two years good behavior.

George S. West, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving. Billy Hicks, white, also pled guilty of the same offense, and judgment was suspended on payment of \$10 and costs. Foster Wright, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs for the same offense. David D. Wright, white of Fayetteville, was found guilty and had to pay costs.

J. C. Purcell, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of assault. Jerry Bennett, colored, pled guilty of assaulting his wife and got 30 days suspended on payment of costs.

Earl Lee Grant, white soldier, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws, and pled guilty of assaulting H. G. Cranford with a bottle. In the first case he got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. In the second he got four months to be suspended on payment of \$200 fine, costs, doctor bill and damage. Total bill to get him out was \$328.10, and he was still in yesterday afternoon.

Samuel Scriven, white, forfeited a \$25 bond for having improper brakes. Paying \$10 and costs for speeding were Jesse R. Wilson, Donald Shaw and Sydney Lawrence. Robert G. Freeman paid costs for speeding.

Leaving \$60 bonds for speeding were Frank C. Palotta, J. B. Harper, Jr., and Travis L. Brown. John W. Ferns left \$40. Leaving \$25 each were Jack Carr, Thomas J. Henry, Franklin E. Etheridge, Charles P. Moretz, Toni Cataldo and Thomas Lesh. Leaving \$15 each were Nick Karamitsos, Julia D. Bottelton, Albert A. Fuller, Alfred La Jeunesse, George L. Havercamp, Wayne T. Jones and William L. Mitchell.

WOODMEN TO MEET

Next Thursday night, January 27, there will be a special meeting of the Raeford Woodmen in the Woodman Hall for the purpose of installing officers for the year 1955. Nick T. Newberry of Charlotte, Woodmen state manager, will be installing officer.

PATROL OFFICE HOURS

A Hoke County member of the State Highway Patrol will be in the sheriff's office one hour each day, from 9:00 to 10:00 in the mornings except Sundays, for the purpose of inspecting out-of-state cars requiring inspection for North Carolina registration. Patrol regulations do not allow patrolmen to spend more time in the office, and these inspections must be done during the time allotted.

Criminal Docket Monday; Civil Set For Thursday

Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw, who is holding court in Fayetteville this week, will come here next week to preside at the regular January term of Hoke County Superior Court which will open on Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Criminal cases are set to be tried the first three days of the week, with civil cases being calendared for Thursday.

A docket of some thirty-odd criminal cases will face Judge Stevens and Solicitor Malcolm Seawell, with several being left from the last term, when the judge was sick for a day and a half and the docket was not finished.

Most serious of the criminal cases to be tried is that in which two colored youths are charged with assault and rape. They are Will Hollingsworth and John Clifton Morrison. Rappew James Shaw and Robert McMillan are charged with being accessories to the crime.

Alvis Faulk, colored of Little River Township, is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. It is charged that Faulk shot R. L. Brooks, storekeeper, in the back twice with a .22 rifle on November 30. Brooks was in critical condition at Moore County Hospital for a time, but is considerably improved. Erwin McLeod, colored, is charged with being an accessory to the crime.

Other cases include a Negro charged with breaking and entering and larceny at Hoke Trading Co., several appeals of drunk driving convictions, as well as speeding, violating the prohibition laws, assault, and non-support.

Fifteen civil cases are on the calendar for Thursday, although usually not more than about one-third or less of the cases on the calendar get to trial. These include divorces, slander suits, property arguments, family disagreements and the like.

The same grand jury will serve for the term, and the list for petit jury is as follows:

W. R. Adcox, Jeff Davis, Jack McKenzie, Miss Lela Teal, Chalmers Davis, W. W. McLean, Mrs. R. L. Long, Paul Livingston, Mrs. C. J. Connell, M. V. Peele, J. D. McBryde, Clarence Koonce, J. B. Haire, Robert Daniels, L. L. Faircloth, R. O. Cothran, Clifton McGregor, J. A. Priest, W. J. McBryde, D. H. Smith, C. E. Jackson, Mrs. Bernice Garner, Floyd Johnson, C. R. Turney, James G. Wood, R. F. Clark, H. E. Currie, Charles Dargamus, Whalan Cozart, Howard Livingston, C. M. Baker, G. W. Laton, John McK. Blue, William Lentz, A. J. Lundy.

Kids Enjoy Snow As No School Wed.

Heavy snow fell over most of North Carolina Wednesday, and although it seems to have been somewhat lighter in Raeford and Hoke County than over most of the State, it was still heavy enough to cause school to be called off. Depth here has been variously estimated at from less than two to three inches. It ran up to better than six or seven in many places.

School was out for the day, and snow fell until early afternoon. It was reported to have been the most snow in seven years in most places, and here there were snow men going up at a furious pace all over town, old rusty sleds being tried out, and teen-age boys throwing snowballs at one and all.

Some snow is left today, but the weather is warmer and it won't be here long. The temperature didn't fall to freezing until early this morning, so much continued to melt during the night.