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## Addenda -

By The Editor

Named by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte last week among the 10 most outstanding young men of the year was Thomas Earl Yarborough, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Yarborough of Raeford. He was born here in 1922 and attended Hoke County High School. During the war he worked for the Glenn Martin aircraft company in Baltimore, being physically disqualified for military service, due to an asthmatic condition.

After the war he went to Charlotte in 1945 and joined the firm of Harry & Bryant, among the oldest and best known funeral directors there. He has been vice president of this company since 1950. In the Charlotte Optimist club he has been chairman of the Boy Scout committee, Boys Work chairman, district chairman of boys oratorical training, vice president and president. He has also worked in Red Cross drives, Mercy Hospital building fund campaign, YMCA campaign, United Fund, and has held various posts in the Presbyterian Church.

Earl is really making good, and it is a pleasure to extend congratulations to him and his family. Getting picked among 10 in a city the size of Charlotte is some achievement. Here's hoping he will be named the one in the near future.

Of considerable interest to younger natives of Raeford and also interesting to newcomers was Kiwanian John McGoogan's program at the regular weekly meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club last Thursday night. McGoogan, who became county superintendent of schools when the county was formed in 1911, took as his subject the existence of Raeford Institute.

With Mr. McGoogan as guest, and to keep him telling the truth, was Edwin McKeithen, Moore County man who attended Raeford Institute from 1898 to 1901 and who has been administrator of Moore County Hospital for many years. His son is the Superior Court judge, W. A. Leland McKeithen. Also along was Landon Tyson, department store operator of Aberdeen who was a resident of Raeford about the time McGoogan was attending Raeford Institute and who was, McGoogan says, a great handicap to the courting of teachers on the campus.

Mr. McGoogan told of how the school was well-known in its day and that it had many students who went on to the best colleges in the country. He said it had about 300 or more students at one time. It was put here before Raeford was here, the town coming to the school instead of the other way around.

There were a good many interesting facts recounted by McGoogan, and then Mr. McKeithen added a few things he remembered. When they got through President J. H. Blue of the Kiwanis Club added his bit from what he could remember, all adding up to a pretty good picture of this community about 45 to 60 years ago. I am going to try to get Mr. McGoogan to write it down or help me write it down so I can print it. Some day a written record of events about the birth of this town will be the only place to find it, and on its 100th birthday maybe our grandchildren would find it interesting.

Understand from Sheriff D. H. Hodgin that Raeford Night Pooleman Jesse Lee did some good work about three o'clock this morning when he called Officers Jones and Meeks to help him surround Johnson Cotton Company. They caught one man in the place and were able to recover all the stolen goods and all but \$2 of the money in making two more arrests.

## Lucas Farm Is Photo Of Week

The farm of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Howard Lucas in Quewhiffle Township was correctly named by only two readers after it was pictured as the mystery farm in last week's paper. Furman Clark of Raeford and Mrs. Crowell Almond of Route One Aberdeen, guessed right on its identity, and it was also picked as the home of Mrs. J. F. McDowell near Rockfish and the home of J. A. Jordan near Arabia.

The Lucas home is on a farm of 110 acres, located about six miles from Aberdeen between the Buchan farm and Henry Blue's farm. Mr. Lucas is a son of J. R. and Loretta Graves Lucas, and was born in Randolph County, although he has lived in Hoke since 1920. Mrs. Lucas is the former Margie Jones of Southport, and they were married in February, 1943, having met while he was on the coast with the Navy. They have one daughter, Frances Loretta, aged 11 and in the fifth grade at Ashmont School.

Mr. Lucas attended Ashmont and was in the Navy from 1941 to 1945, being separated as a chief petty officer. He served in the Atlantic near the coast, and for the last 18 months in the Pacific. He served approximately three months during the war with the British Navy, as an instructor on U. S. equipment. He finished high school in the Navy and attended the University of Houston, Texas, for six months.

A disabled veteran, he is paying for the farm which he bought from P. D. Hawks, who had owned it for the previous five years. The land was cleared by M. C. Brown in the early nineteen twenties.

Lucas is an all around farmer, raising four acres of tobacco, five acres of cotton, corn, and doing some truck farming. He is also in the poultry business, raising 28,000 chickens last year and 9,000 this. He says he was about the third farmer in this county to start commercial chicken raising. He also raised 20 hogs last year. The family attends the Pine Hill Baptist Church.

## Leadership School At Flora Macdonald Starting Monday

Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., Administrative Dean of Flora Macdonald College, has announced that the fourth consecutive School of Leadership Education, sponsored jointly by Flora Macdonald and Fayetteville Presbytery, will be held at the college, beginning Monday evening, January 31. These meetings will be held thereafter each Monday evening, through February 28, from 7:30 to 9:30, with a half-hour intermission.

This school is a concerted effort on the part of the church to improve the work done in Sunday Schools and in the Church as a whole. Its personnel will consist of interested workers who will share with each other ways and means in achieving better results in teaching Christianity. The schedule will include a series of classes or seminars of brief intensive periods of study, whose purpose is the preparation and equipment of adult leaders and potential leaders to fill the many positions of service and responsibility in churches and church schools.

Dr. R. F. Sloop, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Lumberton, will be dean of the school, and the curriculum committee will include Dr. Sloop, Dr. Gwynn and Dr. Leslie Bullock. The class on "Study of the Book of Romans—Methods for Teaching this Book", will be conducted by Dr. Gwynn.

Mrs. Harold Stone returned to her home in Falls Church, Virginia last week after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Warren.

## 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.

## Upchurches Attend Cotton Council Meeting In Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Upchurch and Clyde Upchurch, Jr., are to leave by air from Charlotte tomorrow for Houston, Texas, where they will represent this area at the 17th Annual meeting of the National Cotton Council. Lewis Upchurch, a director of the national council, represents crushers at the meeting, and Clyde, Jr., represents ginners.

Council delegates representing the six basic segments of the industry, producers, ginners warehousemen, merchants, cottonseed crushers and spinners, will meet in Houston Monday and Tuesday to formulate the policies and programs to be executed during 1955 for increasing the consumption of cotton.

Fred P. Johnson of Raleigh and Hoke County will attend as a representative of the producers. T. B. Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford, was also named a producers delegate, but will be unable to attend the meeting. The group from here expects to return next Wednesday.

## Farm On Thomas Place Finally Named

The picture of two weeks ago which was run again last week in addition to the regular mystery farm picture, was finally named last week, and a little investigation disclosed why it was so hard to identify. The picture was of a house on the C. L. Thomas farm about two miles west of Raeford, on the south side of the Aberdeen road. It was correctly named by A. E. Baker of Raeford and Tommy Seaford of Aberdeen, Route one.

The home, occupied in recent years by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pickler, and more recently by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parks, is vacant at the present time. What made it difficult to identify is that Hurricane Hazel blew away all the trees that were in the picture, and Mr. Thomas had had the barn moved since the picture was taken back in the summer.

It was on the farm formerly owned by the late J. P. Smith, and was built by Mr. Smith about 30 years ago, being first occupied by the late Jack Dixon and family.

Mrs. C. J. Benner spent several days last week touring points of interest in Florida.

## Chamber Merchants Name Six Directors

Members of the Merchants Division of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce this week named six of their number to be a board of directors of the division. Those elected were A. H. McPhaul, John Draughon, Israel Mann, Luke McNeill, Younger Sneed, and W. L. Howell.

The group met on Wednesday morning and elected W. L. Howell chairman for the year. There was discussion of closing hours and holidays during 1955, and plans were made for another meeting in the near future to work out a complete program for the division.

Department and Jewelry stores, dime stores, gave notice of closing on Wednesday afternoons starting next week, and others including furniture and appliance stores are already closing on Wednesday afternoons.

## 1955 New Grower Tobacco Allotments

Eligible producers interested in applying for a NEW GROWER tobacco allotment should file an application at the Hoke County ASC Office prior to February 1, 1955. In order to be eligible for a new grower tobacco allotment, all of the following conditions must be met:

- (1) The farm operator shall have had experience in growing the kind of tobacco for which an allotment is requested either as a share cropper, tenant, or as a farm operator during two of the past five years: Provided, That a farm operator who was in the armed services after September 16, 1940, shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this subparagraph if he has had such experience during one year either within the five years immediately prior to his entry into the armed services or within the five years immediately following his discharge from the armed services and if he files an application for an allotment within five crop years from date of discharge.
- (2) The farm operator shall live on and be largely dependent for his livelihood on the farm covered by the application.
- (3) The farm covered by the application shall be the only farm owned or operated by the owner or farm operator for which a Burley or flue-cured tobacco allotment is established for the 1955-56 marketing year.

## Girls Win Another Here Friday; Tabor City Beats Boys

With All-State Claudine Hodgin accounting for 34 points and Janet Guin for 20, the Hoke County High School girls basketball team added another victory to their unbroken string when they beat Tabor City girls here last Friday night, 58-54.

The local girls took the lead in the first period and stayed out in front all the way. Horne and Norris were outstanding for the visitors with 25 and 26 points, respectively, accounting for 51 of their team's 54 points.

In the boys game Tabor City won, 45-34, behind the spirited play of Fields, who scored 22 points. Bowling led for Hoke High with 12 points, followed by Bobbitt with 10.

Games scheduled for Tuesday night against Lumberton here were not played, due to changes in examination schedules caused by snow. The Hoke teams go to Clinton on Friday night.

## Youth To Conduct Service At Bethel

The Youth Fellowship of Bethel Presbyterian Church will have complete charge of the morning worship service at the church next Sunday, which has been designated as Assembly's Youth Sunday and is being so observed in many Presbyterian churches. Homer Tuttle will preside.

At the Sunday evening service Youth Fellowship officers will be installed. The officers are Homer Tuttle, president; Betty Jean Autry, vice-president; Elizabeth Polston, secretary-treasurer. Program chairman is Ruby Mae Clarke and adult advisors are Miss Dixie Linthicum and Miss Betty Jean Clark.

## 3 CHURCHES PLAN RELIGIOUS CENSUS

The Raeford Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches will band together Sunday afternoon to survey the religious life and connections of the people of the town.

The entire community will be covered in the canvass in which members of the three churches will take part, and the ministers ask that residents remain at home if possible on next Sunday afternoon until they have been contacted.

## SUPERIOR COURT IS ADJOURNED TUESDAY; CIVIL IS POSTPONED

### Polio Drive Lags; Plan Mothers March Here Monday Night

Roger W. Dixon, county chairman of the 1955 March of Dimes, said this week that response to the appeal for funds to fight infantile paralysis had thus far been very slight in Hoke County. Up to Wednesday only \$246 had been contributed, of a goal in the county of \$5,000.

Dixon said that due to the great need for funds and in view of the great good done with money from previous drives in the county and over the nation, he felt certain that people of this county wanted to take part in the drive this year. He said the campaign had been extended to February 15, and that complete organization would be made of the communities in the county. He urged the public to cooperate.

The Mother's March on Polio will be held throughout North Carolina Monday night, and in Raeford a Woman's Club committee headed by Miss Ellen Currie will canvass the town. At 7:00 o'clock, preceding the canvass, a motorcade with patrol cars and other cars will tour the town blowing sirens and horns. Those wishing to contribute to the drive may take this as a signal to turn on their front lights, and the canvassers will stop during the next hour at homes with front lights on.

### 2 Buildings Broken Into Here This Week

Auto Inn and Johnson Cotton Company were both broken into by thieves this week. They are both in the south end of the main business section of town, and total loot from both did not amount to a great deal.

On Monday night Auto Inn was entered by way of a window which they broke in the side of the building. R. L. Carter, proprietor, says they used his wheelbarrow to haul his safe over to the cotton gin, where they used his tire tools to get it open. There was not a cent in it, and the papers were all left unharmed with the safe. Carter says there was a little money in the cash register, which was open, but they didn't bother it, nor anything else.

On Wednesday night Johnson Cotton Co., was entered from a second story window on the back side. About \$40 was reported stolen, along with a set of wrenches and four tires.

The thefts are being investigated by Chief W. J. McQuage and Rural Policemen Jones and Meeks. The tires and wrenches have been recovered and one arrest has been made.

### Forest Ranger Gives Statistics On Fires

Hoke County Forest Ranger C. F. McBryde this week released figures on the damage done by forest fires in Hoke County during the period of the six months from July 1 through December 31, 1954. There were 9 fires by the following causes: Incendary 2, Lumbering 2, Smoker 4, and Miscellaneous 1.

These fires burned upon 250 acres, all of which were forest land. Damage was totaled at \$1009.80, all of which was for forest land. These damage figures were based on a State-wide damage appraisal system used by the North Carolina Forest Service. Forest fires were found by County Ranger McBryde on 22 percent (Continued on back page)

Mrs. Willie Seward of Southern Pines was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Benner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lewis spent Sunday and Monday in Charlotte.

### McBryde Found Not Guilty

What last week promised to be a full week of criminal and civil court at the regular January term of Hoke County Superior Court turned out to be only two full days when Judge Henry Stevens of Warsaw adjourned the term late Tuesday. Solicitor Malcolm Seawell was absent Tuesday on other business, and the civil calendar, which had been set for Thursday, was postponed.

In the case in which four Negro youths were charged with rape, the State accepted a plea of guilty of assaulting a female from two of them and charges against the other two were dismissed. Will Hollingsworth and John Clifton Morrison submitted the pleas and went to the roads for 12 months, and Rappew J. Shaw and Robert McMillan were freed. Alvis Faulk, colored, 17, of Little River Township, entered a plea of guilty of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Faulk shot R. L. Brooks, white storekeeper, in the back with a .22 rifle two times on November 30. Faulk was sent to prison for 10 years, and charges of being an accessory against Edwin McLeod, colored, were dismissed.

Case in which C. F. McBryde, Jr., was charged with driving drunk, being drunk and disorderly and damaging the county jail was postponed due to the illness of former Raeford Policeman C. J. McNeill, a witness for the State. Another case in which McBryde was charged with driving drunk, resisting arrest and violating the prohibition laws by possessing non-tax-paid liquor, came to trial. Charge of resisting arrest was dismissed and a jury found McBryde not guilty of driving drunk. He pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws, and was fined \$25 and court costs.

Driving drunk charge against Martin Scarborough, white, was also continued due to McNeill's illness. Charles M. Welch, Robbins white man, failed to appear on a charge of driving drunk, and capias was ordered. Eugene A. Wood, white man of Wilson, was tried for driving drunk and a mistrial was ordered when the jury could not agree on his guilt or innocence. John Smith, colored, pled guilty of driving drunk and paid \$100 and costs. Case against Paul H. Starner, white man charged with driving drunk, was continued.

In the case of James A. Glover, colored man who was charged with attempted breaking and entering at the home of Wilbert Stanton here, Glover has been in a State mental institution since last term. The State dropped the case this week, when Glover's people agreed to take him back to South Carolina.

Oscar Lee Stark, colored, pled guilty of breaking and larceny at Hoke Trading Company and was sent to the roads for one year.

Wilson McPhatter, colored, pled guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and was sent to the roads for two years.

In the case in which Ulysses McCall, colored, was charged with non-support, McCall seemed to have things worked out with his wife, and prayer for judgment was continued for two years on payment of costs.

After hearing State's evidence the court directed a verdict of not guilty in the case in which Bennie Bandy, colored, was charged with a deadly weapon. West Bullard, Indian, was found not guilty by a jury on a charge of violating the prohibition laws.

Thomas L. Lloyd, white, pled guilty of speeding 70 and paid \$25 and costs. Other cases continued were Joseph E. Santa, speeding; Theodore M. Carrington, careless and reckless driving; Marshall Williams, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; Ozell (Continued on Page 8)