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Addenda

By The Editor

About the strongest rumor going around these days is that United States Rubber Company intends to close a deal for the purchase of the Para Thread Company here before the end of February. It is also reported that they intend to purchase the building, on Bethel Road, from the Hoke County Development Corporation who built it for the American Wringer Company when they first set up the Para Thread Co. here.

The news, even if completely unofficial, is mighty good news to the community, particularly when it also indicates that all employees except the top level are to be retained by the new operators of the plant. The U. S. Rubber Company is a large company, and it has a good reputation. Communities that have its plants like the company, and it is a money-making company, one that runs its plants. That's what labor and businessmen—all of us—like to hear. It's what rings the cash registers and pays the bills.

The only sad thing about the whole business is the fact that the rumor says Harvey Gobeille, manager of the plant, will not have a place under the new owners. Harvey and his family have made fine citizens of this community ever since they came here in the summer of 1950. He has been active in the Kiwanis Club and has done much work with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. He has been a director of and served the Chamber of Commerce as president. He is highly regarded by the whole business community as being a man of sound, conservative judgment, of high character and integrity. Most businessmen here who know Gobeille are of the opinion that he is the type of man that any company could make good use of, and regret that the new company apparently intends to take him and his family from the community as their first act.

Of course, it's their company, and they undoubtedly have some sound thinkers at the helm. We do, however, hope they will see fit to give full consideration to the superlative value of this man to them from a standpoint of employee morale and community relations.

All the comment I have been able to hear since the Kiwanis Club gave Truman Austin its "Man of the Year" award two weeks ago is to the effect that they picked the right man, and that Truman was their private choice beforehand. This sort of feeling should make both the club and Austin feel right good.

Letter from Mrs. Lena H. Terrell, referring to the death recently in Harnett County of Mrs. Grissella McCormick Cameron, digs back into the past a bit. Mrs. Terrell says she grew up in the home of this lady and was just like a sister to her, although really her niece. A native of Harnett County, she was a member of the Barbecue Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Terrell says she remembers when she went off to school as a girl and later to teach. Mrs. McCormick was also an aunt of Mrs. D. J. Ray of Route two, and Mrs. M. W. Gillis of Fayetteville. "We are all old," she said.

Long letter from Ben Wicks, manager of the bottling plant in Aberdeen, urging the public to object to the proposed one-cent tax on soft drinks, arrived too late for publication. He points out that bottlers already pay the same taxes that other people and businesses do, and that the additional tax would be picking on them particularly. I agree with him, and think that it would be a nuisance to the public as well.

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McLauchlin Home In Blue Springs Named By Many

The farm of Sim "Tip" McLauchlin, prosperous colored farmer of Blue Springs Township, has been correctly guessed by some twenty people as the farm pictured as the mystery farm picture in last week's paper. It was first identified by Lonnie Hendrix, and first rural subscriber to name it right was Clifford Bostic. Others making correct guesses early were Mrs. A. R. Fitzsimmons, Luther W. Clark, William Lentz, Martin Webb, Louise Blue N. B. Sinclair and J. D. McCrimmon.

The home pictured in the paper is located on a 6 1/2 acre tract, part of a total of 127 and a half acres Sim owns. It is located about five miles south of Raeford and is just west of Bowmore. Sim bought the place from Ellen B. McLauchlin in 1942 and built the home and moved his family into it in 1943. It had been a part of the Richard Graham estate and she had inherited it.

McLauchlin is a son of Sandy Alexander McLauchlin and was born in the David Purcell place in Blue Springs Township not far from where his father was born. His wife is former Stella Graham, also a native of Blue Springs Township and member of another family in the section for many years. They were married in December of 1920. Sim has one son, Thomas of Buffalo, N. Y., by a former marriage and 13 by his last. They are Ada, Odessa, Sim Jr., Richard, Ozella and Thelma, all at or near home, Henry of the Air Force in Kansas City, Johnny of the Army in Alaska, Clyde of Buffalo, Sally and Doris of Brooklyn, and Marie of Nashville, Tenn. He has 14 grandchildren.

He is a member of the East Freedom Presbyterian Church, and his wife and family are members of the Bowmore Methodist Church. He is also a Mason, member of the lodge at Elizabethtown and the one at home.

He raises tobacco, cotton, corn, oats, wheat, "and children," as he says. He rents farm land in addition to his own, and uses a Farmall Super A and a Super C. He puts 1200 pounds of 3-9-8 to his tobacco with 100 pounds of top dressing. He puts 600 pounds under his cotton and top dresses with 100 pounds of cal-nitro.

PERSONALS

Mrs. H. A. Cameron, Miss Florence Cameron and Don Cameron left Tuesday for a ten day trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith and Stewart spent the week end in the home of their daughter, Mrs. John A. Seates in Winston-Salem.

Gene Brooks III of Durham spent the week end with Mrs. Brooks and baby in the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Matheson.

Mrs. Bill Murdock and son, Mark Stephens of Gastonia are spending several days this week with Mrs. Murdock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Klutz.

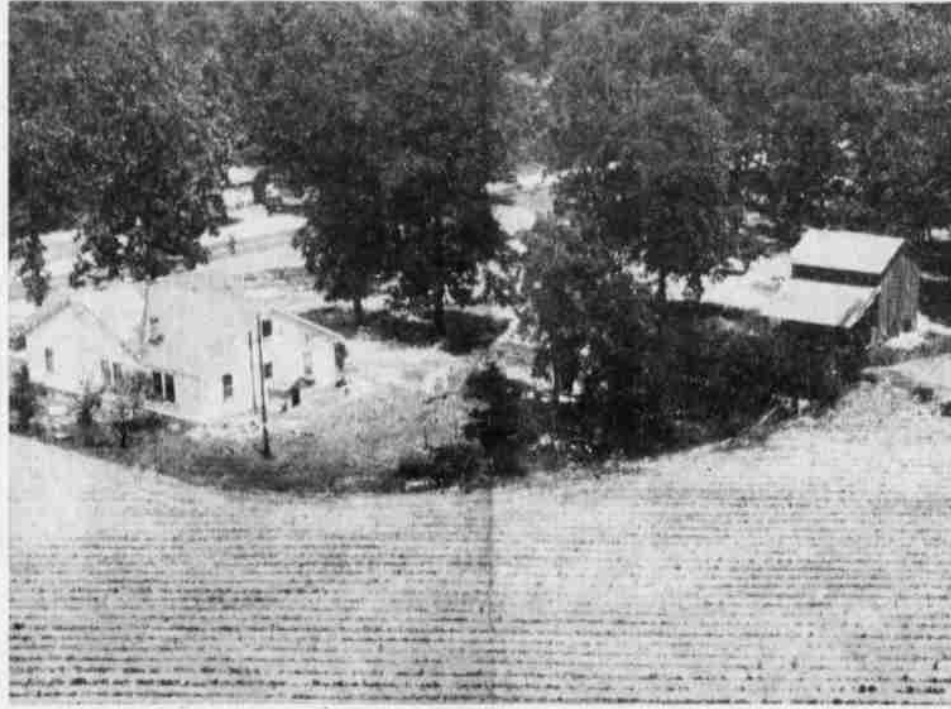
Miss Mima Byrne of Red Springs was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Barrington and family of Fuquay Springs visited Mr. Helen S. Barrington during the week end.

Johnny McPhaul of East Carolina College, Greenville spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Kate McPhaul. He had as his guest, Jimmy Bracey, who also attends ECC.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hinnant and family are now occupying the house recently vacated by the Charles Klutz family on the Covington farm.

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.

Town Board Has Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the town commissioners of Raeford was held at the town hall on Monday night with all members present. Mayor Alfred Cole presided.

The board voted to secure bids and proceed with the necessary repairs to the electrical wiring on the town hall as indicated by a recent inspection.

Question of extension of East Edinboro Avenue was discussed and no action taken.

John K. McNeill, Jr., of the board, was named to work with Fire Chief R. B. Lewis to bring about certain improvements in town which would bring about a reduction of fire insurance rates. This has been considered for some time, and investigation indicates that it may be possible to save property owners several thousand dollars in insurance premiums.

The board confirmed the permanent appointment of W. P. Pittman as a member of the police force, and passed a resolution of appreciation for the fine service rendered the town by C. J. McNeill as a police officer.

The construction of a community building on the Lytch lot, a residential area, was approved on condition that adjoining property owners did not object.

SQUARE DANCE TUES.

Roger Dixon, March of Dimes chairman, announces a square dance for the benefit of the drive at the armory next Tuesday night, February 15. Music is to be furnished free by Tom Campbell and his string band. Dixon said any who wish to contribute to the drive could do so at this time.

INFANT RIPLEY DIES

Frances Wilma Ripley, six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ripley, Jr., of Raeford, died Sunday. She had never been well. Funeral service and burial was in Hendersonville Tuesday morning.

Mrs. J. S. Johnson and Mrs. W. L. Poole spent the week end in Greensboro. While there they attended a bridge tournament on Saturday and visited Mrs. Flora McLauchlin on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Langdon and family spent Monday in Fayetteville with Miss Marian Regan.

Draft Board Unable To Contact 27 Men Up For Induction

Mrs. J. M. Baker, clerk to the Hoke County Selective Service board, this week asked the help of the public in locating or notifying 27 men of their liability for induction into the armed forces. Eighteen of the men are colored, five are Indian and four are white. All are subject to immediate induction upon location, Mrs. Baker said.

Their names are John M. McLean, Junious Currie, Robert Lee Rogers, D. J. Deberry, James Willie Wright, Amos McNeill, Hargle Lee Jones, George Armstrong, John McCoy, Jr., Willie B. Graham, Joe Henry Mack, James Rufus McDonald, James Arthur Wright, Johnnie Lee McDoyle, Tim McNair, James William Chambers, Belton Sinclair and Nathan Buie, all colored; Monroe Goins, Willard Hunt, Ezra Pierce, Tilmer Pierce and Jack Hunt, all Indian; Raymond William D. Hall, Elbert Chalmers Sykes, Lacy Allen Parker and Veras Griffin, all white.

Mrs. Baker asked that anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of these men please notify the board at once.

RURITAN FEED FRIDAY FOR MARCH OF DIMES

The Ruritan club is sponsoring a chicken and oyster supper at Rockfish school Friday night, February 11 for the benefit of the March of Dimes. Serving will begin at 5:30. There will also be home-baked pies and cakes for sale. The public is invited.

TO CELEBRATE DR. VARDELL'S 95TH BIRTHDAY SATURDAY

Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson extends a cordial invitation to all friends of Flora Macdonald College and of President Emeritus C. G. Vardell, in Raeford and the surrounding community, to attend a reception to be given in the college parlors on Saturday afternoon, February 12, from four to five, in honor of Dr. Vardell's 95th birthday.

LUMBER BRIDGE SUPPER

There will be a barbecue and chicken salad supper at Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church next Wednesday night for the benefit of the organ fund. Serving will begin at 6:30.

County Board Of Commissioners Hold Monthly Meeting

The Hoke County board of commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, with Commissioner N. H. G. Balfour being absent due to being a patient at Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville. J. A. McGoogan, county accountant and ex officio manager, was also absent, as he is a patient at Highsmith Hospital.

The problem of a law enforcement officer for Little River Township was discussed with a delegation of citizens from there. The board suggested that they try to follow the recommendation of the grand jury and select a man for justice of the peace. Two roads were approved for immediate stabilization and paving when available. They are the one from Turnpike road at W. J. McDiarmid place to Wagram-Timberland road, and from Bethel Church to Turnpike road.

Sale of a lot adjoining State Highway property on Donaldson Avenue in Raeford to the highway commission was approved with the understanding that if the commission ever left or disposed of it the county could get it back.

The board passed a motion directing Mr. McGoogan to write Representative Harry A. Greene that the board had agreed that a salary of \$1800 per year would not be unreasonable for the judge of recorder's court of Hoke County.

R. D. Parker, county dog warden, was authorized to quarantine dogs not vaccinated in various areas of the county within a reasonable length of time, and to destroy all stray dogs after these quarantines become effective.

Farmer's Day Set For February 25

W. C. Williford, Hoke County farm agent, this week announced that the second annual "Farmer's Day" would be held at the Hoke County High school on Friday, February 25, and that the event would be sponsored this time by the Raeford Chamber of Commerce. He said that another outstanding program had been arranged, and expressed the hope that farmers of the county would take advantage of it as many of them did last spring when the team of experts was here.

Graham Monroe, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce agricultural committee, said his group was sponsoring the event as a hard-headed business proposition, believing that more knowledge is the greatest factor in the making of more money by Hoke County farmers, whose welfare is directly tied to the welfare of Raeford business. He expressed the hope that the farmers of the county would make it a good investment for the Chamber of Commerce, by making it profitable for themselves.

Feature speaker on the program, which will start at 2:00 o'clock, is to be John Reitzel, assistant commissioner of agriculture of North Carolina, and a much sought after speaker in state farm circles. He will discuss the general farm outlook in North Carolina.

W. G. Westmoreland, State College extension weed control specialist, will discuss weed and grass control and the latest developments in this field.

E. R. Collins, extension field crop specialist who appeared on the program last year, will return to discuss fertilizer use for feed production.

The session will be concluded by a talk that should be of great interest to all farmers. It is to be an explanation of the new social security benefits and program, which applies to farmers for the first time this year. Malcolm George, manager of the Fayetteville Social Security office, will explain how the plan affects farmers.

4 Found Guilty Of Driving Drunk; 1 Doesn't Appeal

Four defendants appeared before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday on charges of driving drunk, and all entered pleas of not guilty. All were found guilty. Edsel Locklear, Indian, got 90 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs, and paid it. Duncan B. Harris, white, got 60 days to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. He appealed and posted \$150 bond. Ervin Culbreth, white, found guilty of driving drunk and violating the prohibition laws, got a fine of \$125 and costs which he appealed and posted \$200 bond. Matthew J. Graham, colored, found guilty of driving drunk and damaging another car, got eight months to be suspended on payment of \$125 and costs and \$307 to M. C. Boyles for damages. He appealed and posted \$500 bond.

C. J. Sandy Blue, Sam E. Martin and Junious Arnold, all colored, were charged with breaking and entering and larceny at Johnson Cotton Co. here. Probable cause was found as to each, and all are being held for Superior Court in default of bonds of \$500 each, except Blue, who pled guilty of stealing a tire from Alex Sinclair and went to the roads for 90 days. Case in which McIntyre McKinnon, colored, was also charged with breaking and entering and larceny was continued one week. Willie Arnold, colored man who was in jail on the same charge, having escaped, case against him was continued indefinitely.

State dropped a case in which Ernest Almond, white, was charged with giving a bad check when the prosecuting witness failed to appear. M. N. Cook, white, pled guilty of giving a bad check and had to pay court costs and make the check good.

Frank McCullon, colored, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. John McPherson, colored, paid costs for being drunk in public.

Lester Monroe, colored, paid \$25 and costs for having improper license plates and no driver's license. John C. Monroe, also colored, paid costs for having improper plates, and Roy C. Navy, Jr., white, paid \$10 and costs for driving 65 with expired plates.

James Campbell, white, paid costs for failure to stop at a stop sign. Freddie L. Morissey, colored, left a \$15 bond for driving with improper brakes. Timoteo Moralda, oriental, paid \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving.

James N. Johnson, white, was found guilty of non-support. Sentence was four months, to be suspended on condition that he make certain specified arrangements to support his family.

John M. Keator, white, pled guilty of driving 95, and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. John C. Jones, white, paid \$40 and costs for going 80. One speeder paid \$20 and costs, two paid \$10 and costs, and two paid costs. Two left \$40 bonds, eleven left \$25 bonds, and 17 left \$15 bonds, making a total of 38 speeding cases handled.

CAGE TEAMS BEATEN TWICE DURING WEEK

Hoke High's basketball teams won both boys and girls games from Whiteville here last Friday night. Boys score was 64-51, and girls was 57-44.

This week they have not fared so well, both teams getting beat by Lumberton here on Monday and again in Elizabethtown on Tuesday night. These are the only teams to beat the Hoke girls this season, and scores against Lumberton were, boys 52-39, girls 78-74; and against Elizabethtown boys 63-44 and girls 74-68.