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## Addenda -

By The Editor

Hoke County's representative in the General Assembly, Harry Greene, is up there now for his fifth term. He may not be running the State, but if the number of committees he is on is anything to judge by, he is not missing it far. Following my mention a couple of times recently of committees on which he was to serve, he handed me a list last week of those to which he belongs. He is chairman of the propositions and grievances committee, and vice-chairman of the finance committee. He is a member of the committees on agriculture, conservation and development, counties, cities and towns, elections and election laws, manufacturing and labor, military affairs, roads, rules, senatorial districts, wildlife, mental institutions and higher education. He is also a member of the board of trustees of the University.

Greene's reply to his letter from the Hoke County commissioners seems completely justified to me. He handed me his letter from them Saturday and asked me what I thought it meant. My reply was that they seemed to think it would be all right if the judge of the recorder's court got \$1800 a year. He asked if I thought the board wanted him to do anything about it, and I answered that you could not tell from the letter. All Greene wants, and I don't blame him, is for the board to take a position in the matter. If they want the recorder's pay raised to \$1800, he wants them to say so, and ask him in writing to introduce a bill making it that.

He says that he also feels that \$1800 would not be unreasonable as a salary for the judge, but that he will not assume the responsibility alone of getting it raised to that.

Of course, what Greene does not say but what we all know is that he doesn't have to do what the board of commissioners asks him to do if he doesn't want to. In theory at least, a representative will use his own judgment in the final analysis, after hearing all sides from his constituents. In practice, he will probably do what he thinks most of the people would want him to do, whether or not it is what the board of commissioners wants him to do. He intimates in this particular case that he will go along with the commissioners if they will just get in the thing with him.

Latest report from John McGoogan is that he is getting along fine, although right seriously ill. He is still a patient at Highsmith Hospital and still isn't allowed visitors, but is said to be improving steadily.

The Raeford Chamber of Commerce was the best represented for its size of any attending the workshop for chamber leaders conducted by the U. S. Chamber in Rocky Mount Tuesday. Eight local men attended, and the only town outside Rocky Mount with more present was New Bern with nine, and it is larger and closer. Along with President Jake Austin from the Raeford Chamber were R. B. Lewis, J. L. McNeill, C. L. Thomas, N. A. McDonald, Younger Sneed, Martin Baumgartner and myself. The information on civic improvement we got was worth the trip.

Due to the fact that we seem to have more news than we have space for, we are going to have to leave out the "Mystery Farm Picture" this week.

## PHILIPPI CAKE SALE

The Philippi Home Demonstration Club women will have a cake sale at Cooper's Super Market on Saturday morning from nine to noon, for the benefit of the club treasury. A variety of cakes and pies will be offered.

## Upchurch School Contracts Of \$143,785 Are Let

By K. A. MacDonald

The Hoke County Board of Education met at 2:00 p. m. last Tuesday and after receiving bids by a goodly number of contractors let contracts for the Upchurch school project. This is project number five of the new building program begun last year. Projects 1 through 4 have been completed. They were remodeling, renovating and additions. Milodon was No. 1, consisting of new floors, modernizing primary room, repainting and repairing toilets. Rockfish was No. 2, consisting of new floors, repainting, modernizing primary room, and toilet repairs. Upchurch was No. 3, consisting of two additional grammar grade classrooms. Hoke High was No. 4, consisting of remodeling and renovating the auditorium. Project No. 5, let Tuesday, is the largest let so far and consists of a new physical education building and the extensive remodeling of the gymnasium into a modern up-to-date auditorium, the renovation of existing toilet rooms in the high school building, a new nitrofication field for sewerage disposal, and an outside paint job on all buildings. East Carolina Construction Co. of Dunn was awarded the general construction contract at \$103,156.00. Dunn's Electric of Laurel Hill got the electric wiring at \$9,467.00. L. H. Bramble of Fayetteville was awarded the heating and plumbing at \$17,387.00 and \$5,637.00 respectively. The architectural fees will amount to \$8,138.82, making a grand total for the project of \$143,785.82.

Construction is expected to start in April and will be completed by time school will open in the fall. When complete we will put the Upchurch School up with any school in regard to facilities; we put it there now in regard to curriculum and quality of work done.

The Board expects to let Project No. 6 late in April or early May. This project will be the remodeling and modernizing of the old building at the J. W. McLaughlin School. Plans call for work to start June 1 and be completed by September 1.

The whole building program as projected by the Board calls for, in addition to what has been listed, two colored elementary schools (East and West Elementary) and a six-room addition to the Burlington School. This will be a 5 or 6 year program based on about one third local, and two thirds monetary participation by the State out of the last twenty-five million dollars of the fifty million dollar state bond issue. If this program can be completed the Hoke County Schools will compare favorably with the schools in any county.

## Eldon A. Martin New Johnson Mgr.

Eldon A. Martin, of Lumberton, recently became the manager of the Johnson Cotton Company store here, succeeding L. W. Turner who had been manager of the store since it opened here about eight years ago.

Mr. Martin is a native of Northampton County, and started work with Johnson Cotton Company in Dunn as a route salesman nine years ago. For the past six years he has been with the Johnson Cotton Company in Lumberton as manager of the furniture and appliance department, until his promotion to be manager of the store here.

He is married to the former Miss Ruth Tart of Dunn and they have a son, Larry Eldon, eleven, and a daughter, Linda Ruth, seven. They have purchased a home on Dickson Street in Sunset Hills and expect to move Monday.

## Wayside Farm In Last Week's Photo One Of Oldest

The Wayside farm of Mrs. J. C. Lindsay on the Fayetteville road, was pictured as the mystery farm picture last week. Taken from the south, or back side, it was not named by many readers, although telephone difficulty in the rural areas may also have cut down on identifications. Naming the picture correctly and winning the free subscriptions were the Rev. W. B. Heyward of Raeford and Martin Layton of Route two.

The farm, although not occupied by the Lindsay family for some time, has an interesting history, and has been in the same family for more than 100 years. The home is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Croom, who operate the store and service station. About 180 acres, the farm is owned by Mrs. J. C. Lindsay of Greensboro and is farmed by Walter Brock.

In 1839 John and Mary Black Lindsay came to the farm from the Isle of Jura, Scotland. Annie Black Lindsay, their daughter, was born on the ocean that year. She grew up and married Dougald McFadyen, parents of the late A. B. J. F. and D. B. McFadyen of this county, many of whose children and grandchildren live here. John and Mary Black Lindsay are buried at Galatia Presbyterian Church in Cumberland County.

Neil B. Lindsay, son of John and Mary Black Lindsay, was (Continued on Page 4)

## FARM ITEMS

By W. C. Williford  
County Farm Agent

February 25th is the date of Hoke County's 1955 Farmers' Day. The program will begin at 2:00 P. M. with a devotional program in observance of the World Day of Prayer.

John Reitzel, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, will follow with the feature address. Mr. Reitzel has served as Assistant County Agent and as Foreign Agriculture Officer with the Armed Forces. He was discharged from the army in April, 1946 with the rank of Major and returned to State College as a Farm Management Specialist. He has also served as County Agent in Wake County and Agriculture Consultant for the State Department in Germany. His time is in big demand so we are fortunate to have him for the Farmers' Day program.

In addition to Mr. Reitzel's discussion, you will hear other timely topics. You help decide who will be on the program. The problems that you ask the County Agent the most questions about are the ones that we try to get discussed on Farmers' Day. Fertilizers, weed control, and Social Security lead the list, and we were fortunate in getting exactly the people that we wanted for your Farmers' Day.

Fertilizer is one of the main subjects that you discuss with me. Some of you tell me that all mineral nitrogen is no good for Hoke County soils. Others say they had rather have all mineral nitrogen. Still others who are using liquid nitrogen think that is the best in many instances. Perhaps all of you are correct. Hoke County has the widest variety of soils and crops for its size of any place that I know. Fertilizer recommended for one side of the county doesn't fit the recommendation for the other side at all.

Dr. E. R. Collins is generally recognized as the leading authority on practical fertilizer in formation in this part of the country. He was with us last year for the Hoke County Farmers' Day. At the request of several farmers, we requested that he return again for the program this year. He will be glad to answer your (Continued on Page 4)

## County Ministers Form Association

The Hoke County Ministerial Association held its organizational meeting Monday at the Raeford Baptist Church with 14 ministers in attendance. J. Herbert Miller led the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected: president, James E. Baker, pastor of the Raeford Baptist Church; vice-president, W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church; secretary-treasurer, G. D. McNeill, Jr., pastor of Rockfish Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

The newly elected officers were asked to present a suggested set of by-laws and a program for the association at the next meeting. It was decided that the group would meet every fourth Monday at 10:00 a. m. at the Raeford Baptist Church, beginning February 28.

An enthusiastic discussion followed regarding the program and work of the association. Mr. Baker, the president, sees the possibility of an association of 30 ministers, and urges the pastors of all Hoke County churches to attend the meeting on February 28.

## Baptist Church Has Special March Plans

The Raeford Baptist Church will be making a special effort to increase attendance at all services during the month of March. The theme for the month will be "March to Church in March."

Every resident member will be contacted along with many of the prospects. The goal will be set for 300 in Sunday School on Sunday, March 6 with 250 in morning worship on the same Sunday.

## Methodist Men Meet, Hear Baptist Pastor

The Men of the Raeford Methodist Church held their regular monthly meeting on Friday night at 7:00 o'clock in the fellowship room of the church.

T. B. Lester, president, introduced the Rev. James E. Baker, pastor of the Raeford Baptist Church, who was guest speaker. A delicious supper was served to the 48 men attending.

## BAPTIST CAKE SALE

The Elizabeth Hale Circle of the Raeford Baptist Church plans a cake sale for Saturday, February 19 at the Raeford Television Co. Cakes may be engaged ahead of time by calling 2215 or 522.

Mrs. Eva Bethune of Lansing, Michigan is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ivey McFadyen and Mrs. John Graham and other relatives.

## N. C. Methodists Plan To Organize Many New Churches In Next 10 Years

(Editor's Note: The following report, submitted by the Rev. J. Herbert Miller of the Raeford Methodist Church is the result of a long range planning program for church extension in the North Carolina conference. The Conference met in a special one-day session January 4 at the Edenton Street church in Raleigh to hear and discuss this report. Following the district superintendents called together the pastors in each district to consider of their respective districts the need for new churches, the relocation of established churches, and the possibility of opening closed or abandoned churches.)

The survey of Methodist needs in Eastern North Carolina has just been completed, and it reveals a need for substantial expansion of The Methodist Church. According to a report from the Conference Survey Committee and Rev. Thomas A. Collins, Executive Secretary for Church Extension, ninety new Methodist churches are needed immediately,

## Hodgin Gets 46 As Hoke Girls Beat Tabor City

All-State Forward Claudine Hodgin really poured the basketball through the hoop in Tabor City last Thursday night to lead her team back into the victory column after two losses. Claudine was personally responsible for 46 points in the game the Hoke girls won, 65-64 from the Tabor City girls. Janet Guin got 14 and Faye Dark five to complete the scoring for the locals. High scorer for Tabor City was Horne with 34.

The boys game was a close one also, but the Tabor City quintet was a little too much for the Hoke team as they won, 53-50. Scoring was fairly well divided for the Hoke team with Bobbitt leading with 15 points followed by Upchurch with 11, Tickle with 10, Bowling and Koonce six each and Culbreth two.

The Hoke teams go to Whiteville for boys and girls games tomorrow night. They will play Red Springs here next Tuesday night and Hamlet here on Friday night of next week to complete the regular schedule.

## Escaped Prisoner Is Recaptured

Willie Arnold, colored man who had been in jail on charges of breaking and entering and larceny at Johnson Cotton Company, and who left the jail through a skylight on the morning of January 30, was recaptured by Rural Policeman D. J. Jones and Vance Wiggins of the Raeford police force at about 4:30 last Thursday morning, January 10.

They caught Arnold riding in a car near Timberland with James McMillan, and McMillan was arrested and charged with aiding an escaped prisoner. In recorder's court Tuesday Arnold was held for trial in Superior Court and charges against McMillan were dropped.

## MRS. PREVATTE DIES IN FAIRMONT TUESDAY

Mrs. Esther Prevatte, sister of T. D. Potter of Raeford, died in Fairmont Tuesday morning. She was the widow of the late E. H. Prevatte of Fairmont, and funeral service was conducted at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon in Fairmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKelhan and Miss Lydia McKelhan spent Sunday in Elizabethtown with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKelhan, Jr. and son.

Howard Locklear, Indian, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious and painful injury. Sentence was three to four months on the roads, suspended on condition that he pay his wife's doctor bill, costs, \$50 fine, and be of two years good behavior. In a companion case Luther Henderson, Indian, was also found guilty of the same offense, but judgment was continued for one week.

Sadie McPhatter or Green, colored, pled guilty of having non-tax-paid liquor for sale. Sentence was six months, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and two years good behavior. Henry Handon, colored, for a more minor violation of the prohibition laws, pled guilty and paid \$10 and costs.

Lewis E. Pate and Archie Bundy, both white, were found guilty of careless and reckless driving and paid \$10 and costs each. Clonnie Rogers, colored, paid (Continued on Page 4)

## Boy Scouts To Hold Court Of Honor At High School Thurs.

The Western District of the Cape Fear Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, will hold a court of honor for the more than 20 troops in Hoke, Scotland and Western Robeson Counties in the auditorium of the Hoke High School at 8:00 o'clock next Thursday night. Jimmy Morgan of Laurinburg, chairman of the district, is to preside. Younger Sneed of Raeford is district vice-chairman. Arrangements are being made by Sam Chambers of Laurinburg, western district executive and professional scout man.

Awards will be made to boys from all the troops, including promotions from Tenderfoot all the way to Eagle, the highest award in Scouting. This award, one not made very often, will be made to Younger Sneed, Jr., of Raeford, with the complete Eagle ritual, the most impressive ceremony of any court of honor.

The public is invited to attend the court.

## Recorder Hears Usual Variety Of Cases Tuesday

A total of 17 cases on a variety of charges were heard before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday, with 23 more being cleared through forfeited bonds, making a grand total of 40 cases handled at the session.

Walter J. Holt and Willie F. Odom, both white, were each charged with driving drunk. Each pled not guilty but was found guilty and sentenced to three months on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. Each appealed to Superior Court and posted bond for appearance.

Willie Arnold, colored man who had got out of jail and brought back this week, was charged with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with the entering of Johnson Cotton Company here recently. Probable cause was found and Arnold is in jail in default of a \$500 bond. On a charge of breaking jail, he was found guilty and sentenced to 30 days on the roads, which he appealed. James McMillan, colored, was charged with aiding Arnold while he was escaped, but State dropped the charge for lack of evidence. McIntyre McKinnon, colored, was also charged with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with the same case, but State dropped charges against him with leave to reopen, and was ordered to attend Superior Court as a witness.

McKinnon was also in court on a charge of non-support of his family. Judgment in this case was continued until March 8 on condition that he pay court costs and a certain amount to support his family.

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## Greene Considers Board Evading Judge Pay Issue

In a letter dated February 15 to J. A. McGoogan, Hoke County accountant and ex-officio clerk to the board of commissioners, Representative Harry A. Greene expresses his feeling that the board is leaving the entire matter of setting the pay of the judge of recorder's court to him without committing themselves on it. He also intimates that he intends to take no action toward getting a bill passed setting the judge's salary until actually asked to do so by the board.

In his letter he acknowledged receipt of McGoogan's letter in which it was stated "today (the board) agreed that a salary of \$1,800 per annum would not be unreasonable for the position of judge of Recorder's Court of Hoke County." That Greene considers this letter non-committal and passing the buck entirely to him is indicated by portions of his letter quoted below.

"It was my understanding at the time I met with the Commissioners that they would meet and recommend any action they wanted taken in this matter of the salary adjustment. After reading your letter very carefully a number of times, I do not feel that this could be considered a request from that board.

"As I explained to these gentlemen I am perfectly willing to enact any law covering this matter that they would like to have put on the statute books. Since it is a matter directly effecting county funds only, I feel that I would be acting beyond my capacity unless it met the full approval of the board.

"I agree that the figures stated above is not an unreasonable compensation for the work and service rendered the county in this position. I would appreciate it if you would advise the commissioners as to my position in this matter, and I sincerely hope that they can see and appreciate how I feel about it."

Representative Greene sent a copy of his letter to the News-Journal.

## William Z. Veasey Buried In Hickory

Funeral services for William Zero Veasey, 73, were conducted at 3:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the First Methodist Church in Hickory. Mr. Veasey was a twin brother of J. A. Veasey of Aberdeen, formerly of this county. Mrs. J. DeWitt Tapp and J. C. Veasey of this county.

A son of the late W. D. and Jane H. Veasey, he was a native of Granville County. He was employed for many years by the Southern Desk Company, retiring two years ago. He was married in 1915 to Miss Ethel Fowler of Caldwell County, who survives him, along with an adopted daughter, three brothers and two sisters.

Mrs. Tapp of Raeford, Mrs. J. A. Veasey and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Veasey of Aberdeen attended the funeral.

## INCOME TAX HELP TO BE AVAILABLE HERE

A representative of the Internal Revenue service will be in the jury room at the courthouse all day next Thursday, Feb. 24, to assist taxpayers in preparing their 1954 returns. He will be on duty from 8:30 to 12:30 and from 1:15 to 5:00.

## PTA TO MEET MONDAY

The Hoke - Raeford Parent-Teachers Association will hold its regular monthly meeting in the auditorium of the J. W. McLaughlin School at 7:30 next Monday night, J. W. Canaday, president, announced this week. He urged parents and teachers to attend.