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Addenda

By The Editor

The county board of commissioners took no action Monday on their letter last month to Representative Greene about the salary of the judge of the recorder's court. You remember they told Greene they would consider a certain salary for the job not "unreasonable." Greene felt that if they wanted the salary set at that figure they should have said so and not that they just would not consider it unreasonable. I understand Greene is figuring on getting the responsibility of setting most, if not all, salaries for people paid by the county made the direct responsibility of the county board of commissioners, if he doesn't get something more from the board about this one. In my opinion this is exactly where this authority and responsibility belong. They look after the other financial affairs of the county, and it would be right for the people to know where to look for the whole job. I understand this county was about to be included in a bill two years ago which would have accomplished this, but was excepted on Greene's motion, which he made after having been asked to do so.

There has been some talk about employment of a county accountant when it was thought possible that John McGoogan would not be able to return to the job. Commissioners did not discuss this Monday, however, as McGoogan's progress is so good that he is expected to be looking after things again in a few weeks. McGoogan started working for this county when it was formed almost 44 years ago, and people are glad to hear he will be able to continue.

It appears from today's paper that the part of the milk bill which would allow the commission, made up mostly of milk industry members, to fix the minimum price at which milk can be sold was killed by an amendment. It seems to me that this is good, even if it would appear to be a protection to the farmer producing the milk right now. It would be taking a freedom away from us to tell any man that he can't sell his product for less to get business, even if he can produce it for less. If they start telling the price of milk, it is only another jump to another commodity, until the government or some of its commissions was telling us what to sell everything for there would be no way for a new dairy to get in business, if they were prohibited from selling milk any cheaper than anyone else. With all competition thus eliminated that would keep the marketers who wind up with the market from forcing the producer to sell it cheaper than he ever had before, because he would have no other place to sell it. The danger is certainly there, in general, and even to the man producing milk who can see some immediate benefit from it. The principle of freedom is involved. Greene is against allowing this price fixing, and we should be glad he is.

Got to looking around to see how many folks here now had ancestors near here 90 years ago, and you'll find more than you might expect. I found this to be the case when the dedication of the markers at the high school tomorrow came. Many of these families will find this occasion a chance to get together and it of this section as it was populated when Sherman came through, and when Dr. Hector McLean was running his medical college. More of the same will take place when Bethel Church dedicates its marker in a few weeks.

This is the year for town election, and the civic clubs in Raeford, which have been taking an interest in recent years in getting people to run for the town board, can start thinking about it. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, and the town board must set a time for filing.

Mrs. E. H. Hostetter of Raleigh will arrive Tuesday to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hostetter.

HOKE HIGH GIRLS WIN SECOND FAYETTEVILLE TOURNEY CROWN

Town Board Has Routine Meeting

The board of commissioners of the Town of Raeford held their regular monthly meeting at the town hall on Monday with Mayor Alfred Cole presiding and with Commissioners Truman Austin, Tom Cameron, Marion Gatlin and A. V. Sanders present.

The board voted its approval of the reappointment of R. B. Lewis as fire chief.

J. H. Wright appeared before the board and offered to give the town a 50-foot right of way for the extension of Central Avenue west to Highway 15-A. The board accepted this offer subject to approval of the State Highway Commission.

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FARM ITEMS

By W. C. Williford
County Farm Agent

Several counties in North Carolina have very heavy infestation of the Ips or engraver beetles in pine trees. As far as I know, there is only one area in Hoke County that is infested. An effort is being made to get that area cleared before spring comes.

Engraver beetles are very small. The largest of the species that are prevalent in North Carolina are only slightly over one-eighth of an inch long. They vary in color from black to reddish brown. One of the best ways to detect them is the presence of small holes in the bark of pine trees. These holes are often filled with dried turpentine and give the appearance of other kinds of injury.

The infested area in Hoke County is in the Wayside Community. All farmers in the immediate area are cooperating, and they should control or destroy this colony before they do extensive damage.

Since they have a tendency to work in colonies, the control is not too difficult provided it is started on time. If you see pine trees turning brown for no obvious reason or if you see pine trees having tiny, round holes going straight into the bark, please let me know immediately and control measures will be started. There is no sure way to prevent them from attacking your pines but a little care in cutting or logging operations will often save the trees that you leave standing from being damaged.

The indications from other areas are that we will probably have an early infestation of blue mold this year. The tobacco specialists say that it is being reported very close to us and that it will probably hit here at an early date. There is one new material that I know of for its prevention. The same ones that you have been using which contain either 65 per cent Zineb or 70 per cent Ferbam are recommended again for this year. The new one is a Ferbam mixture which contains salicylic acid. It is recommended for exactly the same time of application and number of applications as your straight Ferbam compounds. The directions on the container will tell you how much of the mixture to use.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Phillips during the week end were Bruce Phillips and Miss Shirley Moore of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Maccom of Raleigh and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips of Rockingham.

Claudine Hodgkin Scores 85 Points In Two Games

With Claudine Hodgkin, Hoke County High School's brilliant all-state forward, performing at her best, the Hoke High girls beat Sanford Thursday night and Lumberton Saturday night to win the Second Annual Fayetteville High School Girls Invitational Basketball tournament for the second time in a row. Hodgkin scored a total of 85 points in the two games played in the tournament.

In the game against the Sanford girls on the opening night of the tournament Claudine scored 41 points as the Hoke girls got out in front to start with and never got behind to win 65 to 55. Also scoring against Sanford were Janet Guin 14 points, and Virginia McNeill 10. Lumberton beat Clinton 74-62 on Thursday night to advance in the tournament. On Friday night they beat Fayetteville High to advance to the finals, while the Hoke girls drew a bye.

On Saturday night against Lumberton Claudine Hodgkin scored 44 points as the Hoke girls took a 26-24 first quarter lead and held it for the remainder of the game to win 74 to 65. In this game Janet Guin scored 23 points and Virginia McNeill 23, and Faye Dark three.

On the Hoke roster and some seeing action in the tournament were, in addition to those named, Lee Ann Blake, Carolyn Matthews, Lilmar Sue Gatlin, Peggy Williams, Joan Gobeille, Sandra Gibson, Jean Linthicum, Bonnie Wilkes and Shirley McNeill.

PANCAKE SUPPER SAT.

A pancake supper will be held in the basement of the Methodist Church from six to eight p. m. on Saturday by the Intermediate Fellowship of the church for the benefit of their college endowment fund. The public is invited.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

The boys in the Vocational Agriculture Department at Hoke High are getting ready for a Land Judging Contest that will be held at Dunn on April 12. This contest is sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Company. W. P. Phillips, head of the department, and F. O. Clark, County Soil Conservationist, attended a meeting in Laurinburg recently in reference to this contest. Mr. Clark is assisting Mr. Phillips in preparing the boys for the contest. We think this is a splendid thing for Future Farmers to be interested in and learn. We hope the boys come out well in the contest.

Congratulations to the Does on a splendid finish of a fine season of basketball. The girls really put Hoke High on the basketball map. We are proud of them. We also wish to congratulate their coach, George Wood, who did an excellent job. We think he proved that by stopping Lumberton in the championship game of the Fayetteville High tournament.

We have a splendid report of the good work done by the seventh grade students of the J. W. McLauchlin School in cataloging new library books purchased by the school. They got excellent training and also helped their school.

W. T. Gibson, Principal of the Raeford Schools, visited Greensboro College Monday and interviewed prospective teachers. He found that a principal from New Jersey had preceded him, signing up six of the prospective graduates at a beginning salary of \$3500 per year plus an all-expense-paid summer school this summer at Columbia University in New York. He went on to High Point College and found that the news of what had happened at Greensboro had preceded him there. A pleasant prospect for a North Carolina principal (Continued on Page 4)

Recorder Hears Usual Cases In Court Tuesday

The usual run of speeding, drunk driving and liquor law violation cases were heard before Judge T. O. Moses in the weekly session of Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday. There were less than the usual number of speeding cases, however, with most leaving bonds.

On charges of driving drunk, Maston N. Cook and Douglas Stevens, both white, each pled guilty and got 90 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. Lee Shepard, Jr., and Wilbur R. Thomas, both white, were each found guilty of driving drunk and given the same sentence, but they appealed and each posted a bond.

Jettie Allen, white, was charged with damage to the jail, but the case against her was dropped, damage having been repaired.

On charges of violating the prohibition laws J. C. Holland, Jr., white, pled guilty and prayer for judgment was continued six months on payment of \$10 and costs; Roscoe McMillan and W. C. McMillan, both colored, got 30 days each suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior; Sarah Livingston, colored, pled guilty and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior; Roland McMillan, white, pled guilty and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Traffic violations included Angus McDuffie, colored, failure to yield right of way costs, and no driver's license \$10 and costs; Roscoe Shaw, colored, no driver's license, 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs; John C. Locklear, Indian, no driver's license, 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs; James R. Shaw, colored, improper brakes, \$10 and costs; Thomas Tillman, colored, found guilty of careless and reckless driving, \$20 and costs. Thomas C. Johnson, white, was charged with careless and reckless driving and State dropped the case.

Ralph B. Waddell, white, paid \$10 and costs for allowing an unlicensed minor to drive his car on the highway.

James McLean, colored, paid \$10 and costs for public drunkenness.

George J. Kelly, white, was found guilty of speeding 70 and fined \$15 and costs. He appealed to Superior Court. Four speeders paid \$20 and costs, two paid \$25 and costs, one left a \$25 bond and four left \$15 bonds.

Sweet Potato Show Next Wednesday

W. C. Williford, Hoke County farm agent, announced this week that a sweet potato demonstration would be conducted on the farm of Jim Williamson starting at 2:00 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, and that all interested in growing sweet potatoes are invited to attend.

The demonstration will be conducted by Henry Covington, extension sweet potato specialist from State College, and will be on treating and bedding potatoes.

LEGION TO MEET MON.

Truman Austin this week reminded all members of the Hoke County Ellis Williamson American Legion post of the regular monthly meeting and supper the high school cafeteria at 6:30 next Monday night. He said a steak supper would be served and a film of the world series would be shown.

RETURN FROM HOSPITAL

J. A. McGoogan, who has been a patient for several weeks at a Fayetteville hospital, returned to his home on Tuesday. He is getting along fine, and is able to have visitors for a short time each day.

K. D. Lowe, who has been a patient at Moore County Hospital for three weeks, returned to his home on Wednesday. He also is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Campbell of Butner visited relatives here during the week end.

U. S. Rubber To Buy Building

Officials of the Hoke County Development Corporation, owners of the building on Bethel road occupied by U. S. Rubber Company since they purchased the Para Thread Company on February 24, were advised this week that the rubber company planned to purchase the building and its eight-acre tract of land on April 1.

Terms of the purchase will not have to be negotiated, as they were set forth in the original lease given to the American Wringer Company by the Hoke Corporation when Para Thread Company occupied the building. The lease was for a certain number of years with the purchase price stipulated at any time during the life of the lease. In announcing their purchase of facilities of Para Thread Co., U. S. Rubber Company said they would increase the work force "as the plant capacity is fully utilized."

Joe Tally Speaks To Kiwanis Club

J. O. Tally, Jr., of Fayetteville, a trustee of Kiwanis International, was the speaker at the regular weekly meeting and supper of the Raeford Kiwanis Club at the high school cafeteria last Thursday night. President J. H. Blue presided, and Tally was presented by John Flannery, program chairman for the evening.

Tally, who had been mayor and president of the Chamber of Commerce in Fayetteville and governor of Kiwanis clubs in the two Carolinas before becoming a member of the international board of trustees, gave the club a most interesting discussion of the activities and goals of Kiwanis clubs in the United States and Canada, and impressed his audience with the tremendous size of the service job being done. He attends quarterly meetings of the board of trustees in Chicago and Washington, where policies for the 2000 clubs in the two countries are set and takes part in the administration of the million-dollar budget.

Shrine Club Holds Annual Ladies Night

The Raeford Shrine Club held its annual ladies night meeting on Monday night at the Red Springs V. F. W. hut, with about 35 members and guests present. A delicious steak supper was prepared by a committee headed by Israel Mann.

President W. L. Alexander presided and recognized visiting Shriners from Winston-Salem and Charlotte. Music was furnished by an orchestra from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Maxwell Home Is Named By Many

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Maxwell on the turnpike road about two miles west of Raeford was quickly identified as the one pictured in last week's mystery farm picture. First to name it right was Bobby Hendrix of 517 East Prospect avenue. First rural subscriber to name the farm correctly was Luther W. Clark of Route one. Others were G. D. Clark, Delton Harden, C. W. Rockholt, Buddy Daniels, Lloyd Maxwell, Betty McFadyen and Charles Daniels.

Located on their 55-acre farm that was at one time part of the Arch Jones farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell was built by them about 10 years ago, and they have built the feed barn and tobacco barns also since they have been living there.

Mrs. Maxwell is the former Louise Huckabee of this county, and they were married April 13, 1939. They are members of Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Maxwell works his land himself with a tractor, and hires day labor for the gathering. He has about three acres of tobacco, 34 acres of cotton, and raises corn and small grain also.

UNVEIL HISTORICAL MARKERS AT HOKE HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY

Tax Collection Poor In County, Auditor Says

J. M. Williams, whose firm of certified public accountants in Raleigh have been auditing the public records of Hoke County for some years, appeared before the board of county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday and discussed the audit of the books for the fiscal year ending last June 30. He said in substance that while the county is in good financial condition, something should be done about the poor collection of taxes.

In discussing his audit of the books of the clerk of the Hoke County Superior court, Mr. Williams also expressed the opinion that if possible something should be done about the many small payments of fines and costs from both recorder's and Superior court which the clerk has to handle.

The board also authorized R. D. Parker and Ben F. Ray to start vaccinating dogs without charge, due to the apparent ineffectiveness of the program thus far and to the reports of rabies in the county. Persons who have paid for their vaccinations may receive credit on their county taxes by presenting the receipts.

The board approved the opening of a new road north of Raeford from the Arch Shipman place one block east of Dunlop's Crossroads north about a half-mile to the Laura Barrett place.

The board announced that it would sit as a board of equalization and review at its regular meeting next month, Monday, April 4, at 10:30 a. m.

Girl Scouts Note 43rd Birthday

Dressed in their uniforms and wearing the colorful ties which represent their troops, the Girl Scouts of the three troops in Raeford and over the county moved together to church last Sunday to begin the week-long observance of the 43rd anniversary of the first Girl Scout meeting in Savannah, Ga., March 12, 1912.

Theme for the week is "Believe, Belong and Build," and each day of the week is a service day starting with Girl Scout Sunday. Monday was homemaking, Tuesday citizenship, Wednesday health and safety, Thursday international friendship, Friday arts and crafts and Saturday outdoors day.

There are one Brownie troop and two Intermediate troops in Raeford with a total membership of about 50 girls. The Brownie leaders are Mrs. Robert Gatlin, Mrs. Virgil Dark and Mrs. Martin Baumgartner. Leaders of Intermediate Troop 2 are Mrs. Leo Little and Mrs. Sidney Epstein. Leaders of Intermediate Troop 4 are Mrs. W. D. McLeod and Mrs. Hugh Gardner. Some of these troops are planning suppers later in the month for their parents, honoring their troop and national birthdays.

On Friday afternoon and Saturday of this week the Girl Scouts will sell Girl Scout cookies to help finance their organization locally.

Local Group Attends Bankers Meeting Sat.

A group from the Bank of Raeford attended the annual meeting and banquet of District seven of the N. C. Bankers Association at the Pinehurst Country Club Saturday night. Charles Parker, advertising director for the State Department of Conservation and Development, was the speaker. A. W. Wood, Jr., of Raeford, was chosen director of the district association for the next year. Counties in the district are Hoke, Scotland, Moore, Lee, Anson, Union and Richmond.

Attending from Raeford were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lewis, Miss Jessie Bright Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Angus J. Currie, and Mr. and Mrs. Wood.

Program To Be At 2:30 State Historian To Speak

Under the auspices and with the arranging of the Hoke County chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the first two historical markers to be erected in Hoke County since the program began in 1936 will be unveiled in a short program at the Hoke County High School at 2:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon, March 11, 1955.

Present to tell the significance of the markers and the historical events they commemorate will be William S. Tarlton, researcher for the State Department of Archives and History and possibly Dr. Christopher Crittenden, director of the department. The markers will commemorate and mark the spots where the battle of Monroe's Crossroads was fought between Sherman's troops and Confederate troops during the Civil War, and the location of the State's first medical school, which was also operated during the Civil War.

The battleground marker will be placed at the crossroads on U. S. 15-A north of Raeford and will indicate that the battleground lies 10 miles north of the site of the marker. The marker for the Edinborough Medical College will be placed on Highway 15-A just east of the Sunset Hills section of Raeford and will indicate that the medical college was operated just one-half mile south of Raeford.

Mr. Tarlton is a native of Union County, a graduate of Wake Forest College, and has done graduate work at Duke University. He taught at Cumberland University and was for several years engaged in historical restoration work at the Pettigrew State Park under the State Department of Conservation and Development. He has been researcher with the State Department of Archives and History since last summer.

The historical marker program was established by legislative act of 1935, and is conducted jointly by the State Department of Archives and History, the Department of Conservation and Development and the Highway and Public Works Commission. Since 1936 about 700 markers have been erected in 97 counties of the State. A marker for Bethel Presbyterian Church has been authorized and will be unveiled and erected later this spring.

At the program Friday members of families connected with the sites or events the markers will commemorate will be recognized, and two young descendants of these families will actually unveil the markers. Neill James Blue, Jr., a descendant of Neill S. Blue, near whose home the battle was fought and who is said to have been the first to reach the scene to help the wounded, will unveil the Monroe's Battlefield marker. Duncan B. McFadyen, III, a fifth-generation descendant of a sister of Dr. Hector McLean, who operated the Edinborough Medical College, will unveil that marker.

The markers will be erected on the highway next week by the State Highway Commission.

Raeford Girl Heads FMC Christian Group

Miss Mary McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McLean of Raeford, and a member of the rising senior class at Flora Macdonald, was chosen president of the Christian Association for the 1955-56 college year, in the spring campus elections last week.

Mary is a popular member of the student body. She and the other of the first two electives of the spring, Mary Archie Brown, student body president, have much in common. Both are "granddaughters" of the college, their mothers being alumnae; both are marshals this year; both made the Dean's list the first semester; and both are vice president this year of the organizations they will head next year. Footsteps—when Betty (Mrs. Stuart A. Ritchie) was a senior, she was also president of the Christian Association.