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Addenda - - By The Editor

From the "News & Observer" of today... "Rep. Harry Greene of Hoke was poking fun at a measure to add \$1 to court costs, with proceeds to go toward a law library in the courthouse in Johnston County."

"Is there a provision for financing a library for doctors?" he asked Johnston Rep. C. Blake Thomas.

"Lawyer Oscar Barker of Durham rushed to Thomas' defense. The expensive Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, he reminded, was set up for the benefit of doctors, and I favored it."

"Yeah, but you didn't tax the patients for it," Greene said. "Each legislature takes some law business away," Barker continued, "and there's been mighty little done for lawyers."

Fertilizer Salesman Greene answered, "Incidentally, you haven't done anything for fertilizer salesmen."

Now the Raleigh writer who wrote the above obviously thought Greene was joking, but, knowing him perhaps a little better, I wonder.

My guess is that, whether we wanted them to outlaw the use of the "whammy" or not, more of us will live longer since they decided to let the highway patrol continue using it as they have in the past. I would bet we now see less fast driving than we used to, and that lives are actually being saved as a result.

Note that Earl Yarborough, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Yarborough, got his picture in the Charlotte "Observer" again today, and alongside no less a personage than Governor Hodges. Earl made it this time for his origination of the idea as a result of which the governor intends to proclaim May 22 as "Youth Appreciation Day" in North Carolina. The organization of an annual, mountains-to-coast salute to the youth of the State, reaching into every city and community is planned, and Yarborough has been named state chairman by Judge Willard I. Gatling, head of the Charlotte Association of Civic Clubs.

Yarborough, director of Optimist Club boys work in North Carolina, said the program is conceived "to show and to our youth that we are proud...em." "I was much impressed," said Gov. Hodges, "with the advancement of an idea that this would be affording adults an opportunity of redemption in responsibilities of parenthood."

Wilmer McDonald is doing an extensive remodeling job on the front of his Raeford Cleaners & Laundry Service across the street from where I am sitting, and we'll try to describe it in detail by the time it is finished next week.

J. W. McPhaul, who has had considerably less stomach since Tuesday of last week than he had previously had, came home from Scotland Memorial hospital on Tuesday and is recuperating from the operation. He figures, that the little bit he has left will do a better job than the whole thing was doing. His ambition, I understand, is to grow a big, strong onion, which he cultivates himself and eat this onion raw in front of Lawrence McNeill, who, like Buck, has been laying off of such diet for some time. I didn't hear it, but presume he will go ahead and blow his breath in McNeill's face too, while he is at it.

General opinion among lawyers and others taking part in the special term of court this week is that Judge Susie Sharp is a most able jurist, and among all who have met her that she is a mighty nice person. The term, incidentally, did not end on Tuesday as some had guessed it might, but still in session today, although expecting to adjourn before night. It has certainly served its purpose, according to Clerk J. B. Cameron, that the backlog of civil cases just about been cleared.

Dewitt Tapp, strong supporter of Senator Kerr Scott when he ran for governor, as was Judge Sharp, was dressed in an inch of his life and on hand to greet her when she opened court Monday.

State Inspector Commends Jail Management Here

T. A. Early, inspector of correctional institutions with the State Board of Public Welfare, wrote Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin last week concerning an inspection he made of the Hoke County jail earlier this month. In his letter he was high in his praise of the efforts being made by Jailer D. J. Jones to properly manage and keep the jail.

Early said that conditions generally at the jail were the best he had seen there during the five years that he has been making regular inspections of it. Jones, he said "is taking more interest and pride in the management and upkeep, both inside and outside, than I have seen displayed by anyone previously." He said that Jones had advised him that all of the roof leaks had been repaired and that it appeared practical to proceed with additional badly needed interior painting. Early made recommendations as to painting needed, as well as some locks and sinks needed to bring the jail up to a higher standard.

"Since you now have a jailer who is doing a good job and taking proper pride in the maintenance and supervision, we hope the county officials will consent to spending what is needed for improvements so that Mr. Jones will be encouraged in continuing to do a good job. A jailer needs encouragement because he has one of the toughest and most thankless jobs that anyone can be offered, but it is a necessary one and a man in that position has an opportunity to assist in reshaping the lives of the unfortunate ones who come under his supervision," the letter concluded.

Almond Farm Is Quickly Named

The farm of Mr. and Mrs. M. Crowell Almond, pictured as the mystery farm in last week's paper, was quickly named by Mrs. Arnold H. Stell of Raeford, the former Myrna Jean Almond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Almond. First rural subscriber to correctly identify the picture was Mrs. E. H. Bowling of Route one, Aberdeen. Others guessing correctly were Mrs. W. W. Bobbitt and R. D. Strother, both of Aberdeen Route one, and Mrs. Chalmers Davis of Raeford.

It was also incorrectly guessed as the Duke Marshall home and the Crawford Wright home.

The farm is located along Que-whiffle Creek about a mile south of Ashley Heights in Quewhiffle Township, and Mr. and Mrs. Almond have owned it for 14 years since they bought it from Mrs. Almond's father, the late J. W. Strother. It was part of the farm formerly known as the Martin place, and Mr. Strother began to cultivate it about 1915.

The farm is named "Almond Joy" and they have remodeled and built onto the four-room house, making four bedrooms, living-room, dining room, kitchen, bath, den and utility room. They have torn down the old barn by the road and built a new one at a more convenient location.

Mrs. Almond was formerly Miss Alice Strother, and she and Mr. Almond were married in 1930. They have two sons and two daughters, Winfred C. Almond, airman first class of McDill AFB, Tampa, Florida, Mrs. Stell of Raeford, and Jon Gareth and Judy at home.

They are members of the Ashley Heights Baptist Church, the Farm Bureau and the Home Demonstration Club. Mrs. Almond says they have little time for hobbies after farming in the spring and summer and building in the fall and winter, but that they do find time for some fishing.

They raise tobacco, cotton, corn and have a garden. Their farm is completely mechanical, and they plan to do more farming and diversified farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Klutz and children, Sherrill and Patricia Ann, visited Mrs. Klutz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goins, in Asheboro during the week end.

AMEROTRON officials are pictured below as they examine one of the many new fabrics developed through the wide combination of talents and facilities recently merged to form the Amerotron organization. With 29 mills the corporation expects to "give a strong, unified direction to management, production, purchasing, research, advertising, styling and sales. Shown above at the recent "Fabric Tableau for 1955," held at the Hotel Plaza in New York, are, left, Royal Little, chairman of the board, and Robert L. Huffines, president. Displayed at the tableau for the first time was "Raegab," a new wash and wear fabric.



Set Next Sunday As Baptist Family Day

The Rev. James E. Baker, pastor of the Raeford Baptist Church, has announced that next Sunday, March 27, will be "Family Day" at the church. He said that families would study together in Sunday School and sit together at the church services, and there would be special recognition of the largest family present.

Mr. Baker said the subjects of his sermons would be "When Home is Heaven" at the morning service and "When Home is Hell" at the evening worship service.

LAMONT IN AUGUSTA FOR INSURANCE MEET

William Lamont, Jr., representative for the New York Life Insurance Company in Raeford, has just returned from a three-day educational career conference at the Bon Air Hotel in Augusta, Ga. The meeting was attended by outstanding producers for the company in the southeastern states.

Lamont is connected with the Raleigh branch office of the company, which serves the eastern part of North Carolina.

Local Girls Win In Tourney At Ellerbe

Several local girls played on a basketball team which entered the annual Ellerbe Lions Club Invitational basketball tournament at Ellerbe last week. This was the third such tournament the club has conducted, and John Helms of Raeford has refereed at all of them. This year he got up a team and they went up and won the tournament.

The local group consisted of Caludine Hodgkin, Jean Linthicum, Janet Guin and Joan Gobeille. Four Aberdeen girls also played with them. They were Barbara Myrick, Peggy Davis, Jean Aldridge and Annie Ruth Morgan. They beat Anson County 60-49 on Tuesday night, Albemarle 71-60 on Thursday night and Wadesboro 54-53 on Saturday night in the finals.

The girls, along with Coach Helms, celebrated their victory at a steak supper after the game on Saturday night.

Miss Ina Mae Benner of Raleigh spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Benner. She spent the week end with friends in Fayetteville.

Kiwanis To Sponsor Pro Baseball Game

J. H. "Buck" Blue, president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club, announced this week that the club would sponsor a game here in which the Fayetteville Highlanders of the Class B Carolina League would play the 82nd Airborne Division All-stars from Fort Bragg.

The game will be played at 8:00 o'clock on Friday night, April 15 at the high school ball park of the National Guard armory, and proceeds will be used by the Kiwanis Club in their community service park. Blue said baseball fans would be particularly interested in seeing the Fayetteville team here as they were league champions last year and had most of the same players back.

Julian, young son of Mr. and Mrs. June Johnson, underwent a tonsillectomy at Highsmith Hospital on Monday of this week.

Mrs. J. Herbert Miller, Mrs. Harvey Cole and Mrs. Younger Sneed attended the Annual Methodist N. C. Conference of the WSCS in Kinston Monday through Wednesday of this week.

Town Board Revises Its Election Plans

In accordance with provisions of the charter of the Town of Raeford the board met this week and revised the plans for the town election this spring which it had announced last week.

The election will be held for a mayor and a board of five commissioners at the town hall on Monday, May 2, 1955. Registration books will be open at the town hall for registration of voters from April 2, 1955 through April 23, and will be open for challenges on April 30.

Candidates may file at the town hall from April 2 through April 23. Mrs. Kate B. Covington has been named registrar and W. T. Walters and G. W. Cox have been named judges of election.

N. P. Watson Dies Thursday Night; Is Buried Sunday

Neill Paisley Watson, prominent farmer of Allendale Township and former member of the Hoke County board of commissioners, died at Scotland County hospital Thursday night after an illness of ten days. He lived on the Wagram-Red Springs road in the southern part of the county, and was widely known and respected.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Centre Presbyterian Church by the Rev. J. Ray Dickens, pastor, assisted by the Rev. E. N. Johnson, pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery, and pallbearers were Jack Roper, Dave Currie, Jack Lassiter, James White, James Redding and Luther McGirt.

Mr. Watson was a son of Archie A. and Effie Fairley Watson. He was born August 16, 1870, and would have been 85 years old this year. He was a lifelong member of Centre Church and had served as an elder since 1928, as his father and grandfather had been. He served as a member of the Hoke County board of commissioners from 1930 to 1938.

Never married, he is survived by the following nephews and nieces: Mrs. James Cooper, Mrs. Luther Prevatt, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Howell, Jr., all of Lumberton; Mrs. W. H. Lee of Laurinburg; Archie F. Watson and George F. Watson, Jr., of the home.

Baseball Starts; Hoke Drops Two

The Hoke High School baseball team opened its season against Rockingham here in the high wind Tuesday and came out of the short of a 9-3 score. Thornburg was the losing pitcher, but led his team at the plate with two for three. Bullard pitched for Rockingham.

On Wednesday the Hoke boys went to Laurinburg and lost another one, 9 to one. The Laurinburg boys got nine runs on five hits while the Hoke team got one on three. Lisenby pitched for Raeford, and Gause and Watts for Laurinburg.

Lineup for Tuesday's game for Hoke was Bobbitt, ss, McLeod, c, Thornburg, p, Upchurch, cf, Culbreth, 3b, Waddell, rf, Lisenby, lf, Bowling 2b and Henley 1b.

The Hoke team plays in Rockingham Tuesday and in April they play Red Springs here on the first, Laurel Hill here the 6th, Tabor City there on the 8th, Lumberton there on the 12th, Laurinburg here on the 15th, Clinton there on the 19th, 22nd Lumberton here, 26th Whiteville there, 29th Laurel Hill there, May 3rd Tabor City here and 6th Clinton here, 10th Red Springs there and May 13th Whiteville here.

PLAN FINAL REHEARSAL OF "THE CRUCIFIXION"

Mrs. Thomas A. Wood, director of the chorus for "The Crucifixion," which will be presented in the sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church at 4:00 o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday, April 3, this week urged all members of the chorus to attend the final rehearsal of the cantata at the church at 4:00 o'clock Sunday, as seating arrangements must be completed.

Greene & Blue Propose Bill To Hike Revenue

Two House members proposed yesterday that North Carolina raise its sales tax from three to three and a half per cent as a means of raising \$14,400,000 a year.

Rep. Harry Greene of Hoke, a vice-chairman of the House Finance Committee, and Rep. Clinton Blue of Moore joined in offering the measure. It was regarded as a compromise between those who want to raise the sales tax to four per cent and those who want to leave it untouched at three per cent and get new revenues elsewhere.

The Greene-Blue bill would leave the schedule of sales tax exemptions unchanged. It would, however, repeal the tax exemption which now is accorded to fleet vehicle owners, and it would change the tax base on a single purchase. The limit on a single article of merchandise now is \$15; Blue and Greene would levy a tax at the rate of three and a half per cent up to \$1,000 and a one per cent tax beyond \$1,000.

Thus the tax on a \$1,000 purchase would amount to \$35, and on a purchase of \$5,000 it would amount to \$75.

The bill was the latest in a series of sales tax proposals to be laid before the troubled Joint Finance Committee. Most of them have come from Eastern Carolina legislators looking for an alternative to a tobacco tax. Most would extend the sales tax to food purchased for home consumption, which now is tax-exempt.

Doctor Coming To Work With Jordan

Dr. Riley M. Jordan announced yesterday that Dr. Robert S. Jones, M. D., of Greenville, S. C., would be affiliated with him in the practice of medicine here, and that Dr. Jones would begin work on July 1.

A native of Wagram, Dr. Jones is a son of the late Joseph H. Jones and Euphemia Watson Jones. He graduated from the Boiling Springs, N. C., high school and received his bachelor of science degree from Wake Forest College. He received his M. D. from the medical school of the University of North Carolina and has interned at the Greenville General Hospital in Greenville, S. C.

He spent two years and three months in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. He is married to the former Mabel Spurling of Waco, N. C., and they have one son. Both are Baptists.

Plans Announced For Cancer Crusade

Mrs. M. D. Yates and Mrs. L. W. Turner, chairmen of the annual Cancer Crusade in Hoke County this year, said this week that the campaign for funds would be conducted entirely by letter, with no personal solicitations be made either to individuals or businesses. The goal for the drive in the county has been set at \$1,012.

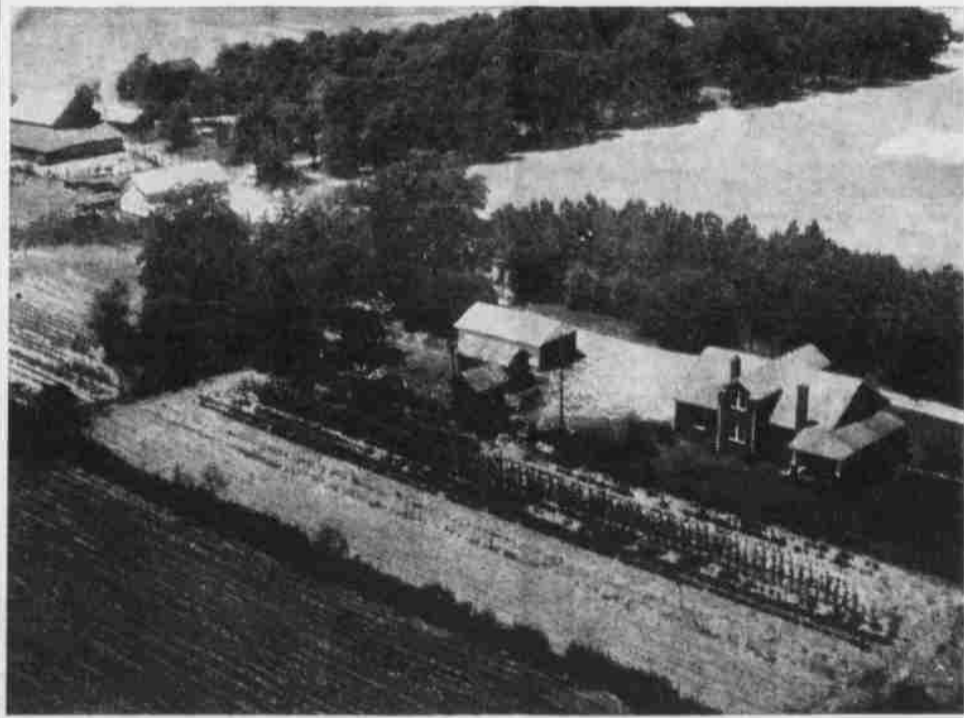
They pointed out that the National Cancer Foundation is a national organization, and that local chapters were not permitted to participate in the United Fund or any federated campaign.

The drive has been sponsored in this county for the past several years by the Raeford Woman's Club. The letters making the appeal will be mailed during the first week of April, the ladies said, and they urged recipients to return them promptly with their contributions.

Stating that cancer is to be fought instead of feared, they pointed out the great need for funds who needed to attend a cancer clinic could write Mrs. Katherine Tusch at the James Walker Hospital in Wilmington for an appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Clinton and children visited Mrs. Clinton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, last week en route from Florida to their home in Whittington, Illinois.

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.