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Addenda

By The Editor

Sat around the lobby of the Pinehurst Country Club Tuesday waiting to have lunch with the other news people and Mr. Huffines and the Amerotron men, and I got a real kick out of watching the upper crust take it easy there, rubbing elbows with them, so to speak. My wife got on me about not wearing my Sunday suit, but I didn't want to look like I had never been in a place like that before, so I just dressed decent but ordinary, like, and it turned out I was still just about the dressed-uppest man there. I didn't notice anybody staring at me or worrying much, though, so I suppose I got by. Reckon those folks had their own business, or pleasure, on their minds too much to pay me any attention. Course, that's really what I was shooting at... just not to be noticed. I figured if they don't notice you they probably expect you are just another millionaire loafing around.

Seriously, though, that trip and the two hours with Mr. Huffines, Frank Roberts and Al Grant heartened me tremendously about this town's future. Mr. Huffines impressed me as one of the smartest men I have ever known, who knows just where he and his company are going. They are very proud of their plant here and I gather they plan for it to be an outstanding producer and a showplace as well of the entire textile industry. Something we can start putting on our business stationery and our Chamber of Commerce mailings is this fact: he gave us about Raeford Amerotron plant being the largest worsted mill in the entire world. We have been looking for a clear-cut distinction for our town, and this is it. His explanation of their entire setup and the possibility for mutual support among the enterprises convinced me that it's going to be a combination that can't be beat.

John McGoogan showed his face at the courthouse last Saturday for the first time in two months, during which time he had been mighty sick. He has been coming in for a few minutes each day since, and is looking fine. I say he can't dig in as he once did, but as he puts it is letting his mind "free wheel." Doctors don't want him to work much and want him to worry none. He looked as tickled as a kid with an ice cream cone to be back, and folks in the courthouse and over the county are about that glad to see him getting out.

Marion Gatlin was able to get out in two ways this week, after the freeze confined him last week. He came out to his garden on Wednesday afternoon, and came out for another term on the town board as well.

The bill they have passed in Raleigh about the county law enforcement situation in Cumberland County may be all right, but it doesn't look so to me. The representatives in the general assembly had the entire say about the bill, as the legislators always go along with each other on local bills. They objected to letting the people of Cumberland County vote on the matter when that was mentioned, and were successful in keeping them from having that opportunity. If they were afraid the people wouldn't want the new bill, as this would seem to indicate, then it certainly shouldn't be forced on them without a vote, in my opinion. The big majority the people gave the sheriff last year may have entered into this consideration and led to a conclusion that the people wouldn't vote for a bill stripping him of his law enforcement powers and duties.

The lot on the corner at Main Street and Elwood Avenue that was made vacant by the removal of the red wagon last week is vacant no longer. Bill Wright brought in another wagon, a yellow one this time, equipped for the sale of dairy products primarily. This is the same wagon that was located on the lot opposite the courthouse last summer. Bill has put it back from the side-

Amerotron President Explains Plans, Organization; Expansion Is Planned

At a luncheon Tuesday at Pinehurst with press and radio representatives from Red Springs, Raeford, Southern Pines and Pinehurst, Robert L. Huffines, president of Textron American and its subsidiary, Amerotron Corporation, explained the corporate structure of the two companies and gave some of their long range and immediate plans affecting this area. Among other things he said about the Raeford plant of Amerotron was the fact that it is the world's largest worsted mill being planned.

Mr. Huffines said that the Amerotron Corporation, wholly owned by Textron American, is expected to produce with its 29 plants about one-half the dollar volume of the entire Textron organization, the other half being produced by non-textile operations. Textron American was recently formed by a merger of Textron, American Woolen and Robbins Mills, and the name "Amerotron" was coined with syllables from each name. About \$150 million is expected from each half of the Textron operation, he said.

The Amerotron operation is divided into areas, with the four former Robbins plants in this section being in Area B, with Frank Roberts, vice president and member of the board of directors, as director, and Al Grant, former Robbins vice president, as his assistant director. These men were hosts with Mr. Huffines at the luncheon. Area B has headquarters in Aberdeen and has 3240 employees at the present time, with the Raeford plant, with 1050 being the largest. The payroll for the four plants is running about \$127,000 weekly. In a year, however, the payroll for the four plants is expected to run to about nine million dollars.

Expansions Planned

Mr. Huffines told of plans for immediate, relatively small expansions at the Raeford and Aberdeen plants. About 25,000 additional feet of floor space is planned at Raeford, if suitable water and disposal can be arranged, for lying operation. The addition will involve some 20 or 24 employees. In Aberdeen, construction has begun on a 15,000

foot addition to house the central accounting office of Amerotron, which will be moved there when it is completed. This will mean the addition of from 40 to 50 additional clerical and accounting employees.

describing the Raeford plant as the world's largest worsted mill, the president said that it was expected to run the plant here on predominantly wooled fabrics for about six months of the year and on predominantly synthetic fabrics the other six months. He was highly complimentary of the community acceptance of the plants in all the localities, and commented that the friendly feeling for the plants in the towns was considered a big asset by the company.

Fashion Editors Coming

Telling the news people of another imminent activity of the company with publications, Mr. Huffines said that the fashion editors of seven or eight of the country's best known women's fashion magazines would be guests of the company in this area next Tuesday. Among them he mentioned Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, Mademoiselle, and Seventeen. These ladies are coming primarily to see the largest worsted plant here, and the outstanding hand-woven woolen plant of Anglow Tweeds near Pinehurst, which Amerotron is also financially interested in.

Name Brock Farm As Last Week's Picture

The farm of Walter M. Brock on Raeford, Route two, was identified by several readers as the home pictured in last week's paper, although Mr. Brock has not called for his free mounted copy of the picture yet, and complete information cannot be given about it.

First identification was by W. C. Pendergrass of Route two, and first rural subscriber to make correct identification was Mrs. William A. Bennett, Jr., of Route two. Buddy Willis, who won several weeks ago, was also early in naming it. Others were Stanley Koonce, Mrs. Louis Brock, Jean Brock, Mrs. E. T. Brock and Mrs. H. S. Carroll of Route three.

Fire Department Buys Resuscitator

The Raeford volunteer fire department has just purchased an Emerson portable resuscitator for use in cases of smoke suffocation, electric shock, heart failure, drowning and other similar accidents. Fire Chief R. B. Lewis announced this week. He said that a rescue squad would be formed within the fire department to answer calls throughout the community. They have also purchased two modern smoke masks.

RURITAN SUPPER, SHOW

The Stonewall Ruritan Club is planning a chicken supper and talent show at Mildouson School on the night of Wednesday, April 27. The supper is planned to last from 5:00 to 8:00, and the talent show is to start at 8:00. Full details will be published later.

Hoke Wins, 14-4 Over Laurel Hill Tuesday

The Hoke High baseball team got its first taste of victory for the 1955 season when they defeated Laurel Hill, 14-4, here Tuesday afternoon. Thornburg pitched for the Hoke team, striking out 10, walking five and allowing seven hits.

Hoke High got their 14 runs on 12 hits, off three Laurel Hill pitchers. Kenneth Culbreth was leader at the plate with two doubles and a single in four trips. The locals scored one in the first, five in the fourth, two in the fifth and six in the sixth. Four runs were walked in in the sixth.

Laurel Hill got three runs in the second and one in the seventh. Jpe McLeod added to the Hoke score by batting in four runs. The Hoke team plays in Taber City Friday, and plays here again next Friday, April 15, when Laurinburg comes here.

Recorder Hears Light Session Of Court Tuesday

Only 11 cases were heard in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday before Judge T. O. Moses with three of these being for speeding.

Jacob Jack Ellis, white man related to the Jean Ellis who is charged with operating a place for immoral purposes south of Raeford on 15-A, offered no defense to charges of driving after his license had been revoked and careless and reckless driving. He was fined \$200 and court costs.

Leroy Murchison, colored, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury on James L. White. Sentence was one year, suspended on payment of \$250 and costs, two years good behavior, stay away from the "Ace-High" club for two years and not carry a knife during that time.

Julius McRae, colored, pled guilty of driving drunk and got 90 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. He was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for this.

Donald L. Shaw, Jr., colored, offered no defense to a charge of non-support. Judgment was continued on payment of costs and on condition that he pay \$20 monthly toward the support of his minor child.

R. E. Dockery, colored, pled guilty of assaulting his wife, inflicting serious injury. He was sent to the roads for two years.

B. D. Wright, white, was found not guilty on a charge of refusing to endorse assignment of a car title by John Butler.

Jason Harrington, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving.

Donald J. Callahan, white soldier, pled guilty of speeding and careless driving without a driver's license. He had to pay \$100 and costs. Two others paid costs for speeding and Herman R. Currie, colored, paid \$10 and costs for having improper brakes on his car.

Mayor, Town Board Are Running Again

Robert Weaver, town clerk, said today that Mayor Alfred Cole and the five members of the present board of town commissioners had filed as candidates for reelection. The members of the board are Truman Austin, Tom Cameron, A. V. Sanders, Marion Gatlin and John K. McNeill, Jr. No other candidates have filed so far, Weaver said, although the time for filing does not close until April 23.

Weaver called the attention of people who have moved to Raeford recently to the fact that the registration books for voters are open, and that they should register to vote in the election May 2. He said there had been very few registrations since the books opened this week.

Ed Coker of Albany, Georgia spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Upchurch.

Raeford Baptist Church Revival Is To Start Monday



REV. JAMES P. CARROLL

A series of revival services will be conducted at the Raeford Baptist Church starting next Monday night, it has been announced by the Rev. James E. Baker, pastor. The services will be held each evening at 7:45 o'clock, Monday through Sunday. Morning services will begin on Tuesday at 10:30 and will continue through Friday. There will be no morning service on Saturday and the Sunday morning service will be at 11:00 o'clock.

Funeral Held Tues. For Mrs. McVicker Who Died On Mon.

Mrs. Margaret McLeod McVicker died at her home here on Monday, at the age of 84.

She was a native of that part of what is now this county that was formerly Cumberland, and was the daughter of the late Lauchlin and Effie Wilson McLeod. She was the widow of the late Thomas E. McVicker, and they spent their entire lives in this county.

The funeral service was conducted at the Raeford Methodist Church at 3:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. J. Herbert Miller, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church. Burial followed in the Raeford cemetery.

Freeze Victims May Apply For Loans

Farmers in Hoke County whose crops were damaged by the recent freeze can apply to the Farmers Home Administration for emergency loans to continue operations, Hubert C. Chaney, county manager, said today.

Funds advanced for crop production purposes are repayable when the income from the sale of crops produced with the loans is received, Chaney said. He also said that loan funds may be used to take care of normal expenses of continued operation, but are not to be used to pay existing debts. Application may be made at the local FHA office.

JAYCEES TO SPONSOR DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

The Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a dance at the Raeford Armory Saturday night, April 9, from 8:00 until midnight. Music will be furnished by David Pugh and his popular orchestra, and proceeds will be used by the Jaycees for their civic projects.

Mrs. Ray Collins and sons, Alan and Bruce, are making their home with Mrs. Collins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Upchurch. Mr. Collins is stationed with the Air Force in Texas.

Tickets For Kiwanis Sponsored Game Are Placed On Sale

Tickets for the baseball game to be played here between the Fayetteville Highlanders and the Class B Carolina League and the All-Stars of the 82nd Airborne Division were placed on sale this week, Publicity Chairman R. B. Lewis stated yesterday.

The game will be played at the local high school park near the National Guard armory at 8:00 o'clock on the night of Friday of next week, April 15. It marks the first appearance here in some time of teams of this caliber and the Raeford Kiwanis Club, sponsoring the game for its civic projects, is expecting a large crowd of Raeford and Hoke County baseball lovers to be on hand. Tickets may be obtained from the high school Key club boys or from members of the Kiwanis club.

County Board Has Monthly Meeting

The Hoke County commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the courthouse Monday. They also sat as a board of tax equalization and review, and heard one complaint in this capacity.

Alfred Cole, county civil defense director, appeared before the board and asked for funds to organize the people of the county for civil defense and to familiarize them with the program. The board appropriated \$100 for this purpose, and told him to come back when more was needed.

At the request of the town commissioners the county board voted to ask Representative H. A. Greene to have the jurisdiction of the Raeford policemen extended to one mile outside the city limits. The board appointed S. J. Bradshaw of Carthage as electrical inspector for Little River Township. He is already inspector for Moore County.

A project of the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce to put lights at the swimming hole on Rockfish Creek was approved. It was decided to close the courthouse and county offices on Wednesday afternoons during the summer months, starting at once, except that the offices of the county farm and home agents will be closed on Saturday mornings instead.

Mrs. Janie McGougan Dies Last Wednesday Near Lumber Bridge

Mrs. Janie Townsend McGougan, 88, widow of John Duncan McGougan, died on Wednesday night, March 30, at her home near Lumber Bridge after an illness of five years.

She was born August 16, 1866, in Bennettsville, S. C., a daughter of the late Rev. James Thomas Townsend and Mary Ann Haywood Townsend. The greater part of her life was spent in Cumberland and Hoke counties.

Mrs. McGougan was a charter member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church at Rockfish, but after her marriage in 1898 she moved her membership to the Lumber Bridge Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the residence by her pastor, the Rev. Jerry R. Debell, assisted by a former pastor, the Rev. J. M. Gibbs of Stedman. Burial was in the McGougan family cemetery nearby. Pallbearers were Duncan Malloy, Jr., F. L. Tolar, Clifford Bostic, Jesse Gascoigne, Lloyd Bass, Colin Ammons, Jr., T. C. Chason and Earl Tolar.

Mrs. McGougan is survived by one son, J. M. McGougan; one daughter, Miss Vera McGougan; two stepsons, D. L. and J. E. McGougan, all of Lumber Bridge; two grandchildren, Mrs. John S. Gardner of Lumberton and L. S. James D. McGougan of the U. S. Army in Germany; one sister, Mrs. W. T. Roseman of Whispering Pines, Fayetteville; 13 step-grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and a large number of nieces and nephews.

Miss Carol McPhaul was the week end guest of Miss Anne Bracey in Mt. Olive.

Guard Unit Here To Take Part In Test Alert Soon

Company A, 130th Tank Battalion, North Carolina National Guard, will play an important part in the nationwide one-day TEST alert of Army and Air National Guard units to be held sometime in April.

The alert will be known as "Operation Minuteman," according to Captain Edwin D. Newton, commanding the company. All other units of the North Carolina National Guard will also participate in the alert, first of its kind ever held in the United States.

Captain Newton cautioned citizens of Raeford and Hoke County that "Operation Minuteman" is being planned only for training purposes, and to test the mobilization plans for all Army and Air National Guard units throughout North Carolina and the United States.

To Use Fire Alarm

"For that reason," he said, "we ask the people of the town and county not to be alarmed when this test alert is sounded and our National Guard unit is temporarily mobilized." The alert call in Raeford is four long blasts on the town's fire alarm, and Raeford Fire Chief R. B. Lewis this week added a note of caution to members of the fire company and citizens. He asked all firemen and citizens to stand fast when the four blasts are sounded and not go to the fire house. "This will save much confusion and maybe accidents when the Guardsmen are alerted," the chief said.

Captain Newton emphasized that the exact date and time of "Operation Minuteman" will be kept secret. The alert orders will come directly from Adjutant General John Hall Manning in Raleigh, and will be coordinated with simultaneous alerts in the other states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, he added.

Nearly 400,000 Guardsmen including officers and men of Company A, in more than 2,200 other communities will participate in "Operation Minuteman." Over 9,500 in North Carolina will join the 111 officers and men here in the alert.

Town Board Has Active Meeting

The board of commissioners of the town of Raeford held their regular monthly meeting on Monday night at the town hall with all members present and Mayor Alfred Cole presiding.

The question of the extension of West Elwood avenue was again discussed and again continued. In response to an application for a franchise for another taxicab in Raeford the board, after discussing the matter with Police Chief W. J. McQuane, voted to limit the number of franchises to six, the number now operating, and not to issue others until one of these is terminated.

The board voted to appropriate \$100 for the use of the Hoke County Civil Defense director in acquainting the people of the county and town with the program, and Mayor Cole, also the county CD director, appointed Town Clerk Robert Weaver treasurer of civil defense funds. The board also approved the use of the town hall as a headquarters for the county's civil defense.

The board voted to install additional street lights in the rear of the town hall and on West Prospect Avenue beyond the overpass.

A resolution was passed requesting Representative Harry Greene to introduce legislation which would place the town under the provisions of a bill which gives the board more authority to regulate unsafe or unsanitary buildings, understanding that this bill now applies only to towns of over 5000 population.

A request to Greene for a bill paying town commissioners \$10 a meeting instead of \$25 a year was passed on Monday night, but was stricken from the minutes on Tuesday when the commissioners decided to seek reelection, it being their feeling that they should not be in the position of making the pay higher and then seeking the job.

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