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Addenda - -

By The Editor

County Farm Agent Williford is hunting some electric sheep shears that are the property of the county. He says they have been borrowed, and doesn't know who has them. He asks that they be returned, as others are wanting to use them too.

This is a first edition, of a sort, if it is, that is. As such, we, the crowd that gets it together and prints and distributes it each week, ask your consideration and indulgence. It does without doubt have more shortcomings than usual this week, and ads and news that should be printed are being left out. Some of these are right here and cannot be squeezed into the size paper we have this week. Others have not even been heard of yet, so we couldn't circulate and listen as much as usual which, we'll admit, is not enough.

Reason for the whole business is that we have moved our newspaper press, which might by some standards be considered pretty old to be dragged around, from our old shop on Main Street to the new place we expect to occupy on West Elwood Avenue since we printed last week's paper. If you get this paper it will be printed on Elwood Avenue, and as our first there is the sort of first edition I was talking about above, not the sort you'd save, I fear, but quite an edition for us.

We have been on the move most of the time since last Friday, up until Wednesday night, actually. We thought we were through until we got started printing the first four pages of this paper, when we found that we had another phase to go. Just about everything on the press had to be readjusted before it would go. She's humming beautifully at this stage, though, and we're hoping she'll keep it up.

At any rate, the time we spent on it kept us from getting around everywhere we should have, and kept us from being able to print enough pages to hold what did come in. We should be able to do better next week.

The move itself, if one could take a detached view, must have been a show. With an expert from Atlanta who is older than the press, and the incredible talents of Gus Sproes of Maxton, plus a lifting tractor from Hoke Concrete Works ably operated by Richard Graham, it was dragged out the back and down the street without being torn down nearly as much as we had expected to be necessary. Enough of my own affairs. . .

Angus Currie, chairman of the Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up committee of the Chamber of Commerce today decided to postpone the week one more week to the week of May 23. He did this in order to allow the committee more time to completely organize the activity and to give it a better chance of success. He, Marion Gatlin and Kermit Wood, along with M. R. Mills and Martin Baumgartner are going to work out the details completely by next week and will appreciate any suggestions you may have by putting the real polish on the old town. Angus was on vacation last week and doesn't feel that the affair has had sufficient planning to be staged next week.

Angus also tells me, in his capacity as president of the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce, that the Jaycees have completed their plans for the installation of lights at the Rockfish Creek swimming hole, improved considerably last summer by Truman Austin and the Chamber of Commerce. The installation is to be made with the help of Carolina Power and Light Co., and the Jaycees are planning to have a fish fry or something soon to raise the money they will have spent on it. Angus says the lights are going up right away.

We add our hearty congratulations to the many Tommie Upchurch is receiving on being selected "Tar Heel of the Week" by the News and Observer. Tommie lives his philosophy that a man can get around to doing just (Continued on Page 4)

Tommie Upchurch Tar Heel Of Week

The weekly feature "Tar Heel of the Week" in the Raleigh News and Observer last Sunday featured T. B. Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford, and marked the first time this distinction had been accorded a citizen of this county.

Accompanied by an excellent photographic portrait, the article was written by Herbert O'Keefe of the News and Observer staff, and contained little that would be news to folks in Hoke County.

In addition to its sketch of his life, however, the article dealt factually with his love for his farming, and particularly for trees and cotton. His activities with the promotion of cotton on a national scale through the National Cotton Council were described, and his leadership in the N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative association.

It told of his recent efforts and articles aimed at in some way raising the income of the farmers of the nation to their rightful share, and his argument that if the farmers of the country were paid like laborers in industries, these same industries would be a long time running out of markets for their products because the farmers would then have the money to buy them.

His business interests and his travels, in which he always studies the farming in the sections he visits, were treated completely, although there was no mention of the anecdotes, sometimes pretty tall, that he returns to his home town with.

Presbyterian Men To Feed Families Wed.

The men of the Raeford Presbyterian Church for their regular monthly meeting this month will entertain the entire families of the church at supper and a program in the church on Wednesday night of next week, May 18, starting at 7:00 o'clock.

Following the supper, which is to be arranged and served by the men, there will be a program of full color movies on the local church and other older Presbyterian Churches in this section, and recent ones on members of the church congregation.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

The Rockfish School Committee held its organization meeting Monday night. B. B. Bostic was re-elected Chairman and Clifford Miller was elected secretary. C. H. Piggott was re-elected principal and Mrs. Janie T. Monroe, Mrs. Treva T. Koonce and Mrs. Mabel H. Williams were re-elected as teachers. All this, of course, is subject to the state allotment of teachers and approval by the Hoke County Board of Education.

The Hoke High Band and Glee Clubs gave one of the best concerts last Friday evening that has ever been given at Hoke High. The public has been most generous in its praise of the production. Mrs. Wood and Mr. Renn both deserve the praise and thanks of the parents for what they are doing in a musical way for the students.

The concert began with several numbers by the eighth grade chorus, followed by the high school mixed chorus, interspersed by numbers by a girls ensemble. The band came last with a variety of numbers that clearly showed their range and ability.

O. R. Lee, Field Auditor for the State School Lunch Program, is here this week doing a spot audit on the Hoke High Lunch-suit. This is done once a year. They come into a county and choose a school at random and (Continued on Back Page)

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.

Clarence Lytch To Attend 17-State Presbyterian Meet

Clarence Lytch of Raeford, was officially certified last week by Dr. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., as a commissioner to the General Assembly of the denomination.

The Assembly, which Mr. Lytch will attend as an official voting representative of the Fayetteville Presbytery, will be held in Richmond, Va., June 2-7. It is the highest court of the Presbyterian Church, and meets annually. Some 460 commissioners from 17 states attend and review the work of the Church for the past year, and set in motion the program for the coming year.

Mr. Lytch, who is an elder in his church in Raeford, was selected as a commissioner by Fayetteville Presbytery, and is one of ten commissioners—five ministers and five laymen—from the presbytery.

Mrs. Clark Of Hoke To Take Part In Vet Officers Panel

Mrs. Marian Clark, Hoke County Veterans Service Officer, is scheduled to participate, as a member of a panel, at the State-wide Veterans Service Officers School, sponsored by the North Carolina Veterans Commission, to be held at Hotel Robert E. Lee, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, May, 23-24, 1955.

This State-wide Veterans Service Officers School is expected to be one of the best and largest of its kind ever held in North Carolina, according to J. M. Caldwell, Director, North Carolina Veterans Commission.

Has Meal Tickets For Armed Forces Day

Martin Baumgartner, local Chamber of Commerce manager, said this week that he had received a supply of meal tickets from authorities at Pope Air Force Base and Fort Bragg for use on Armed Forces Day, May 22nd.

He said the services would be holding open house displays of their equipment, planes, atomic cannon and the like on that day, and that for 60 cents visitors could get the tickets to a regular Sunday mess hall meal while there. He guarantees it to be worth the price, and says that he'll have to return unsold tickets the first of the week, however.

Milton Mann of URC, Medical School, Chapel Hill spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Mann.

Mrs. Riley And Son Honored At EMI Sun.

Mrs. Kermit Riley, whose sons, Cadet Corporal Kermit Riley, Jr., and Cadet Sergeant Johnny Riley attend Edwards Military Institute in Salem, was the recipient of a high honor there on Mother's Day.

The corps of cadets at Edwards give an annual parade on Mother's Day, and the mother of one is selected to review the parade and be the guest of the school for the day. She is named "Mother of the Year," and this time it was Mrs. Riley.

Of her sons, Kermit, Jr., is 18 years old and is in his Senior year at EMI, while the other, Johnny, is 16 years old and in his Junior year there.

During the Mother's Day parade, in an elimination drill, judged by two Army officers, Johnny was chosen "best drilled old cadet of 1955". He was awarded a medal for this honor. Johnny has been an honor cadet three times this school year, with high grades determining this selection.

Kermit, Jr. was basketball manager this year at EMI. Johnny and Kermit, Jr., both ending their sixth year at EMI, are the oldest cadets at the Academy.

School Key Club Elects Officers, Men

The Hoke County High School Key Club, boys group sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, met at 11:00 a. m. Tuesday for the purpose of selecting officers for the school year, 1955-56 and new members.

New officers chosen were Kenneth Culbreth president succeeding Johnny Bobbitt, Lucy Koonce vice-president succeeding Kenneth Culbreth, Secretary Jimmy Peek succeeding Jim Henley. Leon Cameron succeeded himself as treasurer and Joe McLeod was selected publicity manager.

New members were voted in on their scholastic standings and their reputations and their expected abilities to improve the club. Chosen were Bruce Holland, Walter McMinnis, Johnny Baker, Walden Bishop, Leroy Bowling, Chan Roberts, Landis Satterwhite, Neill McDonald, Kenneth Lee, Bobby Vanhoy, Shelby Calloway and Bobby Clark.

PIANO, VOICE RECITAL

A joint piano and voice recital by the pupils of Miss Martha Pittman and Mrs. Thomas A. Wood, respectively, will be given in the Hoke County High School Auditorium Friday, May 13, at 8:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Town Board Closes Water Problem

A called meeting of the board of town commissioners of Raeford was held at the town hall on Monday night, May 9. Mayor Cole presided and all members were present.

Lawrence McNeill appeared before the board and told them of the fact that the Amerotron Corporation had under consideration certain changes in its operation here which would involve an increased use of water and the subsequent necessity of disposing of this water. He referred to the addition of a dyeing operation to the plant here which he had announced some weeks ago as being probable in the near future.

The board expressed a desire to cooperate in every way possible with Amerotron, but made a reservation on its final decision and action pending further investigation as to how the town might be able to finance an expansion of its water supply and disposal facilities.

Give Final Report On Cancer Crusade

Mrs. M. D. Yates and Mrs. L. W. Turner, co-chairmen of the Hoke County Cancer Crusade for 1955, made their final report on the fund-raising campaign this week. Total contributions received are \$530.25, and this puts Hoke County short of its quota in the drive by \$389.75.

The ladies said the money and report would not be mailed into the American Cancer Society for another week in order to give a last chance to those who might still wish to contribute.

The chairmen said they wished to express their appreciation to those who have contributed to this great cause. They said the money would go for education, service, and research in the control of cancer by the American Cancer Society.

Baseball Leagues For Youngsters Of Two Ages Planned

ages eight through twelve were organized with two teams each from Raeford and Red Springs to form one League. Three from Lumberton and one from Rowland in another League, and Maxton, Laurel Hill and East Laurinburg to form a third League. The champions of each League will be determined by July 16th and a playoff among the champions will be held.

In the older group of thirteen through fifteen, one League of nine teams was organized with teams from Lumberton, Red Springs, Raeford, Rowland, Maxton, Laurel Hill, East Laurinburg and Parkton.

Play in both groups will start June 1st with the schedule calling for two games a week for each team.

Civic Organizations, Churches and Textile Mills sponsor the various teams and a great amount of interest is being demonstrated among all concerned. In Raeford the two Little League teams will be sponsored by Amerotron, if another sponsor cannot be found. The Jaycees are sponsoring the older team. In previous years Robbins Mills sponsored Little League teams and last year the Raeford Kiwanis Club joined Robbins in sponsoring them.

Bible Teachers To Have School Sunday

A school for Bible school teachers will be conducted at the Upchurch High school next Sunday afternoon from 2:00 until 5:00 o'clock under the auspices of the Hoke County Ministerial association, it was announced this week. The purpose of the school is to train workers for vacation church schools of the churches of the county. Most attending are expected to be from colored churches, as the white denominations already have annual arrangements for training their vacation school workers.

Leaders of the school and classes of their discussions are to be Mrs. J. L. Edge of the Raeford Baptist Church teaching the preschool teachers, Mrs. Rodger Becker of the Red Springs Presbyterian Church teaching the primary teachers, Mrs. Percy English of Tabernacle Baptist Church the junior teachers, Miss Ann Anderson of the First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville the intermediate teachers, and the Rev. Scott Turner of Tabernacle Baptist Church the general officers.

All church school workers of the county will be welcomed to the school.

Average Session Of Court Tuesday

In an average session of Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday before Judge T. O. Moses only one case in which a felony was charged was on the docket. There were several drunks dealt with, and other liquor law violators, but not a single charge of drunk driving.

Albert McLeod, colored, was charged with felonious assault with a deadly weapon on Nathaniel Williams, inflicting serious and painful bodily injury. Probable cause was found and McLeod was held for Superior Court under a bond of \$1000.

For engaging in a public affray, Donald Shaw and Samuel Martin, both colored, were each fined \$10 and court costs. Shaw was also found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, for which he got 60 days suspended on payment of \$50 and court costs and two years good behavior. Martin, on a plea of guilty of resisting arrest, got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior. He couldn't pay, so went to the roads.

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Lions Keep Selling Blind-Made Brooms

H. D. Harrison, president of the Raeford Lions Club, said this week that the sale of brooms made by the Guilford Industries for the Blind which the club conducted Friday and Saturday would be conducted for a few more days. He said the sale was being extended because of other activities causing many people not to be at home when the first canvass of the town was made.

He says that many people who wanted to buy brooms to help the blind both here and elsewhere were thus deprived of the privilege, but could still buy them under arrangements made by the club with several service stations here. He said that they could be bought through next Monday at Niven's, McDonald's or Carter's Easo Stations, at Graham's and Teal's Gas Stations.

Freeman Child Dies; Buried Here Saturday

David Leroy Freeman, five-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Freeman of Fayetteville and formerly of Raeford, died in Highsmith Hospital Friday of pneumonia which had developed after asthma about two days before. Mrs. Freeman was formerly Mary Guin of Raeford, and a sister, Becky Jane, aged two, also survives.

Graveside service was conducted here at three o'clock Saturday afternoon by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Graham Eubanks, pastor of the Hay Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville.

MEETING CANCELED

The Men of the Baptist Church will not meet Tuesday night, May 17, as usual. It is being cancelled because of the May Day program at the J. W. McLaughlin Elementary School.

All men are urged to attend the Regional Brotherhood Convention at the First Baptist Church in Fayetteville Friday evening May 13, at 6:30. Supper will be served and everyone will leave from the Raeford Baptist Church at 8:00.

May Day Program Set For Tuesday

The J. W. McLaughlin Elementary School will present its annual May Day Program Tuesday, May 17, at 8:15 p. m. on the grounds in front of the school.

Reigning as King and Queen of May will be Kenneth Waddell and Pat McPhaul. Attending there will be Judy Warlick and Harry Parks, honor attendants from the seventh grade; Evans McNeill and Wayne Tuttle, sixth grade; Shirley McPhaul and Jimmy Byrd, fifth grade; Shirley Johnson and Sammy Warlick, fourth grade; Edith Brock and Ray Chandler, third grade; Donella Shankle and Vaddie Dedas, second grade; Winborne Howell and Malcolm Koonce, first grade.

The Junior Chorus and students representing each grade will present a program of songs and dances with the theme "Springtime", Jerry Guyer, narrator. The public is cordially invited.

DRIVE-IN THEATRE HAS CINEMASCOPE

Vernon Lowder, operator of the Raeford Drive-In Theatre on 211 west, announced this week that the installation of his new "Cinemascope" screen had been completed and that the first picture on it would be shown next Monday and Tuesday.

The picture is to be "River of No Return," with Robert Mitchum and Marilyn Monroe. Tim Molt will make a personal appearance on the stage on Wednesday night.

Miss Florence Cameron of Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. H. A. Cameron.