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## Addenda

By The Editor

Some of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce hated to get up Tuesday morning at seven o'clock. I believe, but just about all of them did. We were having trouble finding a time to have our monthly meeting that would suit them all, so I invited them all to have breakfast with me at seven a. m. on the next meeting day, saying I would cook it myself, and that all should have time at that time of day. Well I cooked it, mostly, but I expect my wife was more tired than I . . . just worrying.

Younger Snead tells me that the Kiwanis Club is seeking the cooperation of the community in the statewide "Youth Appreciation Day" in North Carolina next Sunday, and that the ministers have promised the cooperation of the churches. The idea was conceived and is being handled over the State by Earl Yarbrough, Raeford native now of Charlotte. The plan has the endorsement of Governor Hodges, and its stated purpose is "to afford the adults of North Carolina an opportunity to rededicate in the responsibilities of parenthood." Governor Hodges said "It seems that we have learned to give our youth everything but ourselves. Youth Appreciation Day affords an opportunity to give of yourself to the youth of your community. Please don't miss this wonderful opportunity." . . . Most of us parents could sure stand to give a little time to this line of thinking.

Tommy Macko is trying to get up a softball league for late afternoon play and wants anyone who cares to play to call him at home after six.

There was a fellow John Muse, of St. Pauls, came through town this morning with what most people say is the prettiest string of fish they ever saw. They were bass, and he caught them this morning in the Hodgkin pond at Antioch using a jigger on a reed pole. He had eight there that would each weigh seven pounds or better, each having a mouth big enough to put your fist into.

Mary McLean of Raeford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McLean, played an important part in the dedication ceremony of the new Prayer Chapel at Flora Macdonald College Sunday afternoon. Mary, as president of the student Christian Association, presented the keys to the chapel to Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson, president of the college, as the three presidents of the association immediately preceding her looked on. The idea of the chapel was conceived in the school year 1952-53 and the money for it was raised by the association under the four presidents present.

Had an interesting conversation with Dwight Niven, of Dunedin, Florida, some time ago. He was telling me that he graduated from Raeford High School in the class of 1917, and that there were 13 in his class. He had a picture of them too, and named them for me. In addition to himself there were Bennie Lee Upchurch, Helen Dickson, Mary Poole, Emma and Lana Hinshaw, Katie Barnard, Mary Blue, Daniel Jones, Murdoch McLeod, Anna McDonald and Octavia Privette.

Dwight, who is a bank examiner in Florida, said that B. F. Hassell was principal and C. D. Oxner teacher, and that they graduated in the old Raeford Institute building.

He also said they played football in Rockingham in 1915, with the late H. W. B. Whitley as coach, and that Love Helms, quarterback, was the only man on the team who had ever seen a game. During the game, he says, an airplane passed over, and the game stopped completely while everyone watched it out of sight.

Mrs. Stanley Crawley will present her piano pupils in recital next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Rockfish School. The public is cordially invited.

## CLEAN-UP WEEK STARTS MON., EVERYONE EXPECTED TO HELP

### Scully Home On Farm Almost 100 Years In Family

The farm home of Mrs. John Scully, Sr., northeast of Raeford, about six miles out 15-A and a mile north, was pictured in last week's paper as the mystery farm, and the farm has been in the Scully family since Mrs. Scully's husband's father bought it before the Civil War.

It was first identified last week by M. A. Maxwell of Raeford, and first rural subscriber to name it correctly was Bobby Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Parker of Route two. Ralph Plummer of Route one also named it right, and there were several guesses that it was another place. Consisting of about 750 acres with about 90 cleared the place was bought by Joe Scully from a Rev. McQueen who preached at Sandy Grove and Galatia Presbyterian Churches before 1860. The late Mr. Scully, who died in 1950, was born in 1861, and he and Mrs. Scully, the former Annie Hall of the same section, were married in 1899. Joe Scully went off to the war while his son was a baby.

Mrs. Scully lives in the third home there, the first having burned before her marriage, and the second 17 years ago, after which the present home was built. Joe Scully's father, James Scully, came from England and settled in Brunswick County near Acme. The place belongs to Mrs. Scully and her children, some of whom live on the place. There are eleven children: Mrs. Lela Hair, Mrs. Gertrude Hair, Oscar, John W., Mrs. Margaret Slagle, and Mrs. Ruth McDougald, all of whom live in the vicinity and Mrs. Mary Lee Patterson and Mrs. Ida Warner of Fayetteville, Mrs. Elvin Miller and Marvin Scully of Durham and Mrs. Gladys Nickerson of Bel Air, Md.

Oscar, who farms the home place, is fond of deer hunting and has to do so to raise anything, as they are plentiful there near the Fort Bragg reservation and are bad to eat up crops. He is a member of Parker's Methodist Church, and Mrs. Scully is a member of Galatia and others of Raeford Presbyterian Church. They raise cotton, corn and tobacco and cultivate mechanically. The place was all in woods with turpentine being the income until the war, after which the 90 acres was cleared.

### IN MILITARY GROUP

The 1955 Scabbard and Blade tapping ceremony was held at Davidson College during a drill last week, and among the 16 outstanding cadets and one faculty member who were tapped into membership was John McLaughlin, son of Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin of Raeford. Scabbard and Blade is an honorary military fraternity recognizing those men who have shown a particular interest in the field of military science and tactics.

### GRAIN DEMONSTRATION

W. C. Williford, county farm agent, announces that there will be a small grain demonstration on the farm of J. M. (Sam) McGougan at three o'clock next Monday afternoon. The demonstration field is located at the apple orchard about a half mile in front of the McGougan home. Fourteen varieties of small grain are being grown there and will be discussed. All farmers are invited.

### CAKE SALE SATURDAY

The Wayside Home Demonstration club will have a cake sale at Cooper's Super Market on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Freeman and children of Ft. Lee, Va. visited in West Palm Beach and Miami Beach, Fla. last week. Mr. Freeman is on leave prior to reporting to a new station in Germany.

### Wednesday Cemetery Day

Angus J. Currie, chairman of the community "Clean-Up Week" this year, said today that his committee had completed plans for really cleaning the old town up and that the drive would start Monday and run through the week. On the Chamber of Commerce Committee with him are Marion Gatlin and Kermit Wood, and also serving will be R. M. Mills, county sanitarian, and Vance Wiggins, superintendent of the town street and sanitation departments.

The committee has completed a survey of the town's needs in the way of cleaning and clearing, and arrangements have been made for members of the committee to contact individual property owners concerned. Wiggins states that the town's garbage collection facilities will be made available on a call basis during next week, and that persons or firms having trash to be moved may have it done by calling the town hall. He also said there would be two collections of garbage made from the entire residential area of the town next week in spite of the extra effort needed to make the special calls.

### Cemetery Plans

After the successful scheme of having a day during the week for cleaning the cemetery last year, the committee decided to try this again. Residents of the town who can do so are asked to go to the cemetery on Wednesday and work on their lots and help with others, as there are many with no owners living here. People who cannot go may hire a man and send him, and Marion Gatlin and M. R. Mills will divide the day staying at the cemetery and supervising the work for those who wish it. Tools and lawn mowers will be needed, they pointed out.

Vance Wiggins also said that if any property owners had problems of moving unsightly things that looked too big for them they could call him and maybe the town would have facilities to do the job. These would be available he said.

### Philippi Members Enjoy Homecoming At Church Sunday

(By Mrs. A. A. McInnis)

The annual homecoming at Philippi Presbyterian Church last Sunday was as always a very enjoyable occasion. A large crowd attended the worship service at midday, conducted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward of Raeford. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed at this time. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Cyrus Autry, Mrs. R. W. Posey and Miss Charlotte Posey. The homecoming was held earlier than usual this year on account of the heat later on, so it was a beautiful day and just cool enough to have everyone in the mood to enjoy all that wonderful food that was spread on the outdoor picnic tables after the church service.

None of the original Johnson family of Philippi were present except Ben Johnson, who still lives near the church. There were many new faces there that we were glad to see and hope that they along with all the others can be back next year.

### GUARD ENDS FIRING

The 105 enlisted men and six officers of Company A, 130th Tank Battalion, local National Guard unit, returned Sunday from their second week end of small arms firing on the ranges at Fort Bragg. Each week end they fired Saturday and Sunday, and most men fired the carbine, pistol and sub-machine gun.

### MASONS LADIES NIGHT

The Raeford Masonic lodge will have their annual ladies night on Tuesday, May 24, at 7:00 o'clock in the cafeteria of the J. W. McLaughlin School, J. E. Byrd, master, has announced. Masons are invited, he said, and can get tickets from other Masons.

## United Fund To Meet At Courthouse Mon.

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., president of the United Fund of Hoke County which was organized last year and which had a highly successful fund drive, announced this week that the annual meeting of the Fund would be held at the courthouse on Monday night, May 23, at 8:00 o'clock.

At this time new officers for the organization, which provides people of the county an opportunity to give to charitable organizations on a systematic, once-a-year basis, will be elected. Through the United Fund a person may give to a particular charity or funds will be allotted on basis of need by the local directors to the several charitable organizations participating.

Officers in addition to Gatlin are Mrs. W. C. Hodgkin and R. B. Lewis, vice-presidents, Charles Morrison, treasurer, and Angus J. Currie, secretary.

There are 24 directors of the organization and they come from all parts of the county. They were elected for one year each last year, and at the meeting Monday night they will be elected for one, two and three year terms, eight for each.

Gatlin urged citizens and participants to attend the meeting.

## Presbyterian Men Entertain Families

The men of the Raeford Presbyterian Church entertained the families of the church at a supper and program on Wednesday night. About 425 were present and enjoyed a supper of barbecue and fried chicken.

Following the meal the congregation gathered upstairs in the sanctuary where they enjoyed some hymns by a quartet consisting of W. L. Poole, M. L. and Martin McKeithan and Glenn Clark. This was followed by a series of films on the older Presbyterian churches in this section, and the program concluded with a film showing members and families of this church leaving after services this spring.

Duncan McFadyen was chairman of the committee which arranged the supper and program, and June Johnson made and showed the pictures.

## Mrs. Morgan's Father Passes Near Benson

Walter Patrick Dixon, 82, of Benson, Route 3, died at his home Monday morning. Funeral was held at the Pleasant Hill Christian Church Tuesday afternoon and burial was in the Dixon cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ardella Dixon, six daughters including Mrs. H. K. Morgan of Raeford, four sons, 32 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

## Hazel McLean Gets Camp Scholarship

Hazel McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McLean of Raeford, and a rising sophomore at Flora Macdonald College, has recently received a Danforth scholarship to attend the Leadership Training School at Camp Minnawana on Lake Michigan for two weeks this summer. Two students, upper classmen, now in college, have received this scholarship at the end of their freshman year. They are Sallie Ann Munroe, and Norma Pittard.

Qualifications stressed for this very desirable scholarship are the physical characteristics, religious and social development, and intellectual ability.

A popular member of the student body—the third popular Flora Macdonald girl from the same family—Hazel is new treasurer of the student body, which makes her a council member, and is president of Senior High Fellowship for Fayetteville Presbytery.

## CLASS NIGHT EXERCISES

The Class of 1955 of Hoke County High School will present their class night exercises Friday night at 8:15 o'clock in the auditorium of the school. The theme will be "One Foot On Earth," and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Draughton attended the funeral of Mrs. Draughton's sister, Mrs. Dan Waters, of Asheville on Sunday.

## Recorder Hears 32 Cases In Full Session

In a fairly productive day of Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday, 32 cases were heard before Judge T. O. Moses and two more were disposed of by bond forfeitures. Quite a few cases involved prohibition law violations and one of these was sent up to Superior Court.

Leroy Locklear, Indian, was charged in two cases with operating a liquor still. He pleaded guilty in one case, but as he was an old offender, Judge Moses sent the case up to Superior Court and set bond at \$500.

Kermit Rogers, Indian, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws, and got 60 days suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and two years good behavior. Gladys Rogers Chavis, also Indian, was found guilty of helping him, and she got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Sherman Jackson, Indian, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws, and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and two years good behavior.

State dropped a charge of violating the prohibition laws against Cyrus Peterkin, colored.

Oscar Lomax and Tom Watson, colored, were each found guilty of violating the prohibition laws, and each got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs. John LeGrand, colored, pled guilty and got the same.

For driving drunk and having no driver's license, Hugh L. Morrison, colored, got four months suspended on payment of \$125 and costs. Lawrence McCollum, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of driving drunk.

Mrs. Fulton Scott, white, who was found guilty last week of assaulting Mrs. M. B. Pleasants, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and eight months good behavior. She appealed and posted \$300 bond.

Laura B. Harrison Wharton and Patient Harrison, both white, were charged with assault and damage to personal property by Ruth Harrison, who failed to appear. Case was continued and capias was to issue for prosecuting witness.

Major Bud Brown, colored, was found guilty of assaulting J. T. Baker and sentenced to three months on the roads. He appealed and bond was set at \$300.

Roy Lee Murchison, colored, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and assault. Sentence was 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Emil W. Stephenson and Gilbert Everst, both colored soldiers, left a \$65 bond for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive and driving without a license, respectively.

Rosa Mae McPhaul, colored, was found not guilty of violating the prohibition laws.

Sam Scriven, colored, pled guilty of assault and got 30 days suspended on payment of costs and 12 months good behavior.

Jerry Walker, colored, was charged with assaulting William Demps with a deadly weapon. Probable cause was found and bond was set at \$1000 for Walker's appearance in Superior Court.

Glenn C. Gibson, colored, pled guilty of public drunkenness. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and two years good behavior.

State dropped a charge of careless and reckless driving against Lawrence E. Wilkes, white.

Other traffic violators included Lonnie W. Little and Nicholas Rogers, improper brakes, costs by each; Mitchell Melvin, improper brakes and license, \$20 and costs; R. W. Warmbold, passing on a hill, \$15 bond; Irene Elliott, improper brakes and following too close, costs and \$92.99 damages already paid; John W. Gilchrist, improper brakes, \$10 and costs; Willie Jr. Guy, improper license plates, \$10 and costs; Edward Burroughs, \$10 and costs for no driver's license. Two speeders paid \$10 and costs and one left a \$15 bond.

## TOWN BOARD TO ASK VOTE ON \$60,000 WATER, SEWER BONDS

### Chamber To Ask For Labor Survey

At a breakfast meeting of the board of directors of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning several activities in progress were discussed and plans for others were made.

In discussing the feeling by many merchants and others that there is a need for smaller industries such as sewing rooms or garment factories in the community, the board decided to ask the North Carolina Employment Service for a survey of available labor for use in inducing such an employer to locate here. Director John Morgan of the Amerotron plant remarked in this connection that his plant had recently employed 86 ladies of the community as members in the mill. He also said there were over 1100 persons employed there now.

It was reported that a committee of which J. Benton Thomas is chairman was making progress in toward its objective of getting a public toilet for colored people located in or near the business section of town.

The need for a credit reporting bureau was voiced by almost every member of the board, and Lawrence McNeill and Paul Dickson were authorized to get up a committee to help and to proceed with the establishment of this bureau if the business houses of the community will support it. It was pointed out that the bureau would work two ways. If a man had such a record that he did not deserve credit the store would be protected from him. On the other hand a man moving here with a good credit record would have credit immediately available and the stores would thus get his business. Elimination of annual write-off of unpaid accounts is accomplished in communities where a credit bureau operates.

The board voted to send Martin Baumgartner, manager, to the Southeastern School for Chamber of Commerce Workers, to be conducted in Chapel Hill in June by the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Angus Currie met with the board and outlined plans for the Clean-Up week next week.

## Percy D. Niven, Native Of Raeford Passes In Florida

Percy D. Niven, 67-year-old resident of Dunedin, Florida, died early last Friday morning in a Clearwater hospital after an illness of seven years.

He was a native of Raeford, having been the son of the late John A. and Mittie Williams Niven, and had been in Dunedin since 1910. In Dunedin he was city clerk for nine years, and a member of the city commission for several years. He was a member of the Dunedin Presbyterian Church and of the Dunedin lodge F & AM. He also belonged to the Southern Salesman's Candy Club and the Southern Wholesale Confectionary association, and was chairman of the board of Carolina Manufacturing Company of Greenville, S. C.

He was married to the former Miss Janie McLean of this county, who survives him along with two sons, Raymond of Dunedin and Mack P. of Greenville, S. C.; a daughter, Mrs. William W. Drummond of Dunedin; three brothers, L. A. of Memphis, Tenn., Reese of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Dwight of Dunedin; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Saturday at the Moss Chapel at 4:00 p. m., and burial was in Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park.

## ATTEND CONFERENCE

As members of the Star Club of the New York Life Insurance Company, Neill J. Blue of Edensborough Avenue and William Lamont, Jr. of 112 W. Donaldson Avenue, in Raeford attended an educational conference at Wilmington Island, near Savannah, Georgia, from Sunday through Wednesday of this week.

Following a trip to Raleigh and conversations with the local government commission by Mayor Alfred Cole and Town Commissioner Tom Cameron this week the town board is expected to decide at a meeting tonight to ask the voters of Raeford to approve a \$60,000 bond issue by the town for the purpose of increasing the water and sewer facilities of the town.

The entire plan was explained to the board of directors of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Friday, and this group voted unanimously to endorse the planned action of the town board as being the best thing for the progress of the town.

The plan is for a new 12-inch sewer line to run from the Amerotron Plant northwest of town along a zig-zag course through town to the sewage disposal plant east of town and then to a point on Rockfish creek southeast of town and south of the old 15-A bridge. This new sewer line would serve two purposes. The first of these and the reason it came up is that the Amerotron Corporation wants to put in a dye plant here which would use upwards of 200,000 gallons of water a day.

The second purpose is that the new sewer line, of the size and route planned would greatly ease the strain on present residential sewer facilities in the east part of town and give the system more capacity. The water released by the corporation's dye plant would be purified before entering the sewer system and would afford enough flushing for the present disposal plant to the point down the creek to completely eliminate the unpleasant odors which have been noticeable in east Raeford in recent summers, engineers estimate.

As to the water supply, the present system would be increased under the plan by another pump and well at a cost of about \$15,000. Water Superintendent Starr McMillan says that the present system can furnish Amerotron the additional water they need, but the additional pump is needed to afford the extra water necessary for safety.

The net profit on the amount of water to be furnished the dye plant has been calculated as enough by itself to more than equal the amount of the bond issue. In spending the \$60,000 the town will be paying about two-thirds of the total cost of the projected improvements, if approved by the voters, and Amerotron has offered to contribute about one-third in cash.

In announcing the town's plans Mayor Cole asserted that there would be no necessity now or later to raise the town's tax rate to take care of this improvement or its bonds, if the people approve them. He said that the income from water quoted above was a minimum one, and that the mill would in all probability use more water than this, and the town's profit on water would probably be greater when the volume is increased so greatly.

The Chamber of Commerce directors discussed the potential the Amerotron plant offers the economy of the community and the offer of the company to pay such a large part of the installation expense. The increase in facilities, it was pointed out, will make the town's utilities able to handle more industrial and residential expansion in the next few years, and the dye plant at Amerotron may lead to these.

An alternative plan was considered whereby the Amerotron Corporation would run their own line north to the creek and release their two to three hundred thousand gallons of water there each day. While pure, however, this water would have a tint which would be apparent in Rockfish Creek for about two miles according to engineers. As this would include the swimming hole, the company offered to construct another up the creek from where the water went in. It was felt by the town board that the other plan, with its large increase in the town's utility system and with the company giving the town the money it would spend on this alternative, was much to be desired. The swimming hole, if located. (Continued on Page 8)