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Addenda

By The Editor

Seems to me, being on the local school committee with a Baptist and a Methodist, that most of the teachers employed here in the last two years have been Baptists. Mr. Gibson tells me that the new coach, Floyd Wilson, was a Baptist and his wife was a Methodist, and that both are now Presbyterians. That covers the churches in this community pretty well, I'd say.

Cotton blossoms are about a week earlier than reported in this paper last year, when they were reported on June 19. First one reported this year was last Saturday, June 11, by Ang McLaughlin on Lawrence McNeill's farm at Bowmore. Also reported that day were blossoms by G. C. Lytle at Antioch, J. K. McNeill, and somebody else whose name I wrote down and stuck in my pocket and haven't seen since. If that somebody will see me again I'll mention it next week. Also got one found by Bonnie Kelly on the G. B. Bostic farm Sunday, one raised by Kelly Stubbs on R. J. Hasty's place Monday, one from I. J. Holland on Tuesday and one by Aaron Lloyd on the T. B. Upchurch, Inc. farm today. So, cotton is earlier this year.

The junior league baseball team sponsored by the Jaycees with boys aged 13 through 15 is going well right now under Coaches Willie Hodgin and George Wood. They beat Rowland Friday night, 13 to 5 and Parkton yesterday, 7-6. Friday night at 8:00 o'clock they will play Parkton again in the local park. Jaycees ask the people to come out and see them.

Truman Austin says Forrest Lockey remarked a few days ago that there should be traffic lanes on our Main Street. When Lockey remarks about something like that it gets done, he being the highway commissioner. At any rate there are lines of all sorts up and down the street now, and as it's a nice wide street they should help traffic a lot. For the benefit of readers living elsewhere I might add that there's getting to be right much traffic on it, too.

Presbyterian Men hold their regular monthly meeting and supper next Tuesday night. An interesting program with a visiting expert has been arranged. Think the other church men's groups meet next week, too, but I'm not in them and they didn't tell me.

Fayetteville Man Is New Solicitor Of Ninth District

Maurice Braswell, Fayetteville attorney, was appointed Monday to be solicitor of the Ninth Solicitorial District composed of Cumberland, Hoke, Bladen and Robeson Counties.

He succeeds Malcolm Seawell of Lumberton, who has been appointed resident Superior Court judge of the 16th Judicial District composed of Scotland and Robeson Counties.

Appointment was made by Governor Luther Hodges in line with the readjustments of solicitorial and judicial districts perfected by the recent session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Under this readjustment Hoke County, with Cumberland, became the 12th judicial district with Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville as resident judge. Previously Hoke was part of the Ninth Judicial and Solicitorial District, along with Cumberland, Bladen, and Robeson, with Nimocks as resident judge and Seawell as solicitor.

Mr. Braswell will take office on July 1 and must stand for nomination in the State Democratic primary in May of 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hasty are vacationing this week in the mountains of North Carolina.

FARM ITEMS

By W. C. Williford
County Farm Agent

Boil weevils have not made an appearance in Hoke County in large numbers to this date. They are very prevalent in a few fields but a majority of the fields are running low counts. With the exception of the hail areas and one or two other isolated spots, our cotton crop looks very promising.

Apparently the infestation of the worms which are eating the bolls is lighter than it was a week or so ago. At least, it doesn't appear to be getting any heavier. These are the common corn ear worms and ordinarily do not attack cotton this early in the season.

They are going into a state of dormancy now and will probably emerge again in about three or four weeks. At that time, a large part of their damage will be confined to corn ear tips unless the infestation are unusually heavy. Fortunately, if they do attack cotton again, the same insecticides that are effective against boll weevils and other cotton insects will also control these ear worms.

The heaviest infestations of boll weevils have been found in the Blue Springs and Antioch communities; however, there are fields in all communities that would probably run as much as 10% squares punctured. Other fields that have been checked in the weekly survey are still running around 1% or no boll weevils.

It is impractical to make a blanket recommendation as to whether you should start treating your cotton for insects. There are several beneficial insects being found on cotton, such as lady bugs and others, which will also be killed when you start treating. These bugs are eating thrips and plant lice and are serving a good purpose in your cotton field.

For the first time that I can remember, the Entomologists at State College are urging that you should not treat your cotton until you are sure there is 10% infestation of boll weevils.

Hoke County farm supply stores have pledged support to the people in the hail damaged areas for obtaining seeds and other supplies for fields that were totally destroyed by hail. The weather has been ideal for the crops that were damaged to recover since the hail struck. The damaged crops are looking better than at one time looked possible.

After talking to other agricultural workers and many of the farmers in the damaged areas, the two best crops to plant appear to be Milo and soybeans on the heavier type soils and peas on the lighter type soils.

Billy Cameron, who is a member of the Ashmont 4-H Club, will represent Hoke County at the first annual 4-H Club Forestry encampment. It will be held next week at Camp Millstone.

Billy was awarded this trip for being the county 4-H forestry champion last year. He planted pine trees around his farm home for wind breaks. Several of his trees died due to dry, hot weather, but he replanted them and kept good records on his project.

This will be an annual forestry encampment in the future, and the boy who wins the county 4-H forestry championship will be given the first choice to attend.

Henry Covington, Extension Watermelon Specialist, will be in Hoke County on the morning of June 24 to discuss watermelon growing and marketing with any farmer who is interested.

A watermelon pruning demonstration was planned, but the field that was to be used was destroyed by hail. If plans can be completed at another field, the demonstration will still be held and watermelon growers will be notified as to the time, place, etc.

If you are interested in seeing Mr. Covington personally or having him come to your farm, please contact me at your convenience.

Due to the surplus wheat situation, the Secretary of Agriculture has proclaimed marketing quotas for 1956 as required by law. At least 2/3 of the eligible farmers voting in the referendum must approve quotas before they can be continued.

PERSONALS

Winborne and Billy Howell accompanied their grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Howell and Miss Becky Howell of Ellerbe to New York this week. They went especially to see Mrs. Howell and Miss Howell off for a European vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Randle Matheson of Hightstown, N. J. are visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Matheson and other relatives here this week.

Mrs. Richard Whitaker of Duke University is spending the summer here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bue. Richard Whitaker, who is attending summer school at Duke, spent last week here with Mrs. Whitaker and son.

Mrs. Robert McCleskey and daughter, Alice, of Winston-Salem arrived yesterday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Upchurch.

Mrs. Lois Maulsby is vacationing this week at Crescent Beach, South Carolina.

Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Hood and children of Greenville, S. C. spent the week end with Mrs. Hood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Warren. Dr. Hood returned home Sunday and Mrs. Hood and children remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wilson of Bennettsville, S. C. visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Benton Thomas during the week end.

Mrs. Tommy Sacen and children of Long Island, New York are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Buoyar.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cole had as their guests Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Z. R. Langston and granddaughter, Becky, and Miss Vera Kimble of Akron, Ohio.

George H. Freeman, who sailed for Germany May 27, arrived in Zwibrucken June 4. He has been assigned to the 67th Med. Dept. (Army), and will be stationed in the southern part of Germany. He was stationed at Ft. Lee, Va. before leaving for Germany. Mr. Freeman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Freeman.

Miss Ellen Currie and Claudine Hodgin and James C. Lentz attended the wedding of Miss Paula Pegg in Nashville on Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. K. B. Grim and daughter, Diane, of Charlottesville, Va. are visiting Mrs. Grim's mother, Mrs. Wilmer McBryde.

Charlie Harvielle of Greensboro was a guest of Colon Scarborough during the week end.

Miss Margie Campbell of Laurinburg spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Campbell.

HD County Council Meets Monday P. M.

The Hoke County Home Demonstration Council met on Monday afternoon in the Lion's room of the county office building. Mrs. Joe Lovette, County Council President, presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report was heard.

Mrs. Frank McGregor, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Committee had selected the following to serve as officers: Mrs. R. M. Hooper, President, Mrs. Joe Lovette, Vice-President, and Mrs. N. F. Sinclair, Secretary and Treasurer. They were unanimously elected.

Mrs. Stanley Crawley was elected to represent the county at the Music Leaders' Workshop to be held at Catawba College, July 10-15. The Council voted to pay part of her expenses.

Mrs. R. M. Hooper was elected as one of the club members to go on the United Nations Tour in October. The other delegate is to be selected when Mrs. Hooper appoints the leaders for the County Council.

Recommendations from the State Executive Board were heard, discussed, and either approved or rejected.

Mr. J. M. Andrews, County Library Board Chairman, discussed a project by which the clubs (Continued on back page)

Athletic Coach For Hoke High Is Employed

Principal W. T. Gibson, Jr., of Hoke County High School, reported today that he had employed a new football and baseball coach for the school for next year. The new coach will teach health and physical education, but the basketball coaching is presently planned for Coach George Wood and another man yet to be employed.

Gibson went to Boone this week and reached an agreement with Floyd Wilson, a 1952 graduate of Appalachian State College who has been coaching and teaching at Concord High School for the past three years. Wilson, a native of Kannapolis, was assistant coach his first year and has been head coach for the past two. He is to receive his Master's degree in education at Appalachian this summer.

Wilson is married and has one son, aged 18 months. He and Mrs. Wilson were members of the Presbyterian Church in Concord, and expect to move here when a house becomes available after summer school. He succeeds Archie Briggman, who left here after one year to take a coaching job at Ahsokic. Wilson's football record for the past two years at Concord was seven won and two lost each year.

Hooper Home Is Identified As Mystery Photo

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hooper, on N. C. 211 about one mile west of the N. C. Sanatorium at McCain and on Aberdeen, Route one, was correctly guessed as being the mystery picture in last week's paper, but by only two people. First, and winner of the subscription, was Roy Jones of Route two, whose home was pictured the week before. It was also identified by Lucy Chapman of Aberdeen.

The Hooper home is located on their 64-acre farm which was originally a part of the old B. B. Saunders property. The Hoopers built the home in 1937 and moved into it in 1938, and were in the chicken business there until 1950.

Mr. Hooper is a native of Beaufort, N. C., and traveled for the Southern Bell Telephone Company before entering the Sanatorium as a patient in 1930, being discharged two years later. Mrs. Hooper, before their marriage November 27, 1923, was Miss Mary Williams of Atlanta, Ga. They had one son, Robert M., Jr., who died in Korea August 22, 1951 while a member of an anti-aircraft artillery automatic weapons unit.

The home was one of the first in a section that now has many, as when it was built it was the only home between the Sinclair place and the Thomas place. Since building the home they built their chicken and tobacco barns.

The Hoopers are members of Page Memorial Methodist Church in Aberdeen, and Mr. Hooper is a Mason and Mrs. Hooper an Eastern Star member. He is a veteran of World War I, and they are members of the American Legion and its auxiliary, respectively. Mrs. Hooper is a member of the Quewhiffle Home Demonstration club.

Mrs. J. C. Harrison of Spartanburg, S. C. spent last Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Sam Hiser and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurd Bradford and two children of Huntersville spent the week end with Mrs. Bradford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Covington. Mrs. Bradford and children remained for a longer visit.

Miss Bonnie Kate Blue spent the week end in Winston-Salem and attended the graduation exercises at Bowman Gray School of Medicine on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chaney attended a Golden Jubilee of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in Charlotte several days this week.

John D. McNeill Is New Legion Head

At the regular monthly meeting and supper of the Ellis Williamson American Legion Post at Clyde Upchurch's pond at Timberland Monday night John Duncan McNeill was elected commander for the year beginning July 1. He replaces Truman B. Austin.

Other officers elected were Kermit Wood and Joe Upchurch, vice commanders, Devove Austin, adjutant, Charles Morrison, sergeant-at-arms, Dr. R. L. Murray, chaplain, D. H. Hodgin, service officer, and Archie McDiarmid, finance officer.

The post voted to sponsor the lighting of the tennis courts at the high school again this summer, and to contribute \$25 to the newly-organized Teen-Age Club.

Whammy Returns; Over 35 Speeding Cases Docketed

The speedwatch, or "whammy", which has not been in use much on Hoke County highways while Patrolman W. T. Herbin was the lone representative of the State Highway Patrol in the county, went back into use last week, and the docket in the county recorder's court shows it. Herbin was joined last week by Patrolman J. E. Dupree.

Sixteen speeding cases came up before Judge T. O. Moses in the court Tuesday, and there were about 21 which were not called due to Mr. Dupree's absence. Those disposed of included four leaving \$25 bonds, 10 leaving \$15 bonds and two paying \$10 and court costs.

Lee Shepard, Jr., white man and former Raeford policeman who lost his driving license some time ago for driving drunk, was charged with driving after his license was revoked. He was not in court, but had seen the judge and entered a plea of guilty. Sentence was 30 days, suspended on payment of \$200 and court costs, payments to begin the first week in July. He has paid \$75 of the \$100 and costs he was charged for driving drunk.

Lacy Wall, colored, was found guilty of assaulting Mag Richardson with a deadly weapon, to wit, a knife. Sentence was six months to be suspended on payment of \$100 and court costs and two years good behavior. He went to the roads.

Allen Walters, white, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws and being drunk and went to the roads for 30 days instead of paying \$20 and costs.

Luther Locklear, Indian, pled guilty of operating a whiskey still. He got a sentence of four months, suspended on payment of \$200 and court costs and two years good behavior.

Thomas Tillman, colored, was found guilty of driving drunk. Sentence was 90 days, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and two years good behavior.

Atlas McNeill, colored, and H. A. Faircloth, white, each pled guilty of engaging in an affray. Each got 30 days suspended on payment of costs and one year of good behavior.

Gordon A. Perkinson, colored, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and paid \$10 and costs. Elbert Jackson, colored, pled guilty of the same offense, but got off on payment of costs, in view of the fact that all damage was to his own property.

Chase McLaughlin, colored, pled guilty of public drunkenness and paid \$10 and costs.

Heck Richardson, colored, was found not guilty of driving an improperly registered car. John Breeden, colored, paid \$10 and costs for having no brakes, as did William Love, colored, for having no driver's license.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parks, Pat Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. John Best and family and Miss Pat Maxwell spent last week at Nags Head.

Watson and Mack McFadyen of Sanford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Monroe on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fountain of Chapel Hill spent several days this week with Mrs. Fountain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blue.

HAIL AND WIND DAMAGE CROPS IN SOUTH & EAST HOKE ON SAT.

Plans Made To Organize Credit Bureau June 27

At a meeting Tuesday of a Chamber of Commerce committee consisting of J. L. McNeill, chairman, and Paul Dickson, Eldon Martin, Bernard Bray, N. A. McDonald, Ed McNeill of Home Food Market and Dr. Julius Jordan plans were made for a supper meeting at the High School Cafeteria on Monday, June 27, at which time a Credit Bureau is to be organized.

Mrs. Mabel Biggs of Lumberton, past president of the N. C. Association of Credit Bureaus and a widely known expert in the field, is scheduled to attend the meeting and advise the group on the first steps of the organization.

Under the plan, as discussed by the group Tuesday, all businesses in the county will be invited to become members, and files will be set up which will enable users of the bureau to practically eliminate credit losses. The first step after the bureau is organized will be for all businesses which become members to furnish it with names of all individuals to whom they have extended credit, and the manner in which they paid their bills. The information so received will be assembled on each name and filed for reference when reports are made.

It is the feeling of the committee that the bureau will be a great asset to businesses and customers alike, in that the business is protected from losses by granting credit to people who have the habit of not paying, and will be able to grant credit to people who do pay their bill whether they know them or not. People who live beyond their income by going from store to store running up bills will be slowed down or stopped from such habits, and all businesses will stand to benefit from their cash trade.

If plans for organization on June 27th materialize, the assembling of the data from the credit books of the county on paid up and past due accounts should begin shortly thereafter, with the bureau being able to start making reports about a month later. Tickets to supper are to be printed and distributed to business operators in the county next week.

Local Girl Scouts To Attend Camp

Mrs. Robert Gatlin, local Girl Scout leader, said this week that 36 girls from this community are planning to attend the Girl Scout day camp at Pine Bluff next week. The camp is to be conducted by the Central Carolina Area Council of the Girl Scouts from June 20 to 24, inclusive, and will operate from 9:00 a. m. until 4:00 p. m. each day.

The local girls will meet in the yard of the J. W. McLaughlin School on Main Street each morning, and will be accompanied and supervised by Mrs. Gatlin, Mrs. Virgil Dark and Mrs. Leo Little.

Only girl scouts who are registered for the camp may attend, Mrs. Gatlin said. The Hoke County United Fund, and funds for the camp are being provided by it.

TO CLEAN CEMETERY AT SILVER GROVE

John Ferguson, of the colored community north of Raeford, announces that a community effort will be made tomorrow to clean the cemetery at Silver Grove Church, and that the help of any and all will be welcome.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Standing of the Red Springs-Raeford Little league through last Thursday were Cardinals of Red Springs first with two and one, Raeford Indians and Red Springs Yankees tied for second with one and one each, and Raeford Tigers last with one won and two lost.

A severe hail and wind storm damaged crops with varying severity early Saturday afternoon from the Red Springs road about a mile south of town east to Rockfish and into Cumberland County north and east of Rockfish. The path of the storm was from a mile to a mile and a half width in most places, and it was apparently accompanied by a tornado when it hit the farm of George Dees north of Rockfish. Slight to moderate damage was also reported in spots along the Fayetteville highway and in Quewhiffle township, but of neither the scope nor intensity of the other area.

Tobacco crops were severely damaged and were considered a complete loss on many farms, and cotton fields in many places were practically without a leaf left. Watermelon patches of Clyde Upchurch, E. T. Brook, Roy Long and others were almost a total loss.

At the Dees farm worst damage was done to trees and buildings than by last fall's hurricane. Trees were uprooted and broken up, and a barn and shelters and haystack were blown up and over. A 10 and a half acre cotton patch belonging to Dees was left without a leaf that was not protected.

Severe damage was also suffered by Oscar Maxwell, Neill McFadyen and Bernice Bostie. W. C. Williford, who spent Tuesday studying the damage, said today that there was no way he knew of to make anything like an accurate estimate of the damage, but that its severity was undeniable. Many other farms were damaged, and some severely, with watermelons, tobacco, cotton and corn being destroyed, and in some areas gardens as well.

The storm damage seemed to be of three types, that from wind, that from large hailstones which in some areas did great damage to stalks of corn and other plants, and that in some areas from small hailstones, where damage was principally to leaves.

The storm appeared to have been part of a general disturbance that visited North Carolina during the week-end, and was accompanied by about a half inch of rain. The damage continued into Cumberland County in the direction of Cliffdale, W. P. Sanders, the Gillis brothers, Dr. Pittman and Henon Faircloth being reported as the hardest hit. Damage over the State was severe, with that in the Bethel area of the State being estimated at more than one million dollars. A tornado, also struck and severely damaged a five-mile streak in Pitt County. John Black in the Galatia section lost the top from a barn.

W. A. Culbreth, 62, Dies In Cumberland

William A. (Green) Culbreth, farmer of route six, Fayetteville, and sister of Mrs. Hennie Gibson of route two, Raeford, died Friday night at his home. He was a son of the late William C. Culbreth and Mrs. Penny Royals Culbreth, and was born September 8, 1892. Funeral was Sunday afternoon at Cedar Falls Baptist Church.

In addition to Mrs. Gibson, he is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, two brothers, four other sisters, and eight grandchildren.

Don P. Guy Dies In Red Springs Friday

Don P. Guy, 36, of Red Springs died at his home there Friday morning. He is survived by his wife and one son of the home, two daughters including Mrs. Gerald Barbour of Rockfish, two brothers, two sisters and six grandchildren.

Funeral was at Parkton Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Charles E. Tucker, assisted by the Rev. Willis Bennett of Red Springs. Burial was in Parkton cemetery.

Mrs. N. A. McDonald and Neill are spending this week with the Gatlins at Topsail Beach.