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Addenda

"If wishes were horses, beggars would ride," and if generals had their wishes our land would all be reservation and we would all be soldiers, like as not. General Joseph Cleland is not the first general that has talked when he ought to have been listening. If that's what he's thinking, though, maybe he served us well by letting us know it. From pleasing Fayetteville merchants with dreams of a gigantic Fort Bragg at the expense of Hoke County homes he goes this month to do his day dreaming in retirement on a Pennsylvania farm. He has doubtless served his country well in the best way he knows, but I would say we in this section compare him now.

County commissioners are to meet tonight to discuss the school budget with the county school board and to talk over the county general fund budget for the fiscal year beginning tomorrow. Presumably they will adopt a budget for the year and set the tax rate for 1956.

Business will be done at the reports on Monday, no doubt, but there will be none here that I can think of. We ought to get together and make a special effort not to do ourselves in any way between now and Tuesday. The sad truth is, though, that some of us will.

Chester Williford, the county farm agent, was in here bragging about the interest Hoke County tobacco farmers take in new practices and methods. He said that at the tobacco field day Tuesday at the experiment station at Whiteville for 11 counties there were 250 to 300 farmers present. He said Hoke County was the smallest county represented and the farthest away, but that the 40 Hoke County farmers were the largest group from any county. Farmers attending report that the day was most interesting and beneficial. They viewed experimental and demonstration plots dealing with new and old varieties and heard and saw about fertilizers, chemical sucker control, handling hail-damaged tobacco and other phases of tobacco production.

REA Adds Engineer To Administer Its Appliance Financing

The Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation has announced a new addition to its staff, Joe N. Sinclair, Jr. of Rowland, a 1951 graduate from N. C. State College in Agricultural Engineering. Sinclair has just completed his two years in the Armed Services and comes to the local cooperative well recommended. Formerly employed by John F. McNair, Inc., of Laurinburg, he was transferred this year to the former Ruth Smith of Rowland, music teacher in the Fairmont High School.

According to D. J. Dalton, Manager, Mr. Sinclair will head up their Loan Program for financing the purchase of electric equipment through about 100 dealers in the service area. He will be available for consultation and advice to members of the cooperative and hopes to work with county agents, agricultural teachers, vocational and veteran training teachers, as well as with high school principals, 4-H Clubs, and other civic organizations in promoting the most practical usages of electricity.

Mrs. E. C. Crawford and daughter of Rockingham spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cole.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neill McFadyen this week were Mrs. McFadyen's sister-in-law, Mrs. Malcolm McLean and children of Mobile, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Braba and small son of Royal Oak, Michigan were guests last week of Mrs. Braba's uncle, Fred Culbreth and family.

Western Auto Asso. Store To Open Sat.

Homer McGuinn, owner of the new Western Auto Associate Store being installed in the building on Main Street occupied for many years by The News-Journal, said this week that the store would open for business at 9:00 a. m. on Saturday. He invited the public to come in and see the store, and to register for free gifts to be given away in connection with his opening.

Since the renovation of the place by Speros Construction Co. was completed almost two weeks ago McGuinn, along with W. T. Walters, who will help him run the store, and Lew Copenhaver and Pug Bason, wholesale merchandise and installations specialists from Greensboro, have been working long hours getting fixtures installed and merchandise unpacked and displayed.

In opening the store here McGuinn becomes one of about 3300 owners of Western Auto Associate Stores over the country. Formerly of Hendersonville, he lives with his family at 605 North Stewart Street. They are members of the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

McLean Home Is Pictured Last Week

The home of Maggie McLean, east of Raeford on the road from Oakdale Gin northeast to the old Fayetteville road was pictured as the farm mystery picture last week. Mrs. Charlie Baker of Raeford was first to correctly identify the picture, with Mrs. Floyd Monroe of Route two being the first rural subscriber to get it right. Roscoe Bratcher and Charles Baker of Route two also named the home correctly, and there were several wrong guesses.

Maggie has lived on the seven-acre place for 11 years and her husband, T. McLean, died in January of this year. They were married on December 24, 1902. She has a daughter, Emma Lee Hollingsworth, at home with her and farms her seven acres and shares crops some more land belonging to John Baker and Arnold McKay. Her place was formerly part of the McDiarmid place.

She has three other children, Willie, Mary Singletary and Bella McDonald, all living in Hoke County.

"A Trip To Saturn" At Planetarium

The greatest show OFF earth opens Tuesday night at the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill. It's the Planetarium's annual summer excursion out of this world, this year "A Trip To Saturn," an all-new and exciting production which will run from June 28 through September.

In the comfort of the Planetarium's air-conditioned chamber, patrons will take a simulated trip in a nuclear powered space ship through millions of miles off earth. So realistic are the improved sound effects this year that one has the sensation he is actually moving through space at a phenomenal rate of speed.

This summer the base of operations world will be the moon from which the Space ship will explore the outer world, buzz Mars, pass through the asteroid belt, and land on Titan and Enceladus which are satellites of Saturn. Passengers will be thrilled over their explorations of a whole new world and excited by the full rich colors of the heavenly bodies. Talented artists have contributed new settings and the able Planetarium technicians have done their usual excellent job to provide a show check full of exciting realism.

An expanded schedule of presentations will go into effect when "A Trip To Saturn" opens. Shows will be presented nightly at 8:30 p. m. with matinees Saturdays at 11 a. m. 3 and 4 p. m. and Sundays at 2, 3 and 4 p. m. Additional performances will be presented on request of large groups.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Covington spent Sunday with Mrs. Covington's mother, Mrs. J. R. Gordon. They attended the morning church service at the First Presbyterian Church where the Rev. James L. Doorn is the new pastor.

Flora Macdonald, PJC, Peace Union To Be Discussed

The 142nd meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina, convening July 12-14 at Barium Springs, promises to be one of the most important in the history of the Court. Several matters of major interest will be before the nearly 500 representatives of Presbyteries and churches, composed nearly equally of ministers and laymen, will hear Dr. James A. Jones, President-elect of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., preach the retiring Moderator's sermon on the first evening of the meeting.

At this meeting probably the most important item of business will be the proposed merger of the three Presbyterian schools of higher learning located in this general area — Flora Macdonald College, Presbyterian Junior College and Peace College. The advisability of combining the three schools into a 4-year co-educational institution was brought out in the recent two year Higher Education Institutions Study carried on under a \$50,000 Ford Foundation Grant.

A Commission of nearly 30 leading ministers and laymen of the Synod received the completed study in April, and have analyzed and edited it for presentation with recommendations to the Synod at the July meeting. The Commission was headed by Dr. Warner L. Hall, pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, and contained representatives of the Boards of Trustees of all the institutions included in the study and members at-large. Already the Boards of Trustees of each of the institutions referred to have been officially contacted by the Commission, and the actions of the Commission in general have been favorably received.

Recommendations going to the Synod will include an appeal to the Synod to join in the General Assembly Program on Christian Higher Education in 1956; for a campaign to raise a large sum of money for the support of its institutions; and the consideration of the merger of some of its institutions. To effect the merger, it will be recommended that a Board of Trustees, composed of representatives of the colleges entering the merger and members at large, engage in a study of a place to locate the consolidated, 4-year co-educational institution, and that the most expert assistance available be obtained to guide the planning group in establishing as nearly as possible the ideal institution of Christian Higher Education.

One of the essentials for accomplishing the goals which have been set by the Commission is the procurement of large initial support for the proposed new college and according to authoritative sources substantial funds are already in prospect.

Several towns in the area of Fayetteville Presbytery are already asking that the proposed college be located within their borders. These towns include, of course, Red Springs, along with Fayetteville, Lumberton, Laurinburg and Southern Pines.

According to some estimates, a 5 million dollar program would be necessary to effect the proposed consolidation, and it is reported that Fayetteville, one of the towns bidding for the school has already organized a group of 100 men who have pledged to raise \$10,000 each.

BOARD MEETS TUESDAY

The county board of commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting for July on Tuesday, July 5, because of the holiday on their regular meeting day. All county officers will be closed on Monday for Independence Day.

Mrs. John Nicholson of Raeford and Miss Bernadine Winstead entertained Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock honoring Miss Anne Carver of Roxboro in the Ladies Parlor at the Roxboro Hotel.

Tobacco Markets To Open August 3

The membership of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, closing its convention at Virginia Beach yesterday approved a schedule of opening dates for the flue-cured markets. At the same time they adopted a bluntly-worded statement declaring that the dates set fall far short of being satisfactory to the organization or equitable to the farmers. This statement referred to the fact that dates are later due to lack of availability of buyers to work the markets.

The organization called on the tobacco companies to enlarge their buying staff so that at least by 1957 all belts can have buyers as soon as they are ready to sell tobacco. The North Carolina-South Carolina Border Belt will open on Wednesday, August 3. Association President Fred S. Royster of Henderson previously had told the convention that the thorny problem of setting opening dates could not be solved satisfactorily until the companies employ additional buying personnel.

Other opening dates set are Georgia-Florida Belt, July 21; Eastern North Carolina, August 23; Middle, September 6; Old Belt, September 23.

A ray of hope for an earlier opening was held out to the Eastern Belt and the Old Belt. It was specified that the Bright Belt board of governor, or a committee appointed by the board, will meet later in the season to review marketing conditions and determine whether buyers can be obtained so that these belts may open earlier. Some Eastern Belt delegates were so dissatisfied with the date recommended for their area that they packed up and went home on Tuesday night. The 1955 dates are generally lower than in 1954, when the major companies failed to send buyers for the scheduled openings in some areas.

The statement adopted declared: "The farmer should have the opportunity to sell his tobacco in the belt in which he lives as soon as the tobacco is ready for market. On the above schedule, several belts will open a considerable time after the tobacco is ready. We regret this situation, but we must live with it this year."

Greyhounds Running After 84 Days Off

Greyhound buses were seen again today at the bus station at the Raeford Hotel and over the 10-state area served by Atlantic Greyhound Lines after drivers had been on strike for almost three months. The drivers ended their 84-day strike yesterday by voting to accept a two year contract with the corporation providing a daily minimum pay boost of \$2.50, plus other benefits. Those here today were also conspicuous for their lack of passengers, as before the strike they were carrying almost capacity loads and on this day the public hasn't got back to them.

Atlantic Greyhound had begun reopening bus stations and making other preparations to resume service even before the outcome of the voting by the drivers was announced yesterday afternoon. The first "through" bus to operate since the strike began at midnight April 6, left Cleveland at 7:00 o'clock last night on a run to Florida.

Approximately 725 drivers in the 16 Eastern and Southern states served by Atlantic Greyhound have been on strike. Some 1,800 other Atlantic Greyhound employees also were idled by the strike. Operations were halted in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and District of Columbia.

TOWN BOARD JULY 11

The Town board will hold its regular monthly meeting, and first of the new fiscal year on Monday, July 11, since Independence Day falls on their regular meeting night. At this time the budget for fiscal 1956 will be acted upon.

Mrs. Warren Childress returned from Moore County Hospital on Monday where she has been a patient for the past week.

Indian To Roads Following Knife Scrape Last Week

Four Indian men were brought before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday on charges resulting from or connected with the cutting scrape at the Hodgkin pond at Antioch on Monday afternoon of last week. Two were sent to the roads and a third is under bond for trial in Superior Court.

Carson Locklear was found not guilty on charges of driving drunk with no driver's license and improper brakes. On a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, probably cause was found and bond was set at \$1500 for his appearance for trial in Superior Court. He was not given much chance to post it, however, as he was sent to the roads for 12 months on a sentence previously suspended on condition of two years good behavior and staying out of this county.

Sanford "Chief" Jacobs, reported last week as a Locklear also and the only one in the crowd not a Locklear, was the one getting the worst of the knife fight in the water and on the dam. He was out of the hospital by Tuesday, though, and also faced a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Probable cause was found as to him also, and he was freed under bond of \$750.

State dropped a charge of public drunkenness against Junior Locklear, and accepted his plea of guilty of driving drunk without a driver's license. He went to the roads for 90 days when he couldn't pay \$100 and costs.

The fourth member of the party, James Lee Locklear, pled guilty of public drunkenness and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$30 and costs and two years good behavior. So much for the battle of Antioch.

Henry Junior "Peter" Oxendine, also an Indian, pled guilty of operating a whiskey still. Sentence was one year on the roads, suspended on payment of \$250 and costs and two years good behavior.

Sherman Jackson, Indian, pled guilty of driving without a license and James Maynor, Indian, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving. Judgment was suspended in each case on payment of court costs.

Person destined to get the most experience working the highways of the State as a result of the session was a white man, Richard Boyd Bailey, who left for a total of three and a half years from two cases. Far assaulting Mrs. H. M. Bedsole with a deadly weapon he got two years after being found guilty. He was also found guilty of assaulting Mrs. R. B. Bailey and got another 18 months for this, sentences to run consecutively.

Leaner Graham, colored woman, pled guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon. Sentence was 60 days in jail, suspended on payment of costs, \$20 fine, \$10 doctor bill and two years good behavior.

Giles P. Burke and Welford W. Wilshire, both white, each left a \$50 bond for being drunk and violating the prohibition laws.

Garfield Watkins, colored, paid \$10 and costs for having improper braker on his car.

Speeders included one who left a \$50 bond, four leaving \$25 bonds, one a \$15 bond and one paying court costs.

HURLEY GETS VACATION

Ben Hurley, local representative and service man for the Carolina Power and Light Company, said this week that he would be on vacation for two weeks beginning Saturday, July 2. Persons desiring to do business of any sort with the company during this time should call 485, the Raeford-Television Company, where bills are paid, and where the service man working in his place may be contacted.

Mrs. N. F. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Taylor and son, Earl, all of Dunn, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Eldon A. Martin. Mrs. Taylor is Mr. Martin's sister and Mrs. Martin is his mother.

Dan Ray is a patient at Moore County Hospital.

Braswell, Seawell To Be Sworn In As Solicitor, Judge

Maurice Braswell, recently appointed solicitor of the Ninth judicial district, will take the oath of office at swearing-in ceremonies set for Friday, July 1, at 6:00 p. m. in the superior court room of the Cumberland County courthouse.

The Honorable Malcolm B. Seawell of Lumberton, scheduled to be sworn in as resident superior court judge of the new sixteenth judicial district at ceremonies in Governor Luther H. Hodges' office in Raleigh a few hours earlier, will preside over the affair in Fayetteville.

The public is invited to attend. Braswell, who had served as assistant solicitor to Seawell for Cumberland County in the present judicial district, will assume his new duties after July 1. Counties in the district are Hoke, Cumberland, Bladen and Robeson. Counties in the new sixteenth judicial district are Robeson and Scotland.

See Watermelon Prospects Good If Grade Is Up

County Agent W. C. Williford, after consultation with two outside watermelon men this week and a study of the situation here and elsewhere, this week reported that prospects appeared excellent for a good money return to farmers in Hoke County and the section from the crop expected to move about mid-July. Here to look over the situation with Williford were Henry Covington, watermelon specialist with the State College Extension service, and R. R. Boykin, agricultural agent with the Seaboard Airline Railway.

Williford said the Georgia and Florida markets were having a good season, but that the demand for graded melons was greater than ever before. He said that Charleston Grays were bringing an average of \$50 per carload more than other varieties on these markets where the melons graded 30 pounds and better. He said that growers in Hoke County had planted probably the highest percentage of this new variety than any county, and urged them to take advantage of the prospects by pruning their vines to reach the grade.

He said that there were about 12,000 more acres of watermelons planted this year in North and South Carolina than last, and that the planting was up in Hoke County also, with several hundred acres being planted commercial growers. There are about 50 of these having from one to 50 acres each. He said about 65 per cent of the melons planted in this county are Charleston Grays.

Another factor Williford said the specialists considered favorable to the crop in this section is that dryness around planting time made the drop a little later, which will result in a big portion of the South Carolina crop being off the market by the time this section reaches it.

Williford said farmers in the county interested could receive the daily watermelon report from the Federal State Market News Service by writing the Agricultural Marketing Service, Box 329, Thomasville, Ga. This report shows the daily shipments from the various watermelon centers and prices.

George Faircloth Of Lumberton Dies

George Faircloth of Lumberton, 41-year-old construction worker, died Monday afternoon near Dublin while en route home from Clinton. He is survived by his wife, two children, three brothers including Billy Faircloth of Raeford, two sisters including Dixie Faircloth of Raeford.

Funeral was Wednesday afternoon at Cedar Grove Baptist Church and burial was in New Hollywood cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McNulty and children of Waverly, Ohio arrived Wednesday for a visit of several weeks here.

Credit Men Meet Monday Night To Organize Bureau

Fifty-six men and a lady, representing most of the businesses in Hoke County which sell on credit, met at the High School cafeteria Monday night, and after enjoying a barbecued chicken supper prepared by Mrs. Lucy Smith and staff, took initial steps to organize a credit bureau of Raeford.

Details on the operation of a credit bureau were explained to the group by Lawrence McNeill and Paul Dickson, who had been appointed to a Chamber of Commerce committee to investigate the matter. Following this explanation of the basic principles, there was a discussion session of the various factors which might affect its operation here and on the various ways it would serve the business firms and the buying public.

The group then voted to proceed with the organization of the bureau and a committee to take first steps and be a governing board was named with Neill A. McDonald as chairman, and Dr. R. A. Matheson, W. A. McDonald, Charles Hostetter, Lawrence McNeill, Younger Sneed and Paul Dickson. First action by the committee was to be the raising of \$1000 for initial equipment and expenses, following which arrangements are to be made to accept businesses as members and to audit their books for names of all who have done business on credit in the county and the standing of their accounts.

As McNeill pointed out in his explanation, the information compiled and filed by the bureau is to be accessible to no one in list form and only to members for bona fide use.

General Wishes Bragg-Mackall Linkup Possible

"I would like to see Fort Bragg and Camp Mackall one big reservation," declared Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Cleland, retiring commander of Fort Bragg, as he said farewell to the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon in the Prince Charles last Thursday.

The old soldier told the Chamber of Commerce gathering: "I would like to see 100,000 men stationed at Fort Bragg. The new barracks when completed will house all the troops we have there now and the government is spending two and a half million dollars to renovate many of the barracks now occupied by the 82nd Division."

"If it were possible to link Fort Bragg and Camp Mackall with the proposed corridor through Hoke County, General Cleland indicated the enlarged reservation would become the seat for major military maneuvers," the Fayetteville "Observer" said in reporting the talk. That this is not possible was learned last year from highest sources in the Defense Department when it was announced from the Pentagon that the plan had been dropped by the Army.

"I feel it would benefit the Army without question and also benefit you people in the community of Fayetteville," the general said, in his talk apparently aimed at pleasing the store owners of Fayetteville and carrying no weight or authority with anyone.

General Cleland was brought for the talk by Wilbur Clark, chairman of the military affairs committee of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and reported to have been a leader in the Fayetteville movement in favor of the taking of Hoke County land for the project in 1953.

WAYSIDE CAKE SALE

The Wayside Home Demonstration Club will have home-made cakes for sale at Cooper's Super Market Saturday morning.

Mrs. Jack Knapp returned to her home in Charleston, West Va. last Thursday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Smith.