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Addenda

By The Editor

My Uncle George Graham Dickson, resident of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for the past few years, returns to this place of his beginning every now and then to look around and shoot the breeze with his old friends and kinsmen. Much of anyone's conversation when they return is about the days when they were here, and he is no exception. Speaking of his father, the late Dr. A. P. Dickson, the other night, he said he was accused of having one of his nine sons and four daughters as a favorite, but replied that such was not the case at all, that he didn't believe in a parent having one child as a favorite. "However," the doctor concluded, "if I did have a favorite, I am the one it would be." — Graham is looking and feeling well, and seems to be enjoying his visit.

Farmers hereabouts, who have had to cry and pray for rain and still do without it a great deal in recent years and last year most of all, are about to begin pulling the other way for a while. It has rained in and around Raeford just about daily for a good many days now. In spite of this I heard someone say that it still hadn't rained as much this year as it had last year at this time, difference being that it came early last year instead of when the crops were maturing. I don't know about this. Anyway, the crops are generally looking good, and farmers as a group are more optimistic about having a good year than they have been in quite a few. Things are to the point now, they say, where it will take nothing less than a major disaster to prevent a fine harvest. Thank the Lord.

Plans are being made for a big homecoming day at Bethel Presbyterian Church on August 14, and a highway historical marker is to be erected there as one part of the program. This will be the third such marker in the county, the others being for the Civil War battle of Monroe's Crossroads and for Edenborough Medical College. Details on the Bethel program will be published when plans have been completed.

State Highway Chairman A. H. "Sandy" Graham was a guest of Eighth Division Commissioner Forrest Lockey Tuesday, and toured many of its installations. Among these was the new maintenance shop and office recently constructed here by the highway commission.

Leaving here Tuesday in the direction of Aberdeen Commissioner Lockey, vice-president of the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad, was able to satisfy a longing for Graham that most of us grown-up boys never get over. Lockey stopped an A & R train near Timberland, and he and the chairman rode the big Diesel into Aberdeen, with about 25 freight cars behind. Graham, it is said, acted as fireman on the trip, in which the train stopped a time or two to allow him a closer look at the highway alongside the railroad.

Gift I enjoyed getting and appreciate came from Ira Newton in the form of just about the biggest cantalope I ever saw. It weighs just short of seven pounds, and he says it is a "schoner shell" cantalope. Said he got one last year from a friend in Scotland County and saved the seed.

It would not have been unexpected if Hoke County Representative Harry A. Greene had been appointed chairman of the House Finance Committee succeeding Attorney General William Rodman, but it did not happen that way. Greene is vice-chairman of the committee and one of its senior members, but the new chairman named by Speaker Larry Moore this week did not even come from the committee. New chairman and member of the Advisory Budget Commission as a result is Carl Venters of Jacksonville, in Onslow County. Guess we are just a little county with a light vote.

Recorder's Court, 36 Forfeit Bonds On Traffic Counts

A period of much activity on the part of State Highway Patrolmen in the county was indicated by the fact that 36 traffic violators forfeited bonds of varying amounts and two other paid fines and court costs before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday. One defendant left a \$50 bond for speeding 85 miles an hour, and one paid \$10 and costs for speeding. For careless and reckless driving one left a \$50 bond and one left \$25. Others leaving bonds for speeding and other violations included 11 leaving \$25 each, four leaving \$40 each, and 19 leaving \$15 each.

Two somewhat familiar faces appeared in court on charges of possessing non-tax-paid liquor for the purpose of sale. These were Ed Hollingsworth and James Purcell, the latter more commonly known as "Bud Pete," or Bud McNair. Each entered a plea of not guilty, but was found guilty as charged. Sentence for each was three months on the roads, to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and two years good behavior.

Clifton Dial, Indian, pled guilty to a charge of possessing a liquor still. He got four months suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and two years good behavior.

Case against Leo Kelly, colored, charging non support, was dropped by the State when the prosecuting witness failed to appear. Annie Lee McNeill, colored, offered no defense to the State's charge that she had assaulted Frances McNeill, also colored, with a glass jar, a deadly weapon. Sentence was 90 days in prison, to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, \$20.50 hospital bill and \$10 doctor bill.

Sidney Townsend, colored, was found guilty of assaulting Moses Townsend with a deadly weapon. He got 12 months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and two years good behavior.

For driving with no driver's license and no license plates, James McLaughlin, colored, was given a 30-day sentence, suspended on payment of \$20 and costs. Earl Parker, also colored, was given 30 days, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for driving without a license, and charge of having no driver's license against Richard L. Mills, white, was dropped by the State for lack of evidence.

Tutor Farm Home Pictured Last Week

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Tutor at Arabia was identified as the mystery farm picture in last week's paper by George Caddell first. The first rural subscriber to name the farm correctly was Tommie Jones of Route one, Shannon. Others naming it correctly were Mrs. Flora Alice Crowder, Mrs. Reuben Morman and S. B. Hobson.

The farm of Mr. and Mrs. Tutor has 57.9 acres, and has been formerly owned by Luther Jackson, Grady Guin and Dundarrach Trading Company. Mr. and Mrs. Tutor, who have three daughters and a son, are buying it through the Farmer's Home Administration.

WOODMEN PLAN TO PUT UP BUILDING

D. J. Campbell, committee chairman for the building project of the Raeford Woodmen of the World Camp, said this week the camp is planning to build itself a home and that the building has been bought and paid for. A campaign is now being conducted by the camp to raise funds for the project, and Campbell expressed the hope that they would have the building by the first of next year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Montague and children, Lyne, Linda and Kathy, returned to their home in Springfield, Ill. on Monday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gullede and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gullede.

American Legion Post Has Installation Of Officers Mon. P. M.

The Ellis Williamson American Legion Post of Raeford and Hoke County held its regular monthly meeting and supper at the Clyde Upchurch pond at Timberland on Monday night, with the installation of officers for the coming year as the feature of the program.

John D. McNeill was installed as commander, succeeding Truman B. Austin, with Kermit L. Wood and Joe Upchurch as vice-commanders. A. D. Austin was installed as adjutant, with John Archie McDiarmid as finance officer, Dr. R. L. Murray as chaplain, Charles Morrison as sergeant-at-arms, Robert Gatlin as historian and D. H. Hodgin as service officer.

Named as committee chairmen for the year by Commander McNeill were W. L. Poole, membership; Alfred Cole, rehabilitation; Dr. R. L. Murray, child welfare; J. H. Austin, Americanism; Dr. Julius F. Jordan, community service; R. B. Lewis, oratorical; W. T. Gibson, Jr., Boys State; J. H. Blue, athletics; Sam C. Morris, public relations; Harry A. Greene, security; A. W. Wood, Jr., economic; Israel Mann, graves registration and memorial; John F. Campbell, Boy Scouts; Clyde Upchurch, Jr. house and entertainment.

How Farmers Can Up Yields And Improve Quality Of Cotton

By T. B. Upchurch, Jr.

Each year about this time many cotton farmers begin to think they have done all they can to insure a good yield of good quality cotton.

This is a very crucial time with cotton, both from a yield standpoint and a quality standpoint. Several insects are just beginning to make serious attacks on cotton and every cotton grower should check his cotton often and very carefully now for boll-weeping infestation. He should make application of insecticides promptly if 10% of the squares are punctured.

Weevil not only lower the yield of cotton but also reduce the grade by causing a lot of brown stained lint where the boll is punctured and has allowed water to enter and decay even the good section of the cotton boll. This brown stained lint from boll-weevil can often lower the value of a bale of cotton by \$30 because of the lowering in grade of the staple.

Indications are that the boll worm infestations will be very severe this year. The boll worms over-wintered in larger numbers than I have ever seen and already have been very active on corn and tomatoes. There will be a new brood of countless thousands in two or three weeks because the moths that lay the eggs on cotton are about ready to emerge from the ground.

Since corn will be well advanced and not as green as cotton, the worms will move into the cotton fields. Every farmer should dust his fields as soon as he sees the little brown moth that is the parent of the boll worm. The moth is a light brown color and is about one inch long and one-half inch wide.

The boll worms are extremely hard to kill except when they first hatch because they go into the cotton boll and grow there by eating out the entire bolls or a large part of them.

Farmers can improve their cotton quality by being careful not to stop cultivating too early. They should get the bunches of grass out of the cotton before the grass seeds mature.

A little more effort now will pay big dividends for the labor used in controlling insects, weeds, and grass in cotton from now until the cotton plants shade the ground enough to control grass and weeds.

AT BANK CONFERENCE

Angus J. Currie is representing the Bank of Raeford at the annual management conference of the N. C. Banker's Association in Chapel Hill this week. This is the 19th such conference to be held by the State Association, and is the oldest in the country.

Guard Unit Gets New Tank Monday

Company A, 130th Tank Battalion, which has been changed from antiaircraft to a tank unit for some months now, received its first piece of heavy armored equipment this week when an M-47 tank was unloaded from a flatcar on a siding of the A & R railroad.

The tank, one of the most modern in use and developed for the Army since World War II, is a large one by most standards, weighing some 60 tons and mounting a 90 millimeter gun, a 50 calibre machine gun and a 30 calibre machine gun. It is manned and operated by a crew of five, and has two 16-cylinder Cadillac engines for power with a hydraulic transmission. Instead of miles to the gallon on gasoline consumption, it gets one mile on seven gallons and is capable of speeds up to 45 miles an hour.

It was unloaded from the flatcar by Warrant Officer Elbert Stuts, assistant motor officer of the 130th, and a recent graduate of the Armored Force School in Fort Knox, Ky. Mr. Stuts is a full time employee of the National Guard, being in charge of the battalion service center in Red Springs. He was assisted in the job by Sgt. Harry McMillan, a member of the National Guard tank company in Parkton and a tanker of considerable experience. They were watched by a sizeable crowd.

A driver's lesson on the tank was given members of Company A today by Howard W. Booth, General Motors representative of Fayetteville. The tank was shipped to the local company from the Letternkeny Ordnance Depot in Chambersburg, Pa.

The members of the local tank company, commanded by Captain Edwin D. Newton, will get extensive training in tank driving and warfare at their annual summer training period at Camp Stewart, Georgia next month. They will leave for Camp Stewart on August 14 and return on August 22, and will make the trip by rail for the first time in several years. The company has 105 enlisted men, five officers and one warrant officer, and has maintained full strength for some months now, filling vacancies as soon as they occur.

Textron Buys Another Company

Royal Little, chairman of the Board of Textron American, Inc. parent corporation of Amerotron announced Monday the purchase of the Homelite Corporation of East Port Chester, Conn., manufacturers of chain saws, generators, blowers and pumps.

The Homelite Corporation was established in 1927 and was the pioneer in the design and manufacture of light weight two-cycle gasoline driven equipment for the construction industry. During the war almost the entire production of Homelite gasoline driven equipment went to the armed forces.

The first model Homelite chain saw was introduced in the fall of 1949. In 1950, Homelite sold 4,344 chain saws — in 1954 there were 47,355 Homelite chain saws sold. This increase of over 1000% in just five years made Homelite a leading producer of chain saws.

The corporation has selling organization of 56 branch offices and more than 2,000 dealers. Homelite's current sales of chain saws, pumps and generators are running at the rate of \$20,000,000 per year.

JOHN W. McLAUCHLIN AT FORT BENNING

Cadet John W. McLaughlin, son of Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin of Raeford is among the group of Advanced Reserve Officers Training Corp students who have arrived at the 1955 General Military Science Summer Camp, located at Fort Benning, Ga., home of the United States Infantry.

A student at Davidson College, Cadet McLaughlin will participate in six weeks of intensive general military training which will permit him to put into practical application the theory that was taught in his school.

Tobacco Growers Will Vote On Quotas July 23

R. J. Hasty, Chairman of the Hoke County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee again reminds all flue-cured tobacco growers of the referendum to be held July 23. The choice will be for quotas for the 1956, 1957, and 1958 crops, for the 1956 crop only, or against quotas for 1956. If at least two-thirds of the growers voting approve quotas, price support at 90 percent of parity will be available to growers who comply with their farm acreage allotment. If more than one-third of the votes are opposed there will be no Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Quota or Price-Support Program for the 1956 crop.

Chairman Hasty reports that according to farmers' intentions on March 1 about 995,300 acres of Flue-Cured Tobacco will be grown in 1955. This is 5% less than the 1954 acreage. Mr. Hasty said, "At average yields the 1955 intended acreage would produce about 1,275 million pounds—3 per cent less than in 1954 and practically the same as the 1953 crop. The carry-over of Flue-Cured Tobacco on July 1, 1955 is expected to be about 2,004 million pounds, nearly 5 per cent above one year earlier."

Domestic use of Flue-Cured Tobacco during the current marketing year July 1954-June 1955 is estimated at 770 million pounds—slightly lower than in 1953-54—but may be up a little in 1955-1956 year.

Exports of Flue-Cured Tobacco in the year ending June 30, 1955 are estimated at 455 million pounds (farm-sales weight). This is between 5 and 6 per cent above 1953-1954 and the second largest in eight years. It is expected Flue-Cured exports may improve further in 1955-1956.

Mr. Hasty also reports that during the 1954 marketing season growers placed 130 million pounds under Government Loan. This was almost 10 per cent of the crop as compared with 12 per cent the preceding season. Flue-Cured Tobacco in Government Loan stocks now totals about 335 million pounds.

Polling places for this referendum in Hoke County will be announced within the next few days.

Welcome For Soldiers Needs Volunteers

Mrs. Helen S. Barrington, local Red Cross secretary, and H. D. Harrison, chairman of the volunteer welcoming committee of the Hoke County Red Cross chapter, said today that several more volunteers are needed by the chapter to help with the four-hour welcoming shift at Camp Mackall on Saturday night.

First planes of the 38 C-124 Globemasters bringing 3,120 troops of the 187th regiment from Japan were scheduled to land at Camp Mackall early today, and to continue arriving at approximately two-hour intervals until Sunday. Red Cross volunteers from many communities in the section are cooperating to welcome the men home on a shift basis until all have arrived, and the local chapter has accepted responsibility for a four-hour period Saturday. Men or women willing to help may contact either Harrison or Mrs. Barrington for complete details.

DEANE'S DISASTER LOAN INTEREST BILL IS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

Representative C. B. Deane of the Eighth Congressional District has announced that the President has signed a bill, which he co-authored in the House, to reduce the interest rate on disaster loans to the farmers from 5 to 3 per cent per annum.

Last January, without Congressional authority, the Farmers Home Administration with the Department of Agriculture raised the interest rate to 5 per cent on disaster loans to farmers. Mr. Deane's bill, which is now Public Law 132 of the current Congress, places a top ceiling on this interest rate at 3 per cent.

Next To Biggest Flue-Cured Tobacco Crop In Prospect

Based on reports from growers as of July 1, prospects are for a Tar Heel flue-cured crop of 958,900,000 pounds. Such a crop would be the second largest of record, being exceeded only by the 1951 crop of 978,375,000 lbs. from 735,000 acres.

According to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service, a crop of 958,900,000 pounds would be 69 million pounds or 8 percent above the 1954 flue-cured crop of 889,490,000 pounds. Prospective increased per-acre yields account for the larger crop this year, since the estimated North Carolina flue-cured acreage for harvest at 655,000 acres is 31,000 acres below last year. A flue-cured crop of 958,900,000 pounds would result in an average yield of 1,464 pounds per acre. This compares with the previous record flue-cured yield of 1,341 pounds set in 1950.

The yield and production forecast for North Carolina by flue-cured types, as of July 1 for the Border Belt is as follows: Type 13 production in North Carolina is estimated at 126,375,000 pounds from 83,000 acres for an average yield of 1,525 pounds. This is the highest yield of record and second only to the 1951 record production of 127,420,000.

The total U. S. flue-cured crop is estimated at 1,412,478,000 lbs. This is 98,071,000 lbs. or 7 per cent more than the 1954 crop of 1,314,407,000 lbs.

Robert Weaver, Jr., To Make Scout Trip To N. Mexico Ranch

Explorer Scout Robert Weaver, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver of Raeford, will join 14 other Scouts and two leaders from the Cape Fear Area Council who will leave Monday for a month-long trip to the Philmont Scout ranch at Cimarron, New Mexico. The Cape Fear group will join with explorer Scouts and leaders from the Tuscarora Council at Camp Tuscarora, near Mount Olive to make a total party of about 40 making the trip together.

En route to New Mexico the boys will visit Mammoth Cave, Ky., Garden City, Kansas, Colorado Springs and Estes National Park in Colorado, and other points of interest, arriving at the ranch on July 30.

While there the Cape Fear boys will make the "Lucien Maxwell Trek" through the large ranch, in which they will deal extensively with conservation and wildlife management for 10 days. They are to leave Philmont on August 10 and return to North Carolina by way of Sayre, Okla., Little Rock, Ark., and Nashville, Tenn. They will also stop at Cherokee, N. C., and see the park, "Unto These Hills." Making the 4,500-mile trip from the Cape Fear area will be boys from Laurel Hill, Laurinburg, Maxton, Wilmington, Lumberton, Rocky Point, Burgaw, Elizabethtown and Whiteville. In addition to Robert Weaver of Raeford, they expect to be back on August 14.

Robert is a Star Scout and a member of Troop 403, which is sponsored by the Raeford Presbyterian Church with Sam C. Morris as scoutmaster.

Hoke 4-H Youths Make Good Showing In District Contest

Winners in fifteen demonstration contests were named last Thursday as boys and girls of seventeen Southeastern North Carolina counties participated in the Southeastern North Carolina District 4-H Contests in Whiteville. Three of these contests were won by Hoke County boys and girls.

Winners of events will enter the State Contest at North Carolina 4-H Week in Raleigh July 25-29.

Hoke County winners were: James Potter and Kenneth Scarborough in Cotton Production and Marketing, Judy Almond in Poultry, and Nancy Bishop and Helen Rose in Soil and Water Conservation. Carol Marshall, another Hoke County 4-H Club member, was second place winner in the Public Speaking Contest.

Town To Have Same Tax Rate; Seek Whammy

The Raeford town board approved a budget for the fiscal year which started July 1 on Monday night which closely resembles that of the year just ended and which will necessitate no change in the tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

The meeting was the regular meeting for July, and all members were present with Mayor Alfred Cole presiding. The budget estimate was presented to the board by Clerk Robert Weaver, and call for a total of \$106,764 for the coming year, as compared to \$105,600 during the year ending June 30. Increased in estimated tax revenue more than takes care of the difference. The complete budget appears elsewhere in this issue.

The board passed a resolution to have the speedwatch, or "whammy" used within the incorporated limits of the town in order to more rigidly enforce the 35-mile speed limit in residential areas.

Attorney Charles Hostetler reported to the board that the legal procedure on the proposed water and sewer bond election was progressing according to schedule.

The board rejected bids received on the three lots the town has for sale in Robbins Heights.

A resolution was passed to increase cost of building permits by \$1 and to have street addresses of new construction issued and recorded on the town map.

All present employees of the Town were retained, and salaries of police officers were set at \$250 monthly for the chief and \$225 for patrolmen. Bonus was authorized for members of the police force and Vance Wiggins. It is to be five percent of annual salary, payable at the end of next June to those who are still in the town's employ and who have served well, discharged their duties faithfully, and reflected credit on the Town of Raeford, thus meriting praise and commendation. Vacations as usually given were authorized for town employees.

Presbyterians OK Schools Merger

A merger that would eventually place a coeducational, liberal arts college in Eastern North Carolina in place of Flora Macdonald, Peace and PJC, gained the overwhelming approval of the North Carolina Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Barium Springs yesterday.

After a lively discussion on the segregation matter last night the Synod voted, 228 to 153 to move toward lifting racial barriers within the Church after declaring that "segregation is out of harmony with Christian theology and ethics of the church."

An unsuccessful bid to retain its entity and be exempted from the consolidation plans was made by Peace College. Members of the committee which made the survey of Presbyterian in the State said, however, that consolidation was the only realistic course to take, and the Peace amendment was voted down.

Proponents of the merger said a prime purpose of the proposals is to provide "quality education," which they described as "a kind of church-related education that will survive."

The Synod controls Peace and PJC, but Flora Macdonald College is owned by the presbyteries of Wilmington, Fayetteville and Orange, which must concur in the plan before steps for consolidation are taken. The three presbyteries will meet in the future on the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gaffin, Mr. and Mrs. Nell Senter and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Austin and daughter, Sally, attended the birthday dinner of Mrs. W. L. Senter in Kipling on Sunday. Approximately sixty friends and relatives helped Mrs. Senter celebrate her 85th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McNulty and children spent several days last week at Carolina Beach.