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## Addenda

By The Editor

This health center or small hospital for the town and county that Charles Hostetler mentioned before the town board and Dr. Riley Jordan took up with the county commissioners would undoubtedly be a fine thing. As I understand it, though, the two are entirely different. Most of the counties in the State have health centers, many having been built with the Federal and State funds the two boards were talking about, with the local supplement of 19.8 percent and the lot, of course. A health center for the county health department in a county this size has been estimated as costing around \$40,000, which would make the cost to the county, (town, or both, or whatever local source put up the money) around \$8,000 plus the lot.

Such a facility would greatly improve the circumstances and undoubtedly the effectiveness of the health department services such as preschool and other clinics and examinations, the wholesale polio vaccinating, for example. It would also afford a better and consequently more effective place for the control of venereal diseases, and the examination of food handlers, and the many other health department services. All the various types of free or near-free medical services and clinics could be held there, to the ultimate betterment of the people of the county.

The county commissioners undoubtedly took the wisest course when they asked the State Medical Care Commission to make a survey and comparison of this county, and to return a recommendation on the actual needs of the county along this line. That way they will have facts instead of opinions to consider in taking further action. There is little doubt in my mind, what these facts will indicate, however.

A point to consider in thinking of the need for a small hospital here is that the number of general practitioners of medicine is not increasing along with the population they must take care of. In fact, I would guess that our population here in Raeford is more than half again what it was six or seven years ago, and we have the same number of doctors that we had then. These doctors go with their various patients to the hospitals in surrounding counties, sometimes in two or more opposite directions in the same day. In such cases they spend a lot of valuable time riding. This time is valuable to the patients they might be seeing as well as the doctors, and if the waste of it were eliminated they could look after more of us, as it looks like they are going to have to do anyway. It's easy to get the idea that a doctor is prejudiced in favor of a certain hospital when he suggests it to his patient, but in cost cases I suspect he is simply trying to keep from having to call on patients in Laurinburg, Fayetteville and Pinehurst at the same time. If he can get his patients together he can certainly see a lot more of them in the same amount of time.

Then, there is always the fact to consider that the 20 or 22 miles to an out-of-town hospital might be too far for one of us to last when we might live if we could last until we got to the facilities of a hospital. . . and, of course, young doctors want to settle in communities where there are hospital facilities available, and they are going to do so.

I am not trying to indicate in a roundabout way that I think the county commissioners or the town commissioners should bite off a big chunk of this proposition right now, or even that they do. What the county commissioners have done is certainly the right thing for the first step. What I am trying to say is that we, in this progressive little county and community, are going to have to face the facts of life one of these days. We are going to have to have a hospital and a health center before too much more time passes, and we might as well start thinking ways and means.

## ALL SCHOOLS IN COUNTY SET TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 8 FOR 1955-56

### Light Session Of Recorder's Court

Seven cases were tried before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday, and 14 defendants failed to appear for trial and forfeited bonds.

Duck McGoogan, colored, pled guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. The judge ordered him to serve an old suspended sentence of 30 days in the county jail, and suspended judgment on the current case for 30 days.

Chester Murphy, alias Chester Galbreath, colored, was charged with breaking and entering and rape. Probable cause was found and he is being held in the county jail without privilege of bond.

George L. Pate, white soldier, was found guilty of driving drunk, violating the prohibition laws and having no driver's license. Sentence of four months was suspended on payment of \$150 and costs and two years good behavior.

Edward Webb, white, pled guilty of assaulting his wife and was sentenced to two years on the roads. He appealed this sentence and posted bond of \$1,000.

Edith Thomas, colored, was charged by Helen Chavis with assault, she was found not guilty, and Helen Chavis had to pay court costs.

James E. Kemp, colored, for driving with improper brakes and lights, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$20 and costs and on condition that he fix his car before driving it.

Garfield Watkins, colored, charged with driving after his license had expired, was found not guilty when it appeared that his license had been mutilated before it was sent to him from Raleigh.

Charles Blue, colored, forfeited a \$25 bond for public drunkenness. Others forfeited bonds for speeding or driving with expired driving licenses. One of these was \$40, one \$60, four \$25 and five for \$15.

### Mrs. Alice McRae Is Buried At Bethel Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Alice Cameron McRae, for many years a resident of this county, died at 7:30 p. m. Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Stewart, with whom she made her home, on Route eleven, Charlotte.

Mrs. McRae was 95 years of age, and was the widow of O. Reid McRae of this county, who passed away in 1898. She had lived with another daughter, Mrs. J. D. Ingram, in Mt. Gilead for 17 years until Mrs. Ingram's death last year, and since that time had lived with Mrs. Stewart.

Funeral service was conducted at Bethel Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. Joseph W. Amory, pastor, and the Rev. A. D. Cargwell of Spring Lake, a former pastor. Burial was in the cemetery at Bethel.

Survivors include Mrs. Stewart and one son, Octavius J. McRae of Laurinburg, 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. A Cameron before her marriage, she was an aunt of Mrs. Lacy McFadyen of Montrose.

### Many Visit Coxes On Anniversary

Many friends and relatives from Raeford, Hoke County and elsewhere came to call on Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cox Sunday and wish them well on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Among those from out of the county who dropped in were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stack and Mrs. Florence Johnson of Sanford, RFD, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Cox and E. L. Cox of Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, Mrs. Ella Johnson and Mrs. Eva Williams of Fayetteville.

Mr. Cox said that in the rush of guests he got confused as to who brought what in the way of gifts, but that he and Mrs. Cox deeply appreciate the remembrances of these friends.

### Education Board Grants MacDonald Leave; Gibson Subs

At a busy meeting of the Hoke County board of education last Friday night the board set the opening date for the schools of the county, gave Superintendent K. A. MacDonald a two-months sick leave, named an acting superintendent and dealt with the Little River School problems, discussed in another article.

Superintendent MacDonald, who has been having considerable trouble with his health lately and who has been faced with many important and difficult decisions, appeared before the board and told them that his doctor had laid much of his condition to overwork and worry. He had been told that his condition was serious, and that he must take a complete rest mentally and physically for a period of at least two months.

The board sympathized with Mr. MacDonald, commended him for his deep interest in and fine work for the schools of the county, and granted him the two months leave with his best wishes for his recovery.

W. T. Gibson, Jr., principal of the Hoke County High School and the Raeford Elementary School since the war, and thoroughly familiar with the school situation in the county, was named by the board as acting superintendent in MacDonald's absence.

**Schools Open Together**  
For the first time in many years, if ever before, the board decided to open all the schools of the county on the same date, and to run them on the same schedule throughout the school year. In the past white, colored and Indian schools have had different opening dates and completely different operating schedules.

The schedule as adopted calls for the schools to open on Thursday, September 8, and to close November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving. They will close again on December 21 for Christmas and will reopen on January 2, 1956. They will be closed on Easter Monday, and will close for the year on Wednesday, May 30.

### Miss Flora McQueen, Native Of County, Is Buried At Bethel

Miss Flora Dunlap McQueen, 79-year-old native of Blue Springs Township in Hoke County, was buried at Bethel Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon.

The funeral service was conducted at 4:00 o'clock by the Rev. Joseph W. Amory, pastor, and the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church. Miss McQueen was a daughter of the late Rev. Archibald McQueen and Flora Nicholson McQueen, was a lifelong member of Bethel Church and was for many years a Sunday School teacher there. She attended Raeford Institute.

She had been a resident of a Red Springs nursing home for some time, and had suffered a decline in health during the past month. Her death on Sunday morning was preceded by an illness of about 24 hours.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Dixie Smith of Raleigh, and several nieces and nephews.

### Hunting Licenses On Sale In County

District Game Protector H. R. McLean announced this week that hunting licenses are now on sale at several places in the county. He said they could be bought at McLaughlin Company in Raeford, Dundarrach Trading Company, Wood's Store at Rockfish, the Marshall Newton Store on the Fayetteville road, Johnson's Store at Ashley Heights, Hoke Trading Company at Bowmore, and at Jones Grocery in Little River Township.

McLean said that sportsmen would be able to save some money by buying combination hunting and fishing licenses, and also said that free copies of the State hunting and fishing regulations are available at the places where the licenses are sold.

## Angus C. Keith Retires After 42 Years On Routes



ANGUS C. KEITH

Angus C. Keith retired on the last day of July after 42 years and three months as a rural mail carrier from the Raeford post office, the last 36 on Route One. He has been succeeded by Mrs. Mary McBryde as temporary carrier. Permanent appointment is to be made following civil service examination.

Saturday being the last working day, Mr. Keith was honored at a steak dinner at the Elk Restaurant on Saturday night by his fellow workers in the post office.

In addition to the fine meal the group enjoyed hearing Mr. and Mrs. Keith talk old times, of the early days on the route, when travel was a different thing from what it is today. Mr. Keith started on Route three on May 1, 1913, when Neill McFadyen was postmaster of Raeford. Mr. McFadyen was Raeford's third postmaster. Mr. Keith said, the first two being Miss Kitty McDuffie and Daniel Currie.

He said Route three in those days was about 27 miles long and went mostly through what is now the Fort Bragg reservation, by the Neill S. Blue place, the Sam Cameron place, the Patterson place, Sandy Grove Church and elsewhere. He carried the mail in a buggy for about a year, getting his first Model T Ford in 1914. He said he drove a Model T until the Model A came out in 1928, and stuck with the Model A until he got a V-8 in 1934. He has been driving a Chevrolet since 1947.

He stayed on Route three for six years, during which time he married one of his patrons, being married January 15, 1919 to Miss Margaret Cameron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Cameron. They have a son, Harold, now in the automobile business in Wadesboro, and a daughter, Doris, now Mrs. Bill Cromwell of Murphy, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Keith says that the imminent taking of most of Route three for the Fort Bragg reservation and the fact that Route one was being served by a temporary carrier led him to think that his future would be more secure with a change. He was able to bring this about, and May 1, 1919, he became the carrier for Route one, remaining until he retired on July 31, 1955.

A native of Moore County, he was born in 1885 and moved to this county in 1896. He still has the farm his father had then and on which he grew up, about two miles west of Raeford. In retirement he plans to look after his farm, putter around his home on West Sixth Avenue, fish some, and mostly loaf.

At the dinner D. C. Cox, postmaster, presided and presented Mr. Keith a scroll of commendation of Postmaster General Sumnerwell, after reading it to the group. Following this Jesse Guldridge, Route two carrier, spoke of the high esteem in which his fellow workers hold Mr. Keith, and presented him with a gift from them.

Mr. Keith, in his final remarks, thanked Postmaster Cox and all the postal employees for their fine spirit and friendship, and said a final goodbye to them as fellow workers.

## LITTLE RIVER CHILDREN MAY COME TO RAEFORD

### Board Asks Even Stricter Check On Town Speeders

The board of commissioners of the Town of Raeford instructed the police force to be even more strict on speeding within the town limits, and commented favorably on the use of the speedwatch, or "whammy" inside the town up to this time.

The action was taken at the regular monthly meeting of the board at the town hall on Monday night. Mayor Alfred Cole presided and Board Members A. V. Sanders, Marion Gatlin and Truman B. Austin were present.

Charles Hostetler appeared before the board and explained the possibilities and conditions of the erection of a county hospital or health center in Raeford for the people of the town and county.

The town clerk was authorized to close his office on Wednesday afternoons during the month of August.

Installation of two fire hydrants was authorized, one to be at the corner of West Donaldson avenue and Magnolia street, and the other at the rear of stores along the west side of Main street.

The town's appropriation for the Hoke County Public Library was increased from \$350 to \$500 per year.

Board ordered that town trucks would not go out of town for materials without purchase order from town clerk.

### Deane Announces To Name 10 For Air Force Academy

Congress C. B. Deane announced Tuesday that the Air Force has authorized him to make ten nominations of candidates residing in the Eighth North Carolina Congressional District, comprising Anson, Davidson, Davie, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Union, Wilkes and Yadkin Counties, to take the competitive examinations for appointment to the Air Force Academy in July, 1956. The eighth District nominees will compete with those from the other Congressional Districts in North Carolina for the nine vacancies allotted North Carolina.

The following are eligibility requirements for admission to the Air Force Academy.

1. Must be a citizen of the United States.
2. Must be of good moral character.
3. Must have attained the age of 17 years and must not have reached the age of 22 years as of 1 July of the year admitted to the Academy.
4. Must be unmarried and never have been married.
5. Must be domiciled in the State, Territory or Congressional District from which nominated.
6. Must be medically qualified for flying training.

Congressman Deane stated that the examinations, both mental and physical, are exacting. An applicant should have a very good high school record and some college training would be extremely helpful. Mr. Deane suggests to parents who have sons in the service to quickly determine if their sons would be interested in applying and if so the Congressman can work with the serviceman's commanding officer on the details in connection with the examinations.

All interested applicants should write Congressman Charles B. Deane, Room 209, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C. to the end that all names may be certified to the examining board of the Department of the Air Force.

A/3C Douglas Dixon has completed his basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas and is spending a ten day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dixon before reporting to Kessler Field, Biloxi, Miss.

### Moore County Asks \$12,196 For 176 Pupils; Hoke Board Counter Proposal Said Final

### Demand Is Slow, Price Down As Markets Open

Demand was weak and prices were below expectations as North Carolina's eight Border Belt tobacco markets began their 1955 selling season yesterday.

Millions of pounds of leaf went under price support loan as the Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation took an estimated 35 to 50 per cent of offerings.

The Federal-State Market News Service said general averages on early sales ranged from \$47 to \$49 per 100 pounds. However W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, said prices picked up in the afternoon and probably averaged as high as \$54 for the belt's first day.

Two rows of baskets checked at random brought an average of \$48.17.

Most experts had expected that the belt's average would exceed the \$57.16 opening-day average on South Carolina markets last week.

**"Will Clear Up"**  
Hedrick predicted that the situation "will clear up in a day or two." He said yesterday's weak demand was due to the fact that the tobacco companies want to "make sure of the quality and type of this year's crop" before they buy too heavily.

The situation, Hedrick said, is temporary, and is due primarily to the size of this year's flue-cured crop, estimated to be the second largest in history. He said the tobacco companies have reasonable stocks of regular cigarette grades and are not anxious for more, particularly since filter-tips smokes now make up at least 20 per cent of the market.

Hedrick and other tobacco authorities, including U. S. Department of Agriculture officials in Washington strongly denied that the buying companies were bidding slowly in a deliberate effort to "break" the Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation, as some farmers had charged.

Most growers agreed yesterday that the uncertain price situation was caused primarily by the abundant supply of good-quality flue-cured leaf, with this year's big crop expected to add to the surplus. There was general agreement that the announced acreage reduction of 12 per cent for next year's crop may not be heavy enough to bring supplies in line with demand.

**Governor On Markets**  
Governor Hodges visited some of the Border Belt markets to watch first-day sales yesterday afternoon.

Speaking at Lumberton he told tobacco farmers he had received assurance that the Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation would take any tobacco it is authorized to take at its proper support price.

### Little League Team Playing For Pennant

A Raeford Little League baseball team is playing in Red Springs tonight in a game which will make them league champions if they win it. The game is set for Robbins Park at 7:45, according to Coaches Bob Harris and Mr. Pruitt.

In the 12-team league the local entry stood second at the close of regular play, with Red Springs first. In the playoffs for the championship Rowland and Laurel Hill have been eliminated. Red Springs has lost one and the Raeford team is unbeaten. Team losing two games is out, and if Raeford loses tonight they will be even with Red Springs with one game to go. If they win, however, Red Springs will be out and Raeford will move up the ladder toward the Little World Series.

The game was called because of rain last night.

Acting Superintendent W. T. Gibson, Jr., of the Hoke County schools, was preparing this week to make arrangements to open the colored elementary school in Little River Township and to transport other children from that township to schools at Ashmont and Raeford in the event the last proposal made by Hoke County for payment for these children attending Moore County schools is not accented by the Moore County boards of commissioners and education.

At the meeting of the Hoke County commissioners Monday Gibson and the members of the board of education appeared and presented a letter from Moore County in answer to the letter in which Hoke had offered the school tax from Little River Township in payment for the children there attending Moore County schools. This letter rejected this offer and asked for \$6,336 on the basis of 176 pupils at \$36 each and for two buses costing a total of \$5860, making a total demand of \$12,196.00.

The Hoke County commissioners unanimously passed a motion to offer Moore County the two buses, and the school tax as originally offered, and if this offer is rejected to transport the children to Hoke County schools. This offer has been made and reply has not been received.

### MAY INCREASE FARM HOME AGENTS' STAFF

C. M. Brickhouse, district farm agent with the agricultural extension service, appeared before the board, accompanied by W. C. Williford, Hoke County farm agent, and told the board that Federal and State funds are available to provide an assistant to the farm agent, another to the home demonstration agent, and a secretary, at a cost of \$50 each per month to the county, or \$1800 per year. Brickhouse also outlined the benefits which the people of the county would derive from this additional personnel, and said that other counties would take them if this county didn't.

The board discussed the matter at some length, and particularly the fact that the board had intended to employ Negro assistants to the agents before additional white personnel, but Brickhouse said that no financial assistance was available for this at the present time.

The matter was tabled for consideration until Friday night when the board will meet again for the purpose of deciding whether to employ the three people or not.

### Suggests Health Center

Dr. R. M. Jordan appeared before the board and reported on a recent trip he had made to Raleigh and a discussion there with officials of the State Medical Care Commission. He said that State and Federal funds were available for the construction of a small hospital or health center for Hoke County if the lot and 19.8 per cent of the building cost could be furnished locally. He discussed the need for this here, and compared the lack of such a facility here with facilities in surrounding and other counties of the State.

The board took note of the facts presented by Dr. Jordan, and voted to ask the medical care commission to investigate conditions in this county and make recommendations on the matter to the board.

The tax supervisor was ordered to add the prescribed penalty to those listing for taxes late.

### WILKES INFANT DIES

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Wilkes announce the birth and death of a daughter on Sunday, July 31. Burial was at Parker's Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLean of Raleigh were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Warner and Jim L. Warner.