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Addenda - - By The Editor

Main subject of conversation and interest this afternoon is Hurricane Connie, center of which at last reports is likely to strike the coast line somewhere not far south of Wilmington tonight. The course it seems to be taking at the present time would bring it about as close to us here as the famous Hazel came last October 15, but reports already are that Connie is slowing down some from the 135-mile winds that were reported near its center yesterday. Let us hope so.

When George Jones was here Tuesday he and W. C. Willford came in and talked for quite a while about what they had seen in looking over the cotton crops that day. Of course, Hurricane Connie had already begun to make news before stopping forward motion off the southeast coast, and we talked about the storm some too. Now Mrs. Raymond Ellis in our front office has the first name of Connie, too. When Jones, a complete stranger to her, went out of my office with Willford I walked to the front door with them. The last thing Jones said as he went out the door was, "I sure hope Connie will behave herself," with which he was gone. Needless to say, I had a little explaining to do.

Archie Stevens came in here Monday with a cantaloupe which he said Mrs. Stevens grew in their garden up on Donaldson Avenue. He said he was bringing it in to show that he could keep it in to show that he could keep it up with Ira Newton and that it weighed 12 1/2 pounds. I took it back and weighed it, and sure enough it did. Smelled good too, but he wouldn't give it to me, even when I threatened not to put his name in for growing one bigger than Mr. Newton's. It was a beauty, for sure, but I didn't try to buy it.

The Raeford Kiwanis Club passed a resolution and sent it to the county commissioners last week favoring the employment by the county of the assistant farm and home agents and secretary which they can get for \$50 a month each, what I would guess to be somewhere around 20 per cent of their total salaries. The county council of Home Demonstration clubs had already done this. The commissioners met to take some action on the matter Friday night, but decided to defer it again until their September meeting.

As I understand this proposition, it looks like it might be a good one for the county and its people. Certainly the cost is not high for the people we would get. The service they are rendering in other counties under a new program is somewhat different from the regular notion of the work done by farm and home agents, according to a magazine article I saw. Their business would be to take specific farm families of the county and to give them, no more at a time than they would have time to work with completely, as complete advice or, all phases of their operation as the training of the agents would have taught them to do. The whole purpose of the work would be to raise the income level of these families, and it has worked in other places, specific examples and figures being given in the article. As the families being worked and needed less help and advice more would be taken into the program, which is intended to be ever-widening. It sounds good, and if it could be worked here as elsewhere it could mean as much to business as an industrial payroll, and far more to the families directly involved.

I feel certain that our board will consider the matter from all angles before taking action, and that they will do what is best for the people of the county.

Along that line, it might be worthwhile to mention that Hoke County was the only county in North Carolina with only one farm agent and one home agent to take more than one State prize at the recent 4-H club week. These prizes usually go where (Continued on Back Page)

Judge Fines 100 Mile Speeder At Rate Of \$1 Per

A young negro soldier from Fort Bragg with a Louisiana driver's license appeared before Judge T. O. Mosses Tuesday at Hoke County recorder's court and was found guilty of speeding 100 miles an hour on the highways of the county. The judge sentenced Willie Haynes to 60 days on the roads, and suspended sentence on condition that he pay a fine of \$100 and court costs and that he not drive a motor vehicle in this county during the next 12 months.

The session Tuesday was about average or a little less, with 13 cases being tried and nine bonds being forfeited.

Luther C. Taylor, white man who pled guilty of driving 85 miles an hour, got off with a \$50 fine which ran a little less than the dollar per mile imposed in the other case. Sentence of 30 days was suspended and he had to pay court costs.

Willie Collins, Indian, was found guilty of assault and using profane and indecent language. He got 60 days, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, two years good behavior and the condition that he stay away from the premises of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Martin.

Isaac Milton Davis, white, pled guilty of driving drunk and violating the prohibition laws. Sentence was 90 days suspended on payment of \$110 and costs and two years good behavior.

Willie Clyde Graham, colored, pled guilty of driving drunk, and got 90 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Ted Morrison, colored, was found guilty of assaulting Mary Rogers, and was sentenced to 30 days, suspended on payment of the costs.

George Hollingsworth, operator of the "Ace-High" club north of town, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws after evidence showed that whiskey had been found on the premises. He got a 90-day sentence to be suspended on condition that he pay \$50 and costs, be of good behavior for two years, close the club until he could rent it and not rent it for use as a night club.

Claude Baldwin, colored, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$20 and costs for public drunkenness and violating the prohibition laws. Eugene Campbell, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs for public drunkenness.

James McLean, colored, was found guilty of non-support of his family. Sentence was six months to be suspended on payment of court costs and \$10 each Saturday to the court clerk for his family.

Sherman Jackson, Indian, was also found guilty of non-support. His sentence was six months suspended on payment of court costs and \$20 per month for his family.

James Taylor, Indian, pled guilty of driving his motorcycle while intoxicated and having no driver's license. Sentence of 90 days was suspended on payment of \$110 and costs.

Ellis F. Harris, white, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and paid \$10 and costs. Three \$25 bonds were left for speeding, five \$15 ones, one of \$15 for failing to yield right of way, and one defendant left \$25 and costs for passing in the face of oncoming traffic.

Visitation Team To Meet With Presbyterian Youth

The Youth Fellowship of the Raeford Presbyterian Church has announced plans for a Visitation Team of young people from Fayetteville Presbytery to meet with them August 15-18. The purpose of their visit is to revitalize the work of the local youth group and to stimulate new interest.

The topics for the week have been announced as follows: Monday night, Challenge to Christian Youth; Tuesday, a short worship service and a visit to the local Teen Canteen; Wednesday, Program Planning; Thursday, Inspirational Worship Service.

The meetings will be held at the Presbyterian Church each night at 7:15. All local young people are invited to attend.

HHS Grid Slate Has 10 Games; Practice Monday

Together with the release this week of the complete schedule for the Southeastern AA Athletic Association, including 10 games for the Hoke High Bucks, Superintendent W. T. Gibson announced that the Bucks would begin regular practice sessions next Monday.

Head coach for the 1955 season will be Floyd Wilson, who comes from Concord. Assisting Wilson will be Coach George Wood from last year's staff, and Wilmer Wiles, new seventh grade teacher, will also be an assistant. Wiles, the latest addition to the staff, comes here from two years as head coach at Robbinsville. He is a graduate of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., where he was a letterman in football, basketball and baseball. He has been at Appalachian State College this summer working on his master of arts degree.

The schedule is as follows: Sept. 2, Chadbourne here; 16, Clinton there; 23, Whiteville there; 30, Hamlet here.

Oct. 7, Rockingham here; 14, Rohanen there; 21, Wadesboro here; 28, Tabor City there.

Nov. 4, Lumberton here; 11, Laurinburg there.

Archie McGill Dies In Little River

Archie McGill, 84, of Vass, Route 2, in Hoke County, died Saturday morning at Pinehurst Convalescent home after a lingering illness. He was born November 17, 1870, in the Lobelia section and farmed there all his life.

Funeral service was conducted at Cypress Presbyterian Church at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. C. K. Taffe, former pastor, and burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Frances Smith, two sons, two brothers, one sister and five grandchildren.

Wheat Allotments Are Made Available

Farmers on land on which no wheat was seeded for grain for any of the years 1953, 1954, 1955 may apply for a 1956 wheat acreage allotment, according to R. J. Hasty, Chairman of the Hoke County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. To be considered for an allotment on a farm which had no wheat seeded for grain for any of those years, the farmer must apply in writing to his County ASC committee by August 15, 1955.

Blank application forms are available at the county ASC office for use in filing requests for allotments.

Pony League Team Wins Playoff Game

The Jaycee-sponsored Raeford entry in the pony league along with Red Springs, Rowland, Parkton, Laurinburg, two Lumberton teams and Laurel Hill, is in the playoffs for the league championship and won their first game from Laurel Hill here Wednesday.

Red Springs, Raeford, Laurel Hill and Rowland finished in that order in the regular season, and the winner of two out of three between Raeford and Laurel Hill will play the Red Springs-Rowland winner two of three for the title. The second game of the Raeford-Laurel Hill series is being played in Laurel Hill tonight.

The league is not affiliated with national Pony baseball, so the league championship is as far as a team can go.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Jr. and children and Mrs. W. T. Gibson, Jr. and children are spending this week at Bogus Sound. Mr. Gibson spent the week end with them.

Mrs. C. L. Thomas and Mrs. Carson Davis, Jr. attended the wedding of Miss Anne Peoples of Pittsboro to Joseph Trogden of Asheboro at the Episcopal Church in Pittsboro on Saturday.



BETHEL HOMECOMING SUNDAY; HIGHWAY MARKER DEDICATION

Specialist Says Cotton Crop Fine, But Needs Poison

George D. Jones, extension entomology specialist with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, visited Hoke County Tuesday, and made a tour of inspection of several cotton fields in Hoke County with W. C. Willford, county farm agent.

Jones was high in his praise of the appearance of the crop in the county, but said there was still danger of considerable damage to the crop from insects.

Stating that this was a most unusual crop year from the standpoint of insects in cotton, he said that there were practically no insects in cotton during the month of June, but said that early in July when the second brood appeared the increase was tremendous throughout the cotton belt, all the way from here to Texas.

The specialist recommended that farmers continue to treat their cotton for insects where possible. He said that fields with late growth showed a good possibility of suffering worm damage. He said that these later fields in many cases are small enough for the application of insecticides by tractor. The boll worm, he said, is the greater potential danger from now, and he recommended toxaphene as a poison if several more applications are planned, as this is effective against boll worms and weevil. Where a farmer plans only one more application the specialist said he would recommend DDT because of its greater effect and the fact that much of the boll weevil's damage is already done.

On the subject of defoliation, Jones said he would certainly recommend it in unusually heavy fields where bolls are not showing and where the boll worm is active. He said that the possibility of several days of wet weather with wind would increase the advisability of defoliating.

He said that this section was more fortunate than the Piedmont area, where the crop is later and a prospect of even greater insect damage is feared.

McBRYDE REUNION SUN.

The annual McBryde Clan reunion will be held at Antioch Presbyterian Church next Sunday, August 14. There will be dinner on the grounds at 12:30, followed by the business meeting. Members and friends are invited to attend.

McINNIS REUNION 21ST DUNDARRACH CHURCH

The annual reunion of the McInnis Clan will be held at Dundarrach Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 21, and all members and friends are invited to come and bring a picnic basket. The program will begin at 11:00 a. m.

Moore Declines Hoke Offer For Taking Pupils

Acting County Superintendent W. T. Gibson said this week that he had been notified that the Moore County board of commissioners had declined to accept the offer of Hoke County of the Little River School tax plus the purchase of two buses in return for the privilege of having 176 Hoke County children of Little River Township attend school in Moore County.

The Hoke Commissioners had gone on record to the effect that if this offer was not accepted Gibson was to make plans and arrangements for the children to attend Hoke County schools during the 1955-56 school year starting September 8.

Gibson said the Moore County request for the 176 pupils was based on \$36 per pupil in addition to the \$5800 which two buses would cost, making a total of \$12,196. He said that the total cost per child for education in Hoke County is only \$20.02, including capital outlay, under which the buses would fall. At that rate Moore County is asking this county to pay \$69.19 per pupil, or almost three and a half times what it costs Hoke to educate its own children in its own schools.

Meeting Hoped For

Board of Education Chairman Neill McFadyen went to Little River Township with Superintendent Gibson on Wednesday night for a meeting with interested citizens and parents there about the situation. These people do not want their children to spend four hours a day riding school buses during the next year, and they appointed a committee to try to do something about it. This committee is hopeful of getting the boards of commissioners of Hoke and Moore Counties around a table together to settle the matter.

The principal of the Vass-Lakeview school, which most of the children from Little River attend, has expressed the hope that something could be worked out, as it would cost the school five teachers which have already been employed, and otherwise disrupt plans for the term.

Report For Hoke Highway Patrol Work In July

In the thought that the people of the county might be interested in what members of the State Highway Patrolmen stationed here do with themselves in an average month, a report on the activities of Patrolmen W. T. Herbin and J. E. Dupree for the month of July has been prepared.

Members of the patrol in the county investigated 13 automobile accidents during July, in which one person was killed, five were injured and in which there was an estimated \$9,465 in damages.

The patrolmen drove 6,114 miles in patrolling the highways during the month, extending 73 courtesies, such as assisting at funerals, changing tires and giving information of various sorts to motorists.

During the month the patrolmen inspected 389 vehicles for faulty equipment or ownership, and they checked 634 driver's licenses. One stolen car was recovered. They arrested or issued citations to 133 persons.

One hundred persons were tried as a result of these and 97 either pled guilty or were found guilty, paying a total of \$2,632.30 in fines and costs. These charges included three for driving drunk, two for driving after license had been revoked, nine for having no driver's license, seven for reckless driving, 82 for speeding, seven for having no brakes, two for improper lights, three for running through stop signs, three for being drunk on highways, one for following too close, one for improper passing, one for transporting whiskey, and 12 for other miscellaneous offenses. Three were found not guilty.

Warnings were given to 45 drivers for impeding traffic by driving slow, and 29 pedestrians were warned.

Company A Will Leave For Camp Stewart Sunday

To Entrain At Parkton

For the first time since its first postwar encampment in 1948, members of Company A, 130th Tank Battalion, local National Guard unit, will go to their annual summer encampment at Camp Stewart, Georgia, by rail, and they will board a special train on the Atlantic Coast Line at Parkton at 9:30 Sunday morning. Arrival at Camp Stewart is scheduled for 5:10 Sunday afternoon. All their previous trips have been by truck with an overnight bivouac on the way, except for 1948 when they slept on the train.

In this first summer since the "Old Hickory" 30th Infantry Division has been entirely a North Carolina division the troops will go to Camp Stewart and to Fort Bragg. The entire division, which is commanded by Maj. Gen. Claude T. Bowers of Warrenton, will go to camp at Fort Bragg Sunday for two weeks with the exception of the armored and anti-aircraft units.

Along with Company A to Camp Stewart will go units of the 130th Tank Battalion, with headquarters in Red Springs and commanded by Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr., of Raeford, the 130th AAA Battalion with headquarters in Whiteville, the 30th Reconnaissance Company of Sanford, and the tank companies of the 119th, 120th and 139th Infantry regiments, the latter being the Parkton Company. Units of the 130th Tank Battalion are in Southern Pines, Lumberton and St. Pauls in addition to Raeford and Red Springs.

Advance detachments of the units left for Camp Stewart today under the command of Major Thomas B. Lester and will prepare the camp for the arrival of the main body on Sunday afternoon. From Company A went Master Sergeant William E. Kennedy, SFC Herman B. Hemingway, Cpl. Fred E. Sports and Pvt. Marion L. Wade. With Major Lester from the battalion staff from Raeford went Captain Herbert S. McLean, Jr., supply officer, and First Lieutenant William E. Willis, adjutant.

Captain Edwin D. Newton, commanding officer of Company A, said that the men were looking forward to the trip by train for a change, as well as to their first year of tank training. The 15 days of active duty is a climax to the year's training in the armory, he said. Pre-Camp mess personnel will also be in Camp Stewart to have the evening meal ready for the troops arriving by train.

Units from Hoke and Robeson Counties entraining in Parkton will arrive there at about 9:00 a. m. for their departure at 9:30 and the people of Parkton are planning to give them a send-off party. It was announced by Mayor L. L. McDonald this week. He invited all friends and relatives of the departing Guardsmen to come and help.

Judy Almond Is State Winner In 4-H Contest

Judy Almond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crowell Almond of Quewhiffie Township, Route One, Aberdeen, was declared State winner in the poultry demonstration at 4-H Club week in Raleigh recently.

A member of the Ashmont 4-H Club, she has been an active 4-H member since she was ten years of age. Last year she was district winner in the Junior Canning project.

On Monday of this week she was accompanied to Greensboro by Miss Josephine Hall, Home Agent, and Miss Elsie Puckett of Ashley Heights, and presented her prize-winning demonstration over Television Station WFMY-TV at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gatlin and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lancaster and sons are spending the week at Elinor Village, Daytona Beach, Fla.