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LOCAL GUARDSMEN SHOWN IN INSTRUCTION PERIOD AT CAMP STEWART



Sergeant Henry Skinner of Headquarters Company, 710th Tank Battalion, is shown above instructing a class of T-10 Guardsmen on the new tank radio which the men later operated in the field during their encampment at Camp Stewart, Georgia. Members of the class are from Company A, 130th Tank Battalion, Raeford, and Tank Company, 239 Infantry Regiment, of Parkton.

HIGHWAY COLLISION SATURDAY IS FATAL TO SERGEANT'S BRIDE

Superior Court Ends Wednesday, Try Most Cases

One Rape Defendant Held, Another Freed

Facing a docket of 35 criminal cases and seven civil cases Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., of Fayetteville convened the regular August mixed term of Hoke County Superior Court here Monday, and when it was adjourned on Wednesday night five civil matters had been disposed of and there were only 10 criminal charges remaining for disposition at a later term. Solicitor E. Maurice Braswell, also of Fayetteville, prosecuted the docket as solicitor for his first time in the county.

In the case in which Chester Murphy or Galbreath was charged with breaking and entering and rape, the Grand Jury found a true bill. Court appointed an attorney for defense and granted continuance until November term to prepare his case. Murphy is in jail without privilege of bond.

In the other case involving a charge of rape, the Grand Jury found not a true bill of indictment against Willie Wright, colored, and he was freed.

Cases in which Duck Melvin, Chuck Dowd, Willie Arnold and Solomon Allen, colored, were charged with breaking and entering and larceny were continued. Arnold is already in prison and Allen is still at large.

John D. Graham, colored, was found not guilty by a jury on two charges of breaking and entering and larceny and a third was continued.

Cases against Leroy Locklear for violating the prohibition laws. Jerry Walker for assault with a deadly weapon, and Sanford Jacobs for assault with a deadly weapon were all remanded to recorder's court for trial.

Wesley Williams, colored, was found guilty of assaulting Roland Roper with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. He was sent to prison for from three to five years.

For cutting Sanford Jacobs, Carson Locklear, Indian, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He pled guilty and was sent to prison for from four to six years.

On two charges each of violating the prohibition laws Lawrence Harris and Marvin Bullard offered no defense. Harris got two years, suspended on payment of costs and was placed on probation for three years. Bullard got one year suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and was placed on probation for three years.

Cases in which Clarence Stubbs and Clonnie Rogers were charged with driving drunk were continued to the November term.

Fletcher Dougald McRae, colored. (Continued on Back Page)

Husband Seriously Hurt In Head-On Wreck With Truck

Shortly after 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon a young Negro Air Force sergeant and his bride were returning to Pope Air Force Base after having been married on August 10, driving on the right side of the road at a legal rate of speed, when death in the form of a big tractor-trailer struck. The wife was killed, the sergeant was injured and their 1953 Mercury sedan was destroyed. The tractor was damaged and the driver of it suffered minor injuries.

The sergeant was William H. Davis, Jr., 22, of Pope Air Force Base, and his wife Louise, of Kansas City, died on the way to a Fayetteville hospital. Sgt. Davis was thought at first to have suffered near-fatal injuries, but is now expected to recover.

The truck driver was Howard H. Wilson of Brookneal, Virginia, driving his own GMC outfit. He suffered leg injuries and was treated by a local doctor.

State Highway Patrolman W. T. Herbin investigated the accident, which took place on Highway 15-A in the southwest edge of Raeford near the Colonial Diner. Report of the patrolman indicates that Wilson in his truck was proceeding down the highway at about 55 miles an hour when he pulled into the left lane to avoid hitting a slowed car in front of him. He was approaching a curve and the Davis car was coming around it.

Officers state they learned from witnesses that Wilson was following 2 vehicles, the first of which turned off toward the restaurant. This is said to have caused the other to slow down and force Wilson to make his decision to either hit it in the rear or take the left lane around the curve, which he did.

Wilson was indicted on a charge of manslaughter by Patrolman Herbin, and was released Tuesday under a cash bond of \$1,000.

Theatre To Reopen Here Next Thursday

Sidney Epstein, who has leased the Raeford Theatre from Dr. Alvis B. Dickson, announces in an advertisement in this issue that he expects remodeling and repairs to the building and installation of equipment to be complete and that the theatre will reopen on next Thursday, September 1.

Picture for the opening and for Friday will be "The Girl Rush," and according to the announcement this is one of Paramount's newest releases, being released on September 1. This picture stars Rosalind Russell and Fernando Lamas, and was reviewed on the "Toast of the Town" television show Sunday night.

Epstein also announces a pre-opening special, mostly for kids, in the form of a cartoon show at 3:00 o'clock on next Thursday afternoon.

The building has been changed to accommodate the 25-foot screen required for Cinemascope, Vista-View and other pictures, and Freidaire air conditioning equipment is being installed by Baucom Appliance Company. Other improvements have also been made.

Grand Jury Makes Quarterly Report

The Hoke County Grand Jury, meeting at the August term of Superior Court here this week, made its quarterly report to the presiding judge, and indicated that nothing serious is wrong with the affairs or property of the county.

The body reported on inspections of the courthouse and jail, recommending plastering and repair in several offices and painting at the jail.

It was also reported that J. A. McGoogan, county auditor, advised that budget estimate of the county has been published, and that financial statement showing disbursements is in process of being made.

State Board Of Health Approves Town Sewer Plan

Mayor Alfred Cole received a letter this week from J. M. Jarrett, director of the sanitary engineering division of the State Board of Health this week approving the plans the town has for enlarging and extending its sanitary sewer system, if voters of the town approve bonds for the purpose at a special election to be held on September 3.

In his letter Jarrett said that the plans and specifications for the 12-inch sewer outfall line from the Amerotron plant through Raeford to the present sewage disposal plant and the 18-inch outfall from the sewage disposal plant to Rockfish Creek had been reviewed by the division and approved. A copy of the plans and specifications bearing the stamp of approval of the State Board of Health was returned also.

The sewer improvement bonds are to be voted on September 3, along with a \$15,000 bond issue for improving and enlarging the town's water system. Sewer bonds are in the amount of \$45,000, although the total improvements are expected to cost in the vicinity of \$80,000. The Amerotron Corporation has expressed an intention to contribute about \$22,500 to the town for the projects because of the need for additional water and waste disposal facilities for their dye plant.

Members of the town board, in discussing their planning of the improvements, have pointed out that the need for increased capacity of the sewer system exists without the need of Amerotron, and that the increased water consumption by the dye plant will make the whole investment practically self supporting with small chance of any necessity ever arising for higher taxes as a result.

CANCEL PONY PLAYOFF

Angus J. Currie, president of the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the winning Raeford entry in the Pony Baseball league, said this week that the final playoff for the league championship had been cancelled because of football practice. Several members of the team are practicing high school football and couldn't get away for baseball.

COTTON CARDS READY

1955 Cotton Marketing Cards are ready to be delivered to all producers that have planted within their allotments, Miss Louise Blue, County A-SC Secretary announced this week. "Come to the Hoke County ASC Office and get yours. If it is impossible for you to come you should notify the ASC office and it will be mailed. If you send someone else to get it, you should send a signed statement requesting that the card be delivered to them," Miss Blue said.

J. L. Hobson, 87, Native Of County, Is Buried Wednesday

J. L. Hobson, 87-year-old resident of Raeford, Route 1, died Monday night in Moore County Hospital after a long illness. He was a farmer and had lived in this county all his life.

Funeral service was held at Parker's Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock with the Rev. N. P. Edens of Parkton, pastor, conducting. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hobson is survived by six sons, Harvey, Cyrus C. and Stacy Hobson, all of this county, John Robert Hobson of Red Springs, Howard C. Hobson of Wells, Maine, and Henry M. Hobson of the U. S. Army in Florida; three daughters, Mrs. L. L. Anderson and Mrs. G. B. Anderson, both of Darlington, S. C. and Mrs. Charlie Carver of Lumber Bridge; 25 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Change In Farm Social Insurance Requirements

The Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration have modified considerably the original determinations on landlord-tenant relationships under Social Security, it was announced today by the Fayetteville District Office of the Social Security Administration.

It has been ruled that any tenant who has arranged to produce a crop or livestock on the farm of the landlord for which the tenant receives a share of the crop or the proceeds of its sale, is self-employed, and must file his own (Continued on Back Page)

LOCAL MEN AND OFFICERS FIND SUMMER GUARD CAMP BEST YET

McInnis Clan Has Annual Reunion At Dundarrach Sunday

The McInnis Clan held its annual reunion at Dundarrach Presbyterian Church Sunday, and about 200 members of the family connections were present to enjoy the program, picnic dinner and fellowship. Some were present from South Carolina, Florida, Virginia and even Utah in addition to those from North Carolina.

Five generations were represented, with Mrs. Sallie McGillvary of Dundarrach at 94 being the oldest member present, and little Diane Gallimore, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gallimore of Ellerbe, being the youngest.

A devotional service was conducted by Daniel M. McInnis, president, and special music was furnished by the McInnis Quartet consisting of Thomas, Dan, Smith and Angus McInnis, all sons of Mrs. A. A. McInnis of Rockfish and the late Mr. McInnis.

History of the family was discussed in an interesting talk by Mrs. James Doggett of Greensboro. Mrs. Doggett's talk included the display and explanation of the plaids of the clan.

Daniel M. McInnis and Thomas McInnis were reelected president and vice-president, respectively, and Wilson McBryde was elected secretary - treasurer, succeeding Curtis McInnis of Aberdeen.

The group enjoyed a fine talk on "Standing Up For Your Family" by the Rev. Ralph Underwood, of the Highland Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville and former summer supply pastor at Dundarrach.

Flowers for the occasion were furnished by the families of L. A. McInnis and Mrs. J. C. Campbell, members of the clan who passed away during the past year, and after the reunion they were carried to D. M. McBryde, invalid member who could not attend.

The reunion adjourned after a decision to hold next year's reunion at the same place on third Sunday in August. (Continued on Back Page)

To Arrive Parkton By Train 2:55 Sunday

Captain Edwin D. Newton, commanding officer of Company A, 130th Tank Battalion, told The News-Journal today by telephone from Camp Stewart, Ga. that his officers and men considered their summer encampment this year the best from every point of view since the unit first went to its first camp, also at Camp Stewart, in the summer of 1948. Company has 96 enlisted men, five officers and one warrant officer in attendance at camp with other units of the 130th Battalion.

The 130th Battalion and attached tank and reconnaissance companies is commanded by Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr., of Raeford, with staff officers from Raeford being Major Thomas B. Lester, Captain Herbert S. McLean, Jr. and First Lieutenant William E. Willis. Captain Luther W. Clark commands the battalion headquarters and service company of Red Springs, and Captain Jimmie Brock, is battalion motor officer.

Captain Newton said the men were taking more interest in their training than they ever had before, getting more out of it and enjoying it more. He said they were receiving well-arranged and superior instruction from the Regular Army personnel there, and that they were fast becoming accomplished "tankers."

He said that they liked the schedule they work under, which takes them to the tank ranges by about 7:00 a. m. and back at about 3:30. Supper is at 4:30 and the men are free for the rest of the day. He said the food was the best and that he considered the work of the mess section in preparing it second to none. They have had a couple of heavy rains, but the weather mostly has been pleasant, and not generally as hot as the Georgia post is noted for.

The Hoke County men, along with others of the 130th Battalion, are cleaning their 70 M-47 tanks in their motor pool today in preparation for turning them in after their two weeks of intensive training in gunnery, driving, communication, and all it (Continued on Back Page)

Addenda - -

By The Editor
It has rained here this week, and is still raining. That is not news to anyone here, but might be to a reader somewhere else who thinks they are getting it all. There are fairly reliable estimates of as much as eight to ten inches of rainfall from some parts of the county on Tuesday night and early Wednesday. Out in McLauchlin Township seems to be where the heaviest was that night, although other sections of the county report anywhere from three inches up on the same night. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nesley on the Louis Parker place is reported to have had more than two feet standing on it yesterday morning.

John McGoogan reports that his pond several miles northeast of Raeford which he built about five years ago is full for the first time. There was a time when he was reported to have been pumping water into it, but this week his rain gage there showed 4.2 inches of rainfall during the night ending Tuesday morning and 5.1 inches during the night ending Wednesday morning, for a total of over nine inches during the two days. We had about five inches here in Raeford the first of these nights, but less than one inch on the second, according to Robert Gatlin's rain gage.

Whatever the exact amount, the ground and the fields and crops are wet, that's for sure, and some damage to the latter appears likely. Cotton will suffer in quality if it stays wet too long, and something the State College specialist said a week or two back about worms will probably affect the quantity.

Grain will also spoil if it stays wet too long, and in that connection County Farm Agent W. C. Willford was telling me today that he has information on sources of grain driers and storage bins for farmers who may be interested. He is not furnishing this information to advertise the people who have the stuff to sell, but to help make it more available to the farmers who need it, so anyone wishing to sell grain driers or storage bins locally and have them, can get the information passed along by the county agent along with the sources he received through the extension service.

Loans for purchasing the driers and storage bins can be obtained by contacting the county ASC office, according to the information the county agent received.

Another effect the wet summer has had has been on the cemetery here, which a good many people worked on to get trimmed and looking nice. Weeds and grass have been growing, and Marion Gatlin, who served as chairman of that project, suggests that maybe those who worked then and some others would be interested in mowing it again. If so, he says just go on out and mow a few lots, that's the way it got done the first time.

A one-armed man with the itch is idle compared to the way my friend Sidney "Shag" Epstein is going to be for the next week. He has announced that the Raeford Theatre will open next Thursday, and when I went by there early this morning there were a lot of people doing a lot of things, but it still looked more like a good place to store hay, if you could get the people out of the way. Being the hard worker that he is known to be, though, I guess he will have it looking like 42nd Street in a few more days.

Chairman of the County Commissioners J. Fulford McMillan and Commissioner N. H. G. Balfour attended the annual convention of the State Association of County Commissioners and Accountants in Asheville this week. Also attending and representing Hoke County Accountant J. A. McGoogan was his secretary, Mrs. Reid Childress. They heard some good speeches and heard local problems discussed, returning on Wednesday.

Speaking of McGoogan reminds (Continued on Back Page)