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Addenda

By The Editor

The papers in other towns in this section are beginning to carry stories about United Fund activity of various sorts, in preparation for the fall drives of these one-time, one-gift organizations. In Tuesday's Laurinburg paper there was a story of the directors of the Scotland County United Fund meeting and electing officers, and of chairmen of the various phases of the drive being named.

Here in Hoke County, where we had a successful drive last year, and where people generally seem to approve the United Fund, both in principle and practice, the president has tried twice to get enough of the directors together to get these things done and keep the organization alive. If the directors don't think that much of it, of course it will die. With the public acceptance the organization has received, that would seem to be a shame. . . . If he should try one more time to have a meeting, and if you are a director and don't appear, it may be that you can share the distinction of sharing in doing away with it, and wasting much of the time and effort that went into getting it started in the first place.

Presumably the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Merchants' Division and all, has been on an extended summer vacation. Here it is the 8th of September, which would seem to be about time for this vacation to end.

Stories of the activities of the boards of town and county commissioners were a pleasure to write this week. Each is a story of real, tangible progress for the town and county. And the booster club is going to try to give high school athletics another boost in spite of last year's discouraging football season. Isn't it a shame we can't all get pushing at once? This old town would go, wouldn't it? Are you doing your part? It's good business, you know.

Couldn't get up with Robert Gatlin, who keeps up with the rainfall pretty closely, to get the figures on right in Raeford, but Archie Howard of Hoke Concrete Works, reports that he has measured 18 inches of rainfall in the past three weeks at his home in Antioch Township. I know of some rain they have had there that we haven't had here in Raeford, but expect it works the other way, too, to make that pretty close to the score over the county. That is 40 percent of our total rainfall for a whole year, which I understand is 45 inches. The damage it has done is tremendous, from what leading farmers are saying, some estimating a fourth or more loss on the cotton crop.

Along the line of a wet year, here is a note received today which refers to another wet year: To The Editor of The News-Journal:

In July, 1924, your father was Secretary of the Kiwanis Club and it was his duty to write a letter each week to every member of the Club. I have one of these letters and it sounds like it might have been written in 1955. I beg to quote a part of the letter as follows:

"Well Brother: The fellow who can go around singing 'It ain't a gonta rain no more' is a born optimist as well as a liar. The Jaybird told the old Black Crow the biggest lie on record and if we could get our hands on the guy who wrote that song I am sure we could lynch him with a relish. Even at that, this section has every reason to be thankful to Providence. There have been no earthquakes, tornadoes, or other calamities to take a toll of human life. This county is in the best condition to stand the loss of a crop that it has ever been in. There are a million or so of dollars on deposit in our two banks, whereas in 1914 there was less than a hundred thousand. Raeford is still on the map. We were due a wet year; we have gotten it and we are going to accept it as a part of (Continued on Back Page)

TOWN VOTERS APPROVE ISSUE OF BONDS IN LIGHT BALLOT SAT.

Booster Club Feeds Gridders, Elects Directors

The Hoke County High School Booster Club had a chicken supper at Clyde Upchurch's Lake Alice at Timberland last Thursday night with the members of the football squad and coaches as guests and the Kiwanis Club as paying guests. Retiring President Jake Austin presided.

Principal W. T. Gibson, Jr., reported to the club on the great amount of good done by the more than \$1100 paid to the high school athletic association last year through the club memberships, and said that some of the money was being used this year for new equipment. He expressed a feeling of confidence in the coaching staff this year and a feeling of cautious optimism about the coming football season. He appealed to the club members and to the people of the county to support the athletic program by attending the contests and by joining the Booster Club.

Directors for the coming year elected were Bill Howell, Dr. Julius Jordan, Neill A. McDonald, John D. McNeill, J. D. McMillan, Charles Morrison and Neill Ross. McDonald was elected temporary chairman until the board can meet and elect officers. The club voted to have the same annual dues for membership as during the last year, one dollar per month or \$12 per year, and several members present paid at the meeting. Membership drive is to be conducted at once, according to McDonald, and persons wishing to help school athletics may join by contacting any of the above named directors.

New Head Coach Floyd Wilson was introduced to the group and made a fine impression on all present with his short, straight-from-the-shoulder, talk. Substance of his remarks was that he has some pretty good material, but not much of it, resulting in a situation which demands the interest and regular attendance at training sessions of every boy on the squad. The coach said that only by support of the community and constant encouragement of the boys by the people to keep in training and attend practice will they do it.

FAIRCLOTH REUNION SET FOR SEPT. 18

The Faircloth family reunion will be held at Ephesus Baptist Church at Arabia on the third Sunday, September 18. The group will enjoy a picnic dinner on the grounds at one o'clock, and all friends and relatives are invited.

Sewer Bids Opened And Contract Awarded Tues.

The voters of the Town of Raeford turned out few in numbers for the Town's special bond election Saturday, but more than 16 to one in favor of the issue of the two bond issues totalling \$60,000 for improvements to the sewer and water systems. The town board of commissioners lost no time in taking the next step, as they opened bids and awarded the contract for the sanitary sewer work at a special meeting Tuesday.

Only 108 voters exercised their voting privilege Saturday, out of the more than 700 registered and eligible, of which 101 favored the issue of both water and sewer bonds. Six voters opposed both issues and one American individual voted in favor of the issue of the \$15,000 water bonds but opposed the issue of \$45,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Official results are published by the Town in a legal advertisement in this issue as required by law.

A special meeting of the board of commissioners was held at the town hall on Tuesday afternoon with Mayor Cole presiding and all members present. Sealed bids on the proposed sewer improvements were opened at this time. Low bidder was Lowder Construction Co., of Albemarle, who was awarded the contract at \$63,537. Other bids ran up to more than \$150,000 for the job.

The Town was authorized to issue bonds for the sanitary sewer project in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 by the voters Saturday. Amerotron Corporation had offered to contribute \$22,500 toward the projects when they were proposed, which will make enough money with the bond issue. Cost of the project has been estimated at not more than \$66,000.

The sewer project is to be begun immediately and is expected to be completed within about three months. It is to include a 12-inch sewer line beginning at the Amerotron plant northwest of town and running a zig-zag course through the heart of the town to the present sewage disposal plant east of town, and then an 18-inch line from there southeast to a point on Rockfish Creek south of the old Fayetteville road which has been selected as a site for a new disposal plant when necessary.

The present sewer system in the parts of town to be affected is overloaded, and the new installation will be adequate to take care of all present demand as well as allow for additional users in the future.

Amerotron's interest in the matter and the reason for their offer of the \$22,500 is that their dye operation will discharge large amounts of water. This water, while purified before it leaves the plant, will carry some color for a short distance after being emptied. If it had been run into Rockfish Creek northwest of Raeford, as was considered, it would have made the creek unsuitable for swimming for several miles below.

Sanitary engineers estimate that the discharge of this water into the sewer system will have a good effect on it, keeping it well flushed and completely eliminating the unpleasant odors which have been detected by residents of the eastern part of town for some time.

Water to be used in Amerotron's dye operation is also to be furnished by the Town, at a profit. The present system was considered able to furnish this large amount of water under most circumstances but it was felt that another well should be added to make sure of never running out. This is the reason for the \$15,000 water bond issue being voted on also. Contract for this has not been awarded.

Mayor Cole and members of the board estimate that the sale of water in the quantity expected will bring the Town enough money during the life of the bonds to pay them off, and that no tax increase will ever be necessary as a result of these bond issues.

Regular Meeting Of Town Board Monday

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of commissioners of Raeford on Monday night Mayor Cole presided with Tom Cameron, Marion Gatlin, J. K. McNeill, Jr., and Truman Austin present.

Representatives of the Heater Well Co. of Raleigh appeared before the board with a proposal for the drilling and installation of a new gravel-packed well for the town with a guarantee of a minimum of 300 gallons of water per minute.

Town heard from its attorney that the West Elwood avenue opening and extension matter was still progressing and that complete report would be given later.

The mayor advised the board that the State board of health had approved four sites for location of a new well for the town.

The board voted to purchase and keep on hand certain parts for the town trucks which are needed on a recurring basis.

Recorder Handles Usual Variety Of Cases Tuesday

The usual variety of misdemeanors were charged in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday before Judge T. O. Moses, with more than 25 being for speeding.

In a case remanded from Superior Court Leroy Locklear, Indian, was charged with violating the prohibition laws by manufacturing liquor. He pled guilty and got six months suspended on payment of \$100 and court costs and two years good behavior.

Isaac Milton Davis, white man convicted several weeks ago of driving drunk, was charged with driving after his license had been revoked. He pled guilty and got 30 days, to be suspended on payment of \$200 and court costs.

Michael F. Hepler, white soldier, pled guilty of driving drunk and was found guilty of driving without a driver's license. Sentence was three to four months on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$125 and costs, and he went to the roads.

George Davis, colored, pled guilty of speeding and having no driver's license, and paid \$25 and costs.

Arthur H. Bowling, white soldier, pled guilty of being drunk in public, and went to the roads for 30 days rather than pay \$25 and costs.

Lawrence Butler, colored, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest. Sentence was 90 days, suspended on payment of \$35 and costs and two years good behavior.

Fred Whitted, colored, pled guilty of public drunkenness and paid \$10 and costs. Sentence of 30 days was suspended on condition of two years good behavior.

Jones McRae, colored, paid \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving, and James Goodman and Clifford Jones, colored, paid the same for having no driver's licenses. James W. McNeill, colored, paid costs for failing to stop at a red light.

Speeders appearing for trial included one paying \$60 and costs, one \$40 and costs, two \$25 and costs, and two \$10 and costs. Bonds left for speeding included one for \$30, eight for \$25, and 11 for \$15.

LEGION TO MEET MON.

Commander John D. McNeill of the Ellis Williamson American Legion post wishes to remind all members of the monthly supper meeting which will be held Monday night at 7:00 o'clock at Tom McBryde's pond northwest of town. He urges all to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Harris and family spent the week end in Roxboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Murray spent Monday night and Tuesday with Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Murray. They were en route to Chapel Hill from Myrtle Beach where they had spent the week end with friends. On Wednesday Mr. Murray entered his senior year in the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina.

County Board Approves Health Center and Agents

Enrollment Up In Schools Here

Reports on schools in Raeford which opened today were received just before press time and indicate that opening day enrollment for the white schools is a net of about 80 pupils higher than on opening day last year.

Biggest increase was at the J. W. McLaughlin Elementary school where 655 pupils were present this morning as compared to an opening day enrollment of 624 for the past two years, an opening day increase of 61.

At Hoke County High School there were 306 students present today, as compared to 266 on opening day last year, for an increase of 40. In the eighth grade, also at the high school, there were 102 today, compared to 124 on opening day last year, or 22 less, making a net increase in the Raeford schools of 79.

At the Upchurch School, opening earlier than usual, there were 1001 present today as compared to 1040 on opening day last year. This figure is expected to rise as crops are gathered. Figures on other schools in the county for today have not been received.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Bristow and family and Mrs. Jasper Davis and Mrs. Laura Clark and children spent the week end at Carolina Beach.

Mrs. Archie McGill of Vass is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Norton, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Luke McNeill and Dr. and Mrs. Riley M. Jordan and children attended a birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. D. D. Oliver, in Phe Level on Sunday.

Mrs. Lewis M. Upchurch spent several days in Kinston with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Collins and sons, Alan and Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lewis visited Mr. and Mrs. Watson Lawhorn and son in Jacksonville, N. C.

Major David Scott Currie of Bolling Field, Va. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott Currie.

Sgt. and Mrs. Joe Dombkowski and son, David, of Washington, D. C. spent the week end with Mrs. Dombkowski's mother, Mrs. Luke Dombkowi.

Mrs. Leon McKay and son have returned to their home in Dunn after a visit here with her mother, Mrs. A. K. Currie. Mrs. Currie accompanied them home for a visit.

Mrs. J. M. McDuffie and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McDuffie attended the wedding of Mrs. McDuffie's granddaughter, Mildred Antoinette Brinkley, to A. Paul Collins on Saturday, September 3. The marriage ceremony took place at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Wilson M. Young, in Norfolk, Va. with the Rev. George L. Euting of Burrows Memorial Baptist Church, officiating. The couple will make their home on Colley Avenue in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Campbell of Cheraw, S. C. were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McNeill.

Benny McLeod entered the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomas spent several days this week at Black Mountain visiting friends.

Miss Jennelle Snead resumed her studies at Greensboro College on Wednesday.

Football Here Tomorrow Night; Play Chadbourn

The Hoke County High School football team starts a new season here tomorrow night, under a new coach, who doesn't talk and work like he intends to be a losing coach. The Bucks take the field at 8:00 o'clock at Armory Park in a non-conference game against Chadbourn High School, which last week whipped Whiteville High, of the South-eastern AA conference, 13-0 and had one touchdown called back.

Coach Floyd Wilson of Hoke High has been working his squad twice daily for the past several weeks, and at their final pre-game contact session under the lights Wednesday night morale and pep was high throughout the squad, better than in several years, according to spectators.

While the Bucks go on the field as underdogs, Coach Wilson feels that his first team will be about as good as any in the league if he can just get them to hitting hard. They are as big and as fast as any first string in the loop, he says, and should be just as good. Big problem of course, is reserve strength, as there are only 23 on the squad now that Lewis Upchurch has dropped out due to a bad muscle. Wilson commented this morning after school opened that he saw many boys at school who were big and could make football players if they would just come out and try. He said a dozen more on the bench would make a great difference in the team performance.

Probable starting lineup for the Bucks in the game against Chadbourn will have Kenneth Culbreth at left end, Lacy Koonce acting captain for the game, will be left tackle, Younger Snead, Jr. at left guard, Eugene Carter at center, Fred Dew at right guard, Neill McFadyen, Jr., at right tackle and Joe McLeod at right end. At right halfback will be either Raymond Waddell or Bobby Boston and Billy Floyd is expected to be the starting left halfback. Tommy Freeman is expected to start at fullback and Dickie Henley at quarterback.

The coach says if the boys will get over this "cousin stuff," as he calls it, and start hitting like they mean it, folks should see a pretty good game tomorrow night. In addition to tickets to the game booster club memberships, which include season tickets, will also be available at the gate.

Farm Pictures Are Finally Identified; One Is Repeater

The picture of the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Harding on Route two, between Rockfish and Arabia, was identified last week after being run for the third time by Principal T. C. Jones of the Mildouson School. The other picture last week was identified by Mollie Teal of Raeford as the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ray, also on Route two, of which another picture and article were run several months ago. The photographer took another group of pictures recently, and was certain that he wouldn't photograph one that had been run before, but he did.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding have been residing on their 44-acre farm for the past 12 years, raising tobacco, cotton, corn, wheat, oats, potatoes and hogs. Mr. Harding says hogs are his favorite crop or livestock. Ben Overton was previously owner of the place.

They are members of Pittman Grove Baptist Church and have three children. They are Mrs. Ellie Prevatt of Lumberton, Grady, who works at the Amerotron plant here, and Curtis, who is a senior at Hoke County High school this year.

Handle Other Business At Meeting Tuesday

Two measures of far-reaching potential benefit to the people of the county were passed by the Hoke County board of commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday. The meeting, held Tuesday because of the holiday on Monday, was presided over by Chairman J. Fulford McMillan, with all members present. The building of a modern county health center and the employment of three additional members of the agricultural extension service in the county were approved by the board in addition to other business.

Health Center Plan
Dr. C. C. Applewhite, director of the local health division of the State board of health, appeared before the board to discuss the need for a health center for the county. The county health department is now inadequately housed in the basement of the county office building on West Elwood Avenue. Dr. Applewhite's appearance was the result of the request by the board at their August 1 meeting that the State agency make a survey of the need for such a center in Hoke County and return a recommendation to the board.

Dr. Applewhite's report on the survey indicated that there is great need here for the center, and he discussed with the commissioners the facts used by his associates in reaching this conclusion. He also showed the board a variety of designs for health centers similar to those in use in other counties, and recommended that Hoke County should have one of about 2,000 square feet of floor space. Cost was estimated to be about \$33,000, of which the county would have to furnish the lot and 19.8 percent, or about \$6,600.

Farm Home Agents
The board approved the employment of an assistant to the county farm agent, an assistant to the county home demonstration agent and an additional clerk for the county extension service office effective January 1, 1956.

The new extension service personnel were proposed to the county by C. M. Brickhouse, district farm agent, at his meeting on August 1. He told the board of the "new look" in extension work, and that Federal and State funds would be available to pay all but \$50 of the salary of each of the new employees, making the total cost to the county for the three \$1,800 per year.

In approving the program the board pointed to the fact that the county federation of home demonstration clubs, the Wayside Grange and the Raeford Kiwanis club had all petitioned the board for its approval, and took note of the fact that the policy of the extension service in carrying out the new program is to work with family units of all races, rather than with club groups as much extension work is now accomplished.

The "new look" in extension service as described by Brickhouse is designed to offer the nation's farmers close, personal help, and the best information available on their own farms. At the request of farm groups, Congress has appropriated \$7 million to help finance it.

The aim is to help farmers make more money, to help them get better living comforts in their homes, and to help them get from farming and farm life some of the things they have always wanted.

At the invitation of the farmers these special county agents and home agents will offer suggestions, cost figures, income estimates, and information about problems and changes on each farm. With this information at hand the farm families will make their own decisions.

Other Matters Heard
A petition from Antioch Township, bearing 27 signatures was presented to the board asking (Continued on Back Page)