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Addenda - - By The Editor

John McGoogan's weekly series of the early days of Raeford and Raeford Institute was interrupted this week when he wasn't feeling so well for several days due to a cold and couldn't get around to it. He is feeling all right now, he says, and has it just about ready for next week's paper.

I was interested to note in my grandmother's remarks in McGoogan's article last week that they considered moving to Fayetteville and didn't because of the many barrooms in that town.

Town Clerk Robert Weaver says that the contractor on the new sewer improvement project was expected to move in to begin work about 20 days after getting the contract. This was on September 6, so the work should begin about a week from Monday.

Neglected to mention in the article on the Hoke High-Chadbourne football game that the Bucks go to Clinton tomorrow night to play last year's champions of the Southeastern A.A. Athletic Association. They are said to be strong again this year, and would fail a lot harder than Chadbourne would have if we should happen to upset them.

Wonder on the part of some at not seeing the Bucks run a larger variety of plays calls for them to consider just how far Coaches Wilson, Wood and Wiley have had to bring the boys this year. Up for consideration also is the fact that so many of them had not played in a game before last Friday night. Their performance, all things considered, was excellent, I would say, and I believe it will keep improving. Of course, you may not be able to tell this as the caliber of their opponents changes from week to week. They are going to beat somebody this year, though.

Talking to the coach, I find that he thinks they learned right much in the game Friday night. He says they are really full of fire this week, and that the "cousin" stuff he was talking about last week is gone. He says they are hitting so they mean it now.

The "B" squad, made up of about 25 boys from the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, began their practice yesterday, and the coaches say they are going to get plenty of work and attention. Wilson says that is the place to build a winning team, in the youngsters, and that he is going to start right now for the future.

Next home game will be against Hamlet here on the night of Friday, September 30. Let's stick with them, this year, and maybe they'll come through with a victory.

Architects were here talking to the county authorities this week about the new health center the county proposes to build on the lot just east of the armory. Approval of the project has been expected for several days from the N. C. State Board of Health, but has not been received. You would think, as many health centers as there are in the State, that there would be suitable plans available for Hoke County without us having to pay architects to originate them. Such does not seem to be the case, though, I hear around the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Chandler and children attended the 100th birthday celebration of Mrs. Chandler's grandfather, S. A. Baker, in Lamar, S. C. on Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Whisnant and children, Durwood, Barbara and Aaron, of Yadkinville spent last Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Gatlin. Mr. Whisnant is a former pastor of the Raeford Baptist Church.

Raeford To Get Over \$9500 For Street Paving

The State Highway Commission will distribute \$5,711,817.71 in cash aid to 398 incorporated, active, eligible and qualified municipalities for improvements on non-highway system streets, Highway Chairman A. H. Graham announced Monday.

He said this was the largest amount ever distributed since the Powell Bill Act was passed in 1951, when a total of \$4,542,096.20 was divided among 385 towns. In 1952, a total of \$4,948,842.30 was shared by 388 towns. In 1953, a total of \$5,244,203.40 was divided among 394 Tar Heel towns. Last year, \$5,391,717.41 was shared by 396 towns. This year's allocation brings the total five-year allocation of Powell Bill funds to \$25,839,677.02.

Graham pointed to the increased revenue which upped the Powell Bill figure this year. The fund comes from a 1/2 cent per gallon of the total or gross 6c gasoline tax (less refunds) during fiscal 1954-55, when the gross State gasoline tax totaled \$68,594,608.40.

Checks are to be mailed to the participating towns in mid-September, and include \$9,745.32 for Raeford. Some of this money is already due the State Highway Commission, according to Robert Weaver, for "paving" done here in recent months.

Half of the total allocation is divided among all qualified municipalities on the basis of population. The per capita rate is \$1.88 this year. The other half of the total allocation is divided among all the qualified municipalities on the basis of relative mileage of non-state system or local streets which comply with the Act. The mileage rate this year is \$472.05 per mile.

Payments will range this year from \$350 for Falkland in Pitt County to \$416,618 for Charlotte. Other allocations, figured to the nearest dollars include: Fayetteville, \$118,265; Lumberton, \$43,170; Sanford, \$36,899; Aberdeen, \$7,545; Red Springs, \$3,092; Southern Pines, \$23,735.

Farm Picture Is Of Home On Place Of Mrs. Upchurch

Last week's mystery farm picture was identified by Clyde Upchurch as that of a home on the farm of Mrs. Upchurch near Oakdale, just outside Raeford to the southeast. The home is occupied by Fred Lawrence, who has lived there since 1928.

The farm, consisting of 375 acres, came to Mrs. Upchurch through her father, the late J. Worthy Johnson who passed away in 1926. Mr. Johnson bought the place around 1900 from the late Archie McDiarmid, who sold it before moving to Arkansas. Prior to that it had been owned by Mrs. Archie McDiarmid's father, Fred Jones, who must have got it from the Indians, or the King.

Farmed with tractor and mules, the place is used for a diversified farming operation. There are 20 acres of tobacco on it this year, 100 acres of cotton, and most of it is devoted to pasture, although corn and small grain are grown also.

NEW DRUGGIST HERE

Millard D. Long, druggist, is now working at Hoke Drug Co., according to Walter P. Baker, proprietor. A member of the Baptist Church, Mr. Long comes from Broadway. He is married, has two small children, and lives at 514 West Edinborough Avenue.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN TO MEET TUESDAY

The Men of the Raeford Presbyterian Church will hold their first monthly meeting and supper of the fall at the church next Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock. Subject for the program is to be "Christianity in Business."

Ingatherings . . .

Dates for the annual harvest ingatherings of churches in this section will be run in this space as received, each week until they have taken place, together with the times and menus, if these are included. Those received thus far include:

Sandy Grove Methodist Church, Thursday, September 29, at noon. Barbecue and chicken salad plates. Sale of handiwork in the afternoon.

Rex Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, October 12.

Bethel Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, October 20, at noon. Barbecue and chicken salad plates.

Defendant Held Under \$1000 Bond In Shooting Case

Preliminary hearing was given Dave McNeill, colored, before Judge T. O. Moses in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday on charges that McNeill had assaulted Dewey Sessions, white with a deadly weapon with intent to kill him. It was charged that McNeill had shot Sessions. Probable cause was found in the action and McNeill is in jail in default of a bond of \$1000 awaiting trial at the November term of Superior Court. Trial of McNeill on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon was deferred until after Superior Court.

Henry Ferguson, white, was found guilty of simple assault. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs and two years good behavior.

Donald Shaw, colored, was released on payment of court costs on a charge of assault when it appeared that it was a family affair and that his folks didn't want to prosecute.

John Bullard, Indian, pled guilty of public drunkenness and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Case in which Armand Black, white, was charged with assault was returned to justice of the peace for trial.

Ollie McNeill, colored, pled guilty of giving a bad check and had to pay court costs and make the check good.

James Arthur Locklear, Indian, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving. Sentence was 60 days, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and good behavior for two years as to motor vehicle laws.

J. P. Grubbs, white, was found not guilty on a charge of driving without license when he produced it by trial time.

Frank Smith, colored, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and having no brakes. He had to pay \$20 and costs.

One defendant forfeited a \$25 bond on a charge of driving without a license.

For speeding one paid \$10 and costs, two paid costs, two left \$60 bonds, three left \$40 each, 11 left \$25 each and ten left \$15 bonds.

Textron American Declares Dividends

The board of directors of Textron American, Inc. Thursday declared a dividend on the 1.25 convertible preferred stock of the corporation of thirty-one and one-quarter cents (31-1/4c) per share and a dividend of the common stock of the corporation of twenty-five cents (25c) per share, both such dividends to be payable October 1, 1955 to holders of record at the close of business September 19, 1955.

Cotton Marketing, Classing, Discussed At Kiwanis Meet

James Potter and Kenneth Scarborough, Hoke County's State Championship 4-H Club cotton marketing team, gave their prize-winning demonstration before the Raeford Kiwanis Club at the regular weekly meeting and supper of the club at the high school cafeteria Thursday night. The boys, presented by County Agent W. C. Willford, displayed a thorough knowledge of their subject, and their demonstration made effective use of attractive posters.

Following the demonstration by the 4-H team, W. Glenn Tusey, extension marketing specialist with the department of agriculture, told of the competition in which they won their title, and also discussed briefly the great importance to cotton farmers of informed marketing and use of the cotton classing service.

Tusey then presented H. G. Connelly, for many years director of the government cotton classing office in Raleigh, who made a most interesting talk on the functions of his office in their efforts to keep North Carolina farmers quickly and reliably informed of the correct grade and staple of their cotton. He commended the farmers of this county for having more than 90 per cent of their cotton classed, and then answered several questions from the floor.

The meeting was presided over by C. L. Thomas, and the program was presented by Harvey Warlick.

County HDC Leader To Attend Annual National Conference

"Mrs. J. M. Andrews of Route 1, Red Springs, Hoke County Citizenship Leader in the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, will attend the tenth annual National Citizenship Conference which is to be held in Washington, D. C. September 18-21", Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent, has announced.

Mrs. Andrews is one of sixteen North Carolina Home Demonstration Club members who have been invited to attend the Conference which is to be held at the Statler Hotel. Outstanding speakers and programs have been planned around the theme "The Blessings of Liberty". A Monday luncheon program has been planned, and a Tuesday evening dinner program will be a highlight of the Conference.

Hoke County Club women feel highly honored to have Mrs. Andrews represent the 16th District Federation at the meeting and are sure she will gain much to bring back to Hoke County and the District.

SUPPER AT WAYSIDE

The Wayside Grange and Home Demonstration Club will have a barbecue and chicken salad supper on Friday, October 14. Seating will start at 5:00 p. m., and proceeds will be used for community improvements.

CUB SCOUT MEETING

All interested boys of Cub Scout age and their parents are invited to attend a meeting at the cafeteria of the McLaughlin School on Friday night at 7:30. Hubert Chaney, cubmaster, has announced.

NEW STATION OPENED BY JAMES R. CONOLY

James R. Conoly, who has operated the Esso Station and grocery store on old 15-A for the past three years since the death of his father, J. Lawrence Conoly, announces this week the opening of a new Esso Servicenter on the new highway at the fork with the old one, about four miles from Raeford.

Tobacco Thief Foiled By Buckshot Wednesday Night

Chadbourne Beats Much Improved Hoke High Team

Hoke County High School fielded a well-conditioned, fighting and obviously well coached football team against Chadbourne here Friday night, and although they lost, 20 to 14, it generally agreed among the large crowd of spectators that inexperience was the main factor in the loss and that better days are coming.

Coach Floyd Wilson's charges displayed an excellent team spirit of determination throughout the game, and in Wilson's words, "Whatever effectiveness they had was as a team." They scored first got 13 first downs to Chadbourne's four, blocked a punt and intercepted a pass, but got outscored.

Coach Wilson said they fought well in his opinion for the entire game except for a little letup after Chadbourne's second touchdown late in the second quarter.

The Bucks received the opening kickoff and drove straight for a touchdown, with Freeman going most of the ball-carrying. Kenneth Culbreth converted. Following the kickoff to Chadbourne the Bucks received a punt and again advanced deep into their territory, again with Tommie Freeman carrying most, and with Raymond Waddell making a nice run. A fumble upset this prospect, however, and it was picked up by Spivey for Chadbourne and carried all the way. Conversion was good and score was tied, 7-7.

(Under high school rules a fumble ball may be picked up and advanced.)

In the second quarter Chadbourne recovered another Hoke fumble near the Hoke 30, and scored several plays later to lead 14-7.

After the half Hoke kicked to Chadbourne and soon recovered a fumble, which they advanced for another touchdown, and Culbreth's conversion evened the score at 14-14.

After an exchange of punts in the final quarter the Bucks again advanced deep into Chadbourne territory and seemed certain to score, when another fumble lost them the ball. Following a seasaw game for a few minutes, a perfectly executed screen pass completion gave the visitors the touchdown they needed to win the game. Conversion was blocked and score stood at 20-14.

It was the first game for many of the Hoke players who performed well, and Dickie Henley, the quarterback, and Freeman, the fullback were two of these. Henley playing the entire game. Tackles Lacy Koonce and Neill McFadyen, Guards Fred Dew and Younger Sneed, and halfback Raymond Waddell also played the whole game. Others seeing action in the contest and having a part in the "good team play" commented on by the coach were Phil Huffman, Tommy Harris, Joe McLeod and Ken Culbreth at ends; Eugene Carter, who played center for first game on offense for his first game, Walter McMinis, Billy Floyd, Hervey Jackson and Ronald Huffman in the backfield.

HOKE COUNTY PICTURE IN FAIR PREMIUM BOOK

A picture of the State Fair booth on Clothing which the Hoke County Home Demonstration Club members exhibited in Raleigh last year is shown in this year's State Fair Premium catalog. "Two other counties, Cleveland and Alexander, are using the same theme 'Hit and Miss Versus Planned' and have borrowed the posters and lettering used in Raleigh by the Hoke County women," says Josephine Hall, Home Agent.

Miss Faye Dark entered the University of North Carolina School of Nursing in Chapel Hill last Thursday.

Exam Announced For Rural Carrier In Post Office Here

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier for the post office at Raeford.

Applicants for this examination must actually reside within the delivery of the Raeford post office and must have so resided for one year next preceding the closing date for acceptance of applications. They must have reached their 18th birthday on the closing date. There is no maximum age limit.

Full information and application forms may be obtained at the post office or from the Commission's Washington office. Applications must be filed with the Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C., and must be received or postmarked not later than October 11, 1955.

This examination is to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement on July 31, this year, of Angus C. Keith, after 42 years service as a rural carrier and after 38 years on Raeford, Route 1. Mrs. C. F. McBryde is serving as carrier on Route One at the present time on a temporary appointment.

Commends Board For Action On Extension Help

Fulford McMillan, chairman of the Hoke County board of commissioners, this week received a letter from Fred J. Johnson, cotton ginning specialist of the Marketing division of the State Department of Agriculture and master of the Wayside Grange in Hoke County, in which Johnson commended the board for its recent action in planning to add three persons to the county extension service. He also expressed belief that the investment would mean much to the general progress of the county. His letter follows.

"On behalf of Wayside Grange, I wish to express our sincere appreciation of the action of the Commissioners in their decision to add three Extension workers to the County staff. I am confident that the resulting benefits of this action to the general progress of Hoke County will be many times the investment required.

"Being a State employee myself, I may have a keener appreciation, than many, of the agriculture worker's relationship with the interest he's hired to serve. All too many of us, as citizens, try to evaluate a public employee's service on the immediate cash benefits to us as individuals or the employees interest in our individual activities. We forget that he is an employee of the tax payers of the State and looks to them for direction and guidance. If he did similar work for a trade association or industry organization, he would have the title of Executive Secretary or Executive Vice-President and the responsibility of furthering the operating policies developed by the industry; he'd be accountable to his Board of Directors.

"I know that you and your fellow commissioners have the welfare and development of Hoke County at heart. I also know that the members of Wayside Grange would be delighted to have the Board as guests at a dinner meeting in the near future. We would like to discuss with you the general topic of community progress in Hoke County and the present 'situation' of Hoke County farmers."

Gerald Wright left last week to enter the freshman class at East Carolina College, Greenville.

E. L. Hinton of Jacksonville was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McMillan last week.

Wounded Man In Bennettsville Hospital

Sheriff D. H. Hodgin and Rural Poikemen D. J. Jones and L. W. Stanton feel that a break may have come in a tobacco theft on Wednesday morning, although it may be difficult to connect with others in the county recently. Two colored youths guarding a vacant house used for tobacco storage shot a man down through the door, and officers think they located the same man in a Bennettsville hospital yesterday.

The two boys were in a vacant tenant house on the farm of J. A. Hodgin in Antioch Township. They were put there to sleep and guard several thousand pounds of tobacco of Douglas McPhaul and Bill McNeill, who have the place rented, and were armed with a single-barrel shotgun and a buckshot shell.

The boys say that at about 12:30 someone began tampering with the chain and padlock on the front door of the house, and that after it became apparent that whoever it was intended to get in, they fired the buckshot through the door. They could tell from the noise then that someone was hurt and that others were helping him away. They went out the back of the house and slipped through the bushes a few yards up the road from the house in time to see two men helping the wounded one in, and to see the car drive away toward Dundarach. They described the car as a black Buick.

Sometimes in the early morning of Wednesday a bus driver reported to Marlboro County officers in Bennettsville that he had seen an apparently injured man beside the road. These officers picked the man up and carried him to the hospital. He was badly wounded in the leg, and told them he had been held up and dumped out. He was Varnal Smiley, of Robeson County near Maxton, and he carried the registration card of a 1950 Buick in his pocket.

Hoke County Officers Jones and Stanton went to Bennettsville yesterday to interview him, but were unable to do so due to the seriousness of his condition. Doctor said he must have been shot from close range, a hole being in the front of his leg about the size of half dollar and much larger in the back. They said it was probable that he would lose his leg.

Sheriff Hodgin passed the word on the car and its description to neighboring counties and Wednesday afternoon a Robeson County deputy sheriff saw it being driven by a man he identified as Olden Goins, Indian of the same section near Maxton in which Smiley lives. When he forced the car to stop Goins ran and has not been apprehended, but the car, a black Buick, is the one for which Smiley carried the registration card. It had several shot holes in it, which officers definitely feel were made by the same buckshot blast fired by the boys at the house near Antioch.

Sheriff Hodgin said he had been told that both Smiley and Goins had bad reputations, but that he could not say whether either has a court record or not.

Jaycees Entertain Pony Players, Coach

The Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce entertained the members of the successful Pony League baseball team, which they sponsored this summer, and their Coach W. C. Hodgin, at supper at the regular meeting Tuesday night at the high school cafeteria.

The members of the team were recognized for their fine play, and Coach Hodgin was remembered with a gift from the club in recognition of his outstanding work with them. In response to the presentation he said that being with the boys and working with them had made him the principal beneficiary of the entire project, and that he had enjoyed it.