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Addenda

By The Editor

Not to be left completely behind other communities in the way of fall celebrations, the merchants of Raeford completed plans this week for a rather unusual stunt which the people of the trading area and perhaps farther should enjoy. After investigation by the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the group, headed by W. L. Howell, Jr., contracted with the Davenport Shows to bring their circus to Raeford for three shows on Monday, November 14.

The circus is to be free to all, and there is no gimmick in it whatsoever, according to the committee. It is being brought to Raeford by the merchants and at their expense solely as a goodwill gesture on their part toward their customers with their only possible gain from it being the attraction of a crowd to the town to see it.

Complete details as to time and place of the showings, as well as the acts themselves, will be published next week and the week after. This is an angle I have never heard of before, and should be one the public will enjoy. If all the merchants cook up some special bargains for circus day they can make it a real "Circus Bargain Festival" as well as an entertaining day.

There is naturally much talk of whom the county board of commissioners will employ to fill the large shoes left vacant in the courthouse by the death of John McGoogan. Their meeting Thursday night produced nothing in the way of his identity that I could learn, but they are to have another called meeting on Monday night, October 31, presumably to consider the same question. It is a big question and an important one for the whole county, for reasons we all know. The county will be fortunate if they come up with another man who was honest, stubborn and smart, but this is what they must seek in one. I have heard T. B. Lester, M. D. Yates and J. W. McPhaul mentioned as possibilities, but haven't heard that any of these were interested or that the commissioners were interested in any of them. There is also talk that it might be a good idea to go outside the county and find a specialist in local government somewhere, if that is possible.

Now you can hear criticism of this board of commissioners, but I don't believe there has ever been one of which you could hear it. I think the record of our present board is pretty good from most points of view, and progressive. In spite of the fact that they are now operating without the benefit of Mr. McGoogan's long experience I feel that they will be wise and cautious in selecting his successor.

The series of articles started by Mr. McGoogan on Raeford Institute and the community of that era of course will never be finished now, but we do plan to run the last two instalments of the article on that subject by my uncles, Rufus and Thomas W. Dickson. These will be run next week and the week after. Other material that Mr. McGoogan had in his mind to include in the series and had talked to us about is too sketchy for any attempt to get it together for publication, I am afraid.

"The men who are most generous with folding money and most open-hearted in ordinary contacts are likely to be speculators and business men whose affairs depend upon risky conditions. Such men are accustomed to ups and downs and possess the true spirit of adventure. They hand out a dollar more readily than a miser digs up a dime, and they are apt to do it with a smile and then forget about it."—William Feather.

During the United Fund drive coming up we might get a kick out of considering ourselves this type of adventurer for a little.

"Ask no questions but look wise, and eventually you may get the low-down."—Ibid.

County Board Has Meet; No Auditor; Gullidge To Act

A special meeting of the board of commissioners of Hoke County was held last Thursday night for the purpose of considering steps to take in running the county without John McGoogan. Register of Deeds J. E. Gullidge was appointed acting county auditor and no action was taken toward the employment of a permanent successor to Mr. McGoogan.

The board voted not to collect penalty for late listing of 1955 taxes, which had already been charged and collected in some cases. Mrs. Reid Childress, secretary in the tax office, was instructed to inform affected taxpayers that this penalty would not be collected, and would be refunded if already collected.

The board voted to ask that the term of Superior Court set for next March be cancelled and a term set on January 23 in place of it. There is a term set for April also.

Request for repairs to the office of the Regular Army adviser to the National Guard in the armory were denied, as the armory building is in process of being transferred to the State. This transfer is to be made in the next few days, after which maintenance of the building will be a responsibility of the State.

Local Scouts Get Advancement At Court Of Honor

About 30 awards were given last Thursday night when the first Western District Court of Honor in some time was conducted in the Wagram school auditorium. Fred Kendall, Jr., district advancement chairman, was in charge, and the highest award of the court went to Robert Weaver, Jr., of Troop 403 in Raeford. Robert received three merit badges and was awarded the badge of Star Scout.

The call list used during the meeting had the following scouts up for second class: Charles McDonald of Laurel Hill, Ronnie Martin and Tommie Covington of Troop 429 Laurinburg, Mark McPhaul and William McNeill of Troop 410, Antioch, and Lockie McFadyen, Marshall Peele, Jimmy McKeithan, David Lancaster and Crawford L. Thomas, Jr., of Troop 404, Raeford; First class candidates were Jimmy Lytch and Sandy Barrett of Troop 447 Laurinburg; Merit badges went to Bill Lytch of Troop 447 Laurinburg, Bill Webb, Lou Henderson and James B. McNeill of Troop 439 Maxton, Lee McIntyre, Clayton Wright, George Haskell, Eldridge, Buddy Walters and Kenneth Stone of 425 Laurel Hill, Larry McArthur of Troop 415, Robert Weaver of Troop 403, Daniel Smith of Troop 402 and Stone McDonald and Jerry Wilson of Troop 401.

Kendall announced that the next court of honor for Western district scouts will be held at the Maxton high school auditorium on Thursday night, December 15.

Hoke High Men Go To Conference Meet

Principal W. T. Gibson, Jr., and the members of the coaching staff at Hoke High School attended a meeting of the Southeastern AA Athletic Association in Lumberton last night. It was a dinner meeting, followed by a business session at which schedule and other problems for the association were worked out.

The group voted to admit Dunn to the association, making a total of eleven member schools, and to play only conference opponents in football next year. This will mean that Hoke High will not be able to play Loris and Chadbourn as this year, but must play Sanford and Dunn.

The association was divided into two groups for basketball and baseball, with Hoke High being placed in the western group along with Hamlet, Rockingham, Laurinburg, Wadesboro and Sanford.

Kiwanis To Sponsor Pancake Feed Thurs.

A pancake supper will be sponsored by the Raeford Kiwanis Club on Thursday night of next week in the lunchroom of the J. W. McLauchlin Elementary School from 6:00 to 8:00 o'clock. The supper is being held to raise funds to pay for football equipment used by the junior varsity football team at Hoke High School, and the public is invited.

The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage and coffee, and the admission price is for "all you can eat." The pancake flour is being furnished by Pillsbury, who will also have two chefs present to cook the pancakes. The Staley Syrup Company and the Jones Sausage Company will also be represented.

Recorder Handles 40 Speeding Cases In Court Tuesday

Fifty cases were handled in Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses Tuesday, although only 10 were actually tried. Forty of these were for speeding, with most either leaving bonds or leaving money for fines and costs.

Stafford E. Gibson, white, and Isaac McNeill, colored, each pled guilty of driving drunk and each got four months, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. Ernest H. Mooney, white, was found guilty of assaulting his wife. Sentence was 30 days, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs and two years good behavior.

Dora Rogers, colored, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws and got 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Lacy Lucas, white, paid \$25 and cost for driving with a license, and Prudence E. Walters, white, paid \$10 and costs for having an expired driver's license. Joseph Gillespie, colored, paid costs for driving with improper brakes.

One defendant pled guilty of speeding and 10 days to be suspended on payment of costs. He is serving the 10 days. 21 speeders left bonds of \$15 each for speeding, two left \$25 each, and one left a \$30 bond. Five paid costs, four left \$10 and costs, four left \$25 and costs, one left \$35 and costs and one, for speeding and having no drivers license, left \$45 and costs.

Tobacco theft case was heard, as reported elsewhere.

Senator Ervin To Speak At REA Meet Wednesday

Senator Sam J. Ervin of Morganton, North Carolina's senior United States senator, will be the featured speaker at the fifteenth annual meeting of the membership of the Lumber River Electric Membership Corporation in Red Springs next Wednesday, November 2, according to an announcement by D. J. Dalton, manager of the corporation.

The meeting of the 8,000 member-owners of the corporation will be the biggest yet, Dalton said, and will be held in two parts. The morning session will be held at the Red Springs High School and in the afternoon there will be music, entertainment and exhibits at the National Guard armory.

The manager said that over \$1000 worth of electrical gifts would be given away to members present at the meeting during the day as door prizes.

Senator Ervin is to be introduced by Congressman F. Eitel Carlyle of the Seventh North Carolina District, of Lumberton. The program will also include the election of directors and reports on the progress of the cooperative during the past year, in addition to the drawing for the prizes and music by a string band.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Benner and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gattis of Raeford visited Miss Janice Benner at Mars Hill College and toured Western North Carolina last week.

Revival Services Start Sunday At Methodist Church



DR. E. C. FEW

Dr. E. C. Few, pictured above, is to be the guest minister at the series of revival services which will start Sunday at the Raeford Methodist Church and run through the evening service on Friday, November 4.

Services will be held at 11:00 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Monday through Friday the morning service will be held at 10:00 o'clock and the evening service at 7:30 o'clock. It has been announced, and the public is issued a cordial invitation to attend all services.

A nephew of the late Dr. W. P. Few, for about 30 years president of Duke University, Dr. Few received his A. B. degree at Duke University. He has received two honorary D. D. degrees, one from Duke and one from High Point College.

As a member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, Dr. Few was pastor of the Queen Street church in Winston, the Hamlet Methodist Church, and was for seven years pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh. It was during his ministry in Raleigh that the Poinceter Educational building was constructed at the Edenton Street church.

From Raleigh he went to the North Georgia Conference and served the Druid Hills Methodist Church in Atlanta. Next as a member of the Florida Conference, he was pastor of Riverside Methodist Church in Jacksonville. Returning to North Carolina as a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, Dr. Few was pastor of the West Market Street church in Greensboro for eight years, and at the last meeting of this conference he was appointed superintendent of the Greensboro district.

He is considered an outstanding minister and a powerful preacher, and the local church is glad to afford the people of this community the opportunity to worship with him.

TO CUT OFF POWER THREE HOURS SUNDAY

Ben Hurley, local representative of the Carolina Power and Light Company, said today the power would be cut off in Raeford Sunday afternoon from two until five o'clock. The interruption, he said, is to be for the purpose of installation of modern automatic equipment at a local sub-station, and Hurley said the company hopes any inconvenience caused will be returned in improved service in the future.

ASHMONT CARNIVAL TO BE HELD MONDAY

The Ashmont Parent-Teacher association will sponsor a Halloween carnival at the school on Monday night, October 31. Food will be served and there will be games and fun for all. Proceeds will be used on buying a freezer for the lunchroom. The public is invited.

MASONS TO ATTEND REVIVAL TUESDAY

James E. Byrd, master of the Raeford Masonic lodge, has asked that all members meet in front of the Raeford Methodist Church at 7:30 o'clock on next Tuesday night for the purpose of attending the revival service in a body.

Health Center Gets Approval Of U. S. Agency

Rep. Charles B. Deane of the Eighth Congressional District this week advised Chairman J. F. McMillan of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, that the U. S. Public Health Service has given preliminary approval to the application of the County Board of Commissioners for a Federal contribution to the construction of the Hoke County Health Center at Raeford.

The estimated cost is \$33,350 and the Federal contribution will be \$16,675. Other funds for the building are to come from State and local sources, with the lot and about 20 per cent of the money being provided by the county. The health center is to be on the southeast corner of the county's lot west of the armory on East Central Avenue.

Rep. Deane stated, "I am delighted to see Hoke County obtain a County Health Center. This project will mean much for the development of health and public service programs in Hoke County."

Crowd Enjoys Homecoming Day; Game Is Lost

The largest crowd yet attended the annual Homecoming Day celebration at Hoke County High School last Friday and Saturday nights, and the 26-12 loss of the football game only slightly dampened the spirits of the students and their guests.

Starting with a pep rally at the school and a torchlight parade from there to the ball park with a fire truck as an escort, the students really whooped it up for the old school.

At the game Hoke's two scores were made by Kenneth Culbreth on a pass from Walter McMinis and on a 20-yard run by Tommy Freeman. Hoke's pass defense was unable to stop the Wadesboro air attack, with three of the visitors' four touchdowns coming this way to only one on the ground. Ground play between the two teams was about even.

The Bucks go to Tabor City tomorrow night for a game which should decide the bottom place in the standings of the southeastern AA athletic association. Tabor City has lost six conference games this season and has won none, while Hoke High has lost five without winning. The Bucks return to the home field to play Lumberton on Friday of next week.

The Homecoming dance was held in the gymnasium on Saturday with music being furnished by the high school orchestra under the direction of Band Teacher J. B. Renn. The gym was decorated in the fall motif, and about the largest crowd in the history of the affair enjoyed dancing from 8:30 to 11:30.

Norma Jean Bowles was elected Homecoming Queen.

CARNIVAL AT HOKE HIGH MONDAY NIGHT

The Halloween Carnival sponsored by the Hoke-Raeford Parent-Teacher association will be held at the Hoke High school on Monday night from 7:30 to 9:30. W. T. Gibson, Raeford district principal announced today. There will be much noise, games, light refreshments, movies and a talent show, and the public is invited.

SINGING AT EPHEsus

The regular fifth Sunday singing will be held at Ephesus Baptist Church on October 30, beginning at 2:00 o'clock. All singers are invited to attend and take part.

PHILIPPI INGATHERING

The ingathering at Philippi Presbyterian Church will be held on Friday, November 4. Barbecue and chicken salad plates will be served from 11:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m., and from five to seven p. m. There will be a special worship service at 8:00 p. m.

HOKE UNITED FUND CAMPAIGN SET FOR NOVEMBER 8 THRU 15

Officers Make Arrest In Two Tobacco Cases

Hoke County Rural Policemen D. J. Jones and L. W. Stanton have reached what they think is a solution of both the cases of tobacco stealing reported last week, and have made arrests in each case. None of the stolen tobacco has been recovered, however.

In the case of the tobacco stolen from Arch Gentry and C. A. McLeod in Allendale Township on the night of Monday, October 17, the officers found a fender skirt at the scene of the crime. They located a 1951 Cadillac belonging to Rubith Locklear, Indian, which had a new fender skirt. The officers say the old one fits the car better than the new one, and that there are marks from the fender of the car which match and continue into marks on the fender skirt.

Locklear appeared before Judge T. O. Moses in recorder's court Tuesday and was given preliminary hearing. Probable cause was found and he posted \$2,000 bond for his appearance in Superior Court.

Arabic Theft Confessed

Jerry Bennett, colored, has confessed his part in the theft of tobacco from Stanley Crawley at Arabia on the night of Sunday, October 16, according to Officer Jones, and has implicated Henry Morgan and Jess McCain, also colored. All three were arrested and are out under bonds of \$500 each.

Officers say they went to Bennett because he had worked in the tobacco, and knew where it was packed and when it was finished.

He told them that he and Morgan had met McCain with his truck and that the three of them had loaded the tobacco after first having off the top part to ret to the best tobacco which he knew to be under it. Bennett said that McCain and Morgan had beat the lock off to get in the building, and that after the tobacco was loaded McCain dropped him and Morgan near their homes and drove the truck off in the direction of Raeford.

He said he did not know what became of the tobacco after that.

Lundy Home Is Damaged By Fire

The home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lundy and family at the corner of Edinborough Avenue and Bethel Road, caught fire shortly before 10:00 o'clock last night, but through the efforts of the Raeford volunteer fire department was kept from burning down. Most furniture was moved out, but water and other fire fighting damage was considerable to the building.

The fire apparently started in an upstairs closet and what started it is not known. Its presence was first noted by a neighbor who reported it, even though some of the Lundy family were at home.

The home is the property of Robert Peele of Maxton, and has been occupied by the Lundy family for many years.

N. C. State Alumni Meeting Postponed

John Morgan, president of the Hoke County chapter of the N. C. State College Alumni Association, said today that the meeting of the chapter which had been scheduled for next Monday night, October 31, had been postponed due to a conflict with the Halloween carnival at the high school.

Morgan said that when arrangements were made for the meeting to be held in the high school cafeteria no conflict had been in sight, but that since that time the carnival had been planned. He said that members would be notified when the meeting would be held.

More Agencies Taking Part

Jake Austin, campaign chairman for the second annual fund drive of the Hoke County United Fund, said today that the dates for the drive this year had been set by the campaign committee as the week starting Tuesday, November 8. He said that following a meeting of the Budget and Admissions committees at the courthouse last Thursday it appeared that there would be several charitable agencies in the drive this year which did not take part last year.

The meeting Thursday was presided over by Youner Sneed, chairman of the committee. Committee members present were R. B. Lewis, C. L. Thomas, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Neill Ross, Mrs. W. C. Hodgin, John Flannery, Mrs. Willie Jones and B. L. Williamson.

Organizations appearing before the committee with applications to take part in the United Fund drive included the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Crippled Children's Society, Lion's Club White Cane drive, Hoke County 4-H Club federation, American Red Cross, and Carolinas United. The last of these includes the U.S.O., N. C. Children's Home Society, United Seamen's Society, the U. S. Social Hygiene Society and the National Traveler's Aid Society. All were approved by the committee as participants.

Chairman D. H. Hodein of the Hoke County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was present, and expressed a personal desire for the chapter to participate, but said that a poll of the chapter would be necessary to determine whether it would or not, since the National Foundation will not accept funds from a united drive of any sort. The budget committee is to set an amount for each of these organizations and to recommend an overall budget to the board of directors at a meeting in the next few days.

Austin Names Leaders

In announcing the date for the drive he said that leaders for all communities in the county had been selected and asked to serve. In Raeford they are Marion Gatlin, Angus Currie, Jim Tillman, C. E. Morrison and Dr. Julius Jordan.

Dave Currie has been asked to head the drive in Allendale Township. C. D. Bostle at Arabia, Mrs. Frank McGregor at Mildouson, Mrs. Percy English at Rockfish, Mrs. Marshall Newton at Way-side, D. H. Huff, Jr., at Ashley Heights, John Alex Smith in Little River, Miss Margaret Gaine in Blue Springs and Mrs. W. C. Hodgin at Antioch.

Bridge Game Success Here Tuesday Night; To Skip Next Week

The local duplicate bridge group was organized Tuesday night at the elementary school with nine tables of play and couples from several surrounding communities. There will not be a game next Tuesday night because of the Methodist revival, but there will be one in the place on Tuesday, November 8 at 7:45 p. m. which all bridge players are invited to attend.

Using the Mitchell movement for the nine tables of duplicate, first place winners were Mrs. C. E. Upchurch and Mrs. W. L. Poole, North-South, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan of Fayetteville, East-West. Second place winners were Greenburg and Duke of Fayetteville, North-South, and Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell of Raeford, East-West.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AT ROCKFISH FRIDAY

The annual Halloween Carnival staged by the Rockfish Parent-Teacher association will be held at the school on Friday night. Hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, cakes and the like will be served in the cafeteria from 6:30 until 7:30, and there will be entertainment from 7:30 until 10:00. The public is invited.