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Addenda - -

By The Editor

D. J. Dalton, manager of the Lumbee REA, tells me that they energized the new truck terminal which opened on the Fayetteville road this week. It's to be the biggest user on the Lumbee system, Dalton says, and is to be a complete installation for its purpose. He says the owners say they chose the site because there is more truck traffic along 15-A from Fayetteville south than all but one or two stretches of highway in the United States. Watching them on the overpass from my back yard some nights leads me to think this might not be an exaggeration.

You certainly can't tell about football by comparing scores. Case in point came to my mind today in looking over the records of Laurinburg and Hoke High. Laurinburg and Whiteville played to a tie this season. Whiteville beat Hoke High, but just did. Hoke beat Tabor City 27-7, and Tabor City beat Whiteville 25-0. Laurinburg was beating Hoke High 38-0 at the same time Tabor City was beating Whiteville. Anyway, Hoke High, Whiteville and Tabor City provided one another with their only victories of the season in conference play, each having just one.

Hoke County people are glad to see W. P. Saunders get the appointment as director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, and are certain he will do a good job. As chief executive officer of Robbins Mills before, during and after the building of the big plant here now owned and operated by Amertron, he became well known and liked by many local people. He's the type of a producing hard worker who would obviously not be satisfied doing nothing in retirement as he has been since the mills were merged, and the State will undoubtedly benefit greatly from his desire to get back to work again. We congratulate Bill and the Governor on the appointment.

Boys were talking down at the Elk early this a.m. about seeing in the paper this week that Ben King had died at the age of 82 in Clinton. Now I have heard of Ben King most of my life, but he left here before I got big enough to remember ever having seen him. He was sort of a part of the legend that I suppose most of us who stay in one place all our lives build up in our minds about it from hearing older people reminisce. We pass it on by the same kind of talk before our juniors. Some of them are interested, and some are not.

The fellows were saying that Mr. King lived here for a spell of 10 or 15 years, ending not long after the first world war, that he was a barber who worked with W. C. Odum, and that he was saying a character. They were quite that in those days before radios there was considerable curiosity on the night of one presidential election as to the outcome, and that the Western Union operator at the depot was out of town. I presume that the boys were probably up to what boys in many places are frequently up to on election night, and more so in those radio and television-less days. Anyway, the tale went that Ben King said he could operate one of those things, and that my father and others connived and contrived to get him into the depot and to the key, which chattered and clicked at a great rate. Ben, the story is, got down with considerable importance and whanged away on the key with an air of much efficiency, pausing at intervals to give ear to the incoming clicks. At length, however, and with an air of great disappointment, he rose from the table and announced,

"Boys, it's just no use. I can't get by Richmond."

Said Ben had a story about a remarkable cow that his mother once had which gave four gallons of milk a day. Remarkable thing about her, though, he said, was that she had never had a calf. (Continued on Page 4)

Estimate Lint 2.5% Lower; Hoke 18% Down

While the North Carolina cotton crop was estimated at two and a half percent less than last year, as of November 1, and the United States crop 8 percent more, the ginning report for Hoke County as of the same date indicated a decline of 18 percent, or 1288 bales.

Bureau of the Census report for November 1 showed that 5,892 bales had been ginned in the county from the crop of 1955 prior to November 1 as compared with 7,160 bales ginned for the crop of 1954.

On the basis of reports from growers and ginners, the 1955 State crop was forecast at 355,000 bales by the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. Such a crop would be 9,000 bales, or 2.5 percent, less than production last year and 137,000 bales, or 27.8 percent below the 10-year average crop.

Weather conditions during October were most favorable for picking operations. Temperatures were near normal and rainfall, Statewide, was below normal for the month. Reports from ginners indicated that about three-fourths of the crop had been ginned as of November 1.

The United States cotton crop was forecast at 14,843,000 bales as of November 1. A crop of this size would be 8 percent above the 1954 crop and 15 percent above the 1944-53 average crop.

Receives Honor At Roanoke College

Roger Shuford Klutz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Klutz, until recently of Raeford and now of Asheboro, was among nine students tapped into membership Blue Key, national honor leadership society, at Roanoke College last week.

Klutz is president of Kappa Alpha fraternity, vice president of the student body, and president of the Roanoke Lutheran Student Association. He is a member of Phi Society, Xi Theta Chi language society, Clericus and Student Christian Association.

Letter To The Editor

A MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST

To the Editor: It is noted in last week's issue of The News-Journal that the Town Board has instructed the City Clerk to employ a lawyer, or lawyers, who are not residents of Raeford, to proceed with the legal work in collecting back taxes due the Town. There is no question but that those taxes should be collected in justice to all concerned, but as taxpayers, the public will be interested in knowing why it is necessary to import lawyers from a distance who have no interest in the Town to do this legal work when the City already has a local firm of lawyers employed to do its legal work. It is possible that this firm of lawyers would not be interested in doing the job, but there are other lawyers who are citizens of the Town, and taxpayers, who have not been consulted as to whether they would want the work. From the statement as reflected in the paper it would appear that local lawyers are not desired, and the taxpayer, or general public, would want to know why. Is it that the local lawyers are not competent, or not trustworthy in the opinion of the Board? It is evident that local lawyers could do this work with less expense than a lawyer from a distance could afford to come here and do the work, then why put the taxpayers to that extra cost and expense?

As loyal citizens we are urged to "Trade at Home" and thus patronize local industry, then why should an exception be made as to the legal profession? This November 14th, 1955. G. B. Rowland.

Walter Elsee of Lexington, Ky. was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Senter last week end.

Miss Jean Carroll Sherrill of Fayetteville visited friends here during the week end.

Few Cases Tuesday In Recorder's Court

The regular session of Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses was unusually light this week, with only a half dozen being tried and about twice that many cleared on bond forfeitures. All but one case involved traffic violations.

McKinley Oxendine, Indian, paid costs for being drunk in public.

Albert Gillespie, colored, pled guilty of speeding and having no driver's license and paid \$35 and costs.

William Graham, colored, paid costs for failing to yield right of way.

Three speeders paid \$10 and costs, one paid \$6 and costs, two paid costs, one left a \$25 bond, and eight left bonds of \$15 each.

Many Identify Maxwell Home In Farm Picture

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Clayton Maxwell, about one mile west of Dundarrach on the Wire Road, Shannon, Route One, was identified by several readers last week, with Pat Maxwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maxwell of Oakdale and Clayton Maxwell's granddaughter, being the first to call in the correct identification. Others naming the picture were James McBryde, Malcolm Holt, Phyllis McKenzie, Mrs. Guy Bullock and Mrs. Fred Johnson.

Consisting of 63 acres with about 42 cleared, the farm was bought by Daniel James McKenzie when he moved here from the Maxton vicinity around 1900 with his wife, Margaret Walker McKenzie. In 1916 their daughter, Mary Ellen McKenzie, was married to Clayton Maxwell, and they bought the farm in 1917 from John McKenzie, Mrs. Maxwell's brother. They built a home there then, and it burned in 1946. The home shown in the picture was built in 1947. Mrs. Maxwell passed away on November 3, 1945.

They had nine children, Mrs. Graham Clark, Henry and Eugene of this county, James of Lumber Bridge, Grace of Southern Pines, Mrs. Paul Adams of Lumberton, Buster of the Navy in Fargo, N. D., Bob of Asheville and Malcolm of the Air Force in Texas. There are also four grandchildren.

Mr. Maxwell was born about three and a half miles south of Raeford, a son of Joseph Neill and Alice McKay Maxwell. He has two brothers, Walter and Neill and a sister, Mrs. Tom Burkhead of Candor.

He was married again in 1953, to Mrs. Alle K. McGougan, also of the Dundarrach section, and they are members of the Dundarrach Presbyterian Church. In addition to farming, he has done sawmill and cotton gin mechanical work.

Bridge Club To Meet On Friday Evenings

The recently-organized Raeford Duplicate Bridge Club, which has been meeting on Tuesday nights in the McLaughlin School cafeteria, held its last meeting there this week, and will meet on Friday nights in the Lion's Club room in the county office building starting on Friday, November 25.

Mrs. H. C. Roberts and Miss Louise Blue were tied for first place, north-south, with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Binder of Fayetteville Tuesday night, with Mrs. C. E. Upchurch and Mrs. W. L. Poole taking third.

East-west winners were Mrs. Jean Edson and Mrs. Roy Grinnell of Southern Pines. Fred Ayse and Larry Allen of Fayetteville took second, and Mrs. E. C. Smith, Jr., and Mrs. Bule of Wagram were third.

TURKEY SHOOT FRIDAY

Stonewall Ruritan Club will sponsor a turkey shoot at McDouglas School Friday for the benefit of their community civic projects. Shooting will start at 4:00 o'clock and continue as long as anyone wants to shoot. The public is invited.

Legion Continues Plans For Pool

At a lively but lightly attended meeting of the Ellis Williamson American Legion post at Lake Alice near Timberland Monday night, further plans for the Legion's project for getting a swimming pool built here were discussed.

The group enjoyed a supper of clam chowder and barbecued mutton prepared by Clyde Upchurch, Jr., and Commander John D. McNeill presided over the meeting.

Report was made for the swimming pool committee by Chairman R. B. Lewis. He displayed pictures and drawings on various types and sizes of pools, and offered a recommendation to the committee that the past decide to build a pool 30 feet by 80 feet, varying in depth from three and one-half to 10 feet. This was approved.

Various methods of financing the project were discussed and suggestions were made, but final plans on the money-raising were deferred until an accurate estimate on the total cost can be obtained and approved. It was announced that a construction engineer would be present at the next meeting with construction details and recommendations, as well as cost estimates on various types.

The next monthly meeting and supper will be held in the high school cafeteria on Monday, December 12, with the Legion auxiliary present to honor the Gold Star mothers of the county.

Farm Bureau Names Officers; Hear Talk

"North Carolina's large farm population is equalled only by the sizeable agricultural problem facing the state's farmers," Farm Bureau field representative told a large crowd of farm families here Friday night.

C. D. Shackelford spoke to Hoke County farmers gathered in the high school auditorium to kick off Farm Bureau's annual membership drive which will continue through next week.

The speaker commended labor workers for the "wonderful job they have done for themselves" and warned the audience that farmers "are in the minority compared to the sizeable labor force in this country."

Then he pointed out that "we farm people need to inform ourselves and analyze our situation, then attempt to do co-operatively and collectively what we cannot do individually."

The Hoke County membership quota this year is 300.

New officers elected were Bernice Williamson, president; G. C. Lytle, vice-president and Duncan G. McFadyen, secretary.

St. Pauls Theft Puzzles Officers

St. Pauls, Nov. 15 — Officers were still mystified today as to how approximately \$1,200 was lost from Coopers Super market here Sunday when there was no evidence of a break-in.

Deputy Sheriff Earl Hendrix said the money had been placed in two boxes and hidden in separate parts of the store Saturday at closing. Sunday morning, Hendrix said, the manager checked and found the money in its place, but Sunday afternoon he discovered it had been taken from the boxes.

Hendrix, who is investigating with Police Chief F. J. Kinlaw, said both front and rear doors were double locked, and all windows were closed and locked, none showing that they had been disturbed. Only keys to the store, said Hendrix, are in possession of Cooper and the manager.

APPRECIATE TOYS

The members of the Raeford Lions Club wish to express their appreciation to all who contributed toys to their collection Monday night. Persons having toys which were not collected may leave them at Niven's Esso Station or call 340 after five o'clock and they will be picked up.

Plans Complete For Christmas Seal Sale

Mrs. John W. McPhaul, general chairman for the annual sale of Christmas Seals for funds to fight tuberculosis, said this week that plans were complete for conducting the sale, and that letters and seals had been mailed. Mrs. McPhaul represents the Raeford Woman's Club, which has sponsored the sale here for the past several years.

Mrs. McPhaul said that there would be no personal or business solicitations of funds again this year, but that the entire campaign would be conducted by letter. The letters were mailed Wednesday of this week, she said, and she urged that residents of the town and county return their contributions promptly.

Laurinburg, 38-0 Over Bucks There Friday Night

Colds and illness on his already light squad, in addition to facing a stronger team caused Coach Floyd Wilson's Hoke High Bucks to suffer their worst defeat of the season in their 1955 finale, against Laurinburg there Friday night. The Laurinburg Scots won easily, 38-0.

It was the final high school game for six of the seniors on the Hoke squad and the seventh, Raymond Waddell didn't play because of work. Those seniors appearing in their last game were Lacy Koonce, Tommy Harris, Phillip Huffman, Kenneth Culbreth, Nell McFadyen and Joe McLeod.

Laurinburg dominated the play throughout, as the score indicates, and was represented by reserves in most of the second half.

Scoring for Laurinburg were Beacham and McGuire, twice each, McInnis and Rice. The Bucks made their only serious threat against Laurinburg reserves late in the game when they reached the Laurinburg six-yard line just before the game ended.

Laurinburg completed six of nine passes to five of nine for Hoke. They had 12 first downs to five for the Bucks and one fumble to five for Hoke High.

REA Lets Contract Warehouse, Office

At a special meeting this week of the board of directors of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation the contract for additional office, warehouse, and storage space was awarded to D. R. Allen and Son, Fayetteville, whose low bid was \$84,000. Bids were received from six bidders, ranging from \$84,000 to \$101,000.

According to D. J. Dalton, manager, the awarding of the contract is subject to approval by the Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D. C., which makes loan funds available to the electric cooperative.

For the past few years the need for additional office, warehouse, and storage space has been evident, Dalton said. In 1948, when plans were being made for the present office building, the cooperative was serving approximately 4,200 members over 1,240 miles of rural lines and receiving \$15,900 from monthly electric service bills. Today nearly 8,000 members are receiving power over 1,646 miles of line located in Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, and Scotland Counties, and more than \$38,000 is being received from monthly electric service bills.

THANKSGIVING CHURCH SERVICE IS PLANNED

The Raeford Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches will hold their usual Thanksgiving Day union service on Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock. The service will be held in the Raeford Baptist Church, with the message being brought by the Methodists.

EASTERN STAR SALE

The Raeford chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will have a "Bake Sale" at the A & R depot at 9:30 a. m. on Wednesday, November 23.

BUSY, SHORT TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT SET TO START NEXT WEEK

United Fund Gets Started Slowly

J. H. Austin, campaign chairman for the 1955 Hoke County United Fund drive, said today that the drive was moving very slowly, or that many workers had not reported and turned in funds collected. He said that less than twenty percent of the county's goal of \$8902 had been officially received so far, although he felt that more had been collected.

In the industrial division the drives have not been completed at the Amertron and U. S. Rubber plants, but Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Company has completed its drive and reports 100 percent participation by its employees with a total of \$434.50 being collected and pledged. Reports on the drive in the other plants should be available at least in part by next week, Austin said.

Drives in the business and residential divisions of Raeford have not been reported, and neither have results from the community drives over the county.

Western District Scout Banquet Is Held In Maxton

The Annual Scouters Recognition Banquet of the Western District of the Cape Fear Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America was held at Maxton on Monday night with about 125 Boy Scouts and their adult leaders present to enjoy the covered dish supper and program. Scotland and Hoke Counties, and Red Springs and Maxton of Robeson County were represented.

The program is an annual affair at which the adult leaders and Boy Scouts who have contributed most to Scouting during the year are recognized.

Jimmy Morgan of Laurel Hill, district chairman, presided, and Younger Snead of Raeford, recognized the scoutmasters present. Award for outstanding scoutmaster in the district during the year went to Thomas O. Gentry of Laurel Hill, brother of Mrs. W. T. Gibson, Jr., of Raeford.

Three boys in the district were recognized and presented scarves for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout during the year, and these included Younger Snead, Jr., of Raeford.

Dr. M. R. Smith and Mark, Jr., Younger Snead and Younger, Jr., attended from Raeford.

Bruce Phillips In Who's Who, At ECC

Bruce Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Phillips of Raeford, was one of 32 students recently chosen to represent East Carolina College in the 1955-56 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," the college news bureau announced this week. A member of the student government association, Bruce is student chairman of the Homecoming Day for alumni.

Selection of students for the volume was made at East Carolina by a student-faculty committee. Bases of choice included scholarship, leadership, and participation in extra-curricular and academic activities, citizenship and service to the school, and promise of future usefulness to business and society.

Swim Pool Fund Grows At Rowland

Citizens of Rowland have contributed a total of \$12,000 toward a goal of \$20,000 for construction of a town swimming pool as a major project in its campaign to capture this year's Finer Carolina honor.

The swimming pool project is being conducted with David Townsend as chairman, and F. L. Adams, W. Z. Pate, I. L. Johnson, B. O. Burns and Gaddy Ward as committee members.

11 Charged With Tobacco Theft: Others Rape, Drunk Driving, Manslaughter

Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., of Fayetteville will convene the regular November term of Hoke County Superior Court here Monday morning for the trial of civil and criminal cases. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week only four civil cases are set to be heard, and these are on the calendar for Wednesday. About 25 criminal cases are expected to be tried, with about half of these defendants being charged with stealing or being connected with the stealing of tobacco, one with rape, one with statutory rape, one with manslaughter, and several with drunk driving on appeal from recorder's court.

Charlie, Howard and Kenny Randleman, Henry Miller, Willie McVicker and Herman Smith are all charged with being implicated with the theft of tobacco from the Arch McEachern farm. Smith has confessed his part in the theft and has implicated the others. The Randlemans are tobacco farmers on the McEachern farm.

Melvin Jones, colored, is charged with stealing tobacco from M. C. Boyles, and Rubith Locklear, Indian, is charged with stealing it from Arch Gentry and C. A. McLeod. Jerry Bennett, Henry Morgan and Jess McCain are charged with stealing tobacco from Stanley Crawley.

Marion Carrigan, Eugene A. Wood, Clarence Stubbs, Clonnie Rogers and Albert Hicks are all charged with driving drunk, and are appealing convictions in recorder's court. Dora Cox, white, is appealing a six-months jail sentence in recorder's court for driving drunk without a driver's license.

L. C. Cunningham and Ozell Berry, colored, are charged with receiving stolen property in an old case.

Chester Murphy or Chester Galbreath is charged with breaking and entering and rape, and Willie Thomas Ray is charged with carnal knowledge or statutory rape.

Howard H. Wilson, Virginia white man, is charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of a sergeant's wife in an accident on Highway 15-A.

David Chavis, Indian, is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Duck Melvin and Chuck Dowd are charged with breaking and entering and larceny in a case that has been docketed for several terms. Theodore Carrington is charged with careless and reckless driving.

Nine new members of the county grand jury will be chosen from the jury list at the term, and the other nine members have a half-year yet to serve. The jury list includes the following.

Mrs. Beulah Smith, Albert Maxwell, H. A. McKenzie, Jr., C. H. Ganey, D. R. Currie, Mrs. Alton Potter, J. R. Hendrix, Mrs. E. C. Duncan, D. G. English, W. S. Fields, Edgar Pittman, R. W. Parks, Jr., D. C. Blackburn, Mrs. William A. Boone, James A. McBryde, Charles D. Baker, Mamie Livingston, Mrs. Jack Morris, T. Jeff Harris, Mrs. N. A. Maxwell, A. D. Phillips, L. E. English, N. F. Luther, Thomas Neill McLaughlin, W. C. Hodgins, Raymond Clark, P. S. Sawyer, Mrs. G. W. Ray, T. D. Potter, Mrs. Mayme Bevan, J. A. Williamson, C. J. Posey, Mrs. W. T. Everleigh, W. C. Odum, J. Thomas Townsend, James Thomas Wilkes, Mrs. W. L. Smith, W. T. Holland, A. W. Wood, Sr., George Willis, W. D. McLeod, J. A. McFadyen, Jason Dunn, Walter Parks, D. P. McDermid, Ted Modlin, James Ferguson, Jr., J. D. Tapp, J. H. McNeill, Jr., W. M. Jones.

TURKEY SHOOT TUES.

There will be a turkey shoot at the National Guard armory here Tuesday night, starting at 6:00 o'clock, for the benefit of the Company Fund of Company A, 130th Tank Battalion, CWO Roger Dixon, unit administrator has announced. The public is invited.