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## Addenda - - By The Editor

The big sewer-line project is proceeding through town, and is about to reach Main Street. It was started at the disposal plant down near the cemetery, and is to run to the Amerotron plant northwest of town. John K. McNeill, Jr., town board member who has been handling right-of-way problems as they arise, says that they are getting along very well with this so far, although there have been some minor adjustments in the route. This line is not following the streets, where the town already has right of way, in all cases. This is to shorten the line and to provide the right amount of fall in it. It is to cross Main Street between the residences of Tom Cameron and W. L. Howell and after crossing "Upchurch's Pasture" will run along Magnolia Street to Sixth Avenue. It is to stay fairly close to Sixth Avenue west to the mill, McNeill says.

The old Page Trust Company building at the southwest corner of Main Street and Elwood Avenue is getting all its woodwork and concrete work painted this week, and is really looking good.

It is unfortunate that a term of Hoke County Superior Court was set for this week, with the Thanksgiving holiday. There is a large docket of criminal cases needing trial which will be postponed until the January term. This is worse than usual, I think, in cases where the defendants are having to stay in jail because they can't make bonds. On the other hand, from the public's point of view some cases should be tried when the evidence is as fresh on the minds of the witnesses as possible. There was a lot of tobacco stolen in this county this year, and several people have been charged in connection with these thefts, none of whom is apparently to be tried this term. A quick trial is just fairer to all concerned.

Worldwide Bible Reading is being promoted for the 12th time from Thanksgiving to Christmas by the American Bible Society. In this county book marks bearing the selected passages to be read each day have been distributed throughout the schools of the county and there is a display in the county public library. This idea started when a young marine on Guadalcanal wrote to his mother that he would like her and the other members of his family to join with him in the daily reading of the same passages from the Bible. She passed the idea on to the Bible Society, and last year over 14 million of the book marks bearing the scripture reading lists were distributed.

Addendum on Ben King, commented on last week, comes from Arthur D. Gore:

"Ben and Jim Patterson exchanged yarns one day while Ben reigned as chief Raeford character, and what they told each other so amused yours truly that it occurred to me a nationally circulated paper might like it.

"Said Jim to Ben: 'I was hunting down by the river and saw a deer scratching his ear with his hind foot. I shot at him and missed when the bullet first passed the deer, but what really did happen was that the bullet hit a'



## Lacy Koonce Is Named To All-SEAA Grid Team

Lacy Koonce, senior tackle on the 1955 Hoke County High School football team, was named a member of the second coaches all-conference team, it was announced today. All coaches in the 10-school southeastern AA athletic association took part in the voting for the eleven players named to the team, and the selection of Koonce marks his performance as additionally outstanding in view of the poor record of his team for the past two years.

Forty-seven players from the 10 squads received votes from the coaches with one, Quarterback Bobby Crumie of the undefeated Clinton Dark Horses, being a unanimous choice for the all-conference eleven. Clinton placed five men on the team, and Rockingham, Lumberton, Wadesboro and Hamlet filled other places in addition to Hoke High. Lumberton with two was the only team to place more than one man on the team other than Clinton.

Koonce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Koonce of Rockfish, and is an outstanding student at Hoke High as well as an outstanding athlete. He is a letterman in basketball and baseball as well as football, playing center and pitching, respectively. His scholastic record is good also, his report card carrying all A's for the first six-weeks report period this year.

President of the senior class this year, Koonce is a member of the Beta Club and the Key Club, and is a member of the student council. As the SEAA release stated, he "has been a standout consistently for a losing team during his four years at Hoke County High, and is a burly 180-pounder standing 6' 3" high." He is one of eight seniors named to the team.

## Covington Farm Is Named As Picture

The W. T. Covington farm on Bethel Road about three miles south of Raeford was identified by several persons as the farm picture last week, and several others guessed the farm pictured to be the farm of W. A. McLean, about two miles southwest. Roger Dixon and Mrs. J. M. Norton guessed the McLean farm.

First correct guess was by D. B. McFadyen, and first rural subscriber to guess right was Mrs. D. H. Yarborough of Route two, who lived in the Covington house for several years. Others were Lee Cameron, W. L. Smith, Peter McLean, J. H. Blythe and W. T. Covington, Jr.

Information about the place, one of this county's larger farms for many years, is being gathered for publication next week.

## Rockfish PTA Sets Meet Next Thursday

On Thursday night, December 1, there will be a citizens meeting with the Parent-Teacher Association at Rockfish School. Alfred Cole will be the guest speaker, and will explain the civil defense program and organization for the county. His talk will be illustrated with slides, and will deal with matters that will mean the saving of lives in the event of any sort of disaster.

Citizens of Rockfish and the surrounding areas are cordially invited to the meeting, which is to begin at 7:30 p. m.

## FRIDELL SERIOUSLY ILL

Friends who have recently visited E. E. Fridell, who has been a patient at Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville for the past four months, consider him in a very serious condition. He underwent his second operation there last week when he had four kidney stones removed. Mr. Fridell is 75, and his doctor has advised that the operation was a very serious one.

## Home Demonstration Achieved Held Thursday

The Hoke County home demonstration club members held their annual Achievement Day program in the Fellowship room of the Raeford Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon, November 17. Mrs. R. M. Hooper of R-1, Aberdeen, County Council President, presided.

The highlight of the program was the panel of foreign students from Flora Macdonald College. The group was made up of Betty Jo Hatcher, moderator, of Garner; Vivian Morrison of Baddeck, Nova Scotia; Irene Baker of Brazil; Helen Carapetan of Teheran, Iran; Un Hi Chol of Seoul, Korea; and "Mac" Calhoun of Lavras Minas, Brazil.

Each girl, when introduced, told something of her family and what her parents did. They talked about the most popular foods in their native countries and the clothes worn by the people. Of particular interest was Helen's description of the Moslem dress worn by some of the women in Iran. The climate in the several countries was discussed. The girls from Brazil said very few homes in Brazil are heated although the temperature reaches almost freezing very often.

Each girl was asked to give a few impressions she had received in this country. Several said the big grocery stores and supermarkets amazed them. In Brazil, Iran, or Korea, one buys vegetables, for instance, just as they came out of the ground or off the bush. Chickens are always bought on foot and have to be dressed and drawn in the home. "Mac" Calhoun was impressed with the many attractive and comfortable homes. Irene said transportation in America amazed her. Vivian had noticed the "take it easy" manner with which the southern people go about their work in contrast to the hustling and bustling of the people in the north. Helen reported that our standard of living here was much higher than in her native country of Iran. The girls were presented boxes of cookies and homemade candy which were made by the Antioch, Ashmont, Mildouson, Pine Forest, Wayside, and Raeford club members.

Mrs. N. F. Sinclair, County Council Secretary, gave the county home demonstration report, and Jenny Jones gave the report of 4-H Club work for the past year. Mrs. B. F. McGregor and Mrs. D. R. Huff, Jr. reported on the United Nations tour. Mrs. J. M. Andrews, who represented the 16th District Federation at the National Citizenship Conference in Washington, gave an interesting talk on her trip.

The Buchanan and Turnport club members served spiced tea, sandwiches, and cookies. The table was covered with a brown linen cloth and a cornucopia of fall fruits and vegetables was used for the centerpiece.

The club members made and brought around 200 infants' garments to the meeting. These garments will be sent to some needy country for overseas relief.

The Ashmont Club received the gavel for having the largest number of members present.

## Teams Named To Survey 17 Towns Seeking College

Raleigh—A team of six committees has been named to survey the 17 eastern North Carolina towns seeking the proposed consolidated Presbyterian College.

The executive committee of the consolidated college named the committees yesterday while meeting with the committee on finance and campaign. The committees will make their visits not later than Jan. 15.

A campaign soon will begin to raise 2 1/2 million dollars for the consolidated college. The name of a fund raising firm to spearhead the drive will be suggested to the full board at its Dec. 6 meeting. The consolidated college will be formed by merging Flora Macdonald, Pence and Presbyterian Junior colleges. The location site of the consolidated college will be announced March 6.

## Dundarrach Gin Is Total Loss To Fire Thursday

The cotton gin of Dundarrach Trading Co., Inc. was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday afternoon, despite the efforts of firemen from five neighboring towns who responded to the company's call for help when the blaze was discovered. Buildings and equipment valued at over \$40,000 was destroyed as were 112 bales of cotton valued at \$16,800. In addition to the gin, a warehouse located near the railroad was destroyed.

The fire started from causes unknown in the lint room shortly before two o'clock and spread until the entire building was in flames. Fire Departments in Raeford, Red Springs, Laurinburg, Parkton and Hope Mills sent trucks, with the Raeford Fire Department being first on the scene. According to T. W. Jones, manager of the company, these firemen did great good in spite of not being able to save the cotton gin. The company's appliance store, located very near the gin, was kept from burning, and some 20 bales of cotton were saved, as was all the seed cotton at the gin.

The blaze burned ties in a section of the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad near the gin, and spread from there in the high wind to a grass field of T. B. Upchurch, Inc., but was extinguished without appreciable damage in that direction. This wind is thought to have been of some help in saving other buildings, however.

Jones said the local water system and fire fighting equipment was used by personnel and local volunteers as soon as the fire was discovered, but that they were not even able to slow it up.

Edwin Pate of Laurinburg is president of the corporation, and states that all cotton lost in the fire was covered by insurance, and that the building and equipment were partially covered. Jones said plans for rebuilding are indefinite as yet.

Jones expressed deep appreciation on the part of the company and its officers and employees to all of the many who helped in various ways to deal with the situation. He said that the work of the fire companies and many individual volunteers was outstanding.

## Civil Defense Group Meets & Organizes

Mayor Alfred Cole of Raeford, civil defense director for Hoke County, presided at a supper meeting of the civil defense wardens from all communities in the county at the High School cafeteria Friday night. The 17 persons present discussed the problems and the need for their organization, and made plans for an effective organization in the whole county.

R. B. Lewis, civil defense director for Raeford, spoke to the group briefly on the purposes of and need for an efficiently operating civil defense organization, stating that it is never known when a need for it will arise, and that such a need when it does arise is always great. He also gave ideas on how the leaders present might go about creating an efficient and effective organization for this county.

Questions of a local nature were brought up by the community wardens and discussed by the group. Local warning systems were considered, and it was decided that the county would be asked to furnish a siren of appropriate type for the use of the chief warden in each community. To complete the county organization, each community chief warden was asked to submit the names of one or more assistants to the county organization as soon as possible.

Director Cole also announced that about one hour of 16mm films were available for use in informing the people at civic meetings about the civil defense need and procedure. These films are available at the office of the county home demonstration agent, he said.

## Hoke 4-H Members To Receive Awards In Raleigh Friday

Three Hoke County 4-H members - Judy Almond of Ashley Heights, State Poultry Demonstration Winner, and James Potter and Kenneth Scarborough of Route 2 Raeford, State winners in the Cotton Demonstration, will attend the State 4-H recognition luncheon and program on Friday, November 25, at the College Union on the North Carolina State College campus. The winners will be recognized and receive their awards.

Mrs. M. C. Almond and Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent, will accompany the Hoke County club members to Raleigh.

## Individual Cotton Allotments Will Vary

Since the National cotton allotment for 1956 has been set at a figure four percent less than the National allotment that prevailed for this year, Tar Heel farmers might be inclined to expect the cut on their individual farms to be in line with the National cut. H. D. Godfrey, Administrative Officer for the ASC State Committee, in a statement to Tar Heel farmers today reminded them that 1956 State and County cotton allotments are set on the basis of planting history in the State and in the County during the years 1950-54, inclusive. He explained further that individual farm allotments for 1956 will be set on the basis of the farm's planting history for the years 1953-55, inclusive. These methods of setting cotton allotments are prescribed by law, and following this required formula permits wide variation between the State allotments, the County allotments, and individual farm allotments.

As an example of how State allotments can vary because of planting history within the State, Godfrey brought out the fact that the State of Arizona instead of having their acreage cut for 1956 received an increase in their acreage from 334 thousand to 344 thousand acres. This amounts to an increase for Arizona of nearly 3 percent. Contrasted to Arizona, where farmers are going into production of cotton, our State allotment was reduced from 516 thousand acres in 1955 to 484 thousand acres in 1956—a cut of 6 percent. Individual farm allotments in North Carolina can vary as much, or more, than Arizona and North Carolina's State allotments. The farm allotment is based on the farm's planting history.

According to Godfrey, the way to combat this loss of cotton acreage to our State and to our farms, would be for farmers to take full advantage of the release and reapportionment provision of current cotton laws. In 1956 as in 1955, a farmer who will be unable to plant his full cotton allotment can temporarily release the acreage that he will not plant, thereby retaining his planting history. The acreage released will be allotted to other farms, and if planted, the planting history of the State and County will be retained.

## Planetarium Starts "Star Of Bethlehem" November 29

Chapel Hill—"Star of Bethlehem", most popular of all Morehead Planetarium programs, will open at the Planetarium Tuesday night, November 29, at 8:30 p. m. and will continue through January 8.

Again this year, the Scriptures, music, science, readings and tableaux have been combined to achieve a greater religious inspiration and a reawakening of the appreciation and significance of the birth of Jesus.

More than 130,000 persons have attended this annual tribute to Christmas in the past five years and have impulsively and enthusiastically praised it.

Scenes and special effects in the presentation make it probably the largest single production ever presented by any Planetarium in the world. The story of Christmas follows the Biblical narrative, and the finest effects available to portray the story have been acquired and installed through the cooperative efforts of ministers.

## CAPITAL TRIAL STARTED WED.; SPECIAL VENIRE OF 60 NEEDED

### Town To Have Christmas Parade December 14

The birth of Christ will be commemorated in Raeford this year with a parade at 7:00 o'clock Wednesday night, December 14, which residents of the town and surrounding areas are cordially invited to attend.

The parade is being financed by the Merchants' Division of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, with W. L. Howell, Jr., as chairman, and arrangements are being made by the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of Angus J. Currie, president. The parade is being supervised and directed by the ministers of Raeford, with the Rev. W. B. Heyward, of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, serving as chairman.

The committee of ministers has prepared a list of appropriate scenes concerning the birth of Christ which may be represented by the floats, and equal funds have been allotted for the preparation of the floats. These will be supplemented in some cases by the organizations preparing the floats.

There are to be from 15 to 20 floats in the parade, prepared and presented by Upchurch School, Hoke County High School, Hoke County Indian School, and by many of the white churches of the county.

Before, during and after the parade Christmas music will be played on the chimes of the Raeford Methodist Church by Miss Jessie B. Ferguson, church organist. There will be no trade promotion or any other commercial aspect to the parade whatever.

### 2nd Observance Of Safe Driving Day

Three kinds of persons are responsible for the nation's traffic accidents—men, women and children.

They will be the target for the second observance of S-D Day on December 1, sponsored by the President's Committee for Traffic Safety.

President Eisenhower has set this Safe Driving Day for Americans to prove that by their own efforts traffic accidents can be held to an absolute minimum for a 24-hour period.

The day is typically American, the committee said. Although officially sponsored by the President and his committee, its observance and all activities connected with it will be on a cooperative and volunteer basis.

In North Carolina the enforcement of traffic laws will be given more than unusual emphasis for this special day. However, officials hope that arrests will be lower because of increased observance for safe driving practices.

Purpose of the day, the committee said, is to increase awareness of the traffic accident problem and inspire drivers and pedestrians to assume their individual and personal responsibility for highway safety. They will be urged to:

1. Obey the letter and spirit of all traffic regulations by driving at speeds prescribed by law or indicated by road and weather conditions, by signaling turns and stops, by being extra alert and slowing at railroad crossings, and by crossing streets carefully at intersections.
2. Be courteous to all drivers and pedestrians, give a break to pedestrians and turning motorists, and to practice good sportsmanship by keeping to the right, staying in their own lane and avoiding unnecessary use of the horn.
3. Give full attention to driving and walking, practice the fundamentals of safe driving by keeping two hands on the wheel and attention on the road, keep windshields and windows clean and clear, and be alert to traffic conditions well ahead of and around their own cars.

### Tobacco Cases And Many Others Continued

Starting Tuesday noon with the trial of Chester Murphy, alias Chester Galbreath, colored, on two charges, conviction on either of which can carry the death penalty, Hoke County Superior Court was occupied until 11:00 a. m. Wednesday with the drawing of a jury which was acceptable to both the State and defense in the case. During this time one special venire of 50 jurors was called and another of 10, and a total of about 65 were examined.

The jury as finally reached included W. M. Jones, Mrs. L. M. Lester, Furman Clark, Roy Long, Mrs. N. A. Maxwell, D. G. English, T. J. Harris, J. T. Clark, Mrs. Beulah Smith, C. H. Gainey and W. S. Fields, and W. T. Holland. The 13th, or alternate, juror is Jess Dunlap, and he is the only colored person in the panel.

Murphy is charged with breaking and entering a dwelling at night for the purpose of rape, and with rape. He has entered a plea of not guilty.

The session is being presided over by Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., of Fayetteville, and Solicitor Maurice Brasswell, also of Fayetteville, is prosecuting the docket.

The judge directed a verdict of not guilty after hearing State's evidence in the case in which Theodore M. Carrington, white, was charged with manslaughter. Clarence Stubbs, colored man appealing a recorder's conviction of driving drunk, was found not guilty by a jury.

David Chavis, Indian charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in a case charging he shot his wife, pled guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, and the State accepted. He was sent to the roads for two years.

Grand jury found a true bill of indictment against Willie Thomas Ray, colored, on a charge that he had carnal knowledge of a 14-year-old girl. Ray is in jail in default of a \$2,500 bond, and the court has not reached his case. It is likely that it will be continued, unless court is held Friday.

Dora Cox, white woman who had appealed a six-months jail sentence on charges of driving drunk and having no driver's license, pled guilty. She got a total of four months suspended on payment of \$125 and costs and five years good behavior.

Case in which Charlie, Howard, and Kerney Randleman, Henry Miller, Willie McVicker and Herman Smith are charged with stealing tobacco belonging to A. A. McEachern was continued. McEachern withdrew from the Randleman bonds, but they found other bondsmen, and the other bonds were continued.

Melvin Jones, Rubith Locklear, Henry Morgan, Jerry Bennett and Jess McCain, all also charged with stealing tobacco, have not been tried and no disposition had been made of their cases at noon Wednesday. They will probably also be continued due to lack of time to try them.

Other cases continued included Mrs. Fulton, charged with assault; Clonnie Rogers and Albert Hicks, drunk driving; Howard H. Wilson, manslaughter; Charles H. Barfield, driving after license revoked.

Court declared bonds forfeit in the cases in which Marion R. Carrigan, white soldier, was charged with drunk driving, and in which Chuck Dowd, colored, was charged with breaking and entering and larceny. These bonds were in the amounts of \$150 and \$300, respectively.

State dropped charges of breaking and entering and larceny against L. C. Cunningham, Ozell Beatty and Duck Melvin. Eugene A. Wood, white man charged with drunk driving, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and the State accepted. He was fined \$50 and court costs.

The Raeford Duplicate Bridge Club will meet Friday, November 25 at the Lions Club room in the County Office Building, at 7:45 p. m. All bridge players are invited to attend.