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Addenda

By The Editor

Getting a haircut Saturday, I was told by a certain barber that he had a story by Ben King which he believed would put an end to the series. I listened to it, and told him that if I printed it, it would not only end the series, but The News-Journal as well. So much for that.

There is a good work shoe in our window, almost new. It was found between here and Antioch by State Patrolman Joe Dupree, and he brought it here with the idea that maybe we could locate the owner, who can probably use it. We enjoy having it, and have made several sales of office supplies to people who have seen it in the window and had to come in for curiosity to hear the story of how it got there. The owner may have it, however, if he'll come get it.

The junior varsity, or "B" teams, at Hoke High School had a trip for mostly nothing Monday night. The boys under Coach Delmer Wiles and the girls under Mrs. J. E. Dupree, together with some parents, went to Stedman, where the first game of the season was to be. There they found that the coach was all set to come up here Tuesday night with his varsity teams, but had forgotten all about scheduling the junior varsity games for Monday night. So, no games.

A release from the State Highway Commission this week says that the Highway Commissioners will meet on January 26 to discuss and consider the recommendations of the chief highway engineer regarding the deletion of certain alternate highway routings. All who have any interest can express their opinions at that time, the release quoted Chairman A. H. Graham as saying.

There are 51 sections of highway in North Carolina which are designated as alternate or "A" routes. These are generally to provide marked entrances to towns where the highways have by-passed the business sections. Of these 51 sections only four are over 25 miles long, and only one is over 50 miles. It is 15-A, which is over 100 miles long, and runs from Creedmoor, North of Raleigh, to Laurinburg. This engineer recommends that 36 of these 51 routes be eliminated, including 15-A, on the basis that they are "Obsolete and have lost their usefulness."

Now this may be true as to many of the short ones. I couldn't say, I do know that as far as the through north-south traffic is concerned that 15-A has not lost its usefulness. Anyone who will watch its traffic a few minutes day or night can see the proof of that. That it is an alternate route must be apparent to every truck driver and tourist who uses it, too. To eliminate its marking would simply confuse these people and complicate their travel for no reason at all. 15-A is not involved with bypassing traffic from a city, and should not be considered with the alternate routes in this class. Among the 51 listed, it is in a class by itself, and considering its remarking with these others is not right.

It is certainly going to be a necessity for the people along this route to be at this meeting on January 26, though, or they will surely follow the recommendation of the engineer and change its name. While the tourist business has already been sidetracked from Raeford, there are many people in the county that the highway helps, and the wonderful bus service we have here is undoubtedly because of the highway. If the marking is changed, my guess is that it wouldn't be too long before the bus companies began considering changing their routes. This doesn't have to happen, in my opinion, but it will if we just sit back and let it.

Got me a new book the other day, "The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations." Among my favorite quotations is the one by Abraham Lincoln, "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end, dare to do duty as we understand it."

1954 Retail Volume 23.6% Above 1948 In Hoke, Bureau Says

Retail sales in 1954 of 88 stores in Hoke County totaled \$5,638,000, according to preliminary 1954 Census of Business figures announced by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This was an increase of 23.6 percent over sales in 1948 by 109 stores of \$4,562,000.

Stores with payroll in 1954 numbered 52, had 270 paid employees in November 1954, reported payroll of \$494,000, and accounted for sales of \$5,058,000. Proprietors of unincorporated businesses numbered 78.

The number of stores and their 1954 sales, grouped by major kinds of business, were: 24 Food stores, \$1,474,000; Nine in general merchandise group, \$938,000; three apparel, accessories stores, \$299,000; five furniture, home furnishings, appliances, \$171,000; four in automotive group, \$907,000; 22 gasoline service stations, \$734,000; four selling lumber, bldg. matls., hdw., farm equipment, \$552,000; nine other retail stores, \$382,000; four nonstore retailers, \$12,000.

Data on two eating places and two drug stores was withheld to avoid disclosure.

Clear 50 Cases In 2-Day Session Before Recorder

Recorder's court was held Tuesday and Wednesday of this week before Judge T. O. Moses, and 50 cases went through the records, although 34 of these were forfeited bonds.

Streeter McMillan, colored, was found guilty of possessing a complete liquor still. He was sentenced to three months on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of \$200 and costs and two years good behavior. He appealed and posted a \$500 bond.

Flora France Locklear, Indian, was indicted by her husband on a charge of abandonment. Sentence of 60 days was suspended on payment of costs when she indicated her intention to go back home.

Tommy Oldham, white, pled guilty of driving drunk with improper plates. Sentence of 90 days was suspended on payment of \$100, costs and damages.

John S. McNair, colored, pled guilty of driving after his license had been revoked, and with improper brakes. He got four months suspended on payment of \$200 and court costs.

Joe A. Phillips, white, was found not guilty on a charge of driving drunk after his license had been revoked, but pled guilty of driving without a license. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Leroy Murchison, colored, was found guilty of driving after his license had been revoked and careless and reckless driving. He was sentenced to 12 months on the roads. He appealed and is in jail in default of a \$1000 bond.

Quentin R. Davis, white, was found guilty of non-support of his wife and four minor children. Sentence was 12 months on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$125 for them in two payments, court costs, transfer title of his car to his wife, and stay away from their residence.

Lester Monroe, colored, was charged with careless and reckless driving. When the prosecuting witness failed to appear the case was dropped.

David Thomas and Mary Bristow, colored, each pled guilty of immoral conduct. He got six months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and two years good behavior. She got one year in prison, which she appealed, and posted \$500 bond.

Eugene Campbell, white, pled guilty of public drunkenness. Judgment was suspended on condition that he enter the State hospital for treatment.

D. R. Covington, white, offered no defense to a charge of failing to transfer title to a car. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Marion C. McDonald, colored, was found guilty of allowing an unlicensed driver (Leroy Murchison, above) to drive his car.

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County Board Handles Much Business Monday

In an all-day session Monday the Hoke County board of commissioners transacted many items of county business. All were present and Chairman J. Fulford McMillan presided over the meeting.

New County Accountant and Tax Supervisor J. W. McPhaul, who began work for the county on December 1, appeared before the board with his surety bond, which the board approved.

List takers for the townships for 1956 were appointed as follows: Allendale, Miss Willa McLaughlin; Antioch, Miss Jean Hodgins; Blue Springs, Julian Love; Little River, Mrs. Hurley Jones; McLaughlin, Mrs. Floyd Monroe; Stoneville, Carl McKenzie; Quewhiffle, Mrs. W. L. McFadyen; Raeford, Mrs. Alice Thompson.

C. M. Brickhouse, district farm agent from Raleigh, appeared before the board and reported that the Extension Service does not have a man at the present time to recommend for the position of assistant farm agent in Hoke County. The position has been authorized starting January 1, and Brickhouse said he hopes to have someone available by February 1.

Other items included: The contributing of \$20 by the county to the Christmas Fund of Caswell Training School at Kinston;

Agreeing to furnish paint for Wayside Community House;

Directing the placing of new locks on courthouse doors, their repair where necessary, and their locking at night;

Employment of R. D. Parker to vaccinate dogs in 1956, and agreement to cooperate with the Town of Raeford on quarantining dogs in January;

The drawing of the jury for the January term of Superior Court.

McGoogan Resolution
The board passed the following resolution on the late John A. McGoogan:

WHEREAS, this board has lost Mr. John A. McGoogan through his recent death, and

WHEREAS, for over a score of years our county had enjoyed his keen judgment and constant service as its accountant and auditor, and

WHEREAS, he brought to the public service unusual usefulness from an accumulated experience, pre-dated by terms as school teacher, and these all prefaced by and based upon graduate training in the State University, and

WHEREAS, he was generally recognized and expressly accepted by his fellow accountants of the entire state as President of their Association, and

WHEREAS, we fondly remember how he toiled to keep this county financially strong even after the Federal Authorities took 92,000 acres of land to create Fort Bragg; and how again in 1953 he demonstrated his ability for forestalling another effort of the Government to take more land for the reservation, and

WHEREAS, our long, public fellowship eventually ripened into a mutual admiration and personal comradeship that years will serve to polish brighter and brighter, and

WHEREAS, this is our parting farewell to a loyal citizen, a faithful man in domestic life, an honest servant to his contemporaries, who left a benedictory influence upon his hosts of surviving associates and acquaintances,

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that we cause a copy of this to be published in our local newspaper, a copy be spread upon the minutes of our board's regular meetings, and another copy be transmitted to his bereaved widow.

This 5 day of December, 1955.
J. F. McMillan
W. M. Thomas
Douglas Monroe
N. H. G. Balfour
T. D. McPhaul

J. R. Harris is attending court in Caswell County this week.

Christmas Parade Set For Wednesday

Plans are about complete for the Christmas parade to be held in Raeford next Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00 o'clock, Angus Currie, general arrangements chairman, said yesterday.

The parade is to be a religious throughout, with floats being prepared by schools and churches in the county, and with about 20 expected to be shown. These have been prepared from designs approved by Raeford ministers, and are being financed in part by the Chamber of Commerce Merchants Division, with arrangements by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

It will be the first event of its nature here in a long time, if ever, and the people of the entire section are extended a cordial invitation to attend.

United Fund Now 70% Of Campaign Goal

With the receipt of a little over a thousand dollars in the past week, the 1956 United Fund campaign in Hoke County has now reached 70 percent of its goal of \$5902, Chairman J. H. Austin reported today. The campaign is still not complete in several divisions and Austin is still optimistic about reaching the goal. A total of \$4851 has been received so far, he said.

In addition to money previously reported Austin said that \$37.60 had been received from the Upchurch School division, G. A. Page, chairman; \$38 from Dundarrach, Mrs. C. H. McGreger, chairman; \$112.60 from Ashley Heights, D. R. Huff, Jr., chairman; \$47 from the Wayside community, Mrs. Marshall Newton, chairman.

There are several business houses, industries and divisions in Raeford and the county which have not reported, Austin said, and some of these will have considerable amounts to report when they do complete their drives.

He said he appreciates the response to his appeal for persons not being contacted to mail their contributions to Hoke County United Fund, Raeford, N. C. He said that several had done this in the past week, and again asked any persons not contacted to make their gift in this way.

Girls Look Good As Hoke Teams Beat Stedman

The Hoke High girls' basketball team continued their winning ways despite changes in the lineup since last year, as they opened the season with a 61-34 victory over the Stedman High girls in the local gym Tuesday night.

The Hoke High boys also displayed spirit and ability in winning their game, 47-46 from the visitors. The local "B" boys team also won, 47-46.

The local girls, defending champions of the Southeastern AA Athletic Association, were paced by forward Janet Guin with 32 points in marking up their convincing triumph. Virginia McNeill followed with 16 points, Julia Morris had two, Jean Linticum four, Lee Ann Blake four, and Lildmar Sue Gatlin three.

For the visiting girls Bolton was high with 15 points, followed by Darling with 14, Armstrong with three and Carr with two.

Lacy Koonce, veteran Hoke High center, was the standout in the boys game and was the leading scorer with 22 points. He was followed by Ken Culbreth with 10, Phil Huffman with five, Lewis Upchurch with four, Ronald Huffman and Bobby Tickle with three each.

For the visitors Carter was high with 12 points. Faircloth had 11, Alphin 10, Davis, eight, West three and Autry two.

The Hoke teams go to Stedman Friday night and to Southern Pines next Tuesday night. The next game on the home court will be on Tuesday, January 3.

McKeithan Plans To Retire From Revenue Service



HERBERT MCKEITHAN

Herbert McKeithan of Raeford, chief of the Delinquent Accounts and Returns Branch for the North Carolina District of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service, will retire at the end of this month after 18 years of service in the state with the federal tax collecting agency, it was announced last week.

Although his retirement will not be official until January 1, the veteran revenue official began a month's leave on December 1 and worked his last day on November 30.

P. K. Sanders, revenue director for the district, said that no action had been taken on the appointment of a successor for McKeithan, who, as chief of the DAR branch, heads a force of 85 collection agents stationed throughout the state.

McKeithan, who is 63, has made his home here during the time he worked in Greensboro. At home now, he has announced no plans for the future. He went to Greensboro November 29, 1937, to join the federal revenue force for the district, which was then headed by the late Collector Charles H. Robertson.

Prior to going with the Internal Revenue Service he had been county treasurer for Hoke County, and was district farm supervisor for the Resettlement Administration with headquarters in Fayetteville. He was also formerly with the Civil Works Administration and the Public Works Administration.

He began his revenue service as a deputy collector, and became chief field deputy in May, 1945, a position which corresponded to the position he now holds, the title having been changed in 1952. Some of his fellow employees in the district revenue office and from other stations over the state will honor him at a testimonial dinner Friday night at the Starmount Country Club in Greensboro.

Civil Court Term Here Next Week

Judge W. A. Leland McKeithan of Pinehurst, will preside over a special term of Hoke County Superior Court, for the trial of civil cases only, starting next Monday morning, December 12. There will be no jury called for the term.

Clerk J. B. Cameron said the special term had been called to clear some of the large number of out-of-date, inactive and other types of old cases from the docket of the court. Cameron said that there were about 350 cases on the calendar to be considered by Judge McKeithan. About one-third of these are tax actions by the Town of Raeford he said, and many others are simply in need of a court order to wind them up.

Legion To Meet With Ladies Mon.

The Ellis Williamson American Legion post will hold its regular monthly meeting and supper at the high school cafeteria on Monday night at 7:00 o'clock, Commander J. D. McNeill has announced.

This is to be a joint meeting with the auxiliary of the post, with the program to honor the Gold Star mothers of the county.

Dr. Charles Hodgkin, Hoke Native, Dies In Greensboro Tues.

Dr. Charles E. Hodgkin, well-known retired Presbyterian minister of Greensboro and native of Antioch in this county, died in a Greensboro hospital Tuesday morning after an illness of six weeks. He was 85 years of age.

Dr. Hodgkin was a son of Henry and Sara McPhaul Hodgkin and a brother of John A. Hodgkin of Antioch. He graduated from Davidson College in 1894, attended Union Theological Seminary and was licensed as a minister by Fayetteville Presbytery in 1897.

After serving South Carolina churches he went to Greensboro as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church when Greensboro was a city of 13,000. He served this church for 35 years. He left in 1935 to become superintendent of home missions for Orange Presbytery, retiring from this position when he reached the retirement age in 1945. In May, 1948' he was called by Greensboro's First Presbyterian Church to assist during the illness of the pastor, Dr. John A. Redhead, and served until three years ago.

He had served as the presbytery's representative on the Davidson College board of trustees, as moderator of Orange Presbytery in 1905, and in 1924 was moderator of the Synod of North Carolina. Davidson College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on him in 1924.

Surviving are his wife, the former Nettie Erna Murray of Greensboro; three sons, Lt. Col. C. E. Hodgkin, Jr., commandant of Kentucky Military Institute, Louisville, Maj. Nelson Hodgkin, headmaster of the same school, and James M. Hodgkin of Winston-Salem; his brother, J. A. Hodgkin of this county; and two grandchildren.

Funeral was conducted at 3 p. m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro by the pastor, Dr. John A. Redhead, and the assistant pastor, the Rev. William Currie. Burial was in Greenhill cemetery. In addition to relatives from this county A. A. McEachern, J. M. Andrews, W. T. Everleigh and Walter Gibson attended.

Town Board Has Routine Meeting

The board of commissioners of the Town of Raeford held their regular monthly meeting at the Town Hall Monday night with Mayor Alfred Cole presiding and with Truman Austin, Marion Gatlin, J. K. McNeill, Jr., and A. V. Sanders present.

The board voted to accept and maintain as streets the extensions of Wright Street, Bethune Avenue and Railroad Avenue.

Question of installation of an electric line to the sewage disposal plant was continued.

Board voted to construct a pump house of brick and cinder block at the site of the new well south of town.

Board voted to raise in salary for water superintendent L. S. McMillan, and expressed its approval of the swimming pool talk going on in the American Legion.

PRESBYTERIAN CHOR TO GIVE CANTATA SUN.

"The King Cometh", a Christmas Cantata, by Stults, will be presented by the choir of the Raeford Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 11 at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited.

Plans Complete For Cotton Quota Vote Here Next Tuesday

The Hoke County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee office this week announced the membership of community referendum committees who will be responsible for conducting the cotton marketing quota referendum throughout the county next Tuesday, December 13. All members of the referendum committees are farmers eligible to vote in the referendum. Many of the referendum committeemen are also elected community committeemen.

Arrangements for the establishment of polling places in all (Continued on Back Page)

Driver Dies In Truck Smashup Early Sunday

A Georgia truck driver was instantly killed, his body horribly mangled, and his truck demolished in a wreck in heavy fog on U. S. 15-A north of Raeford and about a quarter-mile east of Dunlap's Crossroads at about four o'clock Sunday morning. His death brought to eight the number who have lost their lives in traffic accidents in Hoke County this year, one more than the seven who died similar deaths here in 1954.

The driver was Mark Edgar Suddath, 59-year-old white man of Vidalia, Georgia, according to the report of State Highway Patrolman W. T. Herbin, investigating officer. The patrolman's report indicates that Suddath was proceeding south on 15-A, and that he was apparently going too fast for the driving condition caused by the heavy fog. He was driving a 1955 White tractor-trailer, with empty trailer, and he ran into the rear of a 1954 Chevrolet tractor-trailer being operated by Elbert Lee of Smithfield. Lee told the patrolman that he was driving very slowly because of the low visibility.

Lee's truck was proceeding slowly behind a 1955 Chevrolet tractor-trailer owned by the same company, and both were loaded with seed corn. When Suddath's truck hit that of Lee, the latter was jammed forward into the front end and severely damaged, although neither Lee nor the front driver suffered appreciable injuries.

Suddath's truck ran up under Lee's truck, and his trailer jumped and jammed the cab up against the truck in front, completely flattening it and smashing and tearing Suddath. Suddath had been north from Georgia with a load of cattle and was returning to Georgia with the empty livestock body on the truck.

To Split School Funds; Hoke To Get \$164,031.52

The State Board of Education Tuesday approved a formula for distributing to the 100 counties of the state \$25,000,000 in school building funds.

J. A. Pritchett of Windsor, chairman of the committee which developed the formula, said Governor Hodges met with his group Monday night and went over the report and approved the formula.

The first half of the 1953 \$50 million bond issue was allocated on the basis of \$100,000 to each of the 100 counties and 15 million dollars on a basis of school population. The formula for the remaining 25 million is eight million on the basis of local ability, three million on the basis of efforts to meet needs, and 14 million dollars on the basis of actual needs.

Hoke County will get \$164,031.52 if the formula is given final approval. Cumberland is set to get \$427,726; Moore \$240,830; Harnett \$201,637, and Scotland \$236,129.

Men Of Churches To Hold Joint Meeting; Dr. Few To Speak

The annual joint meeting and supper of the men of the Raeford Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church next Tuesday night, December 13, at 6:30 o'clock.

Following the custom of rotating the preparing of the supper and the providing of the program, the supper will be served by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, and the Methodist men will provide the program. Clyde Upchurch, Jr., president of the Methodist Men, has announced that Dr. E. C. Few, superintendent of the Greensboro District of the N. C. Methodist Conference, would be the speaker. Dr. Few conducted a revival at the Methodist Church here in October.