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Addenda

By The Editor

Legion Hears Of \$30,000 Pool At Meet With Ladies

The \$164,031.32 which Hoke County is to get in the division of the second half of the fifty million dollar bond issue will be just about \$3,000 more than this county got from the first half. At that time each county got \$100,000, and the remaining \$15 million was divided at a set amount per child. What we wonder, and what school authorities wonder, is why there had to be so much delay in the division of the remaining money if they were going to come up with a formula which would give us about the same amount. The need is great, and it has been since the first money was received.

The division is certainly a great disappointment to school people in this county, and should be to all of us. It had been their opinion that the smaller, poorer, counties, such as this certainly is, were going to get a greater proportionate share of this second \$25 million, and now such is not to be the case. It had been hoped that enough would be received to build the new school proposed for the western section of the county for colored children, and it's going to be in the vicinity of \$100,000 short, I'll guess. So, another of my guesses is that we can start getting ready for another bond issue in Hoke County. We will have to do it, too, for conditions in some of our schools are bad, to underestimate the case.

Now Superintendent K. A. MacDonald has hopes that federal school building aid will be made available sometime in the not-too-distant future, and has Senator Sam Ervin as a pretty good basis for his hopes. You may have read the Senator's comments along this line in a recent speech. Well, I hope we'll never get that money. My reasons for this are simple, and I don't mind stating them. In the first place, we'll get federal control if we get federal funds, and I'll be hard to convince we won't. They'll say something to the effect that "this money is to be available on the following conditions," or "to schools which..." and therein will lie the control. If we want the money we will accept the conditions. In the second place, such money from the federal government is a losing and uneconomical proposition. I am certain it costs more for federal tax machinery to collect our money, take it to Washington, legislate on it, run it through the different bureaus and get it back to us than it would cost for us to raise it and do our own job with it. We don't get any money from Washington that originates there...

It all comes from us (the American people) to start with, hard as that may be for many of us to learn.

Now arguments in favor of this proposition are that some of us who need it worse will get more back than we send to Washington, and will so profit. North Carolina pays a great deal more in federal taxes than the average state, so it would appear to me that we would stand a better chance of losing on that score. Another question that proponents of federal aid will ask you is "Had you rather for your money to go to educate your children, or to be given to some foreign country?" The theory behind that one is that the federal government is going to collect so much from us anyway, and if we don't get it for ourselves someone else will. Well, the government is running at a loss and deep in debt, and has no worry at all about what to do with its money. Adding another expense will not help its condition in the least, as I see it.

What we must sooner or later realize is that this country is us, you and me. The federal government is not some omnipotent and bottomless resource away in the fog. It is you and me and C. B. Deane and the fellow down the street, and Kerr Scott and others like us. That's all it is. It is us, for us and by us, by the constitution. What it has it gets from us. It cannot take our money and carry it to Washington and bring it back to us for nothing, and don't you think that it can.

Mrs. Richard Neeley is on a (Continued on Back Page)

Local Group Attends Saunders Ceremony In Raleigh Today

A group of twelve or fifteen local citizens attended the ceremony in the office of Governor Luther H. Hodges this morning at which William P. Saunders, of Southern Pines, former president of Robbins Mills, Inc., was sworn in as director of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

Saunders succeeds Ben Douglas as director of the department, having resigned as a member of the State Banking Commission when given the new appointment by Governor Hodges. He had been appointed to the banking commission by Governor William B. Umstead.

Saunders, who has been living in retirement in Southern Pines since the merger of Robbins Mills in 1954 with American Woolen Company in a deal that finally produced the Amerotron Corporation of Textron American, was named to the job by a governor who as a college mate at the University of North Carolina was manager of the baseball team on which Saunders was a player.

He was sworn in this morning by another long-time associate and friend, Associate Justice William H. Bobbitt of the North Carolina Supreme Court. Justice Bobbitt was a classmate of Saunders in the class of 1921 at the University.

Saunders was frequently in Raeford while in the textile business and since. His daughter, Mrs. Ralph Barnhart, was a resident of Fulton Street while her husband was here with Robbins Mills and later Amerotron, and the new director has many friends and acquaintances in the community.

Gill Speaker At McKeithan Dinner

State Treasurer Edwin Gill of Raleigh and Laurinburg, a former federal collector of internal revenue for North Carolina, was the featured speaker at testimonial dinner given at the Starmont Country Club in Greensboro last Friday night for Herbert McKeithan, of Raeford.

McKeithan is now on leave preparatory to retiring December 31 as chief of the Delinquent Accounts and Returns Branch of the Internal Revenue Service in Greensboro.

He served 18 years with the service in rising to his position as head of the branch, and as chief he headed a force of 116 employees, including 85 collection officers stationed throughout North Carolina. The dinner was given in his honor by personnel from the DAR branch and was attended by friends from all over the State. J. E. Wall, Jr., assistant district director, served as master of ceremonies. In addition to Mr. Gill's speech, tributes were delivered by P. K. Sanders, district director, and W. J. Bost, chief of the collection division.

Christmas decorations were used in the ballroom. The head table had a green cloth, centerpiece of red carnations with Christmas balls, and red candles in silver candelabra. Mrs. McKeithan's place was marked with an orchid. The gift presented to Mr. McKeithan by his fellow workers was a home air conditioning unit.

Band To Present Concert Tuesday

The annual Christmas band concert by the Hoke County High School band, under the direction of Bandmaster J. B. Renn, will be presented in the school auditorium next Tuesday night, December 20, at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. Renn has announced.

The program will be varied, he said, with a number of marches and overtures, as well as the traditional and familiar Christmas music.

The junior band will also perform, and a girls ensemble will sing "White Christmas," "Bring a Torch Jeanette," "Isabella," and "Serenade," from "The Student Prince."

United Fund Is Getting Closer Nearly 77% In

Turning in of about \$500 more during the week brought the Hoke County United Fund Drive to almost 77 percent of its goal this week, J. H. Austin, campaign chairman said today. He also said sources yet to be heard from promise to bring it to about 90 percent, and urged all who could make an extra effort to do so in order that the goal of \$6902 might be reached. Persons not contacted for funds may contribute by simply mailing their money to Hoke County United Fund, Raeford, N. C.

Receipts during the past week brought the total contributed and pledged to \$5347.82. Of this \$4665.97 is in cash and \$681.85 is in pledges.

The Upchurch High School contribution, reported last week as \$37.60 was corrected by Principal G. A. Page this week to \$102.68. Hoke High and McLauchlin School raised \$169.50.

The drive is not complete at the Amerotron plant, but \$1094.36 has been contributed in cash there and \$363.75 pledged, for a total contribution of \$1,458.11. Report has not been received from the U. S. Rubber Company plant, but Austin said he understands it to be 100 percent participation and expects this to raise the total considerably when received.

In the large business division those reaching 100 percent participation included Israel Mann, \$50 paid and \$20 pledged; McLauchlin Co., \$117.50 paid; Post Office, \$37 and \$16; Professional group, \$265 paid; The Johnson Company, \$45 and \$12; The Bank of Raeford, \$180 paid and \$28 pledged; Upchurch Milling and Storage Co., \$70 paid and \$132.60 pledged; T. B. Upchurch, Inc., \$65 paid; Hoke Appt Co., \$132 paid; Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Co., \$434.50 paid.

Other firms and groups raising over \$50 included Raeford Lumber Co., \$106 paid; County Building, \$47.50 paid and \$13 pledged; Courthouse, \$60 paid and \$30 pledged; Collins Department Store, \$56 paid; Belk-Hensdale Co., \$59 paid; McDonald's Esso Servicenter, \$48.50 paid and \$5.00 pledged.

Communities which have reported are Arabia \$155.70; Ashley Heights \$112.60, Wayside \$47, Blue Springs \$37, Stonewall \$38, Antioch \$138.

McPhaul Opens Tax, Bookkeeping Office

County Accountant J. W. McPhaul announces in this issue the opening on January 1, 1956, of an office to furnish a tax and bookkeeping service to the public. The office is located at 117 East Edinborough Avenue in the building formerly occupied by the law offices of Smith and McQueen, and in more recent years by the Laurinburg Production Credit Association, just across the street from the courthouse.

In his announcement McPhaul offers service on income tax, social security, and regular bookkeeping for farmers and businesses. He is qualified by training and experience for this type of work, having been trained in accounting, and having experience in the accounting departments of Pure Oil Company, Commercial Credit Corp., and for the past 10 years in accounting and general management at Hoke Oil and Fertilizer before coming to work as county accountant on December 1. This will be the first office to be formally opened for this type of complete service here, although the late John A. McGoogan did furnish tax and bookkeeping service to many people and firms for many years prior to his death.

PTA To Meet Monday

The Hoke-Raeford Parent-Teachers Association will hold its regular monthly meeting at the McLauchlin Elementary School on Monday night, December 19, at 7:45 o'clock, Ray Chandler, president, has announced. He said a Christmas program would be presented, and urged all parents to attend.

Polio Vaccine At Health Department For Children 1-6

Schedule for administering Salk vaccine to pre-school-age children was announced this week by the Hoke County Health Department, and is to begin tomorrow. Shots have already been administered to the school children in the county up to the age nine where their parents have requested it in writing.

The department announcement said that the vaccinations would be given to children aged from one to six on Fridays from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., and on Tuesday from 9:00 to noon. School age children who have not received the shots may also receive them at these times if brought by their parents to the health department in the county office building.

Civil Court Is Clearing Docket

The civil term of superior court being conducted here this week by Judge W. A. Leland McKeithan of Pinehurst is expected to clear the civil docket of a large majority of the more than 300 old cases, some of which have been on it for 20 years or more, Clerk J. B. Cameron said today.

Court was held Monday, and again Tuesday afternoon. After the Tuesday afternoon session a recess was called until Friday, in order to allow the clerk's office and attorneys to prepare necessary papers incident to court orders clearing the cases. Cameron said that most cases would be cleared by non-suit, and that some would be returned to the active calendar for disposition.

Local Student In Pageant At Duke

Kenneth M. Miller of Raeford was one of the featured soloists in the 200-voice Duke University Chapel Choir when it accompanied the annual Christmas pageant in the Duke Chapel, Sunday night, December 11. He was also one of the principals in the pageant.

An annual affair for 24 years, the pageant consisted of six tableaux of the Nativity story: "The Prophet," "The Annunciation," "The Madonna," "The Holy Family," "The Visit of the Shepherds," and "The Visit of the Wise Men."

A senior at Duke, Miller is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Miller of 818 North Main St.

Christmas Dance At Armory Friday, 23rd

The Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce members have begun advertising their annual Christmas Dance, which is to be held at the National Guard Armory on Friday, December 23, from 9:00 p. m. until 1:00 a. m. The public is invited and advance tickets can be secured from any Jaycee.

By popular demand the Jaycees are bringing back the orchestra of David Pugh, of Darlington, S. C., who were enjoyed a great deal by a large crowd at the dance last year, as well as on several other occasions at the armory.

COMMUNITY CHAPEL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Christmas pageant at Community Chapel Methodist Church will be presented on Friday evening, December 23, at 7:00 o'clock, the Rev. James W. Hamilton, pastor, announced this week. Christmas gifts will be exchanged on this occasion, he said.

BETHEL PAGEANT SUN.

The Christmas pageant at Bethel Presbyterian Church will be presented Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock, the pastor, the Rev. Joseph W. Amory, has announced. This will be the occasion for the annual "Joy Gift" offering, Mr. Amory said.

TABERNACLE CANTATA NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT

The choir of Tabernacle Baptist Church at Rockfish will present a Christmas Cantata, "Good Tidings of Joy," Sunday, December 18, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

STREET FILLED FOR CHRISTMAS PARADE HERE WEDNESDAY P. M.

Entire County Represented

Churches from all over Hoke County took part in the first non-commercial Christmas parade here Wednesday night, and several thousand people not involved in making or moving the participating floats lined the Main street from the Baptist Church to the Laurinburg Road to watch. The crowd is estimated to have been as large as those appearing for the commercial type parades held here in the past, always in the daytime.

The parade formed in and around the schoolyard at Hoke High School, and as it began to get dark the hustle and bustle of everyone going about his business, and the crowded vehicles furnishing the only light bore some resemblance to war days and military units getting ready to move in darkness before day, although the significance of the occasion was different in every way.

Only casualty of the parade as planned was to the float from Antioch Presbyterian Church, depicting "No room at the inn" which had locomotive difficulty in getting to Raeford and didn't appear in the parade. Floats appearing were prepared by 13 churches of the county, Hoke High School, Upchurch School, and Hoke County Indian School.

The parade was arranged by the Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce under the supervision of Angus Currie, president, and financing was by the Raeford Chamber of Commerce with W. L. Howell, Jr., chairman of the Merchants' Division, doing the arranging. The float subjects and titles were prepared by a committee of ministers with the Rev. W. B. Heyward serving as chairman.

In commenting on the parade this morning Angus J. Currie expressed the appreciation of all the organizations and committees for the excellent cooperation received in preparing for and presenting the parade, and said that people of the entire county were proud of it. He commented particularly on the general excellence of the floats and the work that had obviously been put into their preparation.

Leading the parade was the float of the Raeford Baptist Church with "The Holy Bible" as its subject. Others appeared in the following order: People's Methodist Church, "Isaiah's Prophecy of the Church," Shiloh Presbyterian Church, "The Annunciation (The Angel Appears to Mary)," Hoke County Indian School, "The Angel Appears to Joseph," Phillipi Presbyterian Church, "The Tax Decree From Caesar Augustus," Bethel Presbyterian Church, "The Journey to Bethlehem," Raeford Methodist Church, "The Manger Scene," Raeford Foursquare Church, "The Shepherd Scene," Sandy Grove Methodist, Ephesus Baptist and Dundarrach Presbyterian Churches, "The Angel of the Lord Appears to the Shepherds," Hoke County High School, "The Journey of the Wise Men," Upchurch High School, "Shepherds at the Manger," Parker's Methodist Church, "The Wise Men at the Manger Giving Gifts," Tabernacle Baptist Church, "Simeon in the Temple," Raeford Presbyterian Church, choral group, "Joy To The World."

Before, during and after the parade Miss Jessie B. Ferguson organist of the Raeford Methodist Church, played Christmas music on the chimes of the church.

BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

The Raeford Duplicate Bridge Club held its regular weekly game Friday night, with a somewhat smaller than usual crowd of players. North-South winners were Fred Aysse and Mrs. J. A. McKay, with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Anderson second. East-West winners were Mr. and Mrs. Graham Bell, with Mrs. Younger Sneed and Mrs. Crawford Thomas second.

Hoke Men Visit Burgaw Hospital

Four Raeford men went to Burgaw Wednesday and paid a visit to the Pender County Hospital there, with a view toward comparing its operation with the operation of a similar facility here, if people of this county should succeed in getting one. They were Dr. R. M. Jordan, J. L. McNeill, John Campbell and Charles Hostetter. In Burgaw, which is about the size or a little smaller than Raeford, they spent several hours with M. E. Bullard, administrator of the hospital.

The group looked over the 33-bed hospital, which was built with 25 beds in 1951 and had an addition with eight more this year, and learned that it served a population in the county of about 18,000, of which about half or a few more are colored, conditions which closely parallel those here.

They also learned that the hospital's operation was at an annual deficit of about \$12,000, which is paid by the county. This was explained partially, Mr. Bullard said, by the fact that the Medical Care Commission had classed 42 percent of the county's population as indigent. He said the room rates of \$6.50 and \$7.00 daily for semi-private, \$11.00 for private and \$12 for private air conditioned were lower than in many hospitals, and said that the percentage of people in the county covered by hospital insurance is very small, as there are no industrial groups carrying this insurance. Both these factors would or could be somewhat different here, he pointed out, and the difference could be enough to eliminate the deficit.

The local group was particularly interested to learn that the doctor and nurse situation at the Pender hospital is highly satisfactory. Four Wilmington specialists are on the staff, and make regular and emergency visits to the hospital. Four other members of the general medicine staff are residents of Burgaw and do general practice as well. This situation, Bullard said, works well and is highly satisfactory to the people. About 50 operations are done in the hospital a month, he said, and the average number of patients per day for November was 25.8, although it had been much higher many months.

The local group are hopeful that other citizens of this county will take occasion to visit the Pender County Hospital and see these things for themselves.

Hoke Favors Quotas In Cotton Vote Tues.

Cotton farmers in Hoke County voted overwhelmingly in favor of cotton marketing quotas for 1956 in the referendum Tuesday. Miss Louise Blue, manager of the county office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation administration, said today. Miss Blue said that 475 farmers of Hoke County voted for the program at the nine voting places in the county to only 11 against. This gives the quotas a margin of 97.7% in the county, a higher percentage than in the nation as a whole.

Voting in the county by communities was Allendale, 45 to one; Antioch, 63 to four; Blue Springs 44 to two; Little River, 27 to none against; Wayside, 30 to one; Rockfish, 25 to one; Quewhiffie, 82 to none; Raeford, 99 to two; and Stonewall, 60 to none against.

PRESBYTERIANS PLAN CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

At seven o'clock Sunday evening, December 18, the children of the Raeford Presbyterian Church will present the nativity scenes in the pageant "Crown Him," which is an adaptation of a pageant by Kathleen Hay. Music will be furnished by three of the children's choirs and the Pioneer Choir. The public is invited to this presentation in the Fellowship Room of the church.