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Addenda - -

By The Editor

Considerable nosing around about the Carl Morris stable, which was torn down last week, has failed to reveal when it was built. Carl says he thinks Dent Andrews built it, but isn't sure when. He says he can't remember whether it was there or not when he came here in 1908. He says he thinks Ben Barnard operated it as a livery stable, maybe for Dent Andrews, and for the late Lon Andrews, who owned it after his brother's death.

In 1914 and 1915 the Raeford Livestock Company consisting of J. L. Pratt and Bruce Morris, ran it with Bruce as manager, and Carl says he rented the place and opened his sale stable there on December 28, 1915. He bought the place in 1938 from the Andrews estate. In case you're interested and haven't been by there, the blacksmith shop next door, operated at one time by John Graham, is still standing. Carl says he has no definite plans yet for the lot on which the stable stood for about 50 years.

Jesse Tew tells me that his son, Airman J. C. Tew, who is stationed in Turkey, writes of a desire for books. He says there are 375 airmen in his squadron, and Jesse says if anyone wants to clear out any old paper backs that the boys might like to read, he would be glad to have them for a shipment he is going to get up to send them. You can call Jesse on the telephone if you have any such books.

Tom Cameron contributes the following: The big city reporter stopped at a little rural newspaper office. During the conversation he asked the elderly editor, "How do you manage to keep your circulation the same all year 'round in a town where the people know what everyone else is doing?"

The country editor grinned a little and replied, "They read the paper each week to see who's been caught at it." My only comment is to wonder why these people who write these things always refer to a country editor as "elderly."

Parents of children attending the John W. McLaughlin Elementary School received notice today in a letter from Principal W. T. Gibson to the effect that the price of lunches there would be raised from 20 to 25 cents starting Monday. Reason for the increase, Gibson says, is that the lunchroom at the school has lost \$609.33 since school started in September and that an increase seems to be the only way to break even. He says that one reason is the increase in the cost of milk which he says has cost \$396 more this year than would have been paid for it at year's price. The report shows that Federal lunch aid has been \$1,319.80 plus \$66.08 from the milk program, and that food alone for the lunchroom has come to \$6,756.70, while students have paid in only \$6,319.08 for their lunches. He says the Federal does not give any more for a free lunch for one that is paid for. Anyway, it's a quarter a day from Monday on.

The Presbyterian committees are still visiting the communities interested in getting the proposed four-year college. No doubt they are getting the full treatment in hospitality from these communities, and a great deal of big money is being talked about. I am inclined to wonder if some of this money that is talked about will not be more difficult to talk about after the decision as to where the school will go made. At any rate, the suspense is getting a little nearer the end each day that passes. Can't seem to find my folder on the subject but I seem to remember that the decision is due next week, although I may remember wrong. What town are you pulling for? I don't know about myself. All I know is one I am not pulling for.

Fellow I thought was a friend of mine left a slip on my desk (Continued on Page 4)

Fire Destroys Home Of Hinnants Saturday

The home on the Covington farm, about two and a half miles south of Raeford on the Old Bethel Road, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Hinnant and family and formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Peter McLean, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin shortly after dark last Saturday night. There was a fire in the fireplace and in the floor furnace, so one of these is thought to have been the source of the blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinnant and their two children were all in Raeford when the fire took place, and when they returned the place had burned to the ground. They saved none of their clothing, furniture or personal effects other than one or two items located in the garage and storehouse nearby which did not completely burn. Mr. Hinnant is a city mail carrier in Raeford, and he and the children were waiting for Mrs. Hinnant who works at the Mar-La Beauty Shop, to get off work.

The family is presently occupying William Lamont's home near the corner of Oakwood and South Jackson Street. Mr. Lamont is in Florida. The loss of their personal effects and furniture was partially covered by insurance.

CUB SCOUTS, PARENTS TO MEET WEDNESDAY

There will be a meeting of the Cub Scouts and their parents at the McLaughlin School in the cafeteria next Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Hubert Chaney, packmaster, has announced. Chaney said the district scout executive would be present to register the Cubs and make plans for 1956, and urged all interested boys as well as Cub parents to be present with their parents.

KEN McNEILL SHOT

Kenneth W. McNeill got shot in the eye on a dove shoot Saturday at Timberland, and was taken to a Fayetteville hospital where it was first thought he would lose his eye. Later examination disclosed that the shot, while near the eyeball, had not entered it, and doctors have about decided to leave it where it is, as he can see all right. He was discharged from the hospital Monday.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN TO MEET TUESDAY

The Men of the Raeford Presbyterian Church will hold their regular monthly meeting and supper in the Fellowship room of the church next Tuesday night, January 17, at 7:00 o'clock. It has been announced by Neil Ross, president. Supper reservations may be made with Men's officers and Furman Clark, Peter McLean, H. R. McLean and Sam Morris.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Neil Senter and son, Bill, returned Saturday after a visit with Mr. Senter in Springfield, Ky. Mr. Senter accompanied them home.

Mrs. Eddie Coleman of New York is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. H. Austin, Sr.

W. L. Alexander is a patient at Moore County Hospital.

Sam Sneed of Myrtle Beach was a visitor in town during the week end.

Miss Billie Skinner of Hertford and Dave Barrington of Elizabeth City were week end guests of Mrs. Helen S. Barrington.

Franklin Teal of Fort Lee, Va. spent the week end here with Mrs. Teal.

Miss Shirley Mann of WCUNC and Milton Mann of UNC Medical School, Chapel Hill spent several days here last week. They came especially to be with their mother, who is a patient at Moore County Hospital.

Guests of Mrs. J. M. Norton during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Midgett and children of Sneed's Ferry and the Rev. and Mrs. Zane G. Norton and son of Crouse.

Recorder Gives Road Terms To Teen-Age Gang

Five alleged members of a local gang of teen-age colored youths appeared in Hoke County recorder's court before Judge T. O. Moses this week. Court was held Tuesday and Wednesday in an effort to clear the docket before Superior Court next week.

Ervin Powell, known as the "Chief," Roosevelt Easterling, Charles Morrison, Thomas Finkley and Matthew McRae, Jr., boys aged between 16 and 18 years, were charged with the larceny of a variety of items from parked automobiles over a three-month period. McRae pled guilty on three charges, and Easterling and Morrison were found guilty on two charges each. The others were found guilty on one charge each. Tom McRae was charged but has not been taken. Sentence was one year on the roads for Powell, Easterling, Morrison and McRae. Finkley got eight months suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and two years good behavior. Powell, Easterling and Morrison appealed to Superior Court.

George McDonald, colored, pled guilty of operating a still, being publicly drunk, and violating the prohibition laws. He got a total of four months to be suspended on payment of \$75 and costs. He is still in jail.

Eddie Webb, white, was sentenced to 30 days in jail for driving without license, sentence to be suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. He is still in jail.

Robert Lee Shaw, colored, was found guilty of selling liquor at a club north of Raeford and sentenced to four months on the roads. Case was later continued one week.

Tommie and James McDonald, both colored, each paid \$10 and costs for public drunkenness.

J. D. McAllister, colored, pled guilty of assault on a charge which included being drunk and disorderly also. He got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

James McRae, Van Alford, Tony Buie and David Kelly, colored, were all charged with gambling, and Arch Buie was charged with running a gambling house. The four were found not guilty and case was dropped against Arch.

Clayton McNeill, colored, pled guilty of non-support and got four months suspended on condition that he pay \$30 monthly toward his family's support.

John Phillip Carey, white, pled guilty and John Halley, colored, was found guilty of driving drunk. Each got three months, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Ethel L. Taylor, white, paid \$25 and costs for driving without a license.

State dropped a charge of violating the prohibition laws against Matthew Peterkin.

L. C. Taylor, white, pled guilty of driving after his license had been revoked, and paid \$200 and costs.

R. J. McDowell, white, pled guilty of driving drunk and violating the prohibition laws and got 90 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Sanford Jacobs, Indian, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws and got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Mary Ann West Bundy, and Eula Mae Osborne Thomas, both white, pled guilty of damaging the jail. Each got 30 days in jail to be suspended on payment of costs and \$45 damages.

James V. West, white, was found guilty of speeding and ordered to pay costs. He appealed and posted \$50 bond.

Lacy Murchison, colored, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to 12 months on the roads. He appealed.

Bo Murchison, colored, was charged with breaking and entering and larceny. Probable cause was found and bond was set at \$2500.

Daniel W. McPhaul and David McDougald, colored, were each held for Superior Court on charges of having carnal knowledge of females under 16. Each posted \$500 bond.

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Bank Stockholders Hold Annual Meeting

The stockholders of the Bank of Raeford held their annual meeting last Thursday at the bank and heard Executive Vice President R. B. Lewis read in his annual report that the bank had enjoyed another prosperous and progressive year with all departments showing a healthy growth. The bank is entering its 53rd year of banking in this community.

Directors elected for 1956 were H. L. Gatlin, F. B. Sexton, J. B. and C. L. Thomas, T. B. and L. M. Upchurch, A. K. Stevens, J. L. McNeill, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., and R. B. Lewis. At the directors meeting following the stockholders meeting H. L. Gatlin was elected president, F. B. Sexton vice president, and R. B. Lewis executive vice-president and cashier. Miss Jessie B. Ferguson and A. W. Wood, Jr., were elected assistant cashiers.

At their December meeting the directors declared a \$12 dividend to stockholders which was paid January 3, 1956.

Woman, 80, Dies In Fire As Home Burns Sunday

Mamie Martin, 80-year-old colored woman who lived alone on Henry Moore's place near Stanton's station about three miles south of Raeford, was burned to death when her home burned to the ground there Sunday afternoon.

Moore saw the fire and went to the house and broke in, but by that time it had gone too far, and was unable to get in far enough to do her any good.

Coroner James C. Lentz investigated and reported that she had had a large fire at about noon when someone carried food to her, and that he thought her clothing had caught fire and the house from that. She was burned beyond recognition. She left no known relatives, Lentz said.

Local F.F.A. Team Wins Tool Contest

A team representing the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America of Hoke County High School won first place in the Federation Contest on Tool Identification held at the Vass-Lakeview School Monday.

The team scored 296 points out of a possible 300 to take first place over its competitors from Ellerbe, Gibson, Hoffman, Laurel Hill, Rockingham and Wagram, which along with the Raeford Chapter, compose the Federation. The team from Wagram placed second.

Members of the local team, all sophomores, were: Oscar Scull, Ken Randleman, Willard Sessoms, with Bobby Blanton as alternate. The boys were accompanied to the contest by W. P. Phillips, local chapter advisor and teacher of Agriculture at Hoke High. The contest was limited to freshmen and sophomores.

WHITE IN WRECK

Dean C. White had a brake lock with him just north of the State line south of Laurinburg Saturday, ran off the road and into a large pine tree. He escaped serious injury, but suffered several breaks in his nose and painful cuts and bruises. He was hospitalized in Laurinburg until Monday and is recuperating at home. His car was almost a total loss.

TO PLAY BRIDGE FRIDAY

The Raeford Duplicate Bridge Club will hold its monthly master point game Friday night, January 13, at 7:45 o'clock in the Lions Club room. All bridge players are invited.

NO TAGS BEING SOLD IN RAEFORD THIS YEAR

The Raeford Chamber of Commerce closed its license tag office in the Bank of Raeford building some time ago, and State tags are not being sold here this year.

County Board Has Busy Day; Agent Hired

The Hoke County board of commissioners held their regular monthly meeting for January on Tuesday with all members present but N. H. G. Balfour, who is recuperating from an operation at the Veterans Hospital in Durham. The meeting was held Tuesday in order that bids for the construction of the county health center, to be built at the corner of East Center Avenue and McDuffie Street, might be opened.

These bids were reviewed by the board, and the low one on the general contract was Clarence M. Morrison of Shelby at \$22,222. Low electrical bid by Barnhill Electric Co., of Fayetteville was \$3250; plumbing by R. C. Lamb and son of Lumberton was \$3125, and heating by Air Flow Heating Co. of Fayetteville was \$1498.76.

Contracts will be awarded by the board after the bids are reviewed and approved by the State Medical Care Commission and the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Total cost by the low bids is \$35,300, including architects fees, contingencies and equipment. This figure necessitated the appropriation of an additional \$1950 by the county. J. W. McPhaul was named treasurer of the health center construction funds.

C. M. Brickhouse, district farm agent with the extension service of State College appeared before the board with H. C. Gilliam of Lee County, whom he recommended for the job of assistant Hoke County farm agent. The board accepted the recommendation, and employed Gilliam to begin work on February 1.

A resolution was passed placing two thirds of all delinquent taxes collected this year in the county general fund and one third in the school fund.

Contract for auditing all county accounts but schools was awarded to Williams and Wall for \$1400.

Road stabilization requests heard and approved included 1.3 miles from the G. W. Ray place, by the Scull property to the Ralph Plummer place, and 2.5 miles from hill near Otis Gillis place to Parker's Church.

Dog warden was given authority to destroy all dogs impounded and not claimed after two weeks.

The board placed the Lions Club room in the county office building under the management of the Lions Club, and set a standard fee of \$2.50 for meetings held there, the Lions to collect and remit to the county.

The board authorized the purchase of a blackboard for the courtroom, at the request of the highway patrolmen, who need it in testifying in traffic cases.

Neil J. Gillis, 74, Buried At Philippi

Funeral service was conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Neil J. Gillis, 74, who died in Cumberland County at about noon Sunday. The service was conducted at Philippi Presbyterian Church by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Carswell, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Gillis is survived by his wife, three daughters, two sons, two sisters, Mrs. Annie Wood of Rockfish and Mrs. Ida Hair of Raeford; three brothers, D. W. Gillis of Red Springs, RFD, Arthur C. and Otis Gillis, both of this county; and 12 grandchildren.

Mother Of Mrs. Best Passes In Reidsville

Mrs. Annie Mae Mitchell, 76, died at her home in Reidsville Tuesday after a short illness. The former Annie Mae Witt, she had spent most of her life in Reidsville. Funeral service was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Reidsville at 3:00 o'clock Wednesday by the pastor, the Rev. Donald G. Myers, and burial followed in Greenview Cemetery in Reidsville.

Mrs. Mitchell is survived by two daughters, including Mrs. John Best of Raeford, three sons, one sister, 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Baker Quits Baptist Church After 2 Years

The congregation of the Raeford Baptist Church accepted the resignation of its pastor, the Rev. James E. Baker, Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. Baker and their children left Tuesday for Mrs. Baker's home in South Carolina. The resignation was to be effective the last of January, which would conclude two years at the church, and Mr. Baker was given a leave of absence until that time.

Dr. W. C. Strickland of Wake Forest College, who was supply pastor of the church between the pastorates of the Rev. Judson Lennon and Mr. Baker, will preach there Sunday morning, it was learned today.

Prior to coming here Mr. Baker held pastorates in Columbia, S. C., Person County, and came here from Orangeburg, S. C. He was born in Charlotte and grew up in Robeson County.

March Of Dimes Leaders Named, Benefits Planned

Mrs. Leo Little, county chairman for the 1956 March of Dimes, this week announced community leaders throughout the county for the drive. She said that cooperation had been good and that several community benefits were still to be planned.

In Stonewall Township, where T. C. Jones is chairman, the Parent-Teacher association at its meeting Wednesday night planned a supper and fiddlers' convention for the benefit of the polio drive on Friday night January 20. Supper will start at 5:00 p. m. and will be followed by the fiddlers' convention at about 7:30, he said, and prices will be low enough for the whole family to come. Mrs. J. A. Jones is president of the Mildouson PTA.

There will be a Brunswick stew supper at the Ashmont school Friday night, January 13 for the benefit of the drive. Serving will start at 5:00 p. m.

The Elk Restaurant is to give all receipts from coffee sales tomorrow to the drive, and Manager Sidney Epstein of the Raeford Theatre has announced that all popcorn sales on Friday, January 20, will be given to the March of Dimes.

The community chairmen as announced by Mrs. Little are Bobbie Gibson in Antioch, Dave Currie in Allendale, T. C. Jones in Stonewall, Ralph Plummer at Wayside, Mrs. Roscoe Bundy at Rockfish, E. C. Smith, Jr., in Blue Springs, Mrs. Myrtle Johnson at Ashley Heights, Mrs. Eugene Bauer at McCalm and Miss Peggy McFay at Montrose. Mrs. Martin Baumgartner is chairman of the Mother's March on Polio in Raeford.

Car Hits Schoolboy Near Hoke High

Jerry Ellis, 16-year-old junior at Hoke High school, was hit by a car shortly after 8:30 this morning on Fifth Avenue north of school. He suffered a broken leg and various cuts and bruises, and is a patient at Moore County Hospital.

The car was driven by Mrs. Evelyn Smith Knapp. According to school authorities the accident was caused by young Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ellis, running into the path of the car before he saw it.

Woodmen Install '56 Officers Thursday

Raeford Camp 118, Woodmen of the World, held its regular meeting at the Woodman hall last Thursday night and officers for 1956 were installed by Assistant State Manager D. G. Melvin of Charlotte.

Officers installed were D. J. Campbell consul commander; W. V. Dark, past consul commander; W. E. Willis, adviser lieutenant; C. M. Baker, auditor; James Wood, banker; Clarence M. Willis, secretary; Dan Campbell, Jr., escort; G. V. Baker, watchman; Angus Wilkes, sentry; Edwin Hasty, camp chaplain.

The Woodmen meet at the hall each first and third Thursday night and invite all visiting Woodmen to attend.

Judge Williams To Hold Court Here Next Week

The regular January term of Hoke County Superior Court is to convene next Monday morning, January 16, with Judge Clawson L. Williams, of Sanford, presiding. The term is for trial of criminal and civil cases and the same grand jury that served at the November term is to serve.

About 30 criminal cases are set for trial at the term, with some 40 defendants being involved in these. Most cases on the docket are appeals from lower courts as usual, although there are several in which felonies are charged.

There are three cases in which carnal knowledge, or statutory rape is charged. Defendants in these are Willie Ray Thomas, continued from November, Daniel W. McPhaul and David McDougald.

There are several cases set for trial which were postponed during the Thanksgiving week term of court in which the theft of tobacco on various occasions is charged, and there are other cases charging breaking and entering and larceny. Matthew McRae, Jr., colored, is charged with attempted arson, and Eugene Smith, colored, is charged with seduction.

Criminal cases are all set for trial on Monday and Tuesday except for the one in which Howard Wilson, Virginia truck driver, is charged with manslaughter.

Jury list for the term is as follows: Warren Childress, Robert Slagle, Lonnie Crowley, Julian B. McKeithan, Boyd E. Reynolds, W. E. Willis, Bernice Garner, R. L. Sessoms, James Pate, Mrs. C. R. Suddreth, Colon Cook, Clyde C. Stocks, Howard McDougald, Sam Hiser, B. J. Jones, O. G. Williams, Daniel B. Conely, W. L. Strider, R. L. Brooks, John W. Scull, Harvey Brock, F. B. Harris, R. B. Duncan, W. L. Roper, Dave New, H. E. Batton, J. W. Canaday, James W. Taylor, Ruben Pate, Love Jones, Frank Schaker, H. C. Maxwell, Clayton Gore, D. B. McFadden, D. M. Ray, Worth McCall, L. B. Seals, Jr., Mrs. Mary McBryde, C. M. Gainey, Wilmer Hendrix.

Girls Win Two As Boys Divide; Play Here Friday

The Hoke High boys and girls made a clean sweep here Friday night as they won two basketball games from the teams from St. Pauls. The game was the sixth victory for the girls, who are so far undefeated. On Tuesday night they went to Sanford and won another, while the boys lost.

Against St. Pauls the Hoke girls were ahead most of the contest, leading, 12-10 at the quarter and 20-16 at the half. Guin was leading pointmaker for the Hoke team with 17. She was followed by Morris with 13, Virginia McNeill with nine and Gatlin with eight. Guards were Linthicum, Matthews and Shirley McNeill. Hoke won, 47-29.

The boys team made a good showing against the St. Pauls boys as they won their contest by 28 points. At the end of the first quarter the game was tied, 10-10, but Hoke was out in front 16-14 at the half and went in to win, 67-39. Koonce took scoring honors with 21 points, followed by Upchurch with 12, Culbreth with nine and Ronald Huffman with seven.

Sanford Is Tougher In Sanford Tuesday night the competition was considerably harder to handle. The girls managed to win by six points, 42-36, but the boys met one of the stronger teams they have faced this season and lost by 23 points, 67-44. In the girls game Guin was again high with 30 points, followed by Morris with 10. Sanford led 12-10 at the quarter, but Hoke was in front 24-22 by half-time.

In the boys game Sanford was in front most of the way. Koonce led the individual scoring for the contest, with 18 points, followed by Tickle and Ronald Huffman with nine each.

Boys and girls will play the Wadesboro teams in the local gym Friday night.