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## Addenda

By The Editor

Only two guesses were received on last week's farm picture. These were by Stanley Koonce and Mary Elizabeth Hiser, and both were that it was of the old Scull place in McLauchlin Township, now the Slagle home. There has also been no confirmation by the owners.

Killed in the crash of a T-33 jet trainer last week after taking off from Tyndall AFB at Panama City, Fla., was 2nd Lt. Staley Thurston Cates, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Cates of Atlanta. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fuller of Hickory, and granddaughter of Mrs. A. J. Fuller of Raeford.

The intention of the Chamber of Commerce to do something about making housing available here for the people who work here is an ambitious one, but one which will pay the community well for the effort involved if successful, I would say.

And speaking of the Chamber of Commerce, I have an idea that it's going to get going this year like it never has before. Several of us who have been its president have started off hot, but cooled down as time passed. Knowing my neighbor Marion Gatlin as I do, I predict that he is going to keep the heat to the rest of us up and down the street all the way through and get things done like never before. Let's all pitch in and help all we can. It'll be fun and we will all benefit.

## Jaycees To Handle Stock In N. C. Development Corp.

Stock in the North Carolina Business Development Corporation is being placed on sale in Raeford according to an announcement made by Angus J. Currie, President of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce. Funds derived from the sale of stock will help develop new industry in the State of North Carolina.

Adopted by the North Carolina Jaycee Executive Board last week in High Point, the Jaycees throughout the State have agreed to sell some \$200,000 of stock in the Corporation. To date, more than \$800,000 of the \$1,000,000 of stock authorized by the state charter has been sold by Governor Hodges and his staff. Capus Waynick of High Point is overall head of the plan.

Charles Hostetler may be contacted for full information on the sale of stock in the Business Development Corporation.

## Plan Poultry Tour To Pender County

A poultry tour to Pender County will be conducted on Wednesday, February 22. The group will leave from the county office building at 7:30 a. m.

Included in the tour will be a vegetable production farm with 2600 layers, a general farm with emphasis on grain and 5000 layers, and a small general farm with 5000 cage layers. The group will also get the opportunity to see an egg buying station where eggs are bought on a graded basis.

Any farmer in Hoke County who is interested in growing a laying flock should make a special effort to attend, the county agent said.

## PERSONALS

Howard McNulty of Hopewell, Va. spent the week end here with his family.

Franklin Teal of Ft. Lee, Va. returned Tuesday after a visit here with Mrs. Teal.

Mrs. H. K. Morgan spent last Wednesday and Thursday in Benson with her mother, Mrs. W. P. Dixon, who has been very ill.

Mrs. A. R. Fitzsimmons returned Saturday after a visit to Augusta, Ga. last week.

## Prison Hospital Is Dedicated At McCain On Wed.

The State dedicated a prison sanatorium at McCain Wednesday which Governor Hodges said makes North Carolina the nation's front-runner in offering facilities for tubercular prisoners and unwilling TB patients.

The dedication ceremony and program was held in the auditorium in the main building of the Sanatorium and was attended by several hundred people from this county, State officials, and people from the surrounding section. "No other State," said the Governor, "has provided comparable facilities for tubercular criminals or for recalcitrant tubercular patients."

The modern, two-story structure, costing a half-million dollars, was hailed by other dedication speakers as a "symbol of progress," and "fulfillment of a goal long sought."

The new plant, of brick and cement block construction, will house 139 patients. Owned by the North Carolina Sanatorium, it will be operated jointly by the Sanatorium and the Prisons System.

The State Highway Commission's Eighth Division supplied \$500,000 in highway funds for construction of the building.

"Here we have the facilities of a modern hospital," Hodges noted "combined with the security necessities of a modern prison."

The detention sanatorium, he said, "is commanding nation-wide interest as a unique and important development, both in concept and deed, in the tuberculosis control of the most tenacious reservoir of infection: the tubercular individual who defies medical care."

Governor Hodges arrived at McCain at 12:30 Wednesday. He immediately toured the new plant, taking a close look at modern facilities and accommodations for handling inmates.

Accompanying Hodges on the tour were Highway Commissioner A. H. Graham, Assistant Budget Director Dave Coltrane and Prisons Director W. F. Bailey.

Dr. William M. Peck, medical director and associate superintendent at McCain, conducted the tour and explained to the Governor and his party various details of the prison-hospital layout.

In addition to caring for tubercular prisoners, the sanatorium will house those persons with tuberculosis who refuse medical attention.

Carl C. Council of Durham, chairman of the Sanatorium's board of directors, said dedication of the building was a "fulfillment of a goal long sought."

He said North Carolina was "just about first" among all states in the care of tubercular patients.

"Today," Council said, "we can take care of anyone in North Carolina with TB without delay." He paid tribute, as pioneers in the field, to the late Paul McCain, for whom the Sanatorium was named, and to the late Lee Gravelly, former board chairman and State Senator.

Highway Chairman Graham, in a brief speech, said the new hospital-prison was a "facility we can be proud of." Prisons Director Bailey observed that this was a "happy occasion" for the Prisons System. The new structure, he said, represents an "emblem of man's thoughtfulness to man and man's humanity to man." It is, he said, "a symbol of progress."

Dr. Stuart Willis, general superintendent, formally accepted the building for the North Carolina Sanatorium, with the observation it represents a "challenge and opportunity" for greater service.

Mrs. W. B. Crumpton of Belmont spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. B. R. Gatlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colson and family of Charlotte spent the week end with Mrs. Colson's mother, Mrs. A. V. Sanders.

Leon Cameron returned from Moore County Hospital Wednesday where he was a patient for several days.

Mrs. Annie Mae Brown is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller in Sarasota, Florida.

## Court Light As Patrolmen Absent

The percentage of business of the Hoke County recorder's court made up of traffic cases brought in by State Highway patrolmen was possibly indicated in Tuesday's session of the court before Judge T. O. Moses. The patrolmen were away at a meeting Tuesday and there were nine cases tried instead of the usual 40 to 60. Clerk J. B. Cameron said there are about 50 already on docket for next Tuesday's session.

James Ferguson, colored, was found guilty of non-support. Sentence of eight to 12 months was suspended on condition that Ferguson pay court costs and \$10 twice a month for his family.

Marvin Bridwell, white, paid \$35 and costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Jack Farish, white, pled guilty of driving too close to the car in front of him, causing a wreck. He got 60 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and \$113.25 damages.

Joe Goodman, colored, was found guilty of giving Alfred Cole a bad check. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs, and he did not have to pay the check.

One speeder paid \$40 and costs one paid \$10 and costs, and two paid costs. One defendant paid costs for driving with improper equipment.

## Marvin T. Poovey, Former Resident, Dies In Newton

Marvin Thomas Poovey, retired textile executive of Newton and Raeford resident for several years, died at his home in Newton Friday after a few days illness and a period of declining health.

Mr. Poovey had spent 35 years in the textile business before retiring in 1949. Most of this time was spent in Dillon, S. C., and Rockingham, and he operated the Morgan Cotton Mill here four about six years during and after World War II. He was a veteran of World War I. A native of Maiden, in Catawba County, he was born Aug. 15, 1889.

In Newton he was a civic and religious leader, a member of the Lions Club, the American Legion and the Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Methodist Church, a steward and a member of the finance committee.

Funeral was held Sunday at 3:30 at the First Methodist Church in Newton with the pastor, the Rev. Julian Holmes, conducting. He is survived by his wife, the former Chloe Munday of Denver, and two half brothers.

## Tobacco Production Figures Released

Hoke County's tobacco production in 1955 amounted to 5,897,635 pounds, grown on 3,908.18 acres. This represented a per-acre yield of 1,458. Blue Springs township led in the county in 1955 with an average of 1631 pounds per acre. Stonevall township was second with 1539 pounds, and Quewhiffle ran third with 1521. Hoke County's per-acre production for five years was: 1951, 1163 pounds; 1952, 1108 pounds; 1953, 1310 pounds; 1954, 1150 pounds; 1955, 1458 pounds.

Based on the 1955 average of \$53.00 per hundred pounds, the crop last year sold for \$3,019,746.55, for an average of \$772.67 per acre. These figures were compiled and released by the county ASC office.

## McVICKER HOME BURNS NEAR DUNDARRACH FRI.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William McVicker, about two miles from Dundarrach between Dundarrach and Shannon was destroyed by fire shortly before nine o'clock Friday night. The fire started from an oil cook stove, and all the family's possessions were destroyed except the clothes they were wearing.

The family have five children, three boys aged 12, 13 and 15, and two girls aged nine and eleven. Any contributions for this family may be delivered to the Hoke County Welfare department.

## Gives United Fund Report

J. H. Austin, chairman of last year's United Fund Drive in the county, this week said that he wanted to give the public the figures as they now stand, even though the actual money to reach the goal has not been received.

With a goal of \$6902, \$6332.59 has been received in cash and pledges, Austin said. He said that \$575 more is expected from three sources, which will bring the drive to \$6907.59, or five dollars more than the goal. When this is received he will announce it, he said.

## National Guard Plans Open House, For Next Wed.

Captain Edwin D. Newton, commanding officer of Company A, 130th Tank Battalion, has announced that the company will have open house next Wednesday morning for the public, and particularly for the parents of young men facing military duty of some kind. The men of the unit will be present for drill at that time and the public is invited to visit the armory between the hours of nine and eleven to see what goes on, look at equipment, and hear what the National Guard has to offer.

At noon the company has invited as its guests for dinner all boys 17 and over from Hoke High and 71st High school. In having the recruiting day the local National Guard company is joining the entire National Guard of North Carolina. With a strength of about 11,000, it presents the State guard is seeking about 1,000 new recruits. The local company, although it has room for only three men at present time, is seeking to acquaint young men and their parents with the Guard so that they will consider it for their military future.

In placing the emphasis of the day on the parents, Captain Newton said "The young man of today is not going to decide on so important a matter as his military future without leaning heavily on the advice of his parents."

The local company, one of the outstanding in the State, recently received a rating of Superior on its Third Army Technical inspection and a rating of Excellent on its Annual Inspector General's inspection. With an average strength of 105 during the past year, the company has had an average attendance for Monday night drill assemblies of 92.9 percent.

Through enlistment in the National Guard, Capt. Newton said, a young man can receive his military training while serving with his friends at home, can earn extra money and build up a retirement pension, and has an opportunity to learn new skills which can be valuable to him in civilian life.

For further information on their sons' careers in the National Guard, parents are invited to visit the Guard armory Wednesday morning. Special arrangements have been made for Guard personnel to answer in detail all questions relative to enlistment.

## Mrs. Flinchum Dies In Carthage Sunday

Mrs. J. J. Flinchum, 75, of Carthage, died at her home early Sunday after an extended illness. Funeral service was held Monday at 2:00 o'clock at Lamb's Grove Primitive Baptist Church with Elder S. T. Atkinson officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Flinchum is survived by four daughters, including Mrs. William McPhail of this county, five sons, three sisters, a brother, 28 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## REVIVAL IN PROGRESS

Pastor Vann Ray Long of the Church of God, in front of the Amerotron plant, announces that a revival is being held there nightly at 7:00 o'clock, with Evangelist John Barber of Pembroke and special singing.

## Chamber Plans Program Of Work; Include Housing

The board of directors of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday and adopted a program of work for the Chamber for the year. President Marion Gatlin said complete details and committee for each phase of the program would be announced in a few days. The Chamber is to have a folder containing this information printed this year for distribution to the membership, in order that the whole community may be familiar with the program and have a part in the resulting community improvement.

Spoken of by several members of the board as being the most pressing and important part of the program is the intention to take definite steps to promote the construction of more houses in Raeford, in order that a larger percentage of the people working here may make their homes here.

After considerable discussion of the proposed program for the county, it was decided that the Chamber of Commerce should undertake a survey to accurately determine the need for such a facility here, its probable operating cost to the county, and the effect this would have on the county's tax rate, and to make these facts known to the people of the county. Until these facts are known, board members feel that neither they nor the other citizens can properly take a stand on the matter.

Need for public rest rooms in Raeford for the convenience of people of all races was discussed, and it was decided to provide these during 1956 if possible.

The Chamber will support the effort to have an egg market in Raeford, and will continue its efforts to improve the park east of the McLauchlin School. The organization and operation of a credit bureau will be a continuing project until achieved, as will the permanent location of a sales outlet here for State auto license tags.

The Chamber will again sponsor Clean-Up Week this spring, and a committee will be appointed to attempt to make available and usable more parking areas off the streets. Another committee will cooperate with civic clubs in projects for the cultural improvement and entertainment of the people of the community. The board expressed itself as feeling that a full-time principal is needed at the McLauchlin Elementary School, and an effort will be made to bring this about. Through the merchants division the Christmas parade and other projects will be sponsored.

A continuing effort will be made to promote the desirable types of industrial development in the community.

## New Company Open In Sunset Hills

Julian H. Wright and Hugh A. Gardner this week announced the opening of Raeford Supply Company in the Sunset Hills Shopping Center, with Gardner as manager.

The firm is located where Wright & Currie Hardware and later Keith Hardware were located, and will handle a complete line of hardware paints, batteries and tires, Capehart television sets and Gibson ranges and refrigerators.

Wright is a native of this community who has developed the Sunset Hills section of town and who has operated the Raeford Super Market in the shopping center for several years. Gardner has been connected with McDonald's Tire Recapping Service until recently.

## PRESBYTERIAN MEN TO ENTERTAIN LADIES

The men of the Raeford Presbyterian Church will have their regular monthly meeting and supper in the church next Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock. President Neill Ross has announced. The meeting is to be Ladies Night, he said, and a special program has been planned. The program will be provided by a choral ensemble from Flora Macdonald College under the direction of Lawrence Skinner, director of the college voice department.

## March Of Dimes Now Up To \$3172

Mrs. Leo Little, county chairman of the March of Dimes, said this week that additional contributions received during the week had raised the drive total from the \$2579.58 announced last week to \$3172.73.

Mrs. Little said that the square dances at Blue Springs community house on Friday nights were continuing to be enjoyable and profitable to the drive. Biggest single source during the week, she said, was the \$418.30 turned in from the business canvass.

There will be a barbecue supper at Wayside Community house Friday night of this week for the benefit of the drive, and there are several other sources still to be reported, Mrs. Little said.

## HHS Basketball: Girls Win Pair As Boys Split

The Hoke High School girls basketball team added two more in the past week to bring their season record to 16 victories and no defeats, as they beat the Laurinburg girls Friday night in Laurinburg and the 71st girls here Tuesday night. They have just four more scheduled games.

The boys were on the short end of a 68-48 score in Laurinburg, but were able to handle 71st Tuesday, 57-49.

The teams play Red Springs Friday night, and will meet the strong Sanford teams in the local gym next Tuesday at 7:15.

Against Laurinburg Janet Guin and Virginia McNeill tallied 18 points each to lead the scoring, followed by Julia Morris with 10 and Lilmar Sue Gatlin with six. Hatcher was the high scorer for Laurinburg with 20, and the Hoke team led at halftime, 27-24. They won 61-55.

Against 71st Julia Morris was the one the visitors couldn't stop as she scored 18 points. Guin had 10 and Virginia McNeill seven. Jean Linthicum, Carolyn Matthews and Shirley McNeill were outstanding in the back court in both games. The Hoke girls beat 71st 35-30.

Against Laurinburg in the boys game, Upchurch with 12 and Tickle with ten were high scorers for Hoke, and the Scots led 31-23 at halftime. Here against 71st Upchurch was high with 15 points, followed by Ronald Huffman with 13 and Koonce with 10. 71st was in front 19-10 at halftime, but the Hoke boys were able to overcome the lead and win, 57-49.

## Premeasuring Land For Cotton, Tobacco Saves Work, Money

Farmers may have their tobacco and cotton measured before planting time, by paying the expense of such premeasuring. By having his farm premeasured a farmer may be sure that he has all of his allotment planted and not overplanted. Unintentional overplanting costs the farmers the price of extra fertilizer, extra plants or seed, often the expense of treating the land that cannot be used, and the additional cost of re-measuring and disposition.

Reporters to do this job and the time during which this pre-measurement service can be performed are limited, therefore it must be requested at once, as it will be done on first come first served basis.

The cost will be \$0.75 per acre, with a minimum of \$3.00 per farm. Farmers desiring to have their crops measured before planting, must file such request at the Hoke County ASC office and pay the cost of such measuring at the above rate by March 1, 1956. In getting the land premeasured, the farmer must assist in doing the work and furnish stakes approximately 30 inches long and two inches in diameter for use in properly marking the field boundaries.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. N. M. Fippinger and children, Wanda and Michael, spent several days last week with Mrs. Fippinger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Freeman, before leaving for Augsburg, Germany. They sailed on Tuesday from New York and will be in Germany for three years.

## Politics Starts As Greene Files For County Judge

County Board of Elections Chairman W. L. Poole said this morning that the election year in Hoke County had officially begun, as Harry A. Greene had paid his \$18 filing fee and had become a candidate for the position of judge of the county recorder's court in the Democratic primary to be held on Saturday, May 26. Poole said Greene was first, and that maybe now some of the others who have been admitting a little urge to do so would file as well.

Greene came to The News-Journal shortly before Chairman Poole telephoned the news and said that he had decided to seek the post of county recorder after five terms as Hoke County's representative in the General Assembly only after much thought and consideration. He said he felt the job had taken too much time from his work with his fertilizer firm and from his family during the past 10 years, and said that he thought he would have opportunity to serve the people of the county in the post of judge.

He first went to the Legislature in 1947, and has served every term since. He served as judge of the county recorder's court for about nine months in 1954 prior to the installation of Judge T. O. Moses.

Greene stated that he felt that in the job he could perform a service to the county, and at the same time be with his family more. He said he would appreciate all support in the May primary.

Judge Moses has not made a public statement as to his intentions, but is generally considered to be liking the job all right and intending to keep it, so a contest may be expected.

Greene's withdrawal from the General Assembly will leave that post open to all, and talk is that there will be several willing to step in, now that Greene is not there to contend with. Former Solicitor J. M. Andrews, former County Board Chairman N. H. G. Balfour, Charles Hostetler have all been mentioned, among others, and are all said to have at least considered running for the house seat.

## Merchants Group Organizes; Dollar Days Next Week

The Merchants Committee of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce organized for the year last week and elected W. C. Phillips, Belk-Hensdale manager, as chairman.

The group consists of Phillips, John Draughon, J. I. Hubbard, Irael Mann, J. E. Byrd, Homer McGuinn, Elmer Parnell and Bobby Carter.

At their meeting, in addition to electing officers the group made plans for a series of trade promotions for the town during the year, discussed policies on store hours, community advertising and other problems.

It was decided that the first town-wide sales promotion would be held on Friday, Saturday and Monday, February 24, 25 and 27 when more than 40 businesses will take part in big "Dollar Days" with special bargains being offered in almost every place of business. Special advertising on the promotion is to be done next week, Phillips said, and it is hoped that many people will be attracted to Raeford for the event.

## WOW CIRCLE AUCTION

Grove 179 of the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle will hold an auction sale next Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Woodmen Hall, Mrs. Jayne Campbell, president, has announced. Mrs. Campbell urges members to attend and bring guests.

Neill Blue Sinclair of Charlotte spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Sinclair.