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## Addenda - -

By The Editor

W. L. Poole says the law about having to vote for all five of a board of five was new to him when he learned about it last week. It only applies to 17 counties, and I can remember no publicity about it when it was passed. It won't do us any particular harm, as I can see it, but we must remember it's five or none when we come to vote for county commissioner or member of the board of education in the primary.

As to the constitutionality of the law, any discussion of that will have to be purely for the fun of it as far as this primary is concerned, as it is the law. Attorney General Rodman said he would not rule on that, as it is the court's place to rule on constitutionality of laws. Being about as far as you can get from attorney general, I will hazard the opinion that it is not constitutional, although that probably depends finally on how you read the constitution, or how the court read it. We have some notable examples in our history of people reading our constitutions differently. I cannot, though, believe it is the intent of the constitution that we should have to vote for a person for whom we do not wish to vote in order to vote for one for whom we do wish to vote.

Precinct meetings took place over the county on schedule last Saturday, from all I can hear. Committees were chosen from each precinct to elect delegates to the county convention to be held in the courthouse here Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. These committees also choose their chairmen, and the chairmen from all the precincts form the county Democratic executive committee. This committee usually meets after the convention and elects the county chairman. The county member of State executive committee and the county delegates to the State convention next Thursday will also be chosen on Saturday at the convention.

Registration books will also be open again on Saturday for registration by any who wish to vote in the primary May 26. This will be the last chance such citizens will have to get on the books to vote at that time.

The vehicle check lane here next week is something we can all take advantage of to learn if our cars are right. If we get them right, and enough of us get our judgment right, more of us will live longer. Patrolmen are in the picture on this page because the State Patrol is cooperating with and sponsoring these lanes. There will be no penalties for deficiencies discovered at the lane, so don't fear to bring your car. The mechanics will just tell you what the trouble is, that's all.

As best I can gather from today's daily paper, the gas franchise discussion here for the past several weeks may be quite useless. There appear to be two companies trying to run natural gas pipelines through this section, and the article indicates to me that the other company, which doesn't list Raeford on its route, is in the lead to get the area franchise from the utilities commission.

Another item which might wind up of considerable interest to people in this county and others over the State is the one about the Anson County school bond case now being heard before the State Supreme Court. They are trying to hold up sale of Anson County bonds for school construction on ground that school to be constructed is to be segregated. Chief Justice Barnhill said yesterday that "there is no question but that the U. S. Supreme Court's decree rescinded the State Constitution's provision requiring compulsory segregation in North Carolina public schools." If the court should rule against Anson County in the case it would possibly knock Hoke County colored children out of a school to be built for them the same way this summer, it seems to me.

## Many Cases Take Until Noon Wed. Before Recorder

Facing a full docket in the two weeks since court had been held, the Tuesday session of Hoke County recorder's court ran until noon Wednesday before Judge T. O. Moses. Clerk J. B. Cameron was absent, as he is again a patient in a Fayetteville hospital. About 20 cases were tried in the session, and about 30 were cleared by bond forfeitures.

Clemmie Miller, colored resident of the section north of Raeford, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. She got 90 days in prison, to be suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and two years good behavior. Her son, Howard Miller, pled guilty to the illegal possession of two gallons of white liquor, saying that he had it for a house warming. He got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Bertha Leslie, colored resident of the same section, was also charged with violating the prohibition law. After State's evidence, when defense moved for non-suit on grounds that the beer involved was in the cooler in the defendant's store for her own use, trial was continued for one week for the court to check the law.

Luther Covington and Duck Bethea, colored, 17 and 18, respectively, pled guilty to a charge of stealing a sign from the Riley place in Quewhiffle Township. Judgment of 30 days was suspended on payment of \$10 and costs by each, and on condition of two years good behavior, during which they are to stay off the Riley place.

Nettie Locklear, Indian, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Sentence was four months, to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs, and two years good behavior, during which time she must stay out of Hoke County. She was still in jail late Wednesday, expecting to go to prison.

Henry H. Robbins, white, pled guilty of a third offense of careless and reckless driving, speeding and having no driver's license. He was sentenced to work at the Hoke County jail for six months, with one-third off for good behavior.

Charles R. Odum, white, was found guilty of driving drunk. Sentence was 90 days, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. He appealed and posted \$200 bond.

John Earl Daugherty, white, was found guilty of driving drunk, violating the prohibition laws and failing to stop when signaled. Sentence was four months to be suspended on payment of \$100 and costs. He was given until May 15 to pay.

Kenly Thomas, colored, pled guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. Sentence was six months, suspended on payment of \$50, court costs and the doctor bill for his victim.

Harold Baker, colored, was charged with the larceny of money from the Culbreth grocery. Probable cause was found and he is being held for Superior Court with bond being set at \$100.

Case in which Jesse Pate, white, was charged with driving without a license was dismissed when it appeared that he was just driving across the highway. Mack Shields, colored, paid costs for violating restrictions required by his driver's license.

Lemarr Hines, colored, went to the roads for 90 days when he could not pay \$75 and costs for speeding 75, careless and reckless driving, failing to stop for a siren and having improper brakes.

Morton Ivey, white, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving and having no driver's license.

For public drunkenness Her-

## ROCKFISH PTA PLANS ENTERTAINMENT TUES.

Martin Scarborough and his string band will present a program at the Rockfish School Tuesday night, May 15, under the sponsorship of the school Parent-Teacher association for the benefit of the school lunchroom. Before the program starts hot dogs, cakes and pies will be sold. The public is invited.

## These Are The Men Who Will Operate Vehicle Safety Check Lane Here Next Week



Photo above was made on the asphalt drive at the Raeford Presbyterian Church, where the voluntary, free Vehicle Safety Check Lane will be operated Monday through Saturday of next week, from 7:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. each day. Shown above with the garage service managers who will operate the lane are two local members of the State Highway Patrol and the operating chair-

man of the lane. Left to right in the picture are Clarence M. Willis of McNeill and Willis Motor Company, Patrolman E. G. Inman, Fred Garrett of Raeford Auto Company, Patrolman W. T. Herbin, Neill A. McDonald, operating chairman of the lane, Bruce Conolly of Hoke Auto Company, and Vic Finocchi of Morgan Motor Company. These men and their

companies are contributing their time to the operation of the lane as a service to the public and Tommie Upchurch, general chairman who made arrangements for its operation here says he hopes all the car owners in Hoke County will respond by having their cars checked during the week. There is no cost, and it only takes three or four minutes, Upchurch said.

## Mrs. W. T. Boseman Dies Saturday, Buried At Rockfish Sunday

The Rockfish community lost one of its oldest and most prominent citizens when Mrs. Mary Helen Boseman died Saturday afternoon at a nursing home near Fayetteville. She was 84 years of age.

Mrs. Boseman was the widow of the late W. T. Boseman, who died in 1952 and who was A & R station agent at Rockfish for more than 40 years with the assistance of Mrs. Boseman. She was the former Mary Helen Townsend, daughter of the late Rev. James T. and Mary Haywood Townsend, and was the last member of her immediate family.

In her early life she was a school teacher, and was later post-mistress at Rockfish for more than 40 years while her husband was depot agent. She was active in church and civic work, was the first person baptized at Mt. Gilead Church, and was the last surviving charter member of Tabernacle Baptist church at Rockfish.

Funeral was conducted at Tabernacle Church at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Scott Turner, pastor, assisted by the Rev. E. B. Booker of Fayetteville, a former pastor. Burial was in the Mt. Gilead cemetery. Pallbearers were Buie Dove, Melvin Dees, Ed Brock, Howard McDougald, Gillis Ray, Thomas McInnis, Martin Wood and David Lindsay.

Railroad personnel attending the service in a group included Henry Blue, Forrest Lockey, Cliff Cameron, Curtis Lawhorn, J. L. Marks, Earl Hare, G. A. Dempsey and Mrs. Paul Dezerne.

Mrs. Boseman is survived by several nieces and nephews.

## Insurance Men Get Achievement Honor

William Lamont, Jr., and Neill J. Blue, agents for New York Life Insurance Company in this area, have been named as members of the company's "Star Club" of outstanding salesmen. It has been announced by E. T. Ridgway, general manager of the company's Raleigh branch. Ridgway said the recognition had been made on the basis of 1955 sales.

These two will be among the company's agents attending an educational conference at Williamsburg Sunday through Wednesday of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fann of Hartsville, S. C. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Niven Monday.

## Hoke High Wins Two Ball Games

Coach Delmer Wiles and his Hoke High baseball team made two trips in the past week and came home victorious both times. They played in Fort Bragg Friday afternoon and in Sanford on Tuesday night.

In Fort Bragg McMinis went six innings and Thornburg one, together allowing four hits. They were scattered, and the Bucks managed to hold the home team to one run while they picked up two on three scattered hits and two errors. Ronald Huffman started the sixth with a double, and Hoke scored twice on the two errors in that inning. The other two safe blows for Hoke High were by Culbreth and Thornburg.

In Sanford Tuesday night Thornburg went the whole way and allowed eight hits while his teammates were picking up 12 to win, 9-8. Phil Huffman with two hits in three trips and Culbreth with two in four were leaders at the plate.

Hoke plays in St. Pauls today and in Laurinburg Tuesday.

## Peggy Wright Dance Recitals Are Planned

The Peggy Wright School of Dance recitals will be given in Red Springs on Monday and Tuesday, May 14 and 15, and on Tuesday, June 5, the Chaminade Music Club of Raeford will sponsor a recital by the group in the auditorium at Hoke High School.

Many Hoke County children are pupils in the school, and the recital here is being sponsored by the music club to raise funds to be used in supplementing the salary of a public school music teacher here next year. The schools here do not have such a teacher this year, and club members hope Raeford and Hoke County people will attend the recital here and support the project.

## SUPPER AT BETHEL

There will be a chicken supper and fish fry at Bethel Presbyterian Church next Wednesday from 5:30 until 8:30 for the benefit of the church organ fund. The public is invited.

## INFANT STRANGE DIES

An infant son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Allen Strange of 311 Crawford Street at Moore County hospital on Sunday and died on Tuesday. Graveside service was conducted in Raeford cemetery at 5:00 o'clock Wednesday.

## County Board Acts On Various Business At Monthly Meeting

The Hoke County board of commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Monday with Balfour, Monroe, Thomas and McMillan present. A variety of items of county business came up for discussion and action, with the most important probably being the budget for 1956-57.

The board discussed and completed a tentative budget for the next fiscal year, and directed the register of deeds to place it on file in his office for public inspection until May 28, at which time the board is to meet again and approve a final budget for the year.

A delegation of colored citizens of Raeford Township north of Raeford appeared before the board asking that something be done to provide them with fire protection. County attorney Charles Hostetler explained several ways in which it is possible for this protection to be provided, and the group left without expressing a preference to the board.

The possibilities outlined by Hostetler included the payment of a special tax for the protection of an area by its residents, payment by residents to the Town for protection if this could be worked out with the town, or the formation of a community fire department.

The district fire warden appeared before the board with a budget of \$8660 for forest fire control for next year. The county's part of this will be \$2598, or \$498 more than this year, and the board approved.

The board authorized County Tax Supervisor J. W. McPhaul and his assistant, Archie Byrne, to attend a school for tax supervisors in Chapel Hill next Monday through Friday.

The board approved the lease of the building to be occupied by the board of education office for five years with heating and air conditioning equipment included.

Highway Commissioner Forrest Lockey and Engineer T. G. Poindecker appeared before the board to discuss and explain the road situation.

## LEGION TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting and supper of the Ellis Williamson American Legion Post will be held at Lake Alice next Monday night at 6:30. Commander J. D. McNeill reminds legionnaires. He urges all members to attend, and invites all who are eligible to join.

Allen McGee of St. Simons, Ga. spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Upchurch.

## CLOSING SCHEDULE OF COUNTY SCHOOLS IN MAY ANNOUNCED

### "Single Shot" Voting Law Does Apply To Hoke

The voting law passed by the last Legislature and aimed at curbing "single shot" voting does apply to Hoke County, Board of Elections Chairman W. L. Poole reminded voters of the county this week. The law, which applies to only 17 counties of the State, was brought to the attention of the public last week by Attorney General W. B. Rodman, Jr., who at that time pointed out that it did not apply to the whole State.

The law requires that where more than one position is to be filled, such as on a board of county commissioners, a voter must vote for as many candidates as there are posts to be filled, or his ballot will not be counted. "Single shot" voting is where a group of voters, backing a single candidate, vote for their man but refrain from voting for anyone else. This gives their candidate an advantage.

The law thus would require a person who only likes four candidates for a board to vote for a fifth whom he didn't like in order to be able to vote at all. It applies to the counties of Hoke, Bladen, Catawba, Columbus, Halifax, Cumberland, Duplin, Lenoir, Macon, Northampton, Onslow, Pender, Perquimans, Robeson, Scotland, Surry and Wayne.

Rodman said he had been asked to rule on the constitutionality of the law. He said that in answer to the request he called attention to a ruling of the State Supreme Court which said that "it is not the function of the attorney general to declare laws unconstitutional, but rather, to present to the court the arguments in support of the statutes."

The attorney general added that the court said, "that one could not assume that a law was void until so declared by the courts." At any rate, Chairman Poole wants voters in Hoke County to be aware that it applies here in the primary on May 26, and that voters not voting for five on boards of five will not have their ballots counted.

## Jaycees Have Ladies, Install Officers

The Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce had its annual ladies night program and installation of officers at the high school cafeteria Tuesday. Peter McLean, past president, was master of ceremonies in the absence of retiring president Angus J. Currie. Speaker was Tom Caddell of Carthage, former district president of the Jaycees.

J. Bion Brewer was installed as president at the installation ceremony conducted by Caddell. J. D. McMillan as vice-president, Everett Ferrell and Brad Morton corresponding and recording secretaries, Whiteford Jones, treasurer, Dave McMillan delegate-at-large, and Angus Currie, state director.

Entertainment was provided by two high school boys of St. Pauls, George Deaton and Harry Owen, who presented a pantomime act and a trumpet solo.

## W. A. Crowley Dies Early Wednesday; To Be Buried Today

W. A. Crowley died early Wednesday in a Fayetteville hospital after a short illness. Funeral service is being held this afternoon at Tabernacle Baptist Church at Rockfish, and burial is to follow in Raeford cemetery.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Dewey Jackson of St. Pauls, and Mrs. G. W. Ray of this county; five sons, D. L. James L., Herman and Lloyd, all of Raeford, and Carl Crowley of Chester, Pa.

Miss Bernidine Winstead of UNC, Chapel Hill spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. John Nicholson, and family.

### Some Activities Friday

The schedules of closing activities for the white, Negro and Indian schools of Hoke County were released this week through the office of County Superintendent K. A. MacDonald. The schedule of concerts, plays and exercises runs from now until climaxed by the commencement exercises at Hoke High School on May 29. Commencement at the Upchurch Colored School and at the Hoke County Indian School will be on May 30.

Operetta was presented at Ashmont School last Friday, and Seventh Grade visitation day was held in Hoke High School Tuesday. The Midhouson operetta was presented Wednesday night, and the Rockfish operetta is to be presented tonight.

The annual concert of the band and glee club at Hoke High School will be presented at 8:15 Friday night. Other items on the closing schedule for the white schools are Hoke High Class Night, May 18 at 8:15; J. W. McLaughlin School May Day program, May 21 at 8:00 p. m.; Baccalaureate sermon at Hoke High, May 27 at 11:00; Seventh Grade Promotion Day, May 28, 10:00; Seventh Grade play at Midhouson, May 28 at 8:00 p. m.; Commencement exercises at Hoke High May 29 at 8:15 p. m. May 30 will be skip day and the white schools will close on Thursday, May 31.

### Negro Activities

At Upchurch School the Junior-Senior Prom will be held on May 17. The Operetta by the fifth grade will be presented on May 21 at 8:15 p. m.; Class Night exercises on May 24 at 8:15; Baccalaureate sermon on May 27 at 4:30; eighth grade exercises May 28 at 8:15 p. m.; commencement exercises May 30 at 11:00 a. m.

Laurel Hill School will have its closing activities on May 25 at 2:30, and Shady Grove the same day at 8:00 p. m. Burlington will have class night on May 23 and the PTA banquet on May 25, both at 8:00 p. m. The Rockfish program will be May 25 at 7:30 p. m. At Bowmore the primary play will be May 24 and the closing exercises May 25, both at 8:00 p. m. The Friendship school PTA banquet will be held May 23 at 8:00 p. m. At Freedom School May Day will be May 16 at 1:00 p. m., the play will be May 28 at 8:00 p. m., and a picnic will be held May 29 at 1:00 p. m.

### Hoke County Indian School

At the Indian School the elementary play will be presented Friday, May 11, at 8:00 p. m. On Wednesday, May 23, the high school play, "The Gay Pretenders," will be presented at 8:00 p. m. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by D. F. Lowry at 8:00 p. m. on May 27, and Judge T. O. Moses will deliver the commencement address at commencement exercises on May 30, at 10:00 a. m.

## Town Board Has Routine Meet Mon.

The regular monthly meeting of the town board was held Monday night with all members present and Mayor Alfred Cole presiding.

The board heard a group representing residents of the colored section north of Raeford express interest in having the area taken into the city limits of Raeford. They were informed of the steps necessary for them to take in order to have such a proposal considered.

Board discussed the question of granting a natural gas franchise, but took no action.

Possible contribution to the National Guard unit in the new budget was discussed, and it was voted to furnish water at the armory without charge.

### MORE POLIO VACCINE

The county health department has received another shipment of polio vaccine, and can now give first, second or third shots to children one through 15 years of age. Clinics for administering the shots are held on Tuesday mornings and all day Friday.