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Addenda - -

By The Editor

Figures appearing in an article about some of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company's work in this area are quite revealing to those of us who keep trying to guess how much the population of Raeford has increased since the census of 1950 disclosed that we had 2,030 people inside the city limits.

In 1926 there were 204 telephones on the Raeford exchange. In 1946 there were 316, in 1953 there were 748, and now there are almost 1100. If you would assume that the gain between 1946 and 1953 was half by 1950—which it more than likely was not—you would have 532 telephones in 1950 when the population was 2,030. If the number of telephones per person is the same today you would have more than twice as many people today; or over 4,000. If you'll think about it, though, you'll remember that our local growth didn't really get rolling until late in 1950, so there were probably less than 532 phones here then, which would make the population even greater today when measured by this telephone yardstick. . . what ought to be done along with some of this work by the company is some arranging to run the lines from the Raeford exchange out to the county line, so people can be connected with their county seat instead of with a town in another county. . . same thing applies to a lot of mail routes, too, which would serve folks better with much of their mail if they came from their county seat instead of a post office across the county line. Both these things keep our county from having the togetherness it ought to have, and keep many residents from getting full advantages from their county seat.

Jay had a nice note from Leo Strickland, former assistant county agent, today, in which Leo says he is settled in an apartment in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and ready to get to work in the graduate school at the University there.

Enjoyed getting the following note this week from Jamie Stone, resident of Columbia, S. C., who many will remember as a former resident who went off to the war with the local National Guard unit:

"Hi Paul, I enjoy the Journal very much—keep up with what's happening in the home of old Battery 'F' 252nd C. A. Congratulations on the good job you are doing.

"The number of Raeford people residing in Columbia has increased again. James 'Little Doc' McDiarmid has recently moved here. The list now includes William 'Big Bill' McInnis, Hartman Yarborough, Billie Davis in addition to myself and Little Doc. There may be others. Just about enough to start a 'Raeford' club. Best regards."

Latest I hear from Arthur D. Gore is that he doesn't seem to be gaining much over at the Cape Fear Valley hospital. Mr. Gore said last week, I understand, that he had had one foot in the cemetery, but that he hoped to work his way back as far as the jail, at least, although he didn't know whether he would quite make it all the way to Main Street or not. He's aiming to win this battle, and we know he has many friends pulling for him.

In the current "Editor & Publisher" is the following: "Together, this Labor Day, we can publicly display our trade union beliefs, emphasize the spiritual values in which our labor movement is so firmly rooted, and move ahead in single purpose and objective.—Los Angeles Citizen (union owned)."

Philippi Fish Fry

There will be a fish fry at Philippi Presbyterian Church this Friday evening. Supper will be served from 5:30 until 8:00 o'clock.

PTO Meeting Monday

The first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Organization for this school year will be held Monday night at the McLaughlin School at 7:45.

Recorder Hears Full Docket Of Liquor Charges

Temperance crusaders could have had a field day at the weekly session of Hoke County's Recorder's Court Tuesday for there were no less than eleven cases involving liquor. Judge Harry Greene presided over the all-day session of court.

Thad Bain, colored, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and using profane and indecent language. He was found not guilty. Bain also was charged with arson and pled not guilty. The court found probable cause and he is being held for the next term of Hoke Superior Court.

Willie Archie Purcell, colored, charged with public drunkenness and carrying a concealed weapon, pled guilty to both charges. For being drunk, Judge Greene suspended the sentence on the payment of costs. For carrying a concealed weapon, Purcell was sentenced to 60 days on the roads suspended on the payment of \$25 and costs.

Charles Goodman, colored, pled guilty of public drunkenness. Judgment was suspended on the payment of costs. To a charge of non-support of his wife, William J. Carlisle, white, pled not guilty and he was found not guilty by the court.

Alexander McDonald, white, pled guilty of failing to stop for a stop sign. Judgment was suspended on the payment of costs.

Charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, Cecil Grey Benton, white, pled guilty. He was sentenced to six months on the roads suspended on the payment of \$100 and costs. His operator's license will be revoked for twelve months.

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2 Tobacco Thefts; Sheriff Suggests Care For Crops

Thefts of tobacco are still going on and there were two losses last week as thieves struck in two parts of the county for a haul of at least 150 pounds of graded tobacco in each case.

Saturday night, a locked pack house on the farm of Cline Boyles was broken into and about 250 pounds of tobacco were stolen. The Boyles farm is near Dundarrach. R. D. Strother, whose farm is in the Five Points section, reported the loss of about 150 or 200 pounds from his pack house Friday night. The tobacco was taken across a field to a road where it was apparently loaded on a vehicle for transportation.

Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin and the rural policemen have been working on the thefts. Hodgkin stated that farmers should take care that picked cotton is taken out of the field and to the house at the end of the day. He added that although the tobacco season is nearly over, cotton is still being harvested and farmers should make sure no cotton picked during the day is left beside the road at night.

Young Democrats Elect Officers; To Support Allen

J. D. McMillian, Bion Brewer, and Bobby McNeill will direct the activities of the Hoke Young Democratic Club for the next club year. The three were elected officers of the club at a meeting of the Hoke YDC's at the courthouse Monday night. McMillian is the president, Brewer the vice-president, and McNeill the secretary and treasurer.

J. K. McNeill, Jr., the outgoing president, presided over the election of the new officers and the other matters taken up at the meeting.

Delegates to the state convention in Greensboro were instructed to vote for Louis T. Allen of Albemarle county for state president. The convention is slated for October 24 and a large number of local members are expected to attend.

The treasurer's report was given by J. W. McPhaul, the outgoing treasurer. His statement to the club showed that it was in good financial standing.



New Chamber Members — J. H. Raeford Chamber of Commerce. During the drive Tuesday they were visited by J. H. Austin, a volunteer worker for the Chamber. In the photo above, Blue gives a check for dues in the Chamber and Buoy receives membership card and window display card.

COUNTY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS 33 LESS THAN 1957 - 1958

On opening day of Hoke county schools this year there was an overall reduction in the number of pupils registering for classes. There were 33 less than registered for the school year 1957-58. K. A. McDonald, superintendent of Hoke schools stated that the reduction was due to the large number of colored students who had stayed out of school to work on crops. He added that by the end of the year there would be more students in the schools than last year.

Both white and Indian schools showed an increase in the total number of pupils the first day. Of the white schools, only Rockfish and Ashmont showed decreases this year as compared with last year. Ashmont had three less than last year with 106 reporting.

Ballantine Among Farm Leaders To Hear Soils Report

A meeting here of a soil fertility group will bring several state agricultural leaders to the county for a first-hand report from Hoke farmers on the soil testing program conducted as a part of the rural development plan of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce. Hoke's extension soil testing program has gained national attention and the state's farm leaders will get the reaction of the farmers at the Mildouson School Monday night and during the day Tuesday when the group will tour the county to see various fertilizer demonstrations. The tour will be conducted by the County Farm Bureau.

The program to be presented will be the same to be given by local men at a southeastern district meeting in Atlanta, October 31. Officers of all farm organizations and the agriculture committees of all civic clubs have been invited to the dutch supper at the school Monday evening at 6:30. The N. C. Soil Fertility Advisory Committee and the Allendale-Antioch Ruritan Club will meet together.

The Advisory Committee is a volunteer group made up of representatives of all fertilizer companies selling in this area. John Reitzel, assistant commissioner of agriculture, is a member. The committee sets the standards and determines the grades of fertilizer used in North Carolina.

Farm leaders expected for the meeting are Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine; E. Y. Floyd, director of the Plant Foods Institute; J. W. Fitts, head of the Soils Department at N. C. State College; Vasser Shearon of the Farm Bureau; Franklin Teague of the State Grange; Clyde Stutts of the N. C. Bankers Association; and C. B. Ratchford, assistant director of the Agriculture Extension Service.

Chamber Drive Results Good

Results of the "Chamber of Commerce Day," held Tuesday were excellent for the time and number of people involved. Phil Rieg, manager, said today. Rieg said that seven new members had been added to the roster of the Chamber, and that there had been 18 renewals of membership by a payment being made on dues.

The concerted drive was done by volunteer workers from the Chamber membership during the day. Those working were R. B. Lewis, Bobby Carter, J. L. McNeill, C. E. Niven, J. I. Hubbard, Marion Gatlin, Kermit Wood, J. H. Austin, Younger Snead, Bernard Bray, John Campbell and Paul Dickson.

New members of the Chamber as a result of the drive are Huffman's Esso Servicenter, Blue and White Laundrette, Conoly's Esso Servicenter, Blake and Webb Pure Oil Station, Buoy and Blue Amoco Service, The Diner, and Dean C. White, local representative for Dixie Container Corp. A contribution was also received from Neill McFadyen.

Boosters To See Films Of Game At Supper Monday

The Boosters Club of Raeford will have a dutch supper at the Hoke High School cafeteria Monday evening at 6:30. A. W. Wood, Jr., president, announced this week.

Films of the Rockingham game will be shown with commentary by the coaches. A member of the N. C. State College coaching staff will also discuss Wolfpack prospects and show films.

At present there are 71 members of the club and the membership campaign is still going on. Any member who is not reached by one of the officers by Monday may call Wood or W. T. Gibson, Jr. to reserve a plate.

The following have joined the club in the past week: G. C. Lytle, Dean, C. White, Paul Dezerne, W. L. Moses, R. L. Hales, C. A. Hostetter, W. C. Phillips, Dr. William Barry, Dr. Julius Jordan, Lewis Upchurch, Archie Howard, Fred M. Cubreth, Jim Williamson, C. L. Thomas, C. E. Upchurch, Jr., N. L. McFadyen, W. T. Gibson, Jr., Collins Dept. Store, James H. Irby, Tony Drake, Ashwell B. Harward, John F. Campbell, L. M. Lester, Julian Squires, Robert Gatlin, Dr. D. W. Whitehead, Dr. R. L. Murry, Marion Wood, Jimmy Plummer, Horace Stogner, Ralph Plummer and Ralph Stephens.

N. C. State Alumni Make Season's Plans

Hoke County's N. C. State College Alumni Association met Tuesday night to plan the activity for this fall and winter.

The first thing planned is a fish fry at Upchurch Airport October 8. Money raised will go into the fund for the Talent for Service Scholarship. Robert Gatlin is in charge of the arrangements.

Everett Case is expected for a meeting of the group in November.

Wyatt Upchurch is making plans for the group to attend a basketball game in Raleigh as a unit.

Hoke High 26 Lumberton 0

Bucks To Go To Rockingham Friday Night

Campaign Group For United Fund Is Announced

Appointment of the members of the campaign committee for the Hoke County United Fund drive were announced this week by John Flannery, president of the Fund. Flannery said that the drive would be conducted during October, and that exact dates are to be announced next week.

The president said that Paul Dickson would head the drive as campaign chairman, and that six divisions would be made in conducting the drive. The Industrial Division will be headed by John Morgan, Jr., vice president of the Raeford Worst Division of Pacific Mills, and Tom Cameron, president and general manager of Upchurch Milling Company, serving as co-chairmen.

Carlton Niven, of Baucom Appliance Company, will serve as chairman of the Commercial Division of the drive. Sam Morris, of The News-Journal, will serve as chairman of the Public Employees Division. Morris, county Democratic chairman, has just completed a term as president of the Hoke County United Fund.

Dr. Julius Jordan, Raeford dentist and former president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club, will serve as chairman of the Professional and Individual Division.

Chairman of the County Areas Division will be M. D. Yates, Hoke County clerk of the Superior Court.

John Campbell, treasurer, will serve as chairman of the auditing committee, and a publicity and poster committee is to be announced.

A. H. McPhaul, chairman of the Budget and Admissions committee of the fund, announced last week that all possible participating agencies had been contacted and asked to present their requests for the budget at the meeting of the committee at the courthouse at 7:30 on Monday night, September 15.

McPhaul asked these organizations to submit their requests in writing, giving facts about their programs and justification for the amounts of money requested. McPhaul said the committee would like to include every organization which has a legitimate appeal for financial support from the citizens of Hoke County.

In accepting the leadership of the drive, Dickson said he felt that the people of Hoke County have accepted "the United way" of giving as the most practical, and the fairest to all groups who do (Continued On Back Page)

Hoke High's Bucks took right off on the opening gun of the 1958 football season running, blocking and tackling like they meant it, and displaying what looked like mid-season condition as they shellacked the Lumberton Pirates in a conference game at Armory Park here Friday night before an almost record crowd, 26-0.

Next outing for the Bucks will find the meat a little tougher to chew, as they take on the always-tough Rockingham Rockets in Rockingham Friday night. Rockingham ran over Benettsville 7-6 Friday night, but Coach Floyd Wilson's Hoke boys are aiming to slow them down.

In Friday night's game the Bucks took the opening kickoff and drove for a touchdown, followed by a perfect placement by quarterback Bill Hodgkin, following which there was no holding again in the second quarter and twice in the fourth. Hodgkin's kicking of two of the points after made the score 26-0.

The game was sparked by the running of Mike Wood and Johnny Sams, and most spectacular play was a pass from quarterback Hodgkin to Jimmy Davis which was good for 55 yards and a touchdown. The entire team showed the snap and hard play indicative of good conditioning and will win.

Hoke made 17 first downs to four for Lumberton, and gained 219 yards on the ground to 66 for Lumberton. Hoke completed three out of six passes and intercepted two, to two out of nine for the visitors. Hoke was penalized 60 yards to 40 for Lumberton.

Lumberton guard Glenn Moore and quarterback Richard Sessoms were both sent to the Robeson Hospital, Moore with a hurt elbow and Sessoms with a bad knee. Both are out of the hospital but are expected to be out of action for three weeks.

Scoring for Hoke was two by Wood on runs of 12 and 3 yards; Hodgkin on a 1-yard run; Davis on a pass from Hodgkin for 55 yards; Extra points. Hodgkin, 2.

Red Cross First Aid School Well Attended

Clyde Upchurch, Jr. reports that over 20 local people completed the Red Cross first aid course held here recently. Thurmond Bishop of the Federal Fire Department and Rescue Squad conducted the course.

Among the ones taking the course were a group from the Sanatorium, members of the local rescue squad, and representatives of the county civil defense unit.

Tommy Harris and Stacey Koonce spent the week end in Asheville with Chap Nobel.



Stars in Lumberton Game — 26-0. Left to right are Mike Wood, Bill Hodgkin, Jimmy Davis, and Johnny Sams. Wood scored two touchdowns and Bill Hodgkin scored one. Jimmy Davis caught a pass

from Hodgkin good for 55 yards. Johnny Sams gained 101 yards on rushing and 30 on passing. The two extra points were kicked over by Hodgkin.