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Addenda . . .

By The Editor

In clearing my desk yesterday afternoon to see that I had everything in the paper that I intended to put in, I came across a note about the American Legion meeting and election of officers which I had intended to put in last week. Only thing I can say is that I was beginning to get the National Guard week end at Fort Bragg on my mind and must not have cleaned my desk last week. Being sorry never helped any that I know of. Was unintentional, though.

News-Journal Cemetery Fund contributions from Robert M. Peele and W. R. Sanders in the amount of \$5 each, and \$2 from an anonymous donor. All are appreciated.

Year and tear on lawnmowers out there is something terrific. I guess one gets as much work from D. H. Williamson there in a couple of weeks as it would on a home lawn in a whole summer. The only thing we can use very well at the cemetery is the light home type, too, because of the monuments, fences, trees and other obstructions which a bigger golf course-type mower wouldn't get around.

Nice letter from Annie Neal Siskron in Shreveport, La., this week tells how much she looks forward to and enjoys The News-Journal every week, and particularly since we have been having so many pictures. She wound up with a complaint about the scrap paper we use for wrapping the single copies. She said they break open occasionally and she received them tied with a string by the Post Office Department. In one recent case she was somewhat disappointed to find "The Mountain Eagle," from some place in Kentucky, in The News-Journal's wrapper. We'll do better, Annie Neal, and that's a promise. Annie Neal, by the way, is the daughter of the late Walter Campbell, of Raeford and is the sister of Mrs. Bob Russell of Donaldson Avenue.

Another former resident, Melvin Dewar of Gainesville, Ga., sent me a page from The Atlanta Constitution of April 29. It contained a full page ad shouting the virtues of "Why summer suits of Raeford two-eighties cost more and are worth more than they cost." It's interesting to know that Raeford Worsted Corporation is giving their fine summer suiting, and Raeford along with it, such broad advertising. Melvin's wife is one of the McPhail girls from the Puppy Creek Philosopher's neighborhood, if my memory serves me correctly.

Robert Gatlin came in with a fish story Tuesday, which he said he could prove by Harry Greene, who was with him. He said he caught two bass on one plug at the same time Sunday morning. He also said it was a very small plug with only two sets of hooks, a "Baby Dalton," I believe he called it. One of the fish weighed a pound five pounds, he said, and the other about a pound. About 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning, I believe he said, somewhere up in Wake County.

To all who tried to vote and found they were not registered, please let me extend my sympathy. I made two comments in this column about the fact that the county book used for primaries and general elections, with the Town as a voting place, was not good enough to vote in Tuesday's town election, and a paid notice from the town registrar said the same thing. I understand there were about 40 in this same boat, and that some were so unhappy they suggested they weren't being allowed to vote. Mrs. Harrison, the registrar, was afraid they wouldn't vote "right." Well, it's hard, but it's fair.

Hoke Lady Dies After Illness In Asheville

Mrs. Agnes Blue Hendrix of the Arabia community died Tuesday in St. Joseph's hospital in Asheville. 85 years of age, she had been ill for two weeks. She was the oldest living member of the Sandy Grove Church at the time of her death. The funeral was held there Wednesday with the pastor, the Rev. C. B. Long, officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. She is survived by six sons, James Hendrix of Raeford, Brown, Dewey, Wilmer and J. R. Hendrix of Arabia, and B. T. Hendrix of Asheville; two daughters, Mrs. Susie Rayburn of Dublin and Mrs. Lida Jackson of Four Oaks; 26 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.



Tangles With Truck — The driver of the car above, by his own admission, dozed at the wheel and when he awoke he was just a few feet away from a collection with

a truck. The efforts of James Haney, soldier at Bragg, to avoid hitting the truck on 401 three miles south of Raeford, were unsuccessful and the smash-up occurred at 12:30 a.m. Sunday. Haney and two companions were hospitalized and two of the three are critically injured.

Dozing At Wheel Causes Car-Truck Collision Sunday

A soldier dozing at the wheel of his car, caused a wreck just after midnight Saturday in which he and one of two companions were critically injured.

The wreck occurred three miles south of Raeford near the same spot where seven youths were killed in a wreck in 1954, according to J. E. Dupree, investigating officer.

James Adair Haney, 19, stationed at Fort Bragg, told Dupree that he went to sleep at the wheel and when he awoke he was just a few feet away from a tractor-trailer truck.

The truck's driver, John Retch, 29, of New Providence, Pa., told Dupree that he saw the car come into his lane and he swerved his vehicle attempting to avoid a collision. The car crashed into the left wheel of the tractor.

The impact of the crash threw Haney against the steering post of the auto breaking the wheel.

Haney was sent to Scotland Memorial Hospital where he was reported to have a severe brain concussion, a broken nose, and multiple cuts. One of his companions, Robert Adkins, also of Bragg, suffered a severe brain concussion. The third man, Roger Myers, another soldier, was hospitalized with a broken jaw and brain concussion. Haney and Adkins were placed on the critical list.

The Ford men were driving with a total loss and \$2500 damage was done to the truck. No charges have been preferred by Dupree.

Committees For Two Hoke Schools Named By Board

Two school committees have been appointed by the Board of Education. Committee of Mildouson School consists of O. B. Maxwell, John Glisson, and W. L. Smith. Serving for the next term at the Hawkeye School will be Elisha Dial, Roderick Locklear, and Lonnie Locklear.

Monday night the home economics club at Hoke High School served supper to members of the Hoke Board, the local school board, the county commissioners, the town attorney and the clerk of Superior court.

Following the supper members of the county Board of Education held their regular meeting. The auditing contract for the year, 1959-60 was awarded to Williams and Wall of Raleigh. Superintendent K. A. MacDonald reported on progress made at the site planned for the Scurlock School.

Baptist Offering To Help Needy Sick At Hospital In Winston

The Raeford Baptist Church will join other churches of the Robeson association in a special Mother's Day offering to go to the benefit of Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem this Sunday.

The state-wide offering of Baptist churches enables the hospital to carry on an extensive aid program to needy patients, according to the Rev. John M. Glenn.

Grange To Meet May 8

The Ashmont Grange will meet Friday evening, May 8, at 8 o'clock in the Grange Hall at Ashmont School.

Cole, McNeill, Gatlin Lead Tuesday Vote

Mayor Alfred Cole and two members of the present board of commissioners led the ticket in the Town of Raeford election Tuesday. In what is generally taken as a vote of confidence for the present administration, all three members of the present board who are running were returned to office.

Mayor Cole got most votes in the election, with 291 to 60 for his opponent, Floyd Holland.

John K. McNeill, Jr., was high in the race for commissioner, with 270, followed by Marion Gatlin with 253. Next came J. D. McNeill with 238 and Clyde Upchurch, Jr., with 218, the two new members of the board.

Angus Currie of the present board edged with Carlton Niven by eight votes to keep his seat. Currie got 209 to Niven's 201. This was Currie's first time to be elected to the board, as he was chosen by the other board members to fill out the unexpired term of Truman Austin.

Following Niven were Bryan McLamb with 134, J. Bion Brewer with 131 and Heston Rose with 73. A total of 361 ballots were cast in the election. Of these one was disqualified for voting for six candidates for the board and six for

Safety Check Lane Week Of May 11-15

The annual safety check lane will be set up on Main Street in front of the courthouse Monday morning for voluntary inspection by motorists of their cars. Inspectors from three local garages will be on duty all through the week. From 8:00 until 9:30 each morning and 2:30-5:30 each afternoon mechanics will inspect each vehicle for brakes, front and rear lights, steering, tires, exhaust system, glass and windshield wipers, rear view mirror and horn.

Sponsored this year by the Kiwanis Club, the check lane will have the assistance of the Key Club and town police and highway patrolmen. Hoke Auto, Raeford Auto, and McNeill and Willis Garage will furnish the men to inspect the cars.

County Board Will Set Rate Tomorrow

Discussion of possibly including retirement benefits for county employees or some county employees, and lack of complete information about the retirement requirements caused the Hoke County Board of Commissioners to defer adoption of the budget for 1959-60 at their regular monthly meeting Monday.

A special meeting for the purpose of adopting the budget and setting the new tax rate was called for Friday at 5:00 o'clock.

Raises had been contemplated for some employees under the merit system, and the question of retirement benefits had also been discussed. Decision as to which or a combination of the two could not be decided until a clarification of certain regulations could be obtained. County's part of the retirement scheme would be about \$4,500 annually for all employees, or about \$260 a year for health and welfare employees, for whom the plan was first considered.

The board passed a motion allowing Tom Hall to pay his back taxes, penalty and interest at a rate of \$20 or more a month.

Anna Brown's tax was released, as it was also listed to her husband, John Brown.

Sitting as a board of equalization and review, the board allowed a reduction in valuation of J. H. Blue's farm in Allendale Township from \$14,095 to \$13,625 due to an error in computing the barn and feed stalls.

Other valuation revisions for improvements and additions were approved.

Motion was passed to order new 4-door Chevrolet for rural police use, the Ford in present use to be sold.

Building and grounds committee was authorized to contract the painting of the exterior trim of

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the courthouse and the necessary painting on the interior of the county office building.

The board passed a motion requiring all county departments to submit a monthly report on all long distance telephone calls.

Board of Education was authorized to transfer surplus funds from one school account to cover deficit in another, with no change in overall school appropriations. Reports of farm and home agents were presented to the board.

J. H. Austin, of the Library board of trustees, appeared asking for a \$500 increase in the annual library appropriation.

The clerk was directed to ask the highway commission to install tile in Booker T. Rooker's driveway and to remind the commission of the request for tile in the driveway at Antioch church.

Wheeler Elected To Post In Methodist Conference Agency

The Rev. Kermit Wheeler, pastor of the Raeford Methodist Church, has been elected director of the Golden Cross for the North Carolina Conference. He is one of nine directors in the Conference and succeeds Russell Dicks, professor at Duke University.

The Golden Cross administers money donated by the Methodist Church for the aid of patients requiring hospitalization and unable to meet the expenses of a hospital stay.

Church To Sponsor Supper

A supper of fried chicken will be held May 15 at Community Chapel Methodist Church near Five Points, according to the pastor, the Rev. Jack Martin. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Recorder Hears Traffic, Liquor Law Violators

The docket for Hoke Recorder's Court was heavy after a session had been missed due to the holding of Superior Court here last week. Even with the larger number of cases, the session was concluded just after one o'clock.

Ed Jacobs, Indian, pled guilty of trespassing and was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, to be suspended on the payment of \$10 and costs.

Charged with driving under the influence of liquor, James Edward Smith, colored, pled guilty and got a sentence of six months on the roads.

John Howard McNulty filed notice of appeal to Superior Court after being found guilty of driving under the influence of liquor. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs.

David Odell Johnson, white, was charged with driving under the influence of liquor, speeding 80 mph in a 60 zone, and violation of the prohibition laws. He was found not guilty of drunken driving, guilty of the other two counts. A sentence of nine months on the roads was to be suspended on the payment of \$50 and the costs.

LeRoy Langley, Indian, pled guilty of violation of the prohibition laws. Judgment was suspended on the payment of the costs.

Walter Lee Cook, colored, pled guilty of speeding 85 mph in a 60 zone. His sentence of 90 days on the roads was to be suspended on the payment of \$50 and the costs.

Charged with driving under the influence of liquor, Mills D. McEachin, colored, pled guilty and a sentence of six months on the roads was to be suspended on the payment of \$100 and the costs.

Jack Thomas Davis, white, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and judgment was suspended on the payment of \$15 and the costs.

Claude Dial, Indian, pled guilty of failing to report his earnings while drawing unemployment benefits. Judgment was suspended on the payment of \$20 and the costs. James Graham, colored, was found guilty of the same offense and sentenced to 60 days on the roads to be suspended on the payment of \$40 and the costs.

Richard Joy, colored, was charged with non-support of his children. He was found guilty and (Continued on Page 4)

Town Estimate Is \$26,000 Higher

Water Sales, Surplus, Keep Rate \$1.05; Plan To Add Policeman, Improve Facilities

Chamber Dinner To Hear Merchant Of Fayetteville



JOHN G. ORMSBY

John G. Ormsby, manager of the J. C. Penny Co. store in Fayetteville and a director of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, is to be the speaker at the annual meeting and dinner of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce at the McLaughlin School Monday night, Phil Rieg, Chamber manager, has announced.

Rieg says that the meeting will begin at 7:00 o'clock and that tickets are being sold by Chamber directors and are available at the office. He says that tickets will be available until 5:00 o'clock Friday.

Ormsby is well acquainted in Raeford, having attended Davidson College with several local citizens. He grew up in Wilmington, and graduated from high school there and from Davidson.

He began work in 1934 with Penny's in Wilmington, moving to Charleston with the firm four years later. After two years in Charleston he became manager of Penny's in New Bern where he stayed for 10 years until coming to Fayetteville nine years ago.

In New Bern he was president of the Merchants Association in 1944, and was president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1944, the year the New Bern Chamber was reorganized and employed Charles McCullers. McCullers is the manager of the Kinston Chamber who gave so much help to the local Chamber in its reorganization on a professional basis two years ago.

Mr. Ormsby has been a director of the Fayetteville Chamber for six years and of the Merchants Association of the Chamber for 7 years. He is present chairman of the agriculture committee, and was chairman of the first fat stock show sponsored by the Fayetteville Chamber five years ago.

He has been active in Chamber of Commerce work for many years, and has recently been called on to speak to professional Chamber people on what a business man expects from his Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Ormsby is the former Rosa Walton of Florida, and they have a son, Dr. John W. Ormsby of Seattle, Washington, and a daughter, Mrs. S. M. Verdi, wife of a naval officer at Charleston Navy Yard.

Key Club Plans Drive To Start Scholarship

A drive will be conducted next week by the members of the Hoke Key Club to raise money for a scholarship fund. Club members will canvass homes asking for contributions of a dollar for the fund.

The drive is patterned after a similar fund-raising effort followed in Aracadia, Calif. with success. A decal suitable for an auto windshield bearing the slogan "I helped a scholar with a dollar." will be given those who contribute.

Administration of the fund raised will be left to a committee consisting of W. T. Gibson, principal of Hoke High School; J. H. Austin, president of the Kiwanis Club; Mrs. Tom Cameron, guidance counselor at Hoke High; and Mrs. J. C. McLean and Mrs. D. G. McFadyen, senior sponsors at the school.

Allen McDonald, Key Club president, stated that the goal for the week's canvassing is \$500.

The Board of commissioners of the Town of Raeford at their regular monthly meeting Monday night passed an ordinance increasing the budget for the present fiscal year from \$140,810 to \$150,975.

They also approved an estimated budget for the fiscal year 1959-60 of \$160,000, and approved a tentative tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100 valuation, the same as this year.

The neat trick of a \$26,000 larger budget and increase of \$10,000 in the old one while maintaining the same rate was accomplished by a combination of circumstances.

The extra \$10,000 for the 1959-59 budget was spent for land for a sewage disposal plant and for equipment for the water system from money brought in and expected from water sales during the year. The water sales had brought in the entire \$55,000 budgeted for the year by May 1, at the end of ten months, and with two months to go the \$10,000 needed seems fairly certain to come in.

For the net increase of about \$26,000 in the estimated new budget, there was a total of \$27,000 increase shown in expected revenue. This appears as \$8,000 (round figures) increase for current and prior years' taxes, \$7,000 increase in water sales, and \$12,700 in surplus funds from prior years saved for a larger sanitary sewer main in the southeast section of town.

Expenditures of the \$29,000 appear, in addition to the sewer main, as \$3,000 for a fourth policeman, \$4,000 for improving the storm sewer system, and \$9,000 for water department capital outlay. This \$9,000 includes \$4,000 for work expected to be done as a result of the planned new county high school.

The new budget also allows for merit system increases in salaries of some town employees.

The estimate appears in this issue, and is also on file in detail in the office of the town clerk for examination by citizens prior to the June 1 meeting of the board, at which time the final budget will be adopted and the tax rate set.

Mayor Cole presided over the meeting and all were present except A. V. Sanders, absent due to illness.

Other business included the presentation of a liability insurance program for the town by J. W. Canaday, on which the board deferred action until hearing other proposals.

The addition of street lights at the corner of Wright Street and Bethune Avenue, in the alley back of I. Mann's store, and on Dickson Street near the town dumping station.

Employment of Williams & Wall to audit the town's books for 1958-59 was approved.

The board approved expenses for the town clerk to attend the school for municipal finance officers at the Institute of Government on May 13-15.

A poll tax on all male citizens between 21 and 50 years of age was approved.

Maxwell Declared Not Guilty; Civil Term Ends Friday

The jury, seated for the trial of Oscar Benton Maxwell in the closing case of Hoke Superior Court, criminal term, deliberated for about three hours before finding him not guilty.

The case went to the jury Wednesday afternoon of last week and they had not reached a decision before the day's session was adjourned. Thursday morning, the jury went into session again and reached a decision about 10:30.

In the highlight of the civil term, two suits brought against the estate of Mrs. Sallie McLean, were settled when the filers of the suits, F. B. Sexton and wife, Mrs. Mabel Sexton, agreed on a payment of \$500 each from the estate.

Other civil action was taken up Friday, the closing day of the session.

Lumber Bridge Supper

A supper with proceeds going to the Cancer Drive will be held at Marley's Store in Lumber Bridge, May 13. Barbecue and fried chicken will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m.