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Addenda

By The Editor

Since the rules for joining the National Guard have recently been changed to allow former members of the Guard or other services to join with their prior service ratings there have been quite a few former military and naval fellows to get in the local tank battalion headquarters company, I am told by Chief Warrant Officer Roger W. Dixon, administrator of the company.

Roger asked me to mention the fact in the paper, as there might be others interested in getting in and drawing a day's pay for a drill at their old rate. Those signing up in the last week or two are Hollis Martin, Edwin Whitley, Robert L. Haincock, William L. Monroe, John W. Caddell, William H. Bruton, and Raeford Policeman Marvin C. Grissom. Others interested may get the details from Dixon at the armory here any day.

Most of us in the Guard are right peculiar about it, you know. We are in, and we seldom say much to anyone else about it, figuring if they were interested they would find out for themselves, and not wanting to get anyone who doesn't really feel like he wants to be a member. We cuss it and discuss it, but most of us who get in stay in because it's a lot of fun and because, I guess, most are just big boys when you get right down to it.

Being just big boys, we get a real kick out of getting to work with about the finest set of big toys you could imagine—tanks and two-way radios for just about everyone, and bazookas and jeeps. Of course, getting off with the boys every now and then has its appeal, too, and we are now looking forward to running all over Georgia in those motorized shooting the big 80 millimeter guns and machine guns next summer.

The reason I am making this pitch although I couldn't be more sincere, is that we have an outfit which is recognized as one of the finest in the United States, by the Army, and we get equipment which is better and get it quicker than most others. To keep this enviable status we must maintain a high level of manpower as well as a high level of training efficiency. We are anxious to keep our high standing and priority of equipment, and we would like to have a few more men who are really interested to help us. That's another thing we like about the Guard; it's purely voluntary. The men in it want to be in it, and my guess is that's the biggest reason we do so well at our training.

Flag waving is out of my line, as it is with most Guardsmen, but I feel that it should be of some comfort to the people of this country to have us equipped, trained and ready in case something happens. That is even more important in the coastal areas of our country. Guardsmen are the minutemen of today just as much as the original minutemen were two hundred years ago, and many of us remember that the Army which fought the war in 1942 was made up in large majority of National Guardsmen. Without these Guardsmen our country could never have stayed in the war long enough to train the army which won it.

We feel some pride in the fact that we are trained and ready today to meet any need our country may have for us. We'll welcome others who may want to get in and help.

My biggest apologies for mishaps in connection with last week's paper must go to my old friend and contemporary, Jake Austin for leaving his name, out when the list of trustees of the county public library was printed. Jake is not only a member of this board, but is the one who does most of the work, being bookkeeper and treasurer for the library. He does a fine job, which the community should know about and appreciate, and I am truly sorry we left out his name.

Another item which is still right on my desk where I had it put in last week is about the local Parent-Teacher meeting, which was Tuesday night this time instead of Monday as usual, and thus needed a little more advance publicity. That's the way it happens, it seems—we don't forget or mix up the ones that don't matter, just those which do. One thing certain, I'll bet there are more opportunities for mis-

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Lion of the Year . . . At the annual Ladies Night banquet held at McLaughlin School last week, the Lions Club selected B. J. Davis as the man of the year and presented this trophy to him recognizing his work on the several Lions projects. With him in the photo is the Lion tamer, Ashwell Harward, who presented the award, and the club's president, Luke Wood.

Farmers Passing Up Opportunity For Tax Return

"It has gone over far better than I expected it to," Alfred K. Leach said of the Hoke Farmers Club. The second meeting of the new organization drew nearly 60 farmers for supper Monday night at Hoke High School.

Announcements were made of an adult welding course and a workshop on tax returns for the next meeting.

W. P. Phillips, Hoke High vocational agriculture teacher, told farmers present that all should notify him if they are interested in taking the course, on welding which is to be started at the next meeting.

Leach, Hoke farmer and assistant agriculture teacher at Hoke High, told members of the club that at the next meeting they should bring their gasoline receipts so that the amount of tax due the farmers could be filed for.

Leach stated that he had made an informal survey of the county and found that less than one-tenth of the farmers ever file for money due them from gasoline taxes.

One farmer Leach mentioned would have been eligible for several hundred dollars if he had filed for it.

Report On Experiment
President Bernice Williamson presented to the group the results of five experiments on cotton.

County Agent W. C. Williford showed results of soy bean and corn tests on light land.

The agent also introduced the new wildlife supervisor for the county, Bobby Lee Walters. Roy Bennett of N. C. State College Extension Service presented a program on tobacco, explaining the function of the plant, bed and giving yields for certain varieties. He also told of diseases that attack tobacco.

He was introduced by Eli Shankle, program chairman.

Oil Man Answers Price Charge

A voice of protest was raised at a civic club here last week to the charge of price fixing placed on major oil companies by the attorney general, Malcolm Seawell. Archie Thornhill, personnel manager for Esso in the Carolinas spoke at the Thursday meeting of the Kiwanis Club on Crawford Thomas program.

After delivering a speech that sounded as if it were prepared for sales trainees, so filled was it with platitudes such as "it is the leader who can inspire interest and excitement in others" and "the most characteristic theme of our time is that the impossible has become the routine", Thornhill got down to business and waded into the attorney general's charge that the oil companies have been fixing prices by collusion.

He said that the oil companies found themselves leaning on a law that was contrary to their conception of fair trade.

The first question was from R. B. Lewis who asked what caused the variance of prices from county to county, since there are so many Esso distributors.

A vague sort of reply was given this question by Thornhill who stated that something called the "temporary voluntary discount" accounted for the difference in price. This "discount" cost Esso

Lions Honor Davis; Entertain Ladies

Library To Observe Holiday

The Hoke Library will be closed December 24, 25, and 26, it was announced today by Mrs. Luke Bethune, librarian.

Board Members Are Hosts To Firemen At Annual Supper

Raeford's commissioners were hosts to volunteer firemen at a supper at Hoke High School cafeteria Monday night. The annual event is a custom of many years standing, according to Charles Morrison, town clerk.

Vance Wiggins had charge of preparing the supper for the firemen.

Hoke Patrolman Nabs Killer Suspect

A man charged with murder of a Harnett County woman and a man in Scotland County and his three companions were arrested in Hoke County Friday morning by W. T. Herbin, highway patrolman.

State and county officers had suspected Leroy Jones, colored, with the murder of Frank Allred, a one-arm peddler in Scotland County and broadcast a description of the car Jones was using over the highway patrol radio.

Herbin spotted the car on the bypass of US 401 and followed it some miles north toward the Cumberland County line where he stopped and arrested Jones and his companions.

None of the four men, all farm laborers, gave him any trouble, the officer stated. He took them to the Scotland County line and turned them over to that county's sheriff.

After Jones was taken into

custody, Herbin said he confessed to the slaying of Mrs. C. M. Dupree, wife of a Harnett County farmer. The negro man also robbed her of about \$100, according to police investigation.

Charged with robbery and being accessories before and after the murders were Albert Bailey, 21; Charles Thomas, 22; and Willie Gibson, all of Angier, as is Jones, who is 24.

Galatia Pageant Christmas Pageant Will Be Presented by Galatia Church members at the Rockfish School auditorium Sunday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Choirs To Sing Sunday
Children's choirs at the Raeford Presbyterian Church will present "The Music of Christmas" Sunday evening, December 20, 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Kerr Stevens the director of the choirs.

the Piedmont. The oil man answered that the Piedmont has a lot of "Mom and Pop" stations. These are a headache to the oil companies because they are usually combination of gas station and restaurant or grocery. Because of making profits from other sales, they can juggle the price of gasoline pretty much as it pleases them. In turn this forces the independent dealer to lower his prices, which in turn makes the brand-name dealer lower his prices.

Thornhill added that the major oil companies were to blame for that situation, since they never should have installed the gas pumps in the "Mom and Pop" stations to begin with.

He further stated that Esso was just trying to make a profit and a 1.5 per cent return on \$45 million wasn't much of a profit. At this Marion Gatlin asked if they had ever thought of going into the drug business.

M. D. Yates asked if independent dealers have their own refineries since the major oil companies do not supply them.

Thornhill answered that many of them are supplied by companies that deal with independents entirely. He remained after the meeting to answer questions others might have.

Clyde Upchurch, Jr. asked why most price wars start in

Recorder Hears Light Docket At Tuesday Session

The judge of Recorder's Court and the other officers had time for an afternoon of fishing following the Tuesday session. Only six cases were heard during the morning session.

Edgar Linney, colored, pled guilty of non-support of his wife and children. A sentence of six months on the roads is to be suspended on payment of \$20 a month for support of the wife and children.

Terry Lee Ogletree, white, pled guilty of failing to yield the right of way resulting in a collision. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs of court.

Herman W. Crowley, white, pled guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol. A sentence of six months on the roads was to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs.

William Gullede, white, pled guilty of assault on a female. Judgment was suspended on payment of \$125 and the costs.

William F. McVickers, white, pled guilty of driving without registration card and having no liability insurance. A sentence of 90 days on the roads was to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

Malcolm Laney, white, pled guilty of non-support. A sentence of a year on the roads is to be suspended on payment of \$15 monthly for the support of his family and the costs.

Bonds forfeited: two at \$20, one at \$30.

Voters Approve Cotton Controls

A record number of cotton farmers turned out Tuesday to vote overwhelmingly to continue price supports and acreage controls, according to Miss Louise V. Blue, manager of the Hoke Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office.

Forty-five per cent of the eligible voters turned out to approve not only the controls but an assessment of ten cents a bale for a state organization promoting cotton.

County Agent W. C. Williford stated that this was a very hopeful sign that interest in cotton is reviving, adding that agricultural workers have been trying for several years to promote more interest in cotton.

450 voted for the cotton referendum; eight opposed it. Those favoring the assessment per bale numbered 470; 24 opposed it.

Federal cotton controls have to be renewed every year. The cotton assessment for the state organization had its first test in three years Tuesday and voters approved it for another three years.

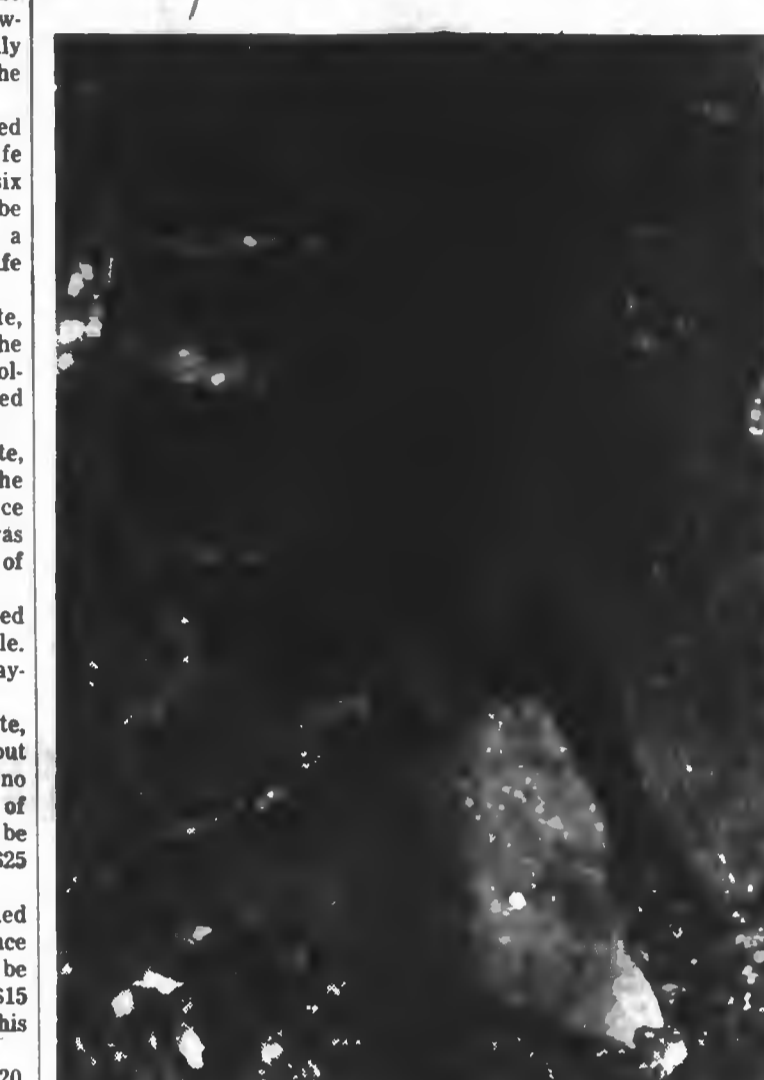
The vote by communities on the control measure is given with the favoring votes listed first.

Allendale: 44, 0; Antioch: 32, 2; Blue Springs: 62, 1; Wayside: 43, 1; Rockfish: 18, 1; Buckhorn: 0; Montrose: 63, 0; Raeford: 2; and Stonewall: 44, 0.

Favoring the ten cents assessment for the state organization are listed first with community.

44, 0; Antioch: 30, 2; Blue Springs: 57, 1; Wayside: 40, 2; Rockfish: 15, 2; Buckhorn: 12, 0; Montrose: 54, 3; and Stonewall: 20, 2.

Galatia Church Burns Sunday; Little Saved



To Toll No More . . . Amid the charred ruins of Galatia Presbyterian Church is the bell that had been in use for over 30 years according to Miss Eloise McGill, one of the eldest members of the congregation. Fire destroyed the church Sunday morning just before the hour for the morning worship service.

Hoke Teams Start Good Cage Season

Win Four In Week

By Tom Cameron, Jr.

Raeford's Bucks are giving fans grounds to believe that the season on the basketball court will be as good as that on the gridiron. Of the games played Friday and Tuesday, all were victories for the Hoke teams.

Defeat Laurel Hill

The Bucks lengthened their winning streak at Laurel Hill Tuesday night. This was the 4th successive win for the Bucks, who dropped their first game of the season to St. Pauls.

The Bucks were cold at the start of the game, and Laurel Hill held a two point advantage at the end of the first quarter. Jimmy Guin found the range in the second quarter to put the Bucks ahead at halftime 26-21.

The Raeford five widened the margin in the second half through the scoring of Jimmy Guin, Larry Phillips and Bill McPhaul to win the contest, 61-50. The Bucks hit fairly well from the floor and an improved 68 per cent from the foul line.

The Hoke High girls won their second and third straight games from Laurinburg and Laurel Hill during the past week. Last Friday the Raeford girls defeated Laurinburg 67-51. This was their second win of the season and first conference victory.

The Hoke girls led throughout the game and had a 12 point advantage at halftime. Evans McNeill held her average above 30 points by scoring 33 against the Scots. Anne Gatlin hit for 18 and Connie Culbreth scored 16.

Both teams will be idle until after the holidays when they will resume play.

4-H Club Meets

Members of the Mildouson 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting December 8. President Harry Daniels presided as plans for Christmas were made. Home Agent Josephine Hall helped girls select projects for the year and Frank Williams, assistant farm agent, took the boys for a tour of poultry farms.

Youth Club To Decorate At Sanatorium

Members of the Hoke High School 4-H Club met Thursday. The club's December project will be decorating a room at the Sanatorium at McCain with Christmas greenery and carrying fruit to boys and girls who are patients there.

Building Almost 100 Years Old

Faulty connections to a new gas furnace were thought by several to be the cause of the fire Sunday morning that destroyed Galatia Presbyterian Church. The pastor, the Rev. Charles Murray and others, among them, D. B. Harris of the congregation, stated that the fire started around a gas furnace.

The fire was noticed just before time for the morning worship service. Within an hour the building lay in ruins.

Had Just Added Room

A basement had just been excavated and several classrooms added to the church plant, according to the pastor.

Two pianos and a refrigerator had just been given to the church also.

Nothing was saved from the Sunday School rooms or the kitchen.

Items Saved

After the congregation was told of the fire they were able to take some things from the sanctuary. The pulpit, pulpit chairs, Communion table, piano and organ, and some hymnals were taken from the burning building.

In 100th Year

Galatia was founded in 1825; the building that burned Sunday was built by Peter Monroe in 1859. He also built Camp Ground Methodist Church and the old McLaughlin-McFadyen house off US 401 north, now owned by Kerr Stevens, according to Miss Eloise McGill, one of the eldest members of Galatia congregation.

Malcolm McInnis also helped build the church. Miss McGill stated, adding that there were descendants of his in the congregation Sunday.

Temporary Quarters

Until another church can be built the congregation of Galatia Church will meet in Rockfish School, the pastor stated.

The following is published at the request of the pastor of the church:

To All Our Friends:

"On behalf of the Session and Congregation of Galatia Presbyterian Church, I would like to express the gratitude of us all for the assistance of our friends during the time of the fire which destroyed our church building. We particularly wish to thank the many fire departments that responded so quickly to our call of distress. We appreciate more than words can express both the help given at the time of the fire and the expressions of concern and offers of help and assistance that have come to us since that time.

"Your prayers and the support of your concern will strengthen us as we face the difficult task of rebuilding."

Band, Glee Club In Annual Recital Tonight At School

The annual Band and Glee Club concert will be held tonight in the auditorium of Hoke High School at 8:00 o'clock. The Band's performance will come first and will last about half an hour, according to the director, Larry Parler.

Following the Band's part of the concert, the Glee Club will present its annual concert under the direction of Mrs. Neill A. McNeill.

Baptists To Give Pageant Of Holy Child's Birthday

A processional will begin the program followed by several of the familiar Christmas carols. The first scene of the pageant is of God's messenger, played by Robert Weaver. Following the birth of the Messiah, following this the chapel choir under the direction of Luther Davis will sing in praise of the Saviour.

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Soloists In Cantata . . . Shown above are the principal singers in the cantata, "The Song of Christmas" which will be presented Sunday evening at the Raeford Methodist Church at 7:30. Mrs. William Moses, Mrs. R. B. Lewis, and Mrs. W. R. Barrington are in the front row, left to right. On the second row, left to right, are Bryan Miller and Dr. D. W. Whitehead. The church choir will be directed in the presentation by Larry Parler. Miss Jessie Bright Ferguson will be organist and the narrator is to be the Rev. Kermit Wheeler. The cantata is an arrangement by Roy Ringwald, who has done much of the musical arranging for Fred Waring. (Photo by W. L. Moses)