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## Addenda...

By The Editor

When this column was started several years ago, it was my intention to make it just what the name would indicate, a column of late items and items of interest about which we didn't know enough to write an article or about which there just was not a great deal to be said. It was fairly easy to go from these into the occasional expression of an opinion, and it got so that it contained more opinion than anything else.

Several months ago I got involved with the organization and publication of the post newspaper at Ft. Bragg. (I am still so involved) and Sam began to write this. Today, though he is involved with a somewhat hesitant Linotype machine, and I walked in and got drafted.

Talking to Bob Covington, alumnus of Raeford, The News-Journal and Davidson College, on the phone yesterday, I commented that the Davidson boys are getting up in the world now that Dean Rusk has been named as the next secretary of state. He said there was no doubt about that, but that it looks as if all that will be left at Harvard when Kennedy and retinue get to Washington will be the atmosphere.

Of course you have heard of the Kennedy cocktail—3 parts of Old Fitzgerald, one part Holy Water and a twist of Norman Vincent Peale.

And then there is one about President Kennedy answering the phone at the White House: "Yes, Father. No, Father. Maybe so, Father. Goodbye, Father." After he had hung up Jacqueline says "Jack, was that home or Rome?"

They say he laughs as hard as anyone else at these and others like them. I guess he might say that.

Another one with no connection whatever comes to mind is the remark, laid to a Methodist, that when you see four Presbyterians together you may see a fifth.

O. K., maybe I should have told Sam we would do without the column this week if he didn't have time to write it.

I heard Dr. Davenport bought Buck's lot across from the Presbyterian Church on Magnolia Street. Buck McPhaul's, that is and maybe it isn't so, but if Sam had said the same several weeks ago about Carlton Niven buying the Raeford Furniture Company building we would have printed it before everybody knew it. All I said was that I had heard it.

I am certain of two contributions to the Hoke Fire Department this week, for which members of the department are grateful and for which all rural residents should be \$10 was contributed by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McAnulty, and \$5 by the Parent-Teacher Association at Upchurch School.

Talking with J. A. Hubbard of Fayetteville one day this week over in the drug emporium of Walter B. and Walter C. he remarked that it was just getting so people live longer than they used to. He said if you didn't believe it you could look at the obituary column in your daily paper and see the number of people who were dying at ages greater than eighty.

## Three Car Wreck; No Serious Injuries



The 1951 Chevrolet station wagon shown above received \$250 damages when it collided with two other vehicles here on Saturday. Patrolman E. G. Inman has reported that the wreck occurred here on Saturday at approximately 2:30 p.m. when John James Petekin, colored, RFD Raeford, struck a Ford and then careened into a Chevrolet on N. C. 811 about two miles west of Raeford.

Patrolman Inman said that R. M. Williamson of Rt. 3 was making a left turn into a private drive on 211, after traveling in a westerly direction, when Petekin collided with the 1956 Ford being driven by William

## Mobile X-ray Unit Here January 10-14

Free chest X-rays will be available to Hoke County residents from Jan. 10-14, according to Dr. O. B. Davenport, health officer. All persons, who did not avail themselves of the X-ray mobile unit during its trip to Raeford in October, are encouraged to take advantage of this painless, life-saving method of tuberculosis determination by visiting the unit when it returns to downtown Raeford this month.

The Hoke County T. B. Association, which is sponsoring the unit's trip to Raeford, in conjunction with the county health department, advises everyone above 15 years of age to take the minute's time which the X-ray requires if they have not already done so.

Continued support of the mobile unit will make certain that return visits are possible, according to the association. This will insure protection through x-ray detection for us in the future, the association stated.

The health officer has re-emphasized that the process for taking an X-ray is extremely simple. You do not undress. A person wishing to be X-rayed merely stands inside the attractive trailer for a few seconds and then leaves. Afterwards, you receive a card from the State Department of Public Health, giving you clearance or, if there is any suspicious sign, you are advised to see your family doctor.

Hoke County public health nurses will do follow-up work where the need arises.

Dr. Davenport has stated that although results are incomplete, as yet, 57 "irregular" X-rays were recorded during the last visit of the mobile unit to the county.

"Irregular" X-rays do not always indicate an illness or symptom until they are rechecked by public health officials, but local authorities believe that at least a score of visitors to the unit on its last trip did have health deficiencies which will be conclusively detected through the use of the X-ray.

The X-ray is beneficial in the determination of scar tissue, heart ailments and blood conditions, aside from its more famous role as a searcher for T. B., according to health officials.

The Hoke County T. B. Association and the Hoke County Health Department are particularly anxious to commend local merchants and the industries throughout the county for their co-operation in making the current X-ray drive practical for their employees. Pacific Mills, U. S. Rubber Co., Upchurch Milling Co., Hoke Oil and Fertilizer and Concrete Works, Raeford Furniture Co., and Priebe-Poultry Plant are all dismissing their employees during work hours in order that they may take advantage of this health-saving opportunity. Many local merchants are

## Oldest Furniture In County Sold; Niven Is Buyer

Raeford Furniture Company, a familiar Raeford business institution, has closed its doors after 46 years of commercial service to Hoke County. "Hoke County's oldest furniture store" terminated its operation on Dec. 31, and Farmers Furnishing Co. has sold the building, which Raeford Furniture occupied for 34 years, to Niven Appliance Co.

Raeford Furniture first assumed its name when W. E. Freeman, a depot agent here for 15 years, started the business in 1914 after purchasing the stock of C. S. O'Neill, who was operating a furniture store where the present Niven Appliance Building now stands. O'Neill's operation had been started in 1905.

H. L. Gatlin, Sr. and H. L. Gatlin, Jr., purchased the enterprise in 1930, only four years after Raeford Furniture had moved into its present location on Main Street. The Raeford Furniture Building had been built after the fire in December of 1925 which completely destroyed that part of the downtown business area.

H. L. Gatlin, Sr., continued his association with the firm until 1942, when he sold his interest in the store to his son, M. H. Gatlin. The business had been operated by H. L., Jr., and M. H. Gatlin until its recent closing. The Gatlin family has expressed its appreciation to their many customers who helped to keep the business in operation over the years. The closing will not affect the operation of Farmers Furnishing Co. which is adjacent to the furniture store.

Carlton E. Niven, the new owner of the building, has mentioned that he intends to continue to operate under the name of Niven Appliance Co. Niven, who has been in the appliance business for 15 years, first assumed the name of Niven Appliance Co. in 1959, after having purchased his current enterprise in 1957.

Remodeling of the Raeford Furniture Co. site has already begun and plans are underway for a complete modernization of the building, including a new heating and air conditioning system which is expected to make the store among the most modern in the county. The new Niven Appliance Co. will carry, in addition to its recognized appliance line, a complete stock of modern and traditional furniture in varying price ranges. The expanded enterprise, with its complete line of appliances and furniture goods, is expected to open within six weeks at its new location.

Walter Coley spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Coley of Stem.

Miss Lillian Scarborough returned to Winston-Salem on Monday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Scarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hiser and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harrison, in Spartanburg, S. C. the past week end.

## Local National Guard Unit Receives "Superior" Rating



SUPERIOR — Captain Edwin D. Newton, left, local National Guard Headquarters Company commander, beams as he is congratulated by his battalion commander, Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr., right, on the Superior rating received by the unit at its Federal inspection in October. Looking on, center, is Major Dan Jennings, Regular Army advisor with the Battalion.

## Annual Federal Inspection Brings Highest Mark

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Medium Tank Battalion, 68th Armored Cavalry Group, National Guard unit with elements in Raeford and Red Springs, last week received notice that it had been rated "Superior" on its annual Federal inspection in October.

The inspection was made on October 20 by Major Joseph L. Echols, assistant Inspector General of Third United States Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia. The rating of Superior is the highest that can be given to a unit, and the inspection this year is the first time the local Guardsmen have ever achieved it. The rare Superior rating can be considered more than usually outstanding in view of the fact that it covers what is called a "split unit", with elements in two communities.

Captain Edwin D. Newton is commander of Headquarters Company, here except for its Scout platoon under Lt. Robert A. McConaughy and its Maintenance platoon and service center under CWO Graham D. Nelson, both in Red Springs. The battalion headquarters and staff, also rated Superior, is commanded by Lt. Col. William Lamont, Jr., battalion commander.

In his report, Major Echols stated that administrative and supply records in both Raeford and Red Springs and the maintenance shop were in outstanding condition. He said high morale was evidenced by the fine appearance and attitude of the personnel, that there was evidence that prior training had been effective, and that training inspected was being well conducted. He said that the police of the areas inspected, was outstanding and that the unit was given an overall rating of Superior.

The inspector stated that the battalion staff were qualified in their assignments, engaged in a formal staff training program and in a continuing program of assisting subordinate units, and that he would also rate the staff Superior.

Maintenance Shop Number one, he said, supports 96 vehicles, 20 tanks, 30 trailers and 66 gasoline powered units. The shop is adequate and well policed, and the maintenance is being performed in a superior manner, the inspector stated.

## Yates To Attend Conference In Nation's Capital

M. D. Yates, Clerk of Superior Court, has been named along with 47 other Tar Heels throughout North Carolina, as an official delegate to the 1961 White House Conference on Aging by Governor Hodges.

The conference will be held in the nation's capital, Jan. 9-12. The conference was called by President Eisenhower to consider problems and needs of older citizens. Delegates from all over the nation will assemble to consult with such prominent authorities on the aged as Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Labor, in an effort to fulfill the needs of senior citizens through planning and discussion.

The delegates from North Carolina include such prominent citizens as Dr. Arthur Larson of Durham and State Labor Commissioner, Frank Yates, Gov. Hodges said a nominating committee, headed by Chairman Henry E. Kendall of the Executive Council of the State, will be convened to select the delegates to be sent to the conference.

## Judge Sets Bond At \$1,000 For Alleged Check Forger

Two checks from the personal checkbook of John F. Campbell, were allegedly forged with his signature and cashed at Harry's Five and Ten and W. L. Pooles on the Friday before Christmas by Walter Talvin Shippman, according to evidence heard in Recorder's Court on Tuesday.

Judge Harry Greene found probable cause of guilt and has ordered Shippman, colored, of Raeford, held over until the next session of Superior Court. Clerk of Court, M. D. Yates has stated that the bond has been set at \$1,000.

The two checks, for \$34 and \$21, were taken along with 16 other personalized checks from the Campbell home about two weeks ago and were not discovered as missing until the checks were cashed.

Campbell has stated that Shippman had worked for The Johnson Co. in the past, but was not employed at the time that the check-cashing incident occurred. He indicated that he had not "had any trouble" with Shippman earlier. Campbell was unable to state when Shippman or anyone else might have been able to enter his home and take the missing blank checks. He indicated that the forged checks were both signed with his name and were marked "for labor and garden work." The remaining 16 checks have not been recovered.

The busy session of Recorder's Court saw the judge award a 90 day road sentence to John McLean, colored, Rt. 1, Raeford, who had been charged with

assault upon his wife, which caused serious injury. McLean pled guilty to the charge.

Other cases handled by the court are as follows: James and Robert Bullard, Indians, of Antioch, charged with possession of non-tax paid liquor, and possession of distillery and materials for the purpose of manufacturing. The pair plead guilty to both offenses and received separate judgments, which were suspended.

James Bullard received 18 months on the roads which was suspended upon the payment of \$200 and costs and his portion of the still fee. Robert Bullard received a sentence of 24 months on the roads which was suspended upon payment of \$200 and costs and his portion of the still fee. In both cases the materials were confiscated according to the general statutes.

Wesley W. Ray, white, of Fayetteville, charged with driving without a license. Judgment of 90 days on the roads suspended upon payment of \$35 and costs.

James McRae, colored, Hoke Co., charged with passing worthless checks; judgement suspended upon payment of check (\$66.52) and costs.

Jesse Albert Burrow, white, Rt. 3, charged with reckless driving, resulting in an accident; judgement suspended upon payment of \$10 and costs.

Marie McNeill Phillips, colored, Fayetteville, charged with driving under the influence; judgement of six months imprisonment at Women's Division of State Prison suspended upon payment of \$10 and costs.

Roy J. Williamson, white, of East Lumberton, charged with driving under the influence and possession of non-tax-paid intoxicants; judgement suspended upon payment of \$150 and costs.

John Lester Thayer, white, Fayetteville, charged with reckless driving and driving without a license; judgement suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs.

Billy J. Reed, white, Fayetteville, charged with driving under the influence and possession of non-tax-paid intoxicants; judgement suspended upon payment of \$100 and costs.

James Michael Sheehan, white, Fayetteville, charged with driving under the influence; judgement suspended upon payment of \$100 and costs.

Burial followed in the church cemetery.

The child is survived by its parents and four half-brothers: James Turner, of Raeford; Earl Turner, of Raleigh; Robert Turner, of Ft. Bragg and Sidney Turner, of Fayetteville.

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Funeral services were held at Raeford Methodist Church at 10:00 o'clock, Wednesday morning by the Rev. Kermit R. Wheeler, pastor, and burial was in Red Springs.



Starting Off Right. Dave Barrington (left), Kermit Right (center), and Jesse Lee are shown here Sunday starting the New Year with a bang as they put the sticks to a still out at Stonewall Township in the McNeill Pond Area. The Still was dynamited a few minutes after this shot was taken. Sheriff H. Hodgin has reported that, although the dynamite failed to blow up the 200 gallon still and 550 gallons of mash was. The still, and contents, were completely destroyed, along with the 500 gallons of home brew.

## Funeral Held For Mrs. George W. Cox 10 A. M. Wednesday

Mrs. George W. Cox died at her home on West Donaldson Avenue in Raeford Monday. She was 86 years of age.

The former Irene Campbell, Mrs. Cox was born in Cumberland County but had lived in Raeford for more than 60 years. Her husband, a contractor and former Raeford postmaster, died about a year ago.

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