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Addenda...

By The Editor

Principal Dewey Huggins was telling me yesterday that the schools will probably make up the lost time by running on the Friday before Easter and a couple of Saturdays during the term, assuming no more days have to be lost because of weather. Easter Monday is still to be a holiday, he told me the county board had decided. Unless, that is.

The Town board held its meeting Monday night with Mayor pro-tem Marion Gatlin presiding while Mayor Alfred Cole is getting over an illness at Moore Memorial Hospital. In addition to their action favoring the subdivision planning proposition explained elsewhere, they renewed the license of the two taxicab companies, Rose and Wright, and adopted a resolution on the Hoke County Jubilee May 14-19. This resolution deals with the sale of articles relating to the Jubilee by persons or firms not connected with the Jubilee corporation and is printed in its entirety in this issue. It boils down to the idea that novelties, hats, ties, etc., should be left to the corporation to sell so it can pay its way. I don't believe anyone will mind going along with that, and don't think the board did either—it was just to let people know the corporation wants this little business.

Pat, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Macko, is getting to be something of a TV star, I am told. She has appeared on Jim Thornton's show over WTVD on Saturday night and is to appear again next Saturday.

Paul Long, bait, tackle and tall story man hereabouts, says that he is having his Golden Jubilee on March 31, but that he'll be glad to wait and have it with the whole county in May. That's one I would like to wait about 20 years to have with somebody, or anybody.

A. P. Hassell, Jr., who has succeeded Horace Godfrey as chief N. C. administrative officer of the ASC is a brother of Mrs. A. K. Stevens, Jr. of this county. He has been with this agency and its alphabetical predecessors since 1936, and was second in command to Godfrey in the State office.

I believe that our leading article this week will be real news to most people in the county, for McPhaul's intentions were certainly a well-kept secret. Outside of the members of the board and T. B. Lester, mighty few people seem to have heard it ahead of time. If they had there would have been more applicants for the job. They did hire a mighty good man in T. B. Lester. I know for sure and certain, from a good many years of military and personal associations, both on and off of active duty.

If you don't ordinarily read "Field and Stream," you ought to get out and buy yourself a copy of the February issue and read Tom Cameron's article entitled "The World's Best Tarpon Fishing." It is about his trip to Costa Rica last year and is illustrated with several color pictures. I am certain you will enjoy it, and want to congratulate Tom on getting to be a writer for a nationally distributed magazine.

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With Sam Morris

Neil Senter, chairman of the "Brothers of the Brush" committee of the Hoke County Jubilee announces in an ad this week that a meeting will be held at the courthouse next Monday night concerning the rules and regulations of this part of the celebration.

Since calling a couple of names last week about the appearance of hair on the face it would be impossible to call attention to any certain one this week. The race is on and as the pro from the company putting on the Jubilee stated some people look better now than before. So make it a point to be at the courthouse Monday night and do your part to make the Jubilee a success.

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Main Street Looking South From The Bank Friday Morning



Wreck Injuries Fatal To Hoke County Man

A Hoke County man injured in a wreck on January 31 died in Scotland Memorial Hospital at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday morning to become the county's first traffic fatality of 1961, and another injured Sunday is in critical condition.

James Lee Locklear, 46, was injured at about 6:00 p.m. on January 31 on the Wire Road about one mile east of Antioch, not far from his home. Locklear was driving his 1952 Ford east at an apparently high rate of speed and lost control rounding a curve.

The car hit a tree and Locklear suffered a crushed chest and other injuries which caused his death in a week. He was accompanied by his brother, Junior Locklear, who was not seriously injured.

Investigation was by State Highway Patrolmen W. T. Herbin, 2 Wrecks Thursday
On 401 near the Diner at 2:00 o'clock last Thursday a 1961 Chevrolet operated by Rodney R. Keenan, white of 82d Aviation Co., Fort Bragg, entered the highway in the path of a southbound tractor-trailer truck. Witnesses state that the car did not stop when leaving Harris Avenue and entering the highway.

The Chevrolet was demolished and swept down the highway, and Keenan suffered contusion and abrasions, but no serious injury. His passenger, Jackie Wilson, same address, was thrown from the car, suffering lacerations of the head. He was taken to Womack Army Hospital, but was not seriously injured.

Keenan, whose home is in Sea Bright, N. J. was found guilty of reckless driving in recorder's court Tuesday.

The truck was operated by Cyrus J. Messimer of St. Petersburg, Fla. Patrolman J. E. Dupree investigated.

In another wreck at 11:30 Thursday night when a 1950 Ford pickup coming toward Raeford from the Red Springs road couldn't make the curve entering Raeford, turned over, hopped and skipped 340 feet and came to rest upright.

Raeford Policeman Robert Jones investigated and charged Bobby Locklear of Route two

with careless and reckless driving. Also along was Glen C. Gibson of Route one, Shannon, whose father owned the truck. Jones said that Locklear fled from the scene and had no driver's license.

Both were hospitalized with non-critical injuries, and the truck was practically destroyed.

Sunday, February 5

On Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on U. S. 401 south at Connell Oil Co. Timothy V. McPhatter, colored of Raeford Route 1, had stopped in the right lane, heading south, waiting for traffic to clear so he could turn into the station.

Needham McBryde, colored, 79, of Route One, driving a 1932

Ford, approached from the rear and ran into McPhatter's 1958 Chevrolet at what Investigating Highway Patrolman J. E. Dupree estimated to have been about 30 miles an hour.

Dupree said McBryde told him that he "just didn't see the car until he was about ten feet from it"

Dan Ferguson, passenger in McBryde's car was taken to Cape Fear Hospital with neck injuries and has been taken to Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill where he is on the critical list. There were no other injuries. McBryde is charged with reckless driving with trial awaiting the results of his injury.

Two Under \$500 Bonds For Entering Mill, Stealing Grain

After skipping last week's session due to Superior Court Judge Harry Greene and the staff of Hoke County recorder's court had a fairly busy day Tuesday, although they managed to adjourn the session before 4:00 o'clock.

Two colored men of Raeford Route One, James Thomas Bethea and David Bethea, pled guilty of breaking into J. C. Wright's feed mill and stealing more than ten tons of shelled corn at a value of \$250. The court found probable cause as to the pair and bond was fixed at \$500 each for their appearance at the next term of Superior Court.

In connection with the same case Archie Billinger, colored, pled guilty of larceny and was placed under an appearance bond of \$100 for Superior Court.

Mamie and Frankie Little, colored, pled not guilty of possession of tax paid whiskey, beer and non-tax paid whiskey (2 pints, 7 cans and one jar). Both were found guilty and sentence for each defendant was six months in the women's division of State prison, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs and two years

good behavior by each. Wesley W. Ray, white of Fort Bragg, pled guilty of having no

Blames Profit Dip On U.S.

Wilmington, Del.—Stockholders of Burlington Industries, Inc., were told Thursday that Washington "has turned a deaf ear to pleas for fair play" on the part of the textile industry.

J. Spencer Love of Greensboro, chairman and president of Burlington, said the rising flood of low-priced imports of textiles "has wiped out the position of reasonable balance between supply and demand which the textile industry has just recently been able to achieve."

Last week Burlington, the world's largest textile manufacturer, announced that earnings for the first quarter of its current fiscal year were 46 cents per common share. Compared with 88 cents for the same quarter a year ago.

"It is estimated that about 13 million will be added to our work force during the next 10 years," Love said.

License Plates On Sale Until 5:00 Saturday

The sale of 1961 auto license tags will go until 5:00 o'clock Saturday, February 11, at the Raeford Chamber of Commerce office in the Bank if Raeford building, Phil Rieg, Chamber manager, said this week.

The office usually closes at noon on Saturdays, but is being kept open due to the 11th being the last Saturday before the deadline for having 1961 plates on cars. Sales are made from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on other days.

The manager said the sale of plates is running well ahead of last year and that he expects an extra large crowd for the last three days before the deadline on Wednesday of next week.

Board Hires Lester To Succeed McPhaul

County Commissioners Meet On Monday

"J. W. McPhaul presented his resignation to the board to enter private business in Raeford. Realizing the need for a training period by his replacement, the resignation is to be effective at the pleasure of the board."

So read the official minutes of Monday's session of the Hoke County board of commissioners, and while the minutes are short, they indicate an active day for this board. In addition to accepting McPhaul's resignation with regret, they hired a replacement for him, hired a new dog warden for the county and took care of other matters of county business.

County, Town Boards To Join In Meeting

At the meetings of the boards of commissioners of Raeford and Hoke County this week the Rev. W. B. Heyward, chairman of the community planning board, appeared in the interest of legislation granting authority to the planning board to approve the plats of future subdivisions within a one-mile radius of Raeford.

Both boards agreed to help sponsor the project, the minute of the county board stating "The board felt that this recommendation is vital to the future land development and thoroughfare plan of property around Raeford."

In approving the request, the boards offered their support and cooperation in the project. The meeting was set for the courtroom at the courthouse at 5:00 o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, February 17.

Rabies Clinics Start Monday, Dr. K. M. Lewis

Dr. Clifton Davenport, Hoke County health director, this week calls the attention of the people of the county to the requirements of the state laws on vaccinating dogs for rabies and announces that Dr. K. M. Lewis, veterinarian of Red Springs, will conduct a series of clinics in the various communities of the county starting Monday, February 13.

The schedule of clinics is in which Dr. Lewis will appear, with the hours and places he may be located, is given in an advertisement in the issue, and Dr. Davenport urged the people of the county to cooperate with the program, both to protect the law and for the protection of the county's people.

The law requires that all dogs over four months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies, and starting in March the county will have a dog warden, Leslie R. Irlow, who is to help people with problems caused by dogs and to check dogs for vaccination tags.

Dr. Lewis is well known to people of the county, having practiced in Red Springs for many years, and under the new plan dog owners will pay him \$1 at the time the dog is vaccinated, if done at a clinic.

Cub Scout Awards To Be Made At Den Meetings

Due to the cancellation of the January Pack meeting of the Cub Scouts, the awards will be made at den meetings this week by the den mothers, according to Jack Autry, pack master.

Awards that will be presented are: Bobcat, Rudolph Hendrix; Wolf with gold and silver arrow points, Ronnie Pettler; Wolf, Heber Pittman, Steve Duncan and Lin Webb; Bear, Mike and Randy Bagby; Lion, Ronnie Cameron, Wayne Branch, Brownie Davis, Mike Jordan and Jasper Clark; Lion with gold arrow point, Tommy Autry; 1 year service star, Willie Lenz; George McFadyen, Joe Crosswell and Jeff Boyd.

Basketball Team Record Now 7-2

Hoke High School's boys basketball team added two more conference victories to their record for the season and added a non-conference victory as well. The Hoke girls won two of the three games they played during the week. The Hoke boys are now in second place in District 4 at least, and possibly in first.

Here on Saturday night the Hoke boys met Wadesboro here and won the conference contest, 35-24. Guin and Phillips led the scoring with 15 points each followed by Upchurch with 14, McPhaul with 8 and Byrd with 3. The Hoke girls won their game over Wadesboro, 46-24, as McNeill score 24, Culbreth 12, Gatlin 9 and Canaday 5. Hoke was in front all the way.



T. B. LESTER

T. B. Lester, who will go to work Monday as Hoke County's third accountant in its 50 years of history, has a variety of experience to qualify him for the job. Born in Florence, S. C., he is the son of Mrs. T. B. Lester, Sr. and the late Mr. Lester, who was a dairy farmer, bookkeeper for Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Company and county commissioner. Lester is 48 years of age.

A graduate of Raeford High School, Lester attended N. C. State College. He worked as a bookkeeper for Raeford Gop Company and was office manager for Edinburg and White Tex Mills here.

Entering Federal service with the National Guard when it was called in 1940, he served as an instructor in Antiaircraft School at Camp Davis and in Europe during the war. When the National Guard unit was reorganized here in 1947 he became the local battalion's executive officer as a major, and since that time has also been the battalion's staff administrative officer on a full time basis.

He is a member of the board of stewards of the Raeford Methodist Church, is married to the former Lorena Andrews of Raeford, and they have one daughter, Andrea.

Dollar Days

Homer McGuinn, acting president of the Raeford Merchants Association division of the Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that the merchants will have "Dollar Days" specials on Friday, Saturday and Monday, February 17, 18 and 20. Price reductions on special items will be featured in most stores.

At the meeting of the division held Tuesday plans were discussed for the Easter promotions and for the "Old Fashion Bargain Days" to be held in connection with the Hoke County Golden Jubilee in May.

The Merchants Association division received with regret the resignation of A. L. West as its president. West has left the employ of Macks 5, 10 & 25 cent store, where he was manager.

T. B. Lester, staff administrative assistant for the local National Guard battalion for the past dozen years, was employed to replace McPhaul, although the first public word of his decision to quit the county was at Monday's meeting.

According to the minutes "An interview was held with Mr. T. B. Lester, Jr., with regard to replacing John W. McPhaul. A motion was made by C. C. Conoly, seconded by J. H. Blue, that T. B. Lester, Jr., be employed as county accountant, tax supervisor, purchasing agent and clerk of the board to fill the unexpired term of the present accountant. The salary approved is \$6,000 annually plus travel expenses. It was further agreed that Mr. Lester would begin his training program Monday, Feb. 13, 1961 and the oath of office would be administered when proper bond has been secured and approved. This motion unanimously carried."

McPhaul has been county accountant since December 1, 1955, after the death of J. A. McGoogan in October coming to the county's employ from ten years with Hoke Oil & Fertilizer Company. He has operated a tax and bookkeeping office which he says he plans to move soon to the building on Main Street to be vacated by Niven Appliance Company, and to handle office equipment there with a Fayetteville firm.

Although it was not generally known that McPhaul intended to submit his resignation to the county, he told The News-Journal yesterday that interest in the job had been expressed by one other person in addition to Lester, so the news was not completely a secret. He did not name the other applicant. No public notice was given that the job was vacant, and it was not vacant for as long as a day.

Dog Warden Hired
Dr. Clifton Davenport, county health officer, appeared before the board and advised that the



L. R. Irlow

dog warden program could be administered with the funds in the (Continued on Page 6)

Mrs. W. J. McQuage Dies On Tuesday, Funeral Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada Bernard McQuage, 91, were held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Raeford Presbyterian Church, conducted by the Rev. W. B. Heyward, assisted by the Rev. John Glenn. Burial was in the Raeford Cemetery.

She died Tuesday morning at the Raeford Rest Home. She had been in declining health for a number of years.

Survivors include her husband, William J. McQuage; one daughter, Mrs. Maude Mayhew of Montgomery, Ala.; five stepdaughters, Frank McQuage of Kannapolis, Pa., and Mrs. McQuage of Fayetteville, Mrs. Claude McQuage of Wadesboro, Arthur Avenue, Wadesboro, and Mrs. E. M. McQuage of Raeford; and three granddaughters.



Thursday At Diner: Neither Occupant Seriously Hurt