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## Addenda...

By Paul Dickson

There doesn't seem to be a big article on any particular phase of the Golden Jubilee in this issue, but don't let it fool you. There are committee meetings right and left, day and night and the ball is rolling along.

For W. L. Poole, of the former residents and old timers inviting committee—Dewey Huggins has my organization chart and I can't remember the proper name of this committee; but that's what it does—anyway, he gave me the names of his committee for McLaughlin Township to whom residents of that area can turn in the names of people who should be on the list. A. W. Wood is chairman, and the committee consists of Mesdames Floyd Monroe, A. A. McInnis, B. B. Bostic, K. P. Ritter, Ben Bennett, and M. S. Gibson.

In Quewhiffle Township Brian Thornberg is chairman with Neill F. Sinclair, Neill McFadyen and Dewey Strother.

See where John C. "Pete" Hasty was named "Young Man of the Year" in Maxton recently. Pete is the husband of the former Betty Upchurch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Upchurch of Raeford. Congratulations.

With Pete Young here I have managed to get out for a little of the free eating this week. In addition to the luncheon with General Adams yesterday, I went to an oyster roast with Troop B of the State Highway Patrol near their station beyond Fayetteville Tuesday afternoon. This troop, commanded by Captain Thomas B. Brown; with Lt. John Laws as executive officer, is charged with the highway safety of 13 counties.

It was a great pleasure to meet and talk with the patrol leaders of the area, as well as Major C. Raymond Williams, director of the patrol. Williams is a fine officer, who was also present. You probably had not thought of it, but we in this business feel that there are many ways we can and do help the patrol in its effort to keep you, your children and other alive on our highways. Getting together to discuss this effort and ways to work together is beneficial, I believe, and this gathering gave the folks who publicize the traffic safety situation a chance to swap ideas on more effective ways of getting the job done. . . . The oysters were mighty good, too.

New beards are still blossoming out, as more men daily are feeling a little on the outside of the effort to promote our Golden Jubilee. A couple of beauties have had to go recently, though, due to what I must call, for lack of a better word, the itch. Then there are a few others who have shaved them off to "keep from being conspicuous" when out of town on a necessary trip. Well, that's the real idea behind the Brothers of the Brush, and in my case my stubble has been a wonderful help in getting acquainted with and being friendly with people away from here. In each case, too, Hoke County and its Jubilee have gotten talked about—free advertising. If you haven't started you ought to grow yourself at least a tiny little inconspicuous mustache, if you can. Maybe you won't even have to explain this. While on this subject let me extend congratulations to our representative, Neill McFadyen, who is wearing his mustache in Raleigh now. I accused him last Sunday of growing it for week-ends here and shaving it off on Mondays to go back to Raleigh, and I'm wrong now for sure.

## Dance Set For Friday Night

A Sadie Hawkins Dance will be held Friday night at the Raeford Elementary Gym from 8 until 11:30.

Sponsored by the Future Homemakers of America, the evening will feature a dance contest. The public is invited, FHA leaders said.

David Wheeler of Duke University spent the week end with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Kermit Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schell and daughters spent the week end in Charlotte where they attended the circus.

Jimmy Sams is a patient at Moore Memorial Hospital where he had an appendectomy on Sunday.

## City, County Boards Hold Monthly Meets

### Town Election Set For May 2

Preliminary arrangements for a municipal election in May were completed Monday night at the regular monthly meeting of the Raeford Commissioners.

The deadline for filing was set at noon, April 15. A motion by J. K. McNeill to appoint Kate B. Covington as registrar was unanimously passed.

The same motion also appointed Mrs. Retha Cole and Robert Morris as judges for the election which will be held Tuesday, May 2.

In other business, the Commissioners voted to instruct the Town Attorney, Harry Harrison, to prepare a resolution for Hoke legislators Neill McFadyen and J. Benton Thomas, asking that this county be covered in legislation on subdivision regulations.

The Commissioners indicated their belief that a public hearing held last month showed wide support for such action.

A crackdown on car owners who "forget" their town tags seems to be in store. The Commissioners told the Police Department to "search for violators" of the Town Auto License ordinance and to issue citations to those who have been "disregarding the ordinance."

The sale of town tags is now running about 100 behind that on the corresponding date last year.

Delinquent water accounts also came in for considerable scrutiny by the Commissioners. The Water Department was instructed to delegate Bill Sellers to spend full-time for a week "or whatever time is necessary" in collecting the overdue accounts.

The consolidation of schools leads to the consolidation of water billings. That seemed to be the case Monday when the Commissioners agreed to present just one water bill to the Hoke County School Board for all schools connected with the Raeford water system.

The proposal had been under consideration for several weeks, and will be made retroactive to cover water billings for this fiscal school year.

The Commissioners did more than ask for settlement of bills; they also decided to pay them. A motion was carried to pay all outstanding bills now owned by the town.

Finally, the Commissioners acted favorably upon a request from the Raeford Floral Company for one zoned parking space reserved for loading and unloading. It was explained that the local florist, located in the Hotel building, has no entrance except from Main St.

The meeting was presided over by Mayor Alfred Cole. All commissioners were present.

Miss Betsy Ross Gatlin and Miss Kay Allen of Flora Macdonald College spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gatlin.

Mrs. Virgil Dark and daughter, Bunnie, spent Sunday in Siler City, with relatives.

J. F. Jordan is a patient at Moore Memorial Hospital.

### County Changes Tax Discounts

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution Monday that will change the discount allowance on the current year's tax payments.

Under the new set-up a 2 per cent discount will be allowed on taxes paid in July, 1 1/2 per cent in August, 1 per cent in September and 1/2 per cent in November. Net taxes will be demanded in December and January.

Under the old rule the discount began in June. According to T. B. Lester, new county accountant, it has been found impossible to get tax statements out in time for taxpayers to take advantage of the 2 per cent discount in June.

A delegation representing Dundarrach community appeared at the commissioner's meeting to request financial aid for the Rural Fire Department. The Board voted to pay insurance on the current year in the amount of freighting equipment for the \$547, and to make provisions in the budget for any additional insurance required.

James M. Maxwell was appointed assistant Hoke County electrical inspector. The appointment will become effective when proper bond has been secured and approved by the county board.

W. T. Gibson, superintendent of Hoke County Schools, appeared to discuss the possible loss of revenue to schools if the proposal to discontinue certain federal funds is carried out. He was advised by the Commissioners to draw up a resolution favoring continuance of federal assistance and send a copy to all congressmen and senators after it has been signed by the Board.

The federal funds involved are those paid to a school district for all children of servicemen and government workers it serves.

A motion was passed to negotiate a contract with Miss Wilda Y. Hauer, court reporter of Winston Salem, to serve Hoke County during the coming year for \$125 per court week.

The county purchasing agent was directed by the board to secure bids on the following items necessary for completion of the county office building: painting, floor tile, acoustical tile, and insulation material.

### Urgent Appeal

County Health Officer Dr. Clifton Davenport issued an urgent appeal Wednesday afternoon for the owner of a small dog that bit Warden Leslie Irion to step forward.

Davenport explained that no penalties of any kind were involved, but that Irion would have to take an uncomfortable and dangerous series of rabies shots unless the dog could be positively diagnosed as non-rabid.

Irion was bitten February 20, while conducting a vaccination clinic at the National Guard Armory. It was a small dog, brought to the clinic by a white woman, that bit the warden.

### Army Plans Big Maneuvers For This Vicinity

Lt. Gen. Paul D. Adams, Third U. S. Army commander, announced Monday and today at meetings at Cheraw and Camden, S. C., and Rockingham, North Carolina, that with the help of local people, Exercise "Swift Strike" may be held during the period August 6-20 in the general area between Fort Bragg and Fort Jackson, S. C. He asked for full cooperation from landowners and other citizens in the proposed maneuver, as a patriotic and civic minded contribution to maintaining the strength, mobility and combat readiness of the U. S. Strategic Army Corps (STRAC).

The announcement was made in this general area at the Rockingham meeting yesterday, and attending were town and county officials and the press from the area.

Representing Hoke County and Raeford at the luncheon meeting were Chairman Julius Jordan of the Hoke County commissioners, Mayor Alfred Cole of Raeford, Hoke Representative Neill McFadyen, W. C. Williford, County farm agent, J. Eli Shankle, county farmer's club president, Phil Rieg of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, and Paul Dickson of The News-Journal.

General Adams said that the maneuver would involve many Air Force and Air Force Reserve units, together with the 82d Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, the 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Ky., and supporting units to a total of from 20,000 to 30,000 troops. The aircraft will operate temporary bases in the southeastern states to provide the airlift for several large airdrops and close air support for the airborne units.

The army commander said that the office of the Savannah District Engineer would approach landowners in the near future to explain the details and would establish convenient offices to facilitate arrangements for maneuver rights.

He also said that the exercise, designed to be as realistic as possible, would feature several large drops of paratroopers—drops which may be witnessed by civilians in the area. An announcement will be made prior to the start of the exercise as to what areas will be best suited for observation purposes and how civilians in the area can be of maximum assistance.

The general told the local men that every effort would be made to protect private property, and that rapid action would be taken on all claims for damage. He said that no tanks would be involved in the exercise, which should minimize damage to roads, fields and bridges, but that the Army would bring equipment to make road and bridge repairs. He also said that public lands in the area would be used in every possible case, and that growing crops would be avoided.



HEAVY BURDEN—Hoke High athletes carry the casket of their teammate, Johnny Howard Sams, out of the Raeford Methodist Church this Monday. Sams was killed instantly in a car wreck Saturday night. Two other Hoke High students were injured and hospitalized. Pallbearers shown here are Jimmy Guin, Bill Cameron, Bill McPhaul, Horace Walters and Larry Upchurch. (See Sams picture on page 9.)

## Grid Star Buried Monday, McDonald Still Unconscious

With members of the Hoke County High football team serving as pallbearers, gridiron star Johnny Howard Sams was buried Monday in Raeford Cemetery.

An estimated 500 persons attended the services for the 19-year-old youth at the Raeford Methodist Church. School cheerleaders served as flower girls and members of the senior class sat together during the services conducted by Rev. Kermit Wheeler and Rev. W. B. Heyward.

Sams died instantaneously Saturday night in a car-wreck on Rural Road 1214 near Five Points. The footballer was thrown from the car and sustained head injuries that were immediately fatal.

Critically injured was James William McDonald, 16, Rt. 3, who was reported by the Highway Patrol to be the driver of his father's 1953 sedan at the time of the accident.

McDonald was taken by ambulance to Moore County Hospital, and then transferred Sunday to a hospital in Greensboro. McDonald also suffered serious head injuries. His condition at press time was reported "satisfactory."

Also injured, though less seriously, was Charles David Baker, 17, Rt. 2, who was taken to Moore County with back and leg injuries. Hospital authorities said Baker was in "satisfactory condition."

Sams was the second Hoke County teen-ager to meet violent death on the highway this year. An earlier victim was Knox Watson Jr.

Highway Patrolman W. T. Herbin listed "a high rate of speed" as the principal cause of the accident. Herbin said the McDonald car was traveling at an estimated 80 miles per hour when it passed "another vehicle on a curve."

The McDonald car ran off the road on the left side, swung back to the right and overturned twice, Herbin said. The sedan, owned by Paul McDonald, father of the injured boy, was a total loss.

Sams is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daulphus H. Sams; two brothers, Tommy and Jimmy, both of the home; one sister, Joyce Ann, of the home; and one grand parent, Frank Joyce of Pinnacle.

Highway Patrol investigation into the accident is continuing, Herbin said.

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was hampered by injuries. "He was as good as they come," said Coach Floyd Wilson, who recalled that, as a sophomore fullback, Sams gained 1,100 yards and was named to the All Conference team.

Injuries slowed the youth up, Wilson pointed out, until in his senior year last season he alternated between fullback and guard.

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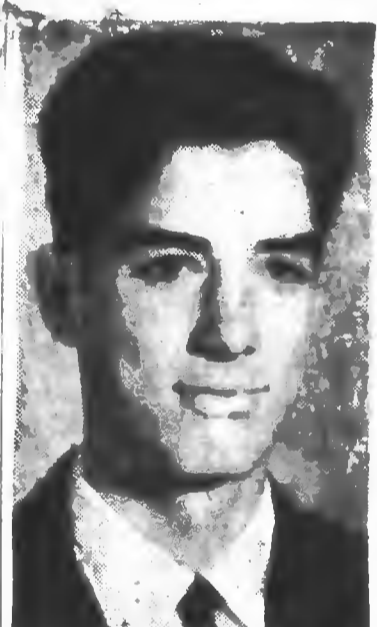
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### CHAMBER MANAGER

## Ed Menke Chosen To Replace Rieg

Chamber of Commerce President J. D. McMillian announced late Wednesday the appointment of Edward J. Menke as Manager of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber.

Menke, currently serving as assistant manager of the Fayetteville Chamber, will take over on March 16 from Phil B. Rieg.

Rieg resigned recently to accept a similar position in Rockingham.

In announcing the appointment, McMillian said: "We believe Ed Menke will provide professional representation and leadership for the Raeford-Hoke Chamber."

### PERSONALS

Mrs. Daniel Jones and Dan of Charlotte were week end guests of Mrs. Aganora Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Bishop of Wilson spent the week end with relatives here.

Miss Maude Poole of Belmont spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Luke Bethune.

J. B. Hoyl of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Tommie Upchurch and Mr. Upchurch.

Mrs. Archie Barnes of Carthage was guest of Mrs. Ruth Bridges on Tuesday



EDWARD J. MENKE

Menke, 38, is a Pennsylvanian by birth who came south during World War II for service with the Marine Corps. He met and married the former Cassie Korgnegay of Johnston County.

They have one child, 13-year-old Patricia Ann. Menke is a Baptist and attended Elon College.

Prior to his work with the Fayetteville Chamber, Menke for 13 years was a radio and TV newsman.

The Raeford-Hoke Chamber's board of directors decided on the appointment of Menke Wednesday afternoon.



SWORN IN—T. B. Lester raised his right hand Monday morning to take the oath of office as Hoke County Auditor. The oath was administered by County Clerk M. D. Yates. Lester replaces J. W. McPhaul in the position. The latter recently resigned to enter private business in Raeford. Lester has been active in the National Guard and is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Raeford Methodist Church.

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