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My Agents

'll Find It, Says Collector

The District Collector for the Internal Revenue Service, John E. Wall, made a fine appearance last Thursday night before the Raeford Kiwanians and mixed in with his hard-hitting speech on the American tax system, told the following illustrative joke:

An Army colonel was worried by the fact that a detachment of WACS was billeted next to his own unit which because of the fortunes of war, had been deprived of feminine companionship for some months. He communicated his worries to the WAC captain, who told him:

"Don't you worry, my girls have got it up here." And she tapped her head significantly. "Lady," said the exasperated colonel. "I don't care where your girls have got it, my boys will find it!"

The Kiwanians laughed loudly, but their laughs faded away when Tax Collector Wall came in with the second punch line: "I don't care where you guys have got it, my agents will find it!"

"Kiwanians agreed it was a good talk and that they were truly lucky to pay taxes in America."

Precinct

Meetings Saturday

Hoke Democrats will gather this Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. for precinct meetings at the various precinct polling places.

Each precinct will elect a five-member committee, at least two of whom will be men and at least two of whom will be women. The precinct committee will then select from its membership a chairman and vice-chairman, one of whom shall be a woman and the other a man, and a secretary-treasurer. Both the precinct chairman and the vice-chairman are automatically members of the County Executive Committee.

Another item of business for the precinct meeting will be to elect delegates to the County Democratic Convention that will be held the following Saturday, May 12. The County Convention, in turn, will elect delegates to the State Convention and the County Executive Committee will name its officers.

In urging a good attendance at the precinct meetings this Saturday, County Democratic Chairman Sam Morris said: "If the Party is not strong at the precinct level, it is not strong anywhere. I urge all good Democrats to attend the meeting of their own precinct and to participate in the decisions that are reached there."



ROOMS FOR BLIND--Lionel Morrison sells a handsome broom to Mrs. Maggie Cox to open the annual, week-long broom sale by Lions Clubs around the county. The brooms are manufactured by the blind, and proceeds go to Lions Club work for the blind including such things as glaucoma clinics here in Raeford.

33 YEARS AGO

Hodgin Raids Still; Gulledges To Altar

Sheriff Dave Hodgin smashed a 40 gallon whiskey still at the head of Ritter's Pond in the Rockfish section and Joel E. Gulledge married Miss Murrell Leon Williamson -- 33 years ago this week.

The Hoke County News' motto, "covers Hoke County like a roof," said that Sheriff Hodgin was assisted in the raid by Deputies W. R. Barrington and Dees.

Joe Gulledge was described as "one of the most popular as well as successful of the young businessmen of the town."

Other items gleaned from a quick perusal of the fading yellow newsprint of 33 years ago this week:

--Raeford High is clashing with Fayetteville High for the baseball championship of Group 8 in the race for a state title.

--Mrs. H. R. Cromartie had charge of the entertainment at a book party held at the Presbyterian Church.

--A minstrel show will be held tonight "with such characters as Star McMillan, Freddie Fridell, Bob Lewis and a

burch of other characters as notorious as these in black face."

--Two Negro farmers have set out their tobacco. Caleb Ross of Timberland set out his crop of 20 acres, and the next day Mack McGregor finished setting a crop of 25 acres.

--The Sunday School lesson for May 5, 1929, is "What Hilkiah Found in the Temple."

--A "filler" story advises: "To cure a cold, flush out your sewer."

--W. J. McQuage bought an advertisement to deny a rumor that ex-Sheriff Hall had promised to hire him on the Raeford Police force if elected Mayor.

--Other candidates in a local election include W. P. Baker, H. L. Gatlin, J. A. Baucum, M. L. McKeithan, etc.

Paul Dickson has a vigorous editorial declaring that his favorite candidate for Mayor, a fellow named Sap, is going to "make it illegal for any lady to show herself on the streets of Raeford whose skirt lacks over three inches of touching the sidewalk."

--The featured movie of the week is "Love and the Devil" described as "another powerful characterization by the he-man lover of the screen, who inherited a woman from his best friend but had to fight HER best friend to claim her."

--Israel Mann urged that citizens "trade where your dollars have more cents."

--And Clyde Upchurch proclaimed: "Listen Folks! I have been trying Radios for number of years and it is my firm belief that RCA is as near perfect as any radio made."

--Among the personals was a brief notice that Mr. T.B. Upchurch, Mrs. A. R. Wolford Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin and Mrs. W. T. Covington are attending the state meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs in Charlotte this week.

That was Hoke County 33 years ago. The depression of 1929 was lurking just around the corner (In October), Hitler had not yet come to power, Communism was something for Russians, the scientists had not yet invented the atomic bomb. Things were so very different then. Or were they?

Special Venire Called To Court; Wheels Grind Slow

The jury was still out Wednesday morning in the Superior Court trial of John D. Phillips, Raeford, Rt. 2, charged with two counts of drunk driving. Phillips has two previous convictions on drunk driving charges.

But while the Phillips' jury was out, a special venire had to be brought in for the murder trial of Tom McLean, Negro, who is being defended by Raeford attorney Bill Moses.

The opening day of the mixed term featured a Law Day ceremony with a brief talk from presiding Judge Leo Carr who said, "We live under a government of laws and not under the whims and fancies of one or two men."

Attorney Charles Hostetler responded for the local Bar Association and passed out instructional pamphlets to all prospective jurors on the subject of their courtroom duties.

Cases decided: Garfield Hawks, escaping from McCain Prison Unit; seven months added to his present 12 months term.

Toby McNeill, escaping from Scotland County Prison Camp; 2-3 years added to present sentence of 15-20 years.

Donnie Wade Hall, Fayette-

ville, drunk driving and no operator's license; pleaded guilty, prayer for judgment granted until August term in order to allow defendant time to raise necessary funds for fine and court costs. This was Hall's second conviction on a drunk driving charge.

Grover Wilson Gaddy, white, 53, of Wagram, state did not prosecute on charge of drunk driving and accepted a guilty plea to charge of careless and reckless driving; six months roads, suspended for \$180, costs, good behavior two years.

Paul McLean, 35, Negro, Shannon, state accepted guilty plea to misdemeanor assault with a deadly weapon; two years roads, suspended for \$250, costs and good behavior

for two years.

Larry Cedric Johnson, 19, white, Fayetteville, no operator's license and aiding and abetting in a breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony; three years prison, suspended for a probation judgment.

The case of Fort Bragg soldier James Bailey, charged with kidnapping a 14-year old Hoke girl and keeping her for 40 days of parrying with the troops, was among those granted continuances until the next term.

There was no Recorder's Court session this week because of the Superior Court term, but the local court will swing back into action next Tuesday at the usual time and station.

Concert Sunday By Tootlers

An outdoor band concert by the young tootlers of the Hoke Junior Band will be presented this Sunday on the lawn of the Raeford Presbyterian Church at 4 p. m. There will be no admission and the public is invited.

The concert is sponsored by the Chamainade Music Club as a part of their observance of National Music Week. In the event of rain, the concert will be held at the Raeford Elementary School Auditorium. The junior tootlers are under the direction of bandmaster John Conover. Lemonade will be served.

In connection with National Music Week, Mayor H. R. (Hooch) McLean issued the inevitable proclamation describing music as "one of the most sublime of human pursuits" and an "invaluable influence in the life of our world."

The proclamation urged citizens to "observe and take part in activities, recognizing the importance of music, musicians, and musical organizations in the cultural life of our city and state."

Mayor McLean's proclamation this week in behalf of music will be followed by a proclamation next week in behalf of art, as artist Jack Berkman comes to town for a unique Main Street art show.

"We're getting might fancy around here," commented the Mayor.

Interfaith Youth Night On Saturday

The three big churches of Raeford -- Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian are joining hands this Saturday night for a special "youth night" program for county teen-agers.

The program will feature a movie, "Seventeen" which deals with the emotional and social problems of a group of high school students, and a panel discussion featuring three local adults and teen-agers.

On the panel will be Dr. Riley M. Jordan, Miss Sydora Patrick, Robert Gentry and teen-agers David Lancaster, Freddie Culbreth and Helen Langdon.

There will also be songs, refreshments and games. Officials said the program was geared for high school teen-agers only but that a similar program would be presented later for younger teenagers.

PEGGY KINLAW

RALEIGH--Peggy Kinlaw of Raeford will participate in May Day exercises to be held at Meredith College during the Institution's annual "Hospitality Weekend," this Saturday and Sunday. Peggy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Kinlaw.

MISS SMITH

Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon at Raeford Cemetery for Miss Belle Smith, 76, of Wagram who died Sunday in a Raleigh hospital. The Rev. N. P. Edens officiated. Miss Smith is survived by her brother, L. Boyd Smith, also of Wagram.



NEW SANCTUARY --In the background is the impressive new sanctuary of the 2d Baptist Church, while standing in front of the \$20,000 structure are two of the men who helped make it possible (L-R) the Rev. E. C. Taylor and Richard D. Baker, chairman of the church's Board of

Deacons. The sanctuary was dedicated Sunday in conjunction with a homecoming. Other pictures of the 2d Baptist Homecoming are in Section II of today's N-J. Taylor was one of the ministers in attendance at the prohibitionist meeting Sunday afternoon. (See story below).

Dry Forces Begin Anti-ABC Drive

By PETER B. YOUNG

Prohibitionists from most of the churches in the county met Sunday at the Raeford Methodist Church to organize the "dry" vote for the May 26 election against a proposal to establish legal control of alcohol with an ABC Store.

The man who called the meeting, Tommy Upchurch, had to attend the battleship dedication in Wilmington and his place as temporary chairman of the group was taken by Nell L. Senter.

Almost every minister in the county attended, with one conspicuous absentee being the Rev. J. M. Glenn, still confined to his home for recuperation after surgery. Glenn sent a message that he was with the group "in spirit."

The tone of the meeting was set in the opening prayer by the Rev. Ben Ferguson of Antioch Presbyterian who defined the Christian life as "a constant struggle between righteousness and evil. This warfare," said the pastor, "takes place between groups and even within the individual heart."

The Rev. W. B. Heyward of Raeford Presbyterian chose not to raise the religious issue. He said the ABC question "hinges on this word 'control.' If it were really control, we wouldn't have any objection. But it is a program of liquor control, or a program of liquor promotion?" Heyward left no doubt that he thought it was the latter.

Hottest discussion of the meeting took place when the subject of bootlegging was brought up by the Rev. Meigs Newkirk of Bethel and Shiloh Presbyterian churches.

Newkirk said that ABC forces argued that the establishment of legal control would cut down the amount of bootlegging. "What are the statistics on this?" he asked, adding: "I don't believe the bootleg problem will be affected much one way or the other."

Several lay members of the group disagreed with Newkirk's opinion. Barber Lonnie Brock said that ABC counties had more bootleggers than the so-called "dry" counties.

E. R. Thomasson said that "bootleggers can get their whiskey easier from the ABC stores," and, changing the subject slightly, he said: "An ABC store would be a detriment to our community. Young

children on Main St. would see who passes in and out."

Chairman Senter said that the bootlegger was like sin, "he'll always be with us."

Charles Hotel offered the suggestion that bootlegging could be cut down "if we put teeth in the law." This suggestion was greeted with a chorus of "Amen's" from the group.

Hotel said that the ABC issue was not a question of democracy or bootlegging or money. "It is a question," he said, "of whether the evil involved outweighs the good."

This remark brought Jimmy Baxley to his feet to object to the comparison of "the evil of a liquor store with the evil of the bootlegger on the hill. Evil is evil. It's evil any way you look at it," he concluded.

The following Hoke citizens were among those named by the group to a prohibitionist steering committee that will direct the dry campaign:

Glenn Crissman, Jim Williams, Archie McGowan, G. C. Lytle, Wade Hendrix, C. C. Bostic, Charles Hester Smith, Cyrus Autry, Henry Plummer, Ed Brock, Julius Jordan, Nell Senter, Lonnie Brock, Mrs. Louise Long, Mrs. J. L. McLeod, Mrs. Lock Campbell, Brian McLamb.

But when there was discussion as to who should be named to this committee, Lonnie Brock said: "The real committee is from Almighty God, and we're all on it!" Brock also offered to pay campaign expenses for the group and added, "We've got to vote for people with backbone to make Hoke County drier than she's ever been!"

One candidate in the May 26 Primary attended the meeting. He was Smith McInnis, running for the Board of County Commissioners.

As the meeting ground to a conclusion, Chairman Senter said he had received a suggestion that all ministers preach on the same topic, "How Great Is Your Influence," on the Sunday preceding election. He asked for the opinion of the ministers on this.

Meigs Newkirk said, "I cannot allow myself to be pinned down to give a particular sermon on a particular topic at a particular time. I must reserve that freedom to myself."

Lonnie Brock commented: "If the preachers had been preaching the last few years

like they were supposed to, we might not be here today because we wouldn't have to be here today."

The group meets again this coming Sunday to discuss what two of the ministers referred to as "practical politics and practical economics" of the dry campaign.

Hymn singing was ably led by the Rev. Glynn Bolch of the First Baptist Church.

English Retires From NG

Almost 21 years of service in the Army National Guard and the US Army came to a conclusion Monday night for 1st. Lt. Talmadge English after a brief retirement ceremony at the local armory.

Lt. Col. T. B. Lester, battalion commander, presented Lt. English with a letter of commendation and he was also given a more informal present, a traveling bag, by officers and men of the Headquarters Company of the 2d Medium Tank Battalion, 196th Armor.

Asked where he was traveling to, now that he had the bag, Lt. English said: "Well, there was some talk about giving me a one-way bus ticket to New York."

Lt. English first enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1939. The local NG unit at that time was Battery F of the 252d Coast Artillery.

During World War II, he served in the Caribbean and American Theaters and was that most indispensable of Army noncoms, a 1st sergeant. In 1947, he enlisted in the present National Guard unit in Raeford.

He was platoon leader of the unit's tank section, with an additional duty as a medical assistant, the administrative support officer for a medical section.

In civilian life, Lt. English is secretary and treasurer of Upchurch Milling Co.



NEILL L. SENTER
...Subbing for Upchurch

Kiwanis Turnout Good, Pancakes Even Better!

Raeford Kiwanians had the fifth ranking attendance percentage for Kiwanis Clubs in the Carolina District for the month of March. The Raeford Club, headed by John Campbell, had an attendance percentage of 96.5.

Campbell also announced the annual Kiwanis Pancake Sale would be held this year on Thursday, May 17. Members of the club are currently selling the tickets for all the pancakes you can eat plus sausage and coffee.

Club members have been assigned various cooking and clean-up duties for the popular annual event.

Mrs. Posey Dies In Raleigh

Mrs. Mattie Posey, 84, of Raeford, Rt. 2 died in a Raleigh hospital on Monday afternoon. Services for her were held Wednesday at Pine Hill Church in Pilot Mountain. Burial was in the church cemetery there.

She is survived by four sons, Robert and Claude of Raeford, Ernest of Pilot Mountain and Kemp of Winston-Salem; one daughter, Mrs. Elmer Ducher of Raeford; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.