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Attorney General Sends 2nd Letter

On the one hand THIS, and on the other THAT.

A second letter from Attorney General Wade Bruton's office to Town Attorney H. D. Harrison Jr. touched all the bases this week and stayed firmly on both sides of the fence when it came to issuing an opinion on the validity of the 1901 Raeford Charter.

That charter, as everybody knows by now, contains a provision forbidding town and county commissioners to grant a "license" for the sale of liquor within the town limits.

In a first letter, well calculated to gladden the hearts of all "drys," Assistant Attorney General James F. Bullock cited a case in which the N.C. Supreme Court ruled that "a local statute enacted for a particular municipality is intended to be exceptional and for the benefit of such municipality, and is not repealed by the enactment of a subsequent general law."

But a second letter, received by Harrison just a few days later cited another Supreme Court opinion which, by extension, would invalidate the charter provision and make it possible to locate the liquor store within town limits.

"When the General Assembly, in a public measure, has laid down a controlling principle to be applied uniformly and generally throughout the State, local measures in contravention of that public measure must yield to the more fundamental policy. The policy of the general law of the land prevails over that of a contrary, local act," said the Court in State vs. Dixon.

Bullock then added a point that had been made by local "wet" leaders:

"The Charter provision pertains only to the authority of the town and county commissioners to issue licenses for the sale of intoxicating beverages, and under the general

law (1937 Turlington Act) the exclusive control of the local ABC stores is in the County and State ABC Boards," the Assistant Attorney General said.

Or, as wet leaders have noted: "Who's asking the commissioners for a 'license' to sell anything?"

Harrison has managed thus far to steer a delicate course of neutrality on the legal question of the Charter's validity, but the second letter from the Attorney General's office drew this comment from the portly barrister:

"If that provision of the Charter is valid, then what's to prevent some character from going before the Town Board to request a 'license' so he can sell liquor?"

It is widely believed that just such an intriguing possibility forced the Attorney General's office to withdraw its first opinion in favor of a second that hedged all the bets.

While lawyers in Raleigh and Raeford brooded over obscure decisions in dusty books, the newly-appointed ABC Board tooted off to the Capitol City Tuesday to confer with State ABC officials on practical questions involved in opening and operating the store, regardless of its final location.

"We had a very good trip"

said ABC Chairman K. A. MacDonald. We didn't know anything when we started out, and now we know something."

The group came back by way of Dunn where they inspected the new ABC store there and talked with the store manager and one of the clerks.

"It isn't an easy job to get this thing organized and started" said MacDonald, "but we're going to learn all we can and get going as soon as we can."

He and the other members of the board, William Lamont Jr. and Jimmy Conoly, will look at several suggested sites in the next few days. Asked which sites would be inspected by the group, MacDonald said he'd just as soon wait a bit before commenting on that.

Ironically, many "wets" go along with the "dry" efforts to locate the store outside of town. The "wets" see business advantages to US 401 location, and some of these "wets" are by no means oblivious to the possibility of a shopping center development built around the liquor store.

In a lead editorial last week, the Fayetteville Observer plugged for the 401 location and offered the following advertising slogan: "Sell a ton on 401." ABC stores are, of course forbidden to advertise.

MEETING TONIGHT

Syndicate Dickers For Poultry Plant



TOUGH SCHOLAR -- Young Tim Holt, age 4, did not get his teeth knocked out at the Baptist Bible School. The Rev. J. M. Glenn says you can be sure of that! This year's Bible School Scholar, representing hundreds of Hoke children who spent a week at the annual session held in many churches, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton L. Holt. Daddy is the office manager for Pacific Mills Raeford Plant, and the N-J forgot to ask whether The Good Baptist Fairy brought Tim a dime for his missing molar.

Stumbling Block Is Cold Storage

Local business leaders this week reported "a strong possibility" that the now-shuttered Priebe Poultry Plant might soon reopen under new management. They revealed that a syndicate of area agri-businessmen had agreed to purchase the plant and operate it, provided a deep-freeze storage facility was constructed by the community.

Recreation Starts Monday

Free summer recreation for children in three different age groups gets underway next Monday, June 18, and will continue through August 17. Director George Wood announced this week.

All activities, with the exception of swimming at the Hoke Association Pool, will be conducted at the Elementary School Gymnasium, and Wood will be assisted by Jimmy Guin and Jackie McCrimmon.

For the "A" group, age 6-10, the hours are from 9-12 Monday through Friday, with swimming scheduled for Tuesdays and midget baseball on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Group "B," age 10-13, gets together for their sessions each afternoon from 2-4:30. This group will swim Thursday mornings from 9-11 and Little League baseball games are on tap each Tuesday and Thursday.

Teen-agers will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays will be taken up with afternoon baseball games, and there will be no night activities. Each Friday night will feature a gymnasium dance.

In addition to the usual round of ping-pong, badminton, horse shoes, cards, etc. that are offered for all age groups, special activities for the B and C groups include archery and tennis instruction.

Ending on his usual stern note, Coach Wood said loudly that "no horseplay will be tolerated." (The summer definition of "horseplay" is more flexible than the autumn and winter definitions.)

Linda Phillips, M.A. In English

NASHVILLE TENN -- A Master's Degree in English was awarded Miss Linda Ann Phillips in graduation ceremonies held here at the George Peabody College for teachers.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Phillips, she plans to teach in the Fayetteville High School this autumn. Miss Phillips received her B. A. degree from Flora MacDonald College.

But that sign, bleak and pes-

A Chamber of Commerce committee, headed by Lawrence McNeill, has called a meeting at the courthouse for 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) to discuss ways and means of financing the \$125,000 deep freeze project.

Tom Cameron, a member of the special Chamber committee along with McNeill, Col. R. B. Lewis, C. L. Thomas, Jake Austin and attorney William Moses, urged "all local business men and any other interested parties to attend this important meeting."

Cameron indicated that the Chamber committee was thinking along the lines of the Hoke Development Corporation that financed and built the plant now occupied by U. S. Rubber Co. A similar arrangement, he said, might be possible for constructing the deep-freeze storage facility and paying back the local investors.

In the syndicate, that has expressed its desire to purchase the poultry plant and operate it, are:

Herbie Evans Jr., associated with the McNair interests in Laurinburg.

Marvin Johnson, Rose Hill poultry and feed man.

D. J. Murray, Mt. Olive turkey grower.

Sherwood Stone, turkey grower and feed mill operator in Lumberton.

Under the old operation, Raeford Priebe put its birds through a liquid freeze unit that cooled them to a depth of about one inch, just enough to load them on the trucks for shipment to deep-freeze storage at either Wilmington or Concord.

"This was a most uneconomical arrangement," said Cameron on Tuesday, adding: "This plant is not efficient without a freezer."

Marvin Johnson was in Raeford last week for a meeting with the Chamber, at which time he said his syndicate was prepared to purchase and operate the plant if --

If a deep-freeze storage facility could be worked into the package.

While work went ahead lining up the new deal to keep a vital Hoke industry functioning, Plant Manager Leonard Frahm went ahead with the operations that were closing out the old deal.

Box after box of records were neatly stacked in the Priebe office awaiting shipment to the bankruptcy trustee, Chicago attorney Harry Ash. And a sign was posted on the front door, announcing that Raeford Priebe had terminated all operations by order of Ash.

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Deacons Trail Little League In First Week

Three teams are deadlocked for first place in the Raeford Boys Baseball League after the first full week of play.

The Blue Devils, the Wolf Pack and the Tar Heels all hold identical 2-1 records while the hard-luck Demon Deacons have yet to scratch.

Deacon Captain Bill Senter was put out of action after he sustained a broken arm, an injury which happened while the lad was playing at home.

Early hitting stars have been Steve Stogner for the Blue Devils, Garland Young for the Tar Heels and Zan Monroe for the Pack.

Play continues each Tuesday and Thursday evening at 5:30 and the crowds that have so far turned out to watch these future big leaguers have been very encouraging.

A rookie league for boys in the 8-10 group will be organized when the summer recreation program begins Monday under the direction of Coach George Wood.

Swine Meeting Tuesday Night

Swine growers will meet Tuesday night at 8 p. m. at the County Office Building to hear Ray Sprull, extension specialist on livestock.

Sprull will talk on feeder pig production, management and housing. All interested farmers are invited to attend, said County Agent W. C. Williford.

Softball Tournney In July

REIDSVILLE -- State Softball Commissioner Jim Day announced this week that Raeford has been selected to host the district Slow Pitch Softball Tournament in the latter part of July. About 20 teams will compete at Raeford for the right to represent the district in the state tournament to be held this year at Leaksville, August 15-18.

In making the announcement Commissioner Day also revealed that John Manuel, local Burlington executive and well known sports buff, had been appointed Southeastern District "Slow Pitch" Commissioner for the area from Rockingham to Wilmington.

Manuel was an all-state first baseman in "fast pitch" softball, and has been active in N. C. softball for 17 years.

He pointed out that "slow pitch" softball has been gaining in popularity in recent years, with North Carolina playing a prominent part in that growth. The McAdamville, N.C. team has held the world championship for the past two seasons, noted Commissioner Manuel.

Raeford Kiwanians will sponsor the tournament, with all proceeds going to the fund for the proposed Community Building. Recreation Director George Wood has been named by Commissioner Manuel as tournament director.

Cattlemen Visit Buck Blue

Two representatives of the famed Santa Gertrudis Breeders International visited the farm of J. H. (Buck) Blue this week to inspect his herd of the prize breed.

They were John Kiker and Ed Brown, classifier and public relations director respectively, who came up from the International's headquarters at Kingsville, Texas.

Their trip was for the purpose of screening cattle that will be offered in the annual sale this October in Columbia, S. C. by the Santa Gertrudis Breeders of the Carolinas.

About 50 head of certified purebred Santa Gertrudis will be offered at the sale. Blue said, adding that he will have two bulls on the South Carolina auction block.

Blue owns one of the three Santa Gertrudis herds in the state. This breed is resistant to heat and insects, has great capacity to travel while grazing, gains a phenomenal amount of weight in the "140-day gain tests" administered in Texas and produces a lean grade of beef that is the delight of every butcher and housewife.

The Blue herd began in 1957, and has been built up mostly by artificial breeding. He explained that one of his early Santa Gertrudis bulls was a loser and set the herd back considerably in its early development.

Archie Breeden is spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cameron. He has graduated from the college preparatory technical department of Milton Hersey High School, Hersey, Pa., and has a scholarship to attend Hersey Junior College.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Niven and son and Gwen Ammons spent the week end in Wilmington.

W. J. McQuage Is Gunshot Victim

Veteran Hoke lawyer William Jesse McQuage, 79, died Monday morning of a gunshot wound. McQuage's .38 caliber service revolver was found on the floor alongside the living room chair in which his body rested.

Dr. Riley M. Jordan said that McQuage died instantly from one bullet fired into his chest. Coroner Frank Crumpler made the ruling of death by self-inflicted gunshot wound.

In declining health since his retirement as Chief of the Raeford P. D. in 1956, McQuage was living with Willie B. McFadyen at the time of his death.

McFadyen had gone to Rockfish with McQuage's son-in-law, Henry M. Meeks to pick up some clothes. The tragedy occurred while they were gone, and was reported by Mrs. William Gullede who lives in an upstairs apartment.

McQuage's body was found by J. C. McKenzie and Bill Sellers.

Chief McQuage was a lawman for more than 40 years. He was a deputy sheriff in Anson County before becoming a Hoke deputy in 1918. He was for many years the Chief of the Raeford P. D.

Services for him were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church by the Rev. J. M. Glenn and the Rev. W. B. Heyward. Burial followed in Raeford cemetery.

McQuage is survived by three sons, Frank of Kenneth Square, Pa., John O. of Fayetteville and Arthur A. of Norwood; two daughters, Mrs. Clyde McQuage of Wadesboro and Mrs. H. M. Meeks of Raeford; one sister, Mrs. Oscar Jones of Wadesboro; one brother, George T. McQuage of Wadesboro; and 14 grandchildren.

ARA Planners Meet, Officers Are Elected

Officers were named at a meeting of the Town-County ARA Planning Board Monday night, and a discussion was held on the various actions needed to qualify the county for low-interest government loans available under terms of the Area Redevelopment Act.

Insurance man Jake Austin was named president of the group, with T. C. Jones and Eli Shankle as vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively.

As temporary chairman, Col. R. B. Lewis, opened the meeting by reading a letter from owners of a small furniture industry, expressing a desire to find a rural location in Hoke provided the County can qualify under terms of the ARA.

Pittman, F. O. Clark and Miss Louise V. Blue were named to a technical advisory committee. Extension agents were assigned promotion and publicity chores.

In order to qualify for ARA funds, counties must first submit, and win approval for, an over-all economic development program. The OEDP is channeled through the Governor's office in Raleigh, local leaders said.

Hoke Road Bids

The State Highway Commission asked for bids this week on 48 road projects in North Carolina, including several in Hoke County.

The SHC called for bids on 16.6 miles of resurfacing of five secondary road sections in the county.

Man Arrested For Assault On Housewife

A 21-year-old Indian was arrested Saturday by Sheriff's deputies and charged with assault on a female with intent to commit rape.

Ryce McMillan of Duffy Station was collared for an incident that occurred June 1. The prosecuting witness, a 19-year-old Indian wife and mother, told deputies that McMillan came by her house while her husband was out of town.

She said he was interrupted in his assault when a car drove up in her yard, and she delayed reporting the alleged assault until her husband returned.

Deputies said that medical testimony will be introduced that the prosecuting witness suffered a miscarriage shortly after the assault.

McMillan denied assaulting the woman, but admitted having relations with her, claiming it was with her consent.



WORLD'S FAIR -- These three lucky gentlemen will be attending the World's Fair in Seattle, Wash. next week as part of the annual Wachovia Agribusiness Caravan. (L-R) Lawrence McNeill, C. L. Thomas and Bernard Bray. Thomas will make the trip as a representative of the Bank of Raeford and will be called upon to deliver a short speech at a banquet the Caravan will give for the business and industrial leaders of Seattle. North Carolina Day at the Fair will be celebrated next Thursday, June 21. Not shown, but also making the trip, is Raeford lumberman Tom McBryde.



SAD SIGN -- This sad sign is posted on the front door of the now-defunct Priebe Poultry Plant, but community leaders hope to make the necessary arrangements for a smooth transfer to new management. If the deal comes through, the thumb-nails on the sign will come off and the squawking birds will once more go down the line.