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## Addenda ..

By Paul Dickson

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Baker for a \$10 contribution to The News-Journal Cemetery Fund, and thanks for the same to Mr. and Mrs. James C. Morris of Chimney Rock.

## Car Shooter Is Caught, Sheriff Says

The mysterious person who shot the car of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor of 206 Reaves St. here last Sunday has been apprehended and was reported by Sheriff Dave Barrington to be John Long of Fayetteville Rt. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, traveling near the Hoke County line on their way to Charlotte were not hurt when a shot rang through their car. The gun-wielder reportedly went later into Scotland County and shot another car. He was picked up in South Carolina for a similar offence. Sheriff Barrington said he had no information as to what the man was up to but that he would be brought to trial in Hoke County in about two weeks. He is now lodged in Scotland County jail.

The sheriff also reported that five boys who had escaped from Leonard Training School were apprehended after allegedly breaking and entering the home of Mrs. Bessie Love in the Bowmore section. They were reported to have stolen an automobile in Scotland County after that.

Four of the escapees have been returned to the school and will undergo trial at a later date. The fifth, Larry Harvey is in jail in Scotland County, charged with auto larceny.

## Short Session Of Court Tues.

Robert Luther Strother, 42, of Aberdeen Rt. 1 came back and entered an appeal after being convicted in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning on a charge of assaulting his mother some six weeks ago.

Acting Recorder's Court Judge A. M. Andrews gave Strother a two year sentence which he suspended on condition that he remove himself from Hoke County for the next 12 months and stay away from his mother's home for the duration.

In other cases judgement was: Sam L. Graham, 51, Negro, of Fayetteville, charged with driving under the influence of liquor, six months, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Richard D. Slocum, 23, of Westfield, Pa., driving under the influence, six months, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Arthur R. McLean, 14, Negro, breaking and entering and taking \$200 in goods. Bound over to August term of criminal court.

George Mosley, 48, Negro, Fayetteville. Traffic violation, and violation of the prohibition law. Sentence, 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and court costs.

## Fish Fry

A fish fry will be held by the Phillip Church Saturday, beginning at 5 p. m., the Rev. Elinos Whitlock, pastor, announced.

Proceeds from the supper will go toward the new roof for the church.



"SCHOOL'S OUT! CHARGE!" seems to be the byword of these enthusiastic youngsters. On guard Mom and Pop.

## National Guard Leaves Saturday

Hoke County's National Guardsmen, members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 252nd Armor, will be among about 1,600 officers and men of the 30th Infantry Division who will go to Fort Stewart Georgia, Saturday for their 15 days of field training.

The local battalion will train at Fort Stewart with other Armor units of the Division while the Infantry elements are training at Fort Bragg because of the lack of adequate tank range facilities at Fort Bragg. Units in Fort Stewart, in addition to the local battalion, will be the 3rd Brigade headquarters of Clinton, under the command of Col. William Buck, the 1st Battalion, 252nd Armor, Fayetteville, the 1st Squadron of the

196th Cavalry of Concord, a medical company and a maintenance company. All Division units at Fort Stewart will be under the command of Brig. Gen. Kermit L. Guthrie of Jacksonville.

The 2nd Tank Battalion of the 252nd is commanded by Lt. Col. Paul Dickson, and the Headquarters Company is commanded by Captain Thomas M. Macko. Platoons of the headquarters company are located in Red Springs, under the command of Second Lieutenant James B. McLeod and in Rockingham under the command of First Lieutenant Marvin Wheeler. Company A is in Laurinburg, Company B in St. Pauls and Company C in Southern Pines.

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## McLauchlin School To Be Library During Renovation

The Board of Education has given its approval for the Hoke County Public Library to use the J. W. McLauchlin School building this summer while the library quarters are undergoing renovation.

The Board of County Commissioners gave authorization to the county auditor Monday to obtain bids for the repair of the roof, the ceiling, walls and the front portion of the building.

Supt. W. T. Gibson, Jr. said that the school principal will work out plans with the library board as to what part of the school building may be used and under what conditions.

At Monday night's meeting of the board of education the members approved insurance policies on the county's school buildings valued at \$2,298,800

and on the furnishings valued at \$274,500. Premiums costs run slightly less than \$4,000. Policies are carried with the Division of Insurance of the State Board of Education.

Also approved was the purchase of a Dodge pick-up truck for the school maintenance department. The vehicle will be bought from the State Department of Purchase at a cost of \$1,475.

Discount annuity contracts for teachers was discussed but the program just passed by the General Assembly, is so new that no definite conclusion could be reached until more information is received, according to the superintendent.

Teachers for the eight schools in the county were elected with the exception of a few vacancies yet to be filled.

## Summer School Applicants To Register Now

Students wishing to enter summer school at Hoke High are requested to call the principal's office sometime this week. D. W. Huggins, Jr., principal, announced.

Courses in U. S. History, World History, Algebra I, Mathematics 1 and Biology can be had for \$25 per student. A chemistry course will cost \$30. If there are less than 15 students signing up for any of these classes that class will be eliminated.

Summer school will open June 10 at 8 a. m. and will close on July 10. Daily classes will be over at 1 p. m.

## Pool Dues Slow

The Hoke Swimming Association has sold only about 20 per cent of the memberships needed to operate the pool this summer, Harold Gillis, treasurer, reported.

This appears to be a slow start, he remarked, but added that he thought the unseasonable weather was to be blamed.

The pool opened last Saturday and even though the weather was not as warm as most swimmers like several young people were taking their first summer's dip.

Two life guards are on duty at all times. They also have charge of pool maintenance. Salaries and pool maintenance absorb the organization's finances each year, Gillis said.

The pool opens daily at 10 a. m. and closes at 8 p. m., except on Sunday when the hours are 2-8 p. m.

President of the Association is Clyde Upchurch Jr.

## Wreck: Chicken Dinner

The calm and peaceful atmosphere of one of the rural sections of Hoke County was shattered Tuesday morning with the screech of brakes, squawks of chickens, and the horrible grating of metal on concrete.

At about 6 a. m. a Chevrolet truck, loaded with chickens, heading north on the 401-By-pass "dropped a spring", causing the truck to overturn in the yard of Grady Ellis. Driver Steve Fesperman of Albemarle, was uninjured except for a few minor bruises.

Fesperman said, "I had 3,638 chickens loaded on the truck, and I guess about half got killed. A lot of the dead ones are still in the crates, so I don't know for sure just how many there are."

The truck and chickens were the property of Norman Lowder, father-in-law of the driver, and were enroute to Fayetteville to be sold.

To add a touch of morbid humor, the chickens ran after the truck as it was being towed away by the wrecker.

## Education Bill Passes House

The bill introduced by Hoke Representative Neill McFadyen calling for a referendum to decide the question of whether or not the terms of the Hoke County Board of Education should be staggered was passed by the House last week and is expected to sail through the Senate sometime this week, McFadyen said here Monday.

Also included in the bill is a provision to leave the selection of the board members completely to the people of the county. Now, as in most counties, the board members are

## Town Tax Rate Same

The 1963-64 annual budget of \$207,997, adopted by the Raeford Town Board of Commissioners, Monday night, varies only slightly from the previous one and the tax rate remains stationary at \$1.17 on \$100 property valuation.

Last year's budget was \$210,000. While this year's \$37,868

water and sewer fund is almost \$6,000 less than last year's other items of expense in the new budget absorb most of the difference by an increase of \$100 or more. For instance, police department salaries and expense has crept from \$19,153 to \$19,785. Also helping greatly to take up the

difference is the new \$6,578 emergency fund as compared to last year's of \$3,500.

Taxable property in the town of Raeford is valued at \$7,700,000. An estimated rate of collection is 90 per cent.

The complete broken down budget may be found elsewhere in this issue.

## Health Rulers Commissioners Crowned; 4-H Talent Show Request Raise

Kings and Queens of Health were crowned at an annual Hoke County 4-H Club event Tuesday night and talent winners were picked for the district competition to be held soon.

The junior and senior health kings and queens were selected from 12-month records kept in health improvements in personal, family and community life. Judy McNeill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McNeill, of Red Springs, Rt. 1, was named senior queen and will receive \$10 toward expenses at 4-H Club Week to be held at State College in Raleigh, July 22-27.

The senior king is Benny Bruner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamon Bruner, Shannon Rt. 1. His prize was the same and both the king and queen will represent Hoke County in the state health pageant.

The junior health king crown was awarded to John Mooney, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Mooney of Red Springs Rt. 1. Junior Queen is Gwen Anderson of Lumber Bridge, daughter of Mrs. Oris Anderson and the late Mr. Anderson. Each of these receive \$5 on a trip to 4-H Camp at Swannanoa, July 1-6.

First, second and third places were picked from a talent program staged by 4-H members from all over the county. Selected first was a six-

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The Hoke County Board of Commissioners, after handing out some salary raises to various county employees last month, decided to get in on the band wagon and request more pay for themselves or their successors starting with the next term.

At Monday's meeting, presided over by Chairman J. E. Shankle, J. H. Blue, introduced a motion that Rep. Neill McFadyen be requested to introduce a bill in the legislature which would increase the pay of each member of the Board of Hoke County Commissioners.

The request would boost the chairman's pay from \$18 per monthly meeting to \$30 and other members' pay from \$15 to \$25. For called meetings the current rate of \$18 and \$15 for chairman and members, respectively, would remain the same. The salary raise would go into effect in December 1964 when the next board takes office. Motion was seconded by A. S. McInnis and was carried unanimously.

The board also passed a resolution asking that Rep. McFadyen introduce a bill in the legislature to stagger the term of members of the county board, similar to the one introduced last week for the Hoke County Board of Education. The bill introduced for the education board calls for a referendum which would let the people decide, by vote, whether or not a

staggered term for board members will go into effect.

The motion was made by Harold Gillis and seconded by J. H. Blue. It was also carried by unanimous vote.

Gillis also introduced a motion, which passed, approving a request from the Junior Chamber of Commerce for \$40 to help defray expenses of a voluntary automobile inspection lane in the county.

In other business the board transacted the following:

Authorized E. E. Smith, clerk of Superior Court to attend the Clerk of Court's Association Conference to be held in Durham, July 3-6, 1963.

Passed a motion authorizing the county accountant, T. B. Lester, to sign a rental and service contract agreement with General Electric Corp. with option to purchase equipment, for communications equipment for the sheriff's department at a yearly rental and service maintenance charge of \$935.88.

Passed a motion to recommend to the state highway department that a road be constructed and placed on the state maintained road system from D. K. Parker's house to U. S. Highway 401, approximately one mile.

Passed a motion allowing Mrs. Marion Clark, Veterans Service Officer, travel payment in the amount of \$33.04.



AFTERMATH OF accident in which 1,500 chickens died. (Photo by Jack Singles)

## For Biracial Group

In a letter to the News-Journal this week R. B. Stone manager of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce reported that the Chamber's civic affairs committee has gone on record as being in favor of an "inter-racial committee" being formed for Raeford and Hoke County. He said the action was taken at their meeting two weeks ago, and is to be brought before the board of directors at their June meeting.

Stone's letter continued: "It was the wishes of the

committee that their action be endorsed by the Board of Directors, who will be asked to pass a resolution requesting the Town and County Boards of Commissioners to appoint the members of and establish said committee.

"The views of the committee were that an issue of this scope and long-range effect on the entire community should not be left to the fanatics and 'rabble-rousers', but that initiative should be taken by responsible citizens to use sound judgment and thought in fostering

action which can best maintain both high standards of citizenship and harmony within the community.

"There is no doubt that serious problems may arise in the future . . . since no form of action can be expected to find ready acceptance by all concerned. Certainly, we must do what we can, however, to prevent any excuse for outside interference in our local affairs."

Members of the committee present were Charles Hostetler, B. C. McWhite and W.B. Heyward.



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SITE-Harold Gillis is shown here looking at sign for proposed site of the new Bank.