

Around Town

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Last week in this column we stated that we would run something on the graduating class of 1927. Tuesday we received a post card that reads as follows: "I am the former Johnnie Lee Akins and a member of the class of 1927. I am fortunate to be listed among the ones still living. Mrs. J.C. Poole, Thomasville, N.C." Thanks for the card Mrs. Poole.

We will list the 25 members of the Class of 1927 and will put by a member, deceased, when we are certain he or she is dead.

The class was composed of Louise Blue, Isabel McFadyen, Lucille McLeod, Johnnie Lee Akins, Boswell Bethune, Lacy Pratt, Curtis Smith, Jonah Brown, Sarah Cromartie, Mary Norton, Marguerite Freeman, Bennie McFadyen, Kate Dalton, Laura Yearly, Vera Cox, Mary Francis Shankle, Robert Hampton, Walter Culbreth (deceased), Crawford Thomas (deceased), Robert Draughon, Archie Epstein, Harris Parker (deceased), Archie Howard (deceased), Mary McVicker and Robert Gatlin.

The mascot of the class was Patsy Blue now Mrs. Joe Hoffman of Winston-Salem and the daughter of Mrs. N.B. Blue.

Of the 25 members of the class only six now live in Hoke County they are Louise Blue, Isabel McFadyen, Lucille McLeod, Mrs. Crawford Thomas (Marguerite Freeman), Bennie McFadyen and Robert Gatlin.

The class prophecy for these six members is as follows:

1. Marguerite has helped her mother now for 35 years in the spring cleaning of Mr. Paul Dickson. You see her here prepared for the ordeal. The Hoke County Journal still records the date and calls on all loyal citizens for help.

2. Robert Gatlin runs a dairy. He still believes in the old fashioned method of milking. He read in the Literary Digest at Raeford High School in 1927 that singing while milking would make the cow give more milk. He took singing lessons a whole year to prepare him for his life work.

3. Louise Blue married Archie Howard. He came to us in our senior year. Louise was fatter and fatter and bussed Archie to her heart's content. You see her here with the rolling pin ready to use it on Archie for being late for dinner.

4. Lucille learned to count pennies during her senior year at Raeford High School when she was treasurer of the class. It required no memorizing as History, French, English or other studies and she was willing to try it. When school closed she was so accustomed to it that she is still at the job.

5. Isabel McFadyen is teaching third grade in the Raeford school - she has begun the use of glasses but looks over them instead of through them. She has developed into a typical school teacher. She occasionally sees Archie Epstein.

6. Bennie McFadyen is seen trying to earn a few pennies by teaching bicycle riding. Many years ago children rode bicycles but in 1962 it is almost unknown. Bennie is reviving the lost art. It has become popular again and Bennie is succeeding financially.

According to Robert Gatlin slides were made and shown as the Class Prophecy was read.

On another page we are running the pictures of the six members of the Class of 1927 that still live in Hoke County.

Worth Graham sent us a clipping of a brave young man that lives near Asheville. We will write about him next week.

Breaks In Temporary Sewer Line Contaminate Peddler's Branch

Wagon Train Goes June 11

The Wagon Train will leave Raeford June 11, bound for Sinclair's Pond 18 miles away in Ashley Heights.

This will be the seventh annual wagon train, wagonmaster Jimmy Conoly said. The campers will gather the night before, on Thursday, for a square dance by the Armory. The train will leave town at 8:15 Friday morning and return on Sunday about 1 p.m.

The train will travel down Highway 211 to Turnpike Road. From there, they will go to Five Points and then on to the pond to camp. There will be no square dance at the campsite Saturday night, Conoly said.

The wagon train is sponsored by the Saddle Club. Henry Maxwell is president and Ed Willis will be camp master.

Campers can register for the train at Conoly's Esso, Hoke Auto or Howell Drug. The fee is \$2 for a wagon and \$1 for a horseback rider.

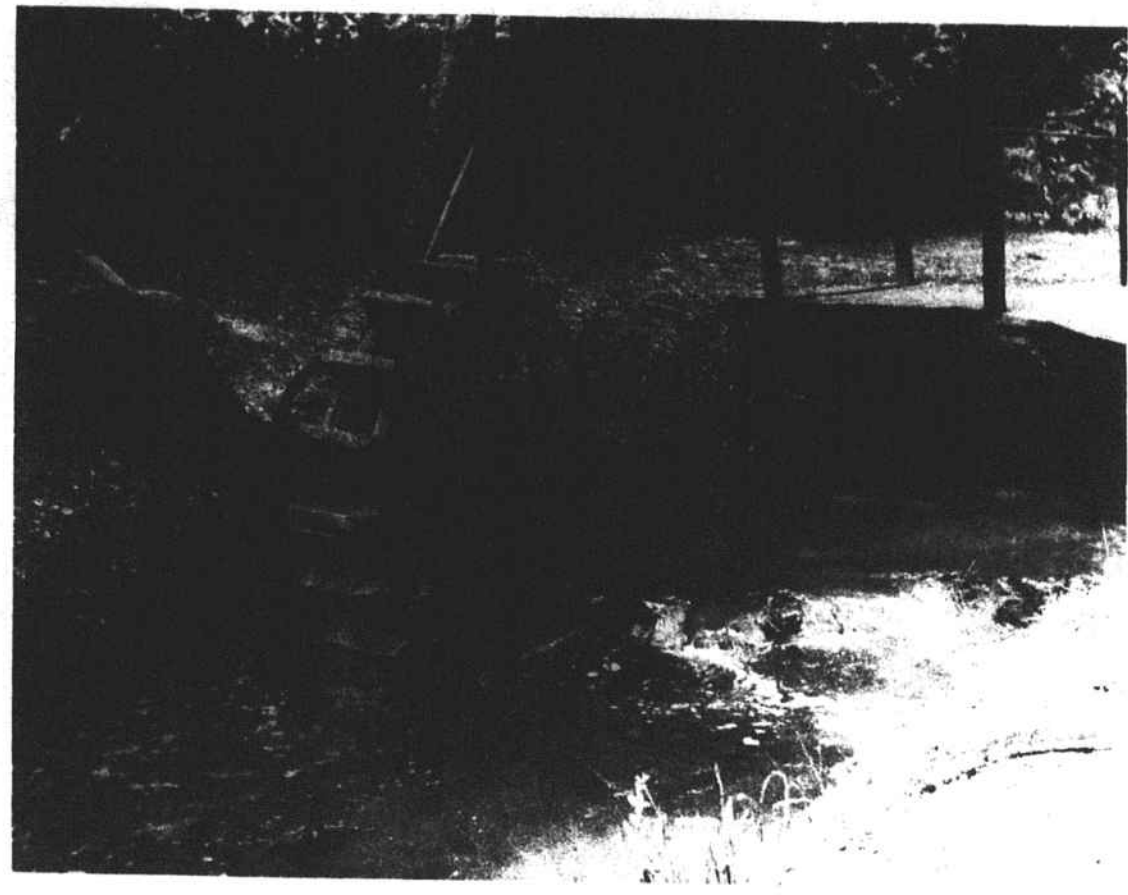
The Saddle Club is raffling a 500-pound grain-fed steer, to be given away at the square dance. The steer will be delivered to the freezer locker ready for slaughter and processing. Chances are on sale for \$1.

Plan Cook-Out

The Raeford Senior Citizens Club will have a cook-out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harless Wright at 823 E. Donaldson at 4:30 Tuesday.

In case of rain, the cook-out will be held at the Raeford United Methodist Church. Members are reminded of the shower they voted to take part in when they met in May.

East Donaldson is the street that runs to the left of the J.W. McLaughlin School and the Wright home is the second to last house on the left.



POLLUTED - Peddler's Branch, which flows through the back yard of the Jesse Jones home on East Donaldson, was a cloudy blue last Friday when this photo was taken. The water wheel, that pumps water into a fish pool, shows the accumulation of fiber and other debris in the creek water, which has collected, Jones said, since a new textile industry began dye operations several months ago. A temporary pipeline to carry the waste to the city sewer system, keeps most of the waste out of the branch, but several breaks in the line Friday resulted in the polluted water.

City employees worked Friday night and Saturday morning repairing breaks in the temporary sewer pipeline that serves Knit-Away to stop the flow of dye and other wastes into Peddler's Branch.

At least four breaks in the pipeline were discovered and repaired over the weekend.

Peddler's Branch was a cloudy blue Friday morning, the bottom of the shallow stream invisible through the murky water. It smelled of dye.

Where the branch joined Rockfish Creek, the cloudy blue water swirled into the clear brownish water of the creek, the colors marking clearly the two streams.

Monday the branch was nearly clear again. There was no dye odor about the water. A slight odor was noticeable Tuesday.

Dye, leaking periodically from breaks in the temporary pipeline, is entering Peddler's Branch and Rockfish Creek, disrupting swimming and fishing in those streams, some property owners charge.

A complaint was filed earlier this year with the Air and Water Resources Board by Jesse Jones of East Donaldson. Peddler's Branch runs through the Jones' backyard.

City officials, property owners and Knit-Away executives agree that the pollution of the two streams from industry waste is a serious problem. City officials, however, stress that the problem is temporary and will be solved when the new sewer construction is completed. In the meantime, they say, the temporary pipeline works well except for occasional breaks or leaks.

John Gaddy, city manager, and Franklin Teal, councilman, gave a history of the city's troubles with the dye in an interview Monday.

When Knit-Away began production about the first of the year, Gaddy said, the city's sewer service to the industry was not yet under construction. A pipeline by the city from the textile plant to a point several hundred feet away where the sewer would be located when it was finally constructed. The pipe ended abruptly in the woods and the entire wastes from Knit-Away spilled out to run into near-by Peddler's Branch.

"We never knew what color the creek would be," Mrs. Jones said. "Sometimes it was red, or blue or purple. And it smelled."

The Jones and W.L. Howell complained to the city about the dye. Howell has a private picnic and swimming area on Rockfish Creek where Peddler's Branch joins the creek.

Teal commented on the city's sewer arrangements at that point: "When we made the commitment to Knit-Away to provide water and sewer service, we thought we had enough money from an old sewer issue, from cash on hand and from an Advancement grant, to build the line. We could have run a line, right to Knit-Away and tied it into the existing line, but we wanted to increase the sewer facilities to the south part of town while we were doing it. This ran into more money than we planned and we had to have the bond issue and get a federal grant. That delayed us."

The sewer service to the south part of town has been inadequate for years, Teal said, and the 24-inch pipe that is being put there will meet present needs and allow for expansion also.

The city did not intend to run the sewer into the branch indefinitely, Gaddy said. "We were looking for something to do with it but it took a while to figure out what, and find the stuff to fix the temporary line with," he said.

Gaddy said he really didn't expect the industry to begin as soon as it did, or to have the capacity it does.

Using a pump borrowed from the Army through the Civil Defense office and irrigation pipe borrowed from farmers, the city ran a temporary pipeline 4,000 feet to a manhole behind the city dog pound. From there, the waste goes through the city sewer line to the treatment plant.

Jones complained to the Air and Water Resources Board in April that the stream was still being polluted. An investigator, C.R. Smart, Jr., checked the complaint and advised the city to keep a close watch on the stream after a holding pit, then being constructed at Knit-Away, was finished. Jones said Smart told him to notify the Board if the stream was not clear in a few days.

A holding pit for overloads of dye was built by Knit-Away to keep from overloading the pumping system. A Knit-Away employee checks the pump every hour and the industry shares the cost of gas for the pump. So far, two pumps have been burned up in the 24-hour a day operation, Gaddy said.

Edwin H. Brown, vice-president in charge of manufacturing, at Knit-Away said Monday "We know this is a problem and we want to do anything we can for the city."

However, he emphasized that providing

Man Charged In Shotgun Slaying

Police arrested a man armed with a .12 gauge automatic shotgun early Tuesday morning and charged him with murder following a shooting in Robbins Heights about midnight.

Lannie Ray Tyler, 22, of Fayetteville, was charged with killing J.W. Lester, 30, Lester, who lived on U.S. 501 in Hoke County near the Moore County line, was an employee of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Aberdeen.

Police arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Childress, 522 E. Fifth Street, about 12:45 a.m. Tuesday and found Lester lying in the door of a bedroom shot in the chest from a .12 gauge shotgun, Police Chief L.W. Stanton said.

Tyler was arrested in the yard of the Childress home by city policeman Chester Price and deputy sheriff Herbert Polston.

Tyler was still carrying the shotgun but offered no resistance, Chief Stanton said. Chief Stanton and officer Leonard Wiggins were called to assist Price in the investigation.

Tyler was visiting at the Childress home when the shooting occurred, Stanton said. He is being held without bond on an open charge of murder pending a preliminary hearing in district court Friday.

Coroner Frank Crumpler and Dr. Riley Jordan, acting as medical examiner, were called to the scene. Dr. Jordan pronounced Lester dead at the home, and the body was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital for an autopsy, Chief Stanton said. Under the new medical examiner system, he explained, the body cannot be moved without the authorization of the medical examiner.

Hoke Kids To Compete In State Jr. Olympics

Eight Hoke High students placed in the Junior Olympic divisional track meet in Raleigh last Saturday and will compete in the North Carolina AAU Junior Olympic track meet in Jacksonville on June 6.

Debbie Little took two first place wins in the 14-15 year old age group. She was first in the 100 yard dash with a 12.0 time and first in the high jump with a distance of 4'9". This sets a new school record for the girls' high jump.

Alexander McMillian was first in the broad jump in the 14-15 year old division with a distance of 21'3/4. He took second in the 100 yard dash, running it in 10.2 time, and second in the 220 yard dash with a 23.8.

Barbara Lide was third in the broad jump for 14-15 year old girls with a distance of 15'10". Angela McPhatter was second in the high jump in this age group

with a 4'6" jump.

In the 16-17 year old group, Pat McKoy was first in the 50 yard low hurdles with a time of 8.0. She took second in the 220 yard dash and third in the 100 yard dash.

Janie Beatty placed first in the 440 yard dash for 16-17 year olds, and first in the broad jump, setting a school record of 16'10".

Bruce Morrison took the broad jump in the 16-17 year old division, setting a school record with a leap of 22'3/4. He ran also on the third place Union Pines 440 relay team.

Hoke girls won the 440 relay, setting a school record with a time of 52.7 seconds for the event. 440 racers are Janie Beatty, Debbie Little, Linda Davis and Barbara Lide.

Eighth Grade To Graduate At Upchurch

Approximately 450 eighth grade students will receive certificates of promotion in graduation exercises at Upchurch School Monday at 9 a.m.

L.W. Bledsoe, principal, will present the certificates. Participating in the program will be the Rev. M.H. Williams, Reid Parsons, student council president, and the Upchurch School chorus.

Awards will also be presented that day. Bledsoe will present the principal's award for scholarship. Two citizenship awards will be given by the American Legion. The Women of the World will present two history awards. Six creative writing awards will be given by the Raeford Woman's Club.

Items Missed At Church

An adding machine and a small air conditioner were reported missing from the office at the First Baptist Church last Thursday.

City police say the church was entered through the unlocked back door. The items were taken sometime Wednesday or early Thursday morning, Police Chief L.W. Stanton said. Total value of the two machines was estimated at \$100.

Children Blamed For Vandalism At Ballpark

Vandalism by children during the softball games has disrupted games and destroyed property at the ball park, recreation director W.K. Morgan said this week.

Morgan said of the 649 spectators who attended one night last week, at least 200 of them were children.

"The kids are throwing rocks off the roof, breaking bottles, tearing up the bleachers," he said. "They've torn up the rest rooms, damaged the roof and have thrown broken bottles down the toilets."

Most of the youngsters range from four years old to teenagers, Morgan said.

"The 4 to 10-year-olds are running all over the place," he said, "and the teens are standing outside the gate, some of them drinking beer and are making ugly remarks to people who come in the gate."

There are only two recreation supervisors on duty during the game, he said. Howard Barkley is usually officiating at the games and Morgan patrols the grounds. Barkley had to stop the game one night and get children to stop breaking bottles, Morgan said.

Henry Blue, who also umpires at games, commented on the problems there: "I don't see much of it because I'm busy on the field, but I can hear

breaking all during the game. The kids won't do anything you tell them to do."

Morgan appealed to the parents to help control their children.

"The parents could do a whole lot to help," he said. "A lot of them are using the park as a babysitter, just dropping the kids off."

He said he has talked to city officials about the problem and has asked police to check the park.

Morgan said the recreation program was still in deep financial trouble.

"The only money we have is the \$1,000 from the United Fund and we owe all of it, for expenses so far," he said. The city and county have both promised funds to the program but have not paid yet. The county agreed to contribute \$2,500 in July when the new budget year begins. The city agreed to give \$1,500 to the program but did not set a payment date.

Morgan said the rest rooms and the bleachers would be repaired. He had hoped for help with labor from the Army program, he said, but did not expect to receive any Army aid now as he had not heard anymore from Ft. Bragg.

Morgan said the Little League and Junior Tar Heel teams were begun last week with good response from the parents and boys.

Speak Up

According to the readers who replied to the question last week on the phone service, there's no one in Hoke County who's satisfied with the telephone company. As one reader put it, ANY improvement made by the telephone company will be a help.

Questions this week concern money matters. The county commissioners were given the power by the legislature to levy a one per cent county sales tax, either directly or to put the matter to a vote. Estimates on the amount of revenue gained from the tax vary widely, ranging from the opinion that it wouldn't amount to enough to pay the state for collecting it to a high estimate of about \$100,000 a year.

When the commissioners were planning a sales tax election, they said the money would be used to implement a county-wide garbage collection system, provide recreation and help keep property taxes down.

Question: I am in favor of a one per cent county sales tax.

Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
No opinion

Postal rates were increased last week with the aim, according to the post office, of making the mail service pay for itself.

Question: I am in favor of the postal rate increase.

Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
No opinion

Now for the results of questions on the water and phone situation in the county.

Question: I am in favor of building a facility to use water from Rockfish Creek to supply the city of Raeford.