

# The News - Journal

The Hoke County Journal - Established 1905

The Hoke County News - Established 1928

VOLUME LVIII NUMBER 29 RAEFORD, HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

84 PER YEAR 10¢ PER COPY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1963

## Surplus Food Plan Being Considered

Whether needy families in Hoke County have a Christmas present of extra food in the house depends upon the county commissioners' luck in finding a building to store government surplus food offered.

Mrs. C. H. Giles, county superintendent of welfare, explained to the county board at its Monday meeting that free food is available for Hoke County provided the county will do its part.

Members of the board were interested. So interested that they completed other business of the day by noon and spent the afternoon in Laurinburg inspecting and investigating the distribution set-up there. They discussed the program with two field representatives from the State Department of Agriculture, who happened to be on hand.

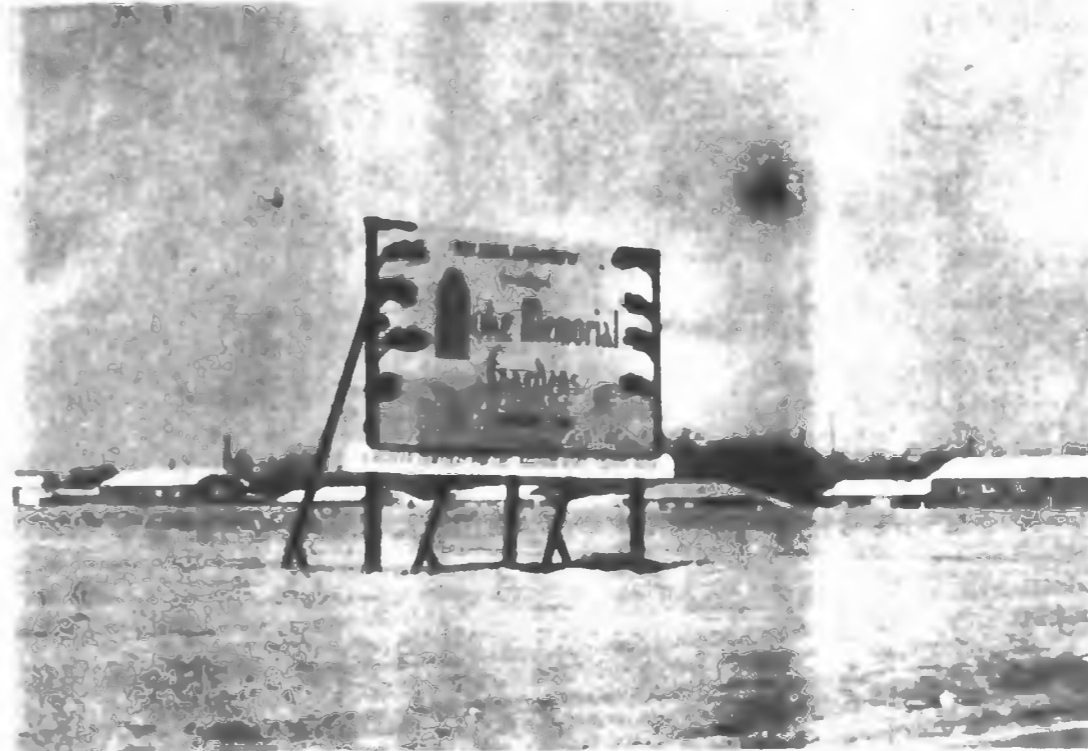
"It is a good think and it is needed in Hoke County,"

T. B. Lester, county accountant, said, noting that many families have no income after crops are harvested. The commissioners agree but the answer hinges on the availability of an empty building which will qualify as an adequate storage place for a two months supply to meet the county's needs.

Mrs. Giles said Tuesday that there are families in her territory numbering as many as 25 living in three rooms with hardly enough to eat and wear. Qualification requirements are rigid and a great deal of red tape is involved in getting a family on the list. But it is worth the trouble, according to Mrs. Giles, to know that the children, as well as unfortunate adults, are getting enough to eat.

Mrs. Giles and C. C. Conoly, chairman of the welfare board, accompanied the commissioners on the trip to Laurinburg.

## Town Board Involved In Cemetery Controversies



Memorial Park Cemetery and Houses

Cemeteries seem to be the number one headache this week for the Town Board of Raeford. Controversies are building up from two directions on opposite sides of town.

At the December meeting Monday night, residents of Sunset Hills filed a petition objecting to the location of a new cemetery being started in that vicinity. The 18 signers of the petition complained that owners of the commercial enterprise had begun development of the project without looking into the zoning ordinance.

The cemetery property is outside the city limits but a state law gives a town the right to zone the area within one mile of the city limits.

In asking that the town seek an injunction to stop proceedings until consideration and study can be made, the petitioners complained that:

1. The area was planned and dedicated as a residential area.
2. The establishment of a cemetery in this area will halt and hinder further growth of town in the westward area.
3. If it develops to a substantial portion it will create a traffic hazard at an intersection already burdened with traffic.
4. It will decrease the value of the present property owned.
5. It will be unsightly and will reduce surrounding vicinity to a commercial section.
6. It is basically unfair to the present owners to establish a cemetery in the middle of a housing development.

Requests for certain individuals and organizations to use the town's radio facility was denied.

Another request from the Southern National Bank asking that the town use its facilities as a depository was tabled until a new accounting system is set up.

The board adopted a picketing ordinance in an effort to ward off any disorderly picketing.

The town board ordered that the matter be turned over to the zoning committee for study and that a joint meeting of the committee and the board follow.

The other cemetery question was in regard to the commercial graveyard which joins the old cemetery owned by the town. Certain lot owners have requested that the town supply water to their lots without charge. According to Ed Williams, town manager, some board members are opposed to supplying water to a privately owned cemetery. The question was tabled for the second time without action.

Williams said that it was pointed out at the meeting that the town had spent \$6,355.57 since 1957 for a maintenance man to work at both the two adjoining cemeteries even though one is a competitor of the other. Equipment and supplies used at both cemeteries is paid for through contributions made to the News-Journal Cemetery Fund.

## Recorder Banishes 2 Thieves From Cty

Two young Fort Bragg men were ordered Tuesday at Recorder's Court to stay out of Hoke County for two years.

James Anthony Del Negro and John Richard Schwitzke, both 20 were convicted of rifling an automobile on a used car lot owned by Harold Gillis.

Policeman S. R. Motley said that as he patrolled the town Saturday night he noticed unusual actions of a car driving past the car lot. He parked his own car, turned off his lights, and saw a man come out of the lot and get in the watched car. A pursuit followed and the two men were apprehended. In their possession were a distributing cap, an oil pan and a fuel pump from a Renault.

Motley said that one of the men, who admitted the theft, said that he owned a foreign car of the same make.

Judge Harry Greene suspended a 60 day road sentence and fined the two men \$25 and costs before ordering them to stay out of this county.

Other Recorder's Court

cases included:

Willie McFaring, 37, of Clinton, no operator's license, \$10 fine and court costs.

Hubert Allen, 30, Lumberton, speeding 65 miles per hour in a 55 mile zone, costs of court. Curtis Harris, trespassing and assault with a deadly weapon, 60 days, suspended on payment of costs.

Jim Thomas Powell, 63, Wagram, reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

Pauline Allred, no operator's license, costs.

Cyrus Earl Autry, 55, Raeford, failure to yield right of way, resulting in an accident. Appealed. Bond set at \$50.

Jesse L. Locklear, 34, no operator's license, \$25 and costs.

Clarence Alvin Webb, 45, Raeford, driving under the influence, \$100 fine and costs, license revoked for 12 months.

See Recorder Page 4

## Hoke Buses Have Lowest Cost Per Mi.

In a recent compilation of transportation data in the counties of North Carolina published by the State Board of Education Hoke was shown to have the lowest school bus operating cost per mile in the state during the past eight years. Cost per mile in Hoke during this period was 8.736 cents, as compared to the state average cost per mile of 11.415 cents and to the highest, Mecklenburg County, of 13.568 cents per mile.

Hoke County operates 45 buses, compared to the state average of 87, an average of 52.7 miles per bus daily, compared to the state average of 36.9 miles daily.

School bus maintenance personnel in Hoke County are L. E. Luck, chief mechanic, W. B. Lunsford, mechanic, Robert Blue, gas man, and N. B. Blue, property and cost clerk.

## Peacemaker Gets Shot

Freddie Lee Morrison, Negro, in trying to settle an argument between friends, wound up in Moore Memorial Hospital with a shot gun wound in the chest.

George Moore, 30, a Negro who did the shooting, is still at large. Investigation was made by Hoke deputies, Alex Norton and Jesse Lee. Both men live on Raeford Rt. L. Morrison's wife told Lee that Moore was arguing with others at the Hollingsworth Club on the Dave Jones road, when her husband stepped in and tried to calm him down. She accused Moore of saying, "This goes for you, too," and then pulling the trigger of a sawed off shot gun on her husband.

Morrison, however, told officers that it was all an accident.

The victim was reported, Wednesday, to be in fair condition.

## Antioch Church Funeral Today For Lacy Parks

Lacy Parks, 49, native of Hoke County, died unexpectedly Monday morning while visiting his sister in California.

Funeral services will be conducted today at the Antioch Presbyterian Church at 3 p. m. by the Rev. P. O. Lee and the Rev. Ben Ferguson. The body is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parks at the Mildouson teacherage where he made his home.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. J. F. Hardison of Raeford, Mrs. Dean Stroud of Rock Hill, S. C., Mrs. Nicholas Veizades of Sunnyvale, Cal.; five brothers, Roy of Woodside, Cal., Jesse of San Jose, Cal., Everette of Stockton, Cal., Ralph of Charleston, S. C., and Walter of Raeford, RFD.

## Bucks Win Opener

Hoke High School's basketball team divided a pair of tilts with 71st High School on the local court Tuesday night as the Bucks took their game in overtime, 66-65, and the Hoke girls were edged by the visitors, 27-18.

The Hoke teams go to Rockingham tomorrow night for their first games on the road against the Rockets. Next Tuesday night the Massey Hill teams will come to Raeford for two games, and on Friday night, December 13, both teams will play Laurinburg High School in Raeford.

## Train Hits Truck, Driver Badly Hurt

The condition of Green Hulen of Fayetteville was reported by hospital authorities, according to Sheriff Dave Barrington, to be serious following a Tuesday afternoon train-truck wreck, near here.

Hulen was removed to Cape Fear Valley Hospital with head injuries immediately after the 3:45 accident.

The victim, an employee of the Modern Gas Co. of Fayetteville, was driving down a paved

## Cotton Quote Voting Places

Cotton growers in Hoke County will join those all over the Nation next Tuesday in voting on the type of control program they will farm under in 1964, Hoke farmers were reminded this week in their ASC news letter by Miss Louise Blue, county office manager.

Miss Blue urged all Hoke cotton farmers to cast their ballots at the polling places in the county between 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. next Tuesday, December 10. Voting places are at Allendale community house, J. H. McNeill Store, Blue Springs community house, Newton's Store, A. W. Wood's Store, Moss Pure Oil Station, the ASCS office, Hendrix Store and Dundarrach Trading Company.

## Office Space Shuffle Is Planned By Town

The Raeford Town Board passed a resolution at Monday night's meeting which will result in a complete physical rearrangement at the town office.

In reporting on the project, Ed Williams, town manager, said he has been given permission by the board to add some petitions to the right hand section (now police department). The divisions will create a private office for the town bookkeeper and in adjoining one for the town manager. The police department will move to the left side of the building where the chief will also have a private office.

Williams said the change will connect the offices in his department. Now one of them is in the front of the building and the other is in the rear making it necessary to travel the length of the police office to reach one from the other.

The new plans also call for a reception room at the front of the right hand side of the building where a clerk will receive payments for water and tax bills.

Carpentry work will be done by town employees and the expense will be kept at a minimum, Williams said.

In other business, the board

raised the salary of the town manager by \$65 per month. This was done since he will take over part of the duties at the water plant where the job of assistant to the supervisor has been eliminated.

Requests to allow certain individuals and organizations to use the town's radio facility was denied.

Another request from the Southern National Bank asking that the town use its facilities as a depository was tabled until a new accounting system is set up.

## Funeral Held Sunday For Mrs. Sexton

Mrs. F. B. Sexton, 69, died Saturday. Funeral services were conducted from the home at 604 Fulton St. at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, and burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

Mrs. Sexton was the wife of Finander Bederry Sexton who died Oct. 12. Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. W. McLean. She was born just a mile or two south of Raeford, and worked for Mr. Sexton in Raeford Hardware Company for many years before they were married.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Percie D. Niven, Mrs. Marshall Beatty, both of Dunedin, Fla., Mrs. L. W. McCormick of Nichols, S. C.; six brothers, Malcolm W. McLean of Dunedin; A. W. McLean of Winter Haven, Fla.; J. D. McLean of Aberdeen, W. W. McLean and H. R. McLean, both of Raeford.



CHRISTMAS AND NOODLES - Larry Norton's Christmas tree has a regal look but it was made in his classroom, under the supervision of Mrs. L. W. Turner, from macaroni and cardboard. Sprayed in white and tinged with gold, the ornament appears to be made from expensive ceramic material. A cone is first formed from heavy paper then finished with the use of Elmer's glue and macaroni and noodles in the shapes of screws, shells, ribbon strips, tubes, bows and other items. The finished ornament can be set on a base as shown or it can stand flat.

## County Board Meets

### Education Commissioners

Compliments have been paid to Hoke County High school by superintendents of two other school districts, Supt. W. T. Gibson Jr. reported to the county board of education at Monday night's regular monthly meeting.

J. E. Huneycutt, of Rockingham and Walter R. Dudley of Chatham County wrote letters commending the school on its "fine educational work." The two superintendents were here recently assisting with evaluation of the local school's program in connection with the Southern Association of Secondary Schools with which the school is seeking accreditation. The board recommended to

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners voted at the December meeting Monday to participate in an employees' hospital insurance plan.

Under the proposed set-up the employees will pay \$8.50 per month, each individual and the employee will pay the remainder of the premium.

In covering a lot of territory in a half day session in order to devote the afternoon to other business, the board transacted the following business:

Passed a motion to contribute \$25 to Caswell Training School, Kinston, to help defray expense of Christmas presents for children there.

See Commissioners P-4

## Hoke High Gets New \$5,800 Activity Bus

A bright new, red and white activity bus arrived at Hoke High School Tuesday. It will be put into use for the first time Friday when the basketball teams travel to Rockingham for the second game of the season.

Funds with which to purchase the \$5,800 bus were advanced by the Hoke County Board of Education and will be repaid within the next three years, if present conditions prevail, according to Superintendent W. T. Gibson, Jr.

"It is to be understood," the superintendent said, "that the

37-passenger vehicle is not an athletic bus merely to haul boys and girls to ball games but is a medium of travel for the Glee Club, for transporting children to and from the health department or any other place they need to go in comfort and safety."

The vehicle is equipped with individual seats and overhead racks for storage. It should serve the school amply for at least 10 years, Gibson said.

In speaking of the athletic club's financial status, the superintendent noted that the organization is now doing a fair

job of carrying its own load. It has reduced a \$5,000 debt of last year to a present deficit of \$2,000. In past years it has been able to make contributions toward other school projects. One year it turned over a \$500 sum to J. W. McLaughlin School for the school's reading program.

While the athletic club is not expected to foot the entire bill of the new bus, it will, no doubt, with the above facts in mind, make the major portion of the payments. Other groups using the bus will also contribute, Gibson said.



READY TO ROLL - Hoke High School's brand new activity bus will make its first trip tomorrow night when the girls' and boys' basketball teams make the 40-mile trip to Rockingham for the second game of the season. The vehicle arrived Tuesday painted in the red and white colors of the school. Shown with it at the county school garage are N. B. Blue, Robert Blue and L. E. Luck, shop chief.



OFFICIAL - Charles Morrison's appointment as acting postmaster of Raeford really became official on Tuesday when he was presented his certificate of appointment signed by Postmaster General Edward Gronouski. The presentation is being made above by E. D. Humance, left, postal service officer of Atlanta. Looking on is Postmaster J. C. Hammond of Rockingham. The presentation was made in the Raeford Post Office.