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BAD MONDAY MORNING

Sleet Ushers In Winter; Hoke Has Four Accidents

Police Chief Is Injured In Tumble

Winter weather appeared on the scene in Hoke County just 24 hours after the seasons changed and it wrought havoc here early Monday morning. Rain and sleet began falling before dawn Monday and by 8 a. m. streets and highways were covered with a thin sheet of ice.

Within two hours, four wrecks had occurred in the county. Wrecker facilities and police officers were hard pressed to take care of the accidents.

Highway Patrolman W. T. Herbin reported that a tractor-trailer jackknifed and overturned about 9 a. m. near Bethel Church on Highway 401 south of Raeford.

Details of the accident were not immediately available, but Herbin reported there were no personal injuries involved. The truck was laden with produce.

Closer to Raeford, a pickup truck overturned shortly after 9 a. m. near Hilltop Service Station on Highway 401 south. Again, there were no personal injuries, Herbin investigated.

As Upchurch Milling Company truck overturned between 9 a. m. and 10 a. m. Monday at Ashley Heights. There were no injuries, but it took a wrecker crew better than an hour to clear the accident.

A wrecker also was called to Sandy Grove Church, where a vehicle reportedly skidded off the road and into a ditch.

In Raeford, streets and sidewalks were hazardously slippery. Cars traveled at a snail's pace and pedestrians made their way carefully along sidewalks and at crossings.

Nonetheless, there were several reports of pedestrians having fallen.

Police Chief L. W. Stanton was painfully injured when he stepped onto a porch at a residence near the armory and fell on a cement floor.

Stanton suffered a hip injury. He was treated by a local physician and advised to stay at home for several days.

City crews scattered sand on city streets and by noon Monday traffic was moving at a near-normal flow. Freezing rain also had given way to a steady rain as temperatures rose above the freezing level.

More sleet, rain and freezing rain was predicted for Monday night and Tuesday morning, possibly continuing through noon Tuesday.

The bad weather was caused by a low pressure disturbance off the coast of North Carolina. The low pressure area became stationary Monday morning, causing continued precipitation.

Hoke County motorists headed northward on holiday trips were warned of hazardous driving conditions in the Piedmont and mountain areas. The western part of the state was receiving snow Monday morning and motorists were reported using chains west and north of Salisbury.

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On Committee

T. B. Upchurch Jr., of Raeford has been appointed a member of the National Cotton Council's committee on production and marketing.

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New License Tags On Sale Next Week

License plates for 1964 will go on sale here January 2 at the license bureau office, 213 North Main Street.

Office hours will be 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. except Wednesdays and Saturdays. Hours on those two days will be 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. Deadline for purchasing tags is Saturday, February 15.

The license bureau urged motorists to avoid the last-minute rush by purchasing tags early. It said the bureau will close promptly on schedule each day.

To avoid waiting in line, the bureau advised motorists to purchase their tags early in the morning and early in the afternoon, particularly during January.



CHRISTMAS CUT -- The youngster being shorn above was one of nine underprivileged children taken on a shopping tour last week by Jaycees. Each child was permitted to spend \$15 in any manner he chose. The seven girls concentrated on clothing, while the two boys "blew" the \$15 on toys. At least, they got a haircut apiece out of it.

Girls Pick Togs; Boys Prefer Toys

Give a destitute child \$15 to spend for Christmas and what does she buy?

Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce found out last week when it took nine youngsters on a shopping spree. A tenth child selected for the tour came down with mumps and had to stay at home.

The children -- five white and five Negro -- confined their shopping to a department store and a variety store. The two boys among them also visited a barber shop.

Each child was told to buy exactly what he pleased. They were not even advised that the limit was \$15 per child.

It soon became apparent that the girls were wiser shoppers than the boys.

They expressed an interest in clothes. It immediately was obvious that the boys were going to "blow" the entire \$15 bucks.

One boy bought a total of four guns -- \$3.98 cap buster replica of the famed Colt Frontier, a plastic sub-machinegun, and a double holster set.

"Are you sure you need four guns?" asked his Jaycee guide. "I'm buying two for my brother," he replied.

He also bought an Army-type helmet and a canteen. When he had finished, he had spent \$13.26 and was as well outfitted as a Fort Bragg soldier.

The only practical purchases he had made were a pair of socks and a stocking cap. And even the cap was olive drab in color.

The girls were different. One blonde fourth grader, who spoke scarcely a word during

the entire tour, became very excited when she reached a rack bearing an assortment of girls' dresses.

She pointed eagerly to a red one, size six. A helpful clerk helped her try it on. It fit. Her eyes glistened as the clerk put it in her bag.

Touring the rest of the store, she practically ignored the long counters of toys and coloring books and other Christmas gifts. Pretty soon, she was back at the dress rack.

This time, she selected a blue frock. It, too, was size six. It, too, was added to her purchases.

Other items of clothing were selected. Her only frivolous purchases were an inexpensive doll and a bottle of cheap cologne.

The Negro children -- all girls -- showed practically no interest in toys.

The bought shoes, a pair each, at the department store.

One also bought a \$9 coat. Another bought a dress. Several bought pajamas.

They were interested in keeping warm. And the warmth of the season shone in their eyes.

They were only mildly interested when they reached the variety store. They clutched their bundles of clothing and passed among the counters of toys.

Finally, each selected a toy dresser set, priced 98 cents, and a 10-cent set of jacks.

That's all they wanted. The shoes were what they were after.

Three Doors Win Prizes In Contest

Winners have been named in the annual Christmas decorating contest sponsored by Raeford Garden Club.

First prize went to Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of East Prospect Extension for a door design of white bells, pink bow and other pink and green ornaments.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Maxwell of East Fulton Street won second prize for door design featuring a background of red, red poinsettias and holly, all sprayed with snow.

Third place winners were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tuttle of Cole Avenue. Their door design featured gold bells on a white door. The door was bordered with gold and greenery.

Honorable mention went to Roy Avery, West Edinborough; O. D. Barefoot, College Drive; Carson Davis Jr., Fulton Extension; Charles Hostetter, Elmwood Avenue; Marcus Smith, North Main Street; Sgt. Paul Loving, Reeves Street; Willard Hull, Fulton Street; Billy Southern, East Fifth Avenue; Kermit Wood, East Donaldson Avenue, and the Rev. W. B. Heyward, Magnolia Street.

Paper Holiday

The Christmas edition of The News-Journal is reaching you two days earlier than usual in order that you may have your newspaper before Christmas.

The News-Journal office will be closed Tuesday noon through Thursday in order that the staff may have a brief holiday.



FREE FOOD -- Some 300 Hoke families turned out Thursday and Friday for the distribution of \$12,000 worth of surplus commodities. The average family of seven received about \$75 worth of free food, which included 11

staple items. The monthly distributions will continue here through March to families certified by the county welfare department. The food is being furnished by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Hoke Negro Is Beaten And Robbed

An elderly Hoke County Negro allegedly was beaten and robbed of about \$65 Saturday night by two men with whom he caught a ride west of Raeford.

The victim, Joseph McCray, about 70, said officers were walking toward Moss's store when the two men picked him up about 2 p. m. Saturday. He said the men bought 27 cents worth of gas at the service station and that he attempted to cash a retirement check there after having an employe of the store endorse it.

McCray told officers that after the check was endorsed, the store-owner found he did not have enough cash on hand to cash it. He said the two men later took the check, plus his pocketknife and house keys, from him.

Deputies Jesse Lee and Alex Norton later arrested Luther Grimsley in connection with the incident, and said they will charge his brother, Wilbur, as being an accessory in the crime. Wilbur Grimsley had not been arrested as of noon Monday.

Luther Grimsley is being charged with robbery and assault, Deputy Lee said, and will be placed under \$500 bond. McCray told officers that his assailant beat him with a stick or similar object.

McCray is a retired state employe who once worked at the sanatorium at McCain.

Meanwhile, sheriff's officers investigated a break-in which occurred some time Sunday night at Bobby Blanton's service station just south of town on Highway 401.

They said thieves entered the building by kicking open a locked side door. They made off with 10 to 12 cartons of cigarettes and seven recapped tires.

Thieves also attempted to break into a locked house belonging to Tom Holland but were unsuccessful, officers said. The building housed a quantity of soybeans.

Offices, Stores To Take Holiday

Municipal offices and downtown stores will take a Christmas holiday beginning today. Stores will remain open until 8 P. M. Tuesday to accommodate late shoppers but will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, as will banks.

Offices at town hall will close at noon Tuesday and will not reopen until Friday morning. Offices at the courthouse will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The post office will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Postmaster Charlie Morrison said mail will be received and posted and will be "put up" at the post office; however there will be no city or rural delivery except special delivery.

Madonna Is Favorite Subject Of Christmas Decorations

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

The religion of Jesus Christ is timeless, raceless, classless and ageless. Because of this fact it is inevitable that in each nation the Virgin Mary and her child are depicted in the image of the native people.

In Ethiopia, she is portrayed in dark skin as an Ethiopian, in China as a slant-eyed Oriental and so on around the Christian world.

In practically every home in America, where the religious theme is carried out in yuletide decorations, there is a

madonna arrangement. The revered mother is enhanced by use of greenery, berries, flowers or other decorative materials to serve as a reminder of the Christchild's birthday.

Styles used by American artists in portraying the Saint in statuaries or in pictures are many and varied. One North Carolina collector and lecturer on the subject owns some 100 large, small and medium sized madonnas--all different in one way or another. Some are seated, some standing, some are in busts, and some are with the divine infant in various sizes and ages. Some madonnas hold a sleeping babe, some a bright-eyed youngster.

Then there are those statuettes which are fashioned with no baby at all. These usually stand with head bowed and hands clasped or with the eyes turned upward as if looking toward a second coming. It is proper to arrange the mother with downcast eyes with a flower or an ornament at her feet.

These childless mothers are used in decorations at Christmas time but are best suited to the Easter season. Dorothy Biddle, New York author, in her lectures before North Carolina garden club groups, has emphasized the importance of letting nothing overshadow the figure when making up an arrangement. The saint is most important and flower, foliage

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Fire Spoils Yule For Negro Family

Regardless of how many Christmas wishes come from this way or that, there is always someone who celebrates Christ's birthday in sorrow and sadness.

Three Santa Claus-age children in the Rev. John McRae family are today without the presents which had been laid up for them and their parents are without all their worldly possessions. All of this is because a fire raged through the house in which they were sleeping early last Wednesday morning. The family barely escaped with their lives.

"It burned down before we even had time to call a fire department," the part time preacher said.

The Negro family, which has lived for several years on the farm of Dick Bullock near Bowmore, not only lost all its household belongings and wearing apparel, with the exception

of the nightclothes, but was deprived of a freezer full of food and a large portion of fresh meats from a recent hog killing.

McRae told neighbors that his wife awoke and heard a cracking noise. She called him and they barely had time to get the children outside before the roof began to fall in. "It was already too late to even call for help by the time we reached the yard," he said.

Bare household necessities have been moved into a house on an adjoining farm belonging to Jeff Harris until other arrangements can be made.

McRae's wife told the News-Journal that they needed clothes for themselves and their two sons, who are 12 and 9 years of age, and the two daughters, ages 14 months and 18 years. "We need everything," she appealed.



NEW PAPER -- Willard Cole, editor and publisher of The Robeson County Enterprise, is shown with a copy of the paper's first issue, published Sunday. Cole, a 1959 Pulitzer Prize winner, heads the staff of the new Lumberton paper. It is being composed and printed in Raeford by Dickson Press, Inc.