

1963 Eventful Year In Raeford, Hoke County

The year 1963 was both prosperous and eventful in Raeford and Hoke County and their progress was reflected in the news. Crime and violence played their part in the news, showing weekly in the pages of the News-Journal; but there were stories of civic progress, too. Week by week, here are condensed stories of the top stories in the News-Journal:

December 22 -- The first sign of winter appeared before the Christmas holidays when sleet and frozen rain landed upon the town during the night of December 21-22. Within an hour on the morning of the 22nd, Raeford and Hoke County registered eight automobile accidents.

December 19 -- More than 300 Hoke County families received about \$12,000 worth of free food from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The food was distributed to families certified by the Hoke County Welfare Department.

A contract was let for Hoke County's new \$40,000 airport, to be built north of town on the Doc Brown farm.

December 12 -- Marion Rufus

Barefoot, 71-year-old resident of the Rockfish community, was killed in an automobile accident near his home.

Raeford Town Board passed an ordinance regulating picketing and demonstrations in the downtown area.

December 5 -- Raeford Town Board became involved in a controversy arising out of a proposal to build a memorial park cemetery in Sunset Hills. The board subsequently ordered a public hearing to be held on the matter. The hearing is to be scheduled during January.

Green Hulton of Fayetteville was seriously injured near Raeford when the truck he was driving was struck by a train.

November 28 -- Hoke County and Raeford were stunned by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. A memorial service for the late president was held at Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Gubernatorial candidate L. Richardson Preyer appeared here for a speech before the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs.

November 21 -- Henry Morrison, accused of slaying his wife with a shotgun, was given a life sentence in Hoke Superior Court after he pleaded guilty of first degree murder. Preston Chavis received 25 years for the murder of his wife and John Calvin Jones was given 15 years for attempted rape.

A Raeford woman, Mrs. Leo Morton of Prospect Avenue, was killed in an automobile wreck near Wagram.

Southern National Bank opened its new office here, drawing several thousand visitors to its open house ceremony.

November 14 -- Reports showed that Hoke United Fund was about \$700 short of its \$18,950 goal. Subsequent contributions failed to put the fund over the top. It was the second time in more than ten years that the fund failed to reach its goal.

November 7 -- Hoke County announced that it would seek aid from the newly-created North Carolina Fund and put the wheels in motion to accumulate the information required in the application.

Charles E. Morrison became postmaster of Raeford, replacing D. C. Cox.

October 31 -- The local airport commission reported it had raised \$9,534 of the \$10,000 required to begin work on the new airport here. Another \$10,000 was made available by the federal government.

Raeford Worsted Plant announced a general increase in wages for employees of the local plant.

October 24 -- Ashmont community won the annual community development contest in Hoke County and with it came a \$100 cash prize.

Albert McLeod, Raeford Negro, was killed when struck by a train south of town.

October 17 -- Finlander Berrery Sexton, Raeford business civic and church leader, died here at the age of 86.

United Fund launched its annual campaign and sheriff's officers destroyed three moonshine stills in the south end of the county.

October 10 -- A Raeford man, Champ Pate, was freed of charges of shooting Charlie Lee, a "former friend" whom Pate shot with a .22 rifle when Lee refused to leave the premises.

October 3 -- A pre-arranged race cost Alvin Bruce, 18-year-old driver, a \$500 fine and loss of his driver's license.

Cameron D. Bounds was named vice president and manager of the installment loan department of Southern National Bank. James A. Sinclair became cashier.

September 26 -- Twenty-five Negroes were left homeless when flames destroyed the home in which they were living east of Raeford. They were the children and grandchildren of Mrs. Martha Graham, 67, who was rescued from the fire by her five-year-old grandnephew, Linda Graham.

Hoke County Library Fund topped its goal of \$3,500.

September 19 -- The Hoke County Sheriff's Department announced that undercover raids by State ABC officers had cut in half the sale of illegal whiskey in Hoke County.

Nine men from Raeford attended a meeting in Lenoir County to study a proposal which would extend U. S. Highway 13 all the way through North Carolina, including Hoke County. The highway now begins in New

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RIGHT -- A highlight of the year in Raeford and Hoke County was acquisition of funds for a new airport. Almost \$10,000 was raised in Raeford and Hoke County and the federal government provided another \$10,000. Marvin Pinson, left, is shown presenting a check for \$10,000 from Pacific Mills to J. D. McMillan, chairman of the airport commission, while R. B. Chamber of Commerce looks on.

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Hoke Negro Loses Arm In Shooting

A Hoke County Negro has lost an arm as a result of a Christmas night shooting at a local night spot, according to the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

Joe Lee Flowers of Raeford, Rt. 1, is in N. C. Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, where surgeons reportedly amputated his right arm during the latter part of last week.

Flowers was shot by James Marshall McIntyre about 2:00 a. m. December 26 at the Shamrock Club in Raeford. McIntyre at that time was operator of the club.

McIntyre told officers that a friend came to him at the club and told him Flowers was "setting" for him outside. He said he left the club via the back door, and found Flowers waiting in the vicinity of the front door.

McIntyre told officers he accosted Flowers with the gun and that Flowers advanced toward him with a knife. He said he then shot Flowers with the shotgun.

McIntyre turned himself in to Sheriff Dave Barrington and surrendered a 12 gauge shotgun which he said was the weapon used in the shooting. The gun had no stock.

He also surrendered a long bladed pocketknife which he said belonged to Flowers.

McIntyre was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He posted \$500 bond and will receive preliminary hearing in Hoke Recorder's Court on January 21.

Tags On Sale

Town license tags went on sale today at 8 p. m. at the town office, Manager Ed Williams, has announced.

The \$1 tag, to be used along with state auto license plates, may be obtained any time between the hours of 8 and 5 p. m. except on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

Williams said that this year car owners will be forced to display town tags. A car owner who purchases a tag and carries it in a concealed manner is breaking the law, he said.

Man Dead Nash Is Retired By Worsted Plant

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An era came to an end Tuesday for Rudyard Kipling Nash, 65, of 504 Grant Avenue.

Nash, an employee at Raeford Worsted Plant, retired after more than 30 years behind the looms.

And although he had been with Pacific Mills Division of Burlington Industries only 11 years, he got the full retirement "treatment" at the local plant.

For a few minutes, he got to sit in the chair of Marvin Pinson, plant manager while his photograph was being taken. He also received a 10-year service pin and an elaborate bible, which the company gives to each retiring employee.

Pinson, in a warm speech before Nash's supervisors, told him how much the company appreciated the job he had done.

Then came congratulations from other superiors--Ray Klutz, head of the pin drafting and roving department; Bill Stanley, first shift supervisor; George Wilcox, general superintendent, and Ashwell Harwell, personnel manager.

Nash cheerfully told a few amusing anecdotes and there was laughter all around. Then he became quite serious:

"I'd rather do anything I've ever done in my life than to retire," he told Pinson. "If you'd let me stay another year, I'd be a happy man."

Retirement at Raeford Worsted is mandatory at age 65, Pinson explained. However, he told "Kip" to return to the

plant at any time for a visit.

"We'll escort you through the plant any time, and you won't have to wear a visitor's badge," Pinson said.

As a retired employee, Nash will be eligible for retirement benefits set up by the company through its profit sharing plan only last year.

"I only wish we had started the profit sharing and retirement plan 25 years ago," Pinson said. "But, then, the people who were working 25 years ago would have wished it had been started even earlier."

Nash is a native of Anderson County, S. C. Before joining Pacific Mills, he was employed for more than 18 years by Appleton Mills in Anderson and has worked at several other textile plants.

"I never laid out a day in my life," he said, "and I've never been fired. I have never left a job I couldn't go back to."

Nash was the first employee at the local plant to receive the new Pacific division service pin.

Board Meets Mon

Raeford town board will meet Monday night at 7:30 p. m. for its first meeting of the new year.

Ed Williams, town manager, announced that the town's planning and zoning boards will convene with the city fathers and a date will be set for a hearing regarding the establishment of a cemetery in Sunset Hills



ROUNDUP -- Hot branding irons and the odor of burning hide were in evidence Tuesday at T. B. Upchurch Farms when workers branded more than 50 Hereford cattle. The brands are handy for identification and records purposes,

the county agent's office says. The cattle also were worked and tested for bang's disease as they went through the branding chute.

Burlington Free Food Handout Costs Hoke Nothing

A service pin award program has been inaugurated at Raeford Worsted Plant to honor long-term employees, according to Marvin Pinson, plant manager.

Pinson said plant employees with five, 10, 15, 20, 25 years of continuous service with the company will receive Burlington Industries-Pacific Mills Worsted Company service pins.

The program officially got under way January 1. However, Pinson pointed out that employees who have qualified for an award prior to that time will receive the pins. He said special recognition ceremonies will be held for employees having 30, 35, 40, or more years of service with the company.

"The objective of this program is to offer recognition for loyal, continuous service with the company and we hope our employees will wear their pins with pride," Pinson said.

Hoke County is backing the local surplus food program, but so far it hasn't cost the local treasury a cent, according to T. B. Lester, county auditor.

More than 2,000 people are now eating groceries handed out by county-hired men last week but the program is paying for itself, Lester said.

In a county the size of Hoke where one station can serve all applicants, the monetary supplement paid by the federal government takes care of the supervisor's salary and that of his helpers as well as rent on the building used for storage. The program is made possible by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

The \$100-a-month supervisor, C. C. Conoly, is responsible for checking in all

commodities and checking them out again to the recipients. He keeps all records and files necessary reports. The helpers are hired two to four days a month to assist in doling out the staple foods.

The amount of cash supplied by the government is based on the number of persons served, including children. For the first thousand, \$2 per person is allowed the county to take care of extra expenses. For the second thousand \$1 per person is allowed. The total is more than ample for Hoke County, Lester said.

The commodities include flour, corn meal, rice, cracked wheat cereal, pure butter, pure lard, chopped meat (canned

Firm Shows Big Gain

Officials of Raeford Turkey Farms, Inc. were pleased with 1963 business and anticipate greater strides in 1964. Leonard Frahm, manager, said Monday.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas business this year was more than double that of last year, the manager said. He credited the increase with the quality offered in the "House of Raeford" brand.

"We expect to continue to grow as our brand name becomes more established," he added. Out-of-state retail houses have already been known to advertise "The House of Raeford" turkeys as their exclusive choice, he said.

The local firm, which began operation in June, 1962, under its present name, has increased personnel from 140 to 175.

Injured Freezer

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Rudyard Kipling (Kip) Mills after more than ed of the pin drafting is holding a bible given to

NO SERIOUS INJURIES Patrol Investigates Six Accidents

A rash of wrecks in Hoke County during the Christmas holidays resulted in about \$5,000 damage to vehicles, but no serious personal injuries, according to the State Highway Patrol.

Patrolman J. E. Dupree investigated six accidents from Christmas Day until Sunday. He said skid marks on the highways in this area indicate others may have occurred and gone unreported.

First of the wrecks happened at about 7 p. m. Christmas Day on U. S. 401 about eight miles south of Raeford at Hilltop Service Station. A car operated by Willie James McBe Negro, 21 of Red Springs, was damaged by a tree by a

road when it was struck from the rear. Damage to McBryde's car was estimated at \$750; to the Long car, \$1,000. Long was charged with drunk driving.

At about 8:15 p. m. Christmas Day, a 1958 Cadillac sedan operated by Samuel H. Goldman, 33, Negro, of Brooklyn, N. Y., ran through a "T" intersection on Highways 1203 and 1211 east of Raeford.

The car crossed the dead end and into a field and was damaged \$125. Goldman was charged with reckless driving.

At 3:30 a. m. Thursday, a car operated by Richard Lewis Parverson, 33, of Raleigh Rt. 3, was forced off the road near Raeford by a car operated by Thomas Cecil of Fayetteville.

At 8:30 p. m. Thursday, James Michael Reynolds, 16, of Raeford Rt. 2 drove into Highway 401 at the local Taste Freeze into the path of a northbound vehicle operated by Frank Grewer Gautier Jr. of Mount Olive Rt. 2.

Several passengers in the Gautier vehicle suffered slight injuries and one passenger in the Reynolds car was hurt slightly. Estimated damage to each vehicle was \$800. Reynolds was charged with failure to yield right-of-way.

At 2:45 p. m. Saturday, a car owned by Horace Johnson of Raeford was out of control on a road near Raeford when it struck a tree and caught fire.

who was driving. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,000. The investigation is incomplete.

Two cars were involved in a collision Sunday afternoon in Raeford when an unidentified vehicle stopped suddenly at the intersection of Highway 1203 and North Main Street.

A car operated by Garris, 49, of Raeford, had to stop suddenly after a collision and was damaged to the rear by a car operated by James Olin Summerville, 23, of Raeford.

A passenger in the vehicle was injured. The driver was not injured.