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Cemetery Hearing Is Set

Representatives from United Cemetery Consultants of Raleigh are expected to attend a public hearing to be held here Monday night.

The meeting has been called for a discussion regarding the development of a cemetery in Sunset Hills.

The Raleigh firm, reportedly in partnership with J. H. Wright, local real estate dealer, began a cemetery project in Sunset Hills in late November. It ceased operations after residents of the area complained to the town council about its location.

An application for a permit to construct a cemetery there to be called Hoke Memorial Gardens, states that the estimated value of the project is \$50,000.

Bernard Bray, chairman of the town zoning board, will preside over Monday night's meeting.

A. A. Group Organized In Raeford

There is new help for the alcoholic in Raeford and Hoke County -- if the alcoholic wants it.

A new group of Alcoholics Anonymous has been organized here and meets each Thursday night at 8 p. m.

Alcoholics Anonymous is composed of a group of men and women who share a common desire to abstain from drink. It has no officers, fees or dues.

The local chapter meets in newly-renovated rooms on the second floor of the McLachlin Company building, directly above Cole's Grocery.

To be eligible for membership in A. A., a person need only to recognize that his drinking is out of control and have an honest desire to stop drinking.

Recovery under the A. A. program is based on 12 steps of action, all taken voluntarily. There is no counseling or therapy; rather, recovery is based on the initiative of the individual, with the help and encouragement of others who share his experiences.

"There unquestionably are a great many persons in Raeford and Hoke County who need A. A.," a spokesman for the group said. "One need not have been on skid row or in trouble with the law to be an alcoholic."

Alcoholism, as defined by A. A., is prevalent when one lets alcohol interfere with his job, his family life, or his obligations.



AWARD--Neill A. McDonald Jr., right, is shown accepting the "Citizen of the Year" award of Raeford Kiwanis Club on behalf of his father, the late Neill A. McDonald Sr. The award was presented by Robert Gatlin, left, at a Kiwanis Club banquet last Thursday night in Southern Pines.



NEILL A. McDONALD

New Doctor Joins Staff Of Clinic

Dr. Robert G. Townsend, Jr., a native of St. Pauls, will join the Jordan-McLean Clinic here February 1 in the general practice of medicine.

Dr. Townsend, a son of the late Dr. Robert G. Townsend, comes to Raeford from Grayson, Ky., where he has been engaged in private practice.

He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and the medical school of the University of Louisville, where he received his M. D. degree. He interned at Marlon County General Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind.

Dr. Townsend is a veteran of five years of service in the U. S. Air Force.

He is married to the former Mina Hensley of Williamston, W. Va. They have three children, Susan 4, Bobby, 2, and Neill, 1.

McDonald Named Citizen Of Year

A Raeford businessman who died September 23 was honored posthumously last week for his contributions to the community.

Neill Angus McDonald Jr. was cited as "Citizen of the Year" by Raeford Kiwanis Club, which observed its 40th anniversary with a ladies night program in Southern Pines.

McDonald was lauded for his accomplishments in business, church and civic affairs -- particularly his efforts to secure housing for servicemen during World War II.

His son, Neill A. McDonald III, accepted the award, which was presented by Robert H. Gatlin. The award consists of a loving cup which is retained by the recipient for one year and a silver bowl, suitably inscribed, which remains in his permanent possession.

Several other awards were presented during the ceremony, at which Harold Gillis presided. Ted Goldthorpe, who joined the club in late summer, received the Program of the Year award. A. H. McPhaul made the presentation.

R. B. Lewis, a member of the club for 40 years, was given the Legion of Honor award, presented by district governor R. E. Batton.

Charge of the 5,000 awards went to Charles Hostetler, Robert Gatlin, Israel Mann, Harold Gillis, R. B. Lewis, John Manuel and Tom Wilson.

Attendance awards were presented as follows:

One year--Avery Connell, W. T. Gibson Jr. and R. E. L. Moser.

Two years--Harold Gillis.

Three years--John Campbell, Archie Howard and John Manuel.

Ten years--Jake Austin.

Eleven years--Julius Jordan and Hinton McPhaul.

Twenty years -- Marlon Gatlin.

On hand for the celebration were R. E. Batton of Smithfield, governor of the Carolinas district; J. Kelly Pearson of Laurinburg, lieutenant governor of the fourth division, and H. W. Henning of Darlington, S. C., secretary-treasurer of the Carolinas district.

Entertainment was provided by The Legends, a folk-singing trio from Campbell College.

Dance Set Saturday At Center

Banjo pickers, guitarists, square dancers and all their country cousins will congregate Saturday night at Hoke Civic Center for a program of country style entertainment.

Harry Harrison and Charlie Morrison are program chairmen of the event, the proceeds of which will go to the Civic Center.

Square dancing will be interspersed with judging of costumes, a novelty folk selection and several fiddle tunes.

Music for dancing will be by Aury Collins, Martin Scarboro Jr. and Gene Lee, former members of Waggoner's Country and Western Dance Band. J. A. Webb and Leonard McBryde will call the sets.

June S. Johnson Jr. will

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Policemen Solve Office Burglaries

A two-tin robber of the Hoke County office building was apprehended last Thursday night through the cooperation of Raeford and Fayetteville police officers, according to Police Chief L. W. Stanton.

Clyde Helms, 34, who gave his address as Fayetteville, admitted stealing \$200 from an office in the Welfare Department on January 6 and ransacking the building on the night of January 22. The man was brought here Friday morning after being picked up in Fayetteville.

Helms was convicted of the two break-ins Tuesday in Hoke Superior Court. He received two-year prison terms on both counts, the sentences to run concurrently.

Chief Stanton said Officer J. C. Barrington spotted the car driven by Helms and was able to get the license number before he sped out of town.

ON THE BOARDS Team Inspects Sites For New Post Office

Will Ask For Bids July 1

A team of inspectors from the Post Office Department and the General Services Administration were in Raeford Wednesday to select a site for Raeford's new post office and federal office building.

A spokesman for the group said plans for the building already are nearing completion and need only to be adapted to the site finally selected.

The team inspected four lots offered in response to a recent advertisement. Its members indicated they would "look at anything available in town."

The new post office building, to cost an estimated \$22,100, is included in the budget which President Johnson sent to Congress last week.

The inspection team indicated that designs for the structure must be submitted before March 30 and that bids will be asked about July 1.

"Right now, we're interested in finding a suitable site," said a member of the team. "We want to locate the post office as near as possible to the business district."

The site must offer a minimum area of 42,000 square feet with a minimum frontage of 200 feet on a public street.

Members of the inspecting team here included Glenn Gibson, appraiser with the General Services Administration; Warren G. Moody, captain of the team; Louis Pruitt, space requirements, GSA; L. L. Harper, architect, and L. F. Zsuffa, chief engineer of the Post Office Department.

Postmaster Charlie Morrison of Raeford completed the team.

Davis Named Man Of Year

Kenneth C. Davis, a certified public accountant, has been named "Young Man of the Year" in Red Springs.

Davis received the honor at the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce banquet held here recently.

In addition to the award for distinguished service which went to Davis, Tom Cope, head of the Red Springs merchants association, was given a "Senior Citizens Award."

Mayor E. H. Alexander presented the plaque to Davis and State Rep. R. D. McMillan Jr. made the presentation to Cope.



THE LAST BRICK--Workmen finish the front steps to complete the new Robbins Heights Baptist Church. The building will be used the first time Sunday when the Rev. L. C. Cheek, pastor, holds services at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Construction began in September when groundbreaking ceremonies were held at the Seventh and Saunders St. site.

McFadyen Will Seek House Seat

Neill L. McFadyen, incumbent Hoke County Representative, will seek re-election to the state House of Representatives, a seat he has held for the past two sessions of the General Assembly.

McFadyen, Hoke businessman and farmer, paid his filing fee last Saturday.

In filing for the Democratic nomination, McFadyen said: "It has been my privilege to serve the people of Hoke County in this office since 1960 and I hope they will see fit to allow me to continue to do so."

McFadyen was first elected to the House in 1960 when he unseated Charles Hostetler by a margin of 12 votes. He was unopposed in 1962.

There has been some speculation here that Hostetler might seek this year to regain the seat he lost four years ago to McFadyen.

Death Claims Col. Currie

James Gordon Currie, of Lakeland, Fla., died there of a heart attack at noon Tuesday. Funeral is to be at the First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland on Saturday at 2 o'clock and burial is to be in a Lakeland cemetery.

A native of Raeford, Col. Currie was 44 years of age. He was the only son of the late J. W. Currie, one of this community's early and eminent attorneys, and the late Ruth Gordon Currie.

Graduating from Hoke High School in 1935, Col. Currie graduated from Davidson College in 1940, received a commission in the U. S. Army Reserve, and shortly thereafter entered the active Army. He served in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II in the 35th Infantry Division and the 13th Infantry of the 3rd Division, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel at the age of 26 before the war's end and to the rank of colonel a few years later.

After leaving the Army he moved to Lakeland and had operated a photography studio there for the past 15 years. He was married to the former Constance Rogers of Lakeland, who survives him, along with one daughter, Barbara Pannill.

A sister, Miss Ellen Bruce Currie of Raeford, also survives.

Allen Given Year For Manslaughter

Robert Louis Allen, 21-year-old Raeford Rt. 1 Negro, was sentenced to a year in prison here this week after being convicted in Superior Court on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Allen had been accused of manslaughter in the death of Alonzo Alford, 43, who died in June as the result of a blow on the head with a two-by-four.

Allen was alleged to have struck the blow during an argument which developed over a glass of ice water.

The victim was found in a semi-conscious condition at his home and died after being taken to N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Sentence was pronounced by Judge Q. K. Nimocks Jr. of Fayetteville, presiding at the current term of Hoke Superior Court.

Other decisions handed down Monday and Tuesday during the current session included:

Willie Graham, assault with a deadly weapon, 10 to 12 months.

Benson Bridges, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, six months suspended on condition that he pay \$150 for the use and benefit of John

Pridgen and pay court costs.

Hector McKinnon Jr., speeding 85 miles per hour, 60 days suspended, \$50 and costs, license revoked.

Aaron Butler Smith Jr., operating at a speed greater than prudent, \$25 and costs. The criminal portion of the docket was expected to be completed by today.

At the beginning of the term, the grand jury returned nine true bills of indictment and continued one bill until the next

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Lake Manager To Be Named

A Hoke County manager for I. Beverly Lake gubernatorial campaign will be appointed in the near future, it was announced this week.

Earlier in the week, an erroneous announcement declared that Raeford attorney Harry H. Harrison would manage the Lake campaign here.

Harrison, who was Hoke County manager for Lake four years ago, will move up to a district campaign post.

Hoke's Per Family Income Is \$2,733

The per-family income of Hoke County is \$2,733, according to statistics gathered by Miss Josephine Hall to be used in filing for aid for the county through the North Carolina Fund.

Statistics also show that more than 50 per cent of the families have an income of under \$3,000 per year. The actual figure, according to the 1960 census is \$3,300.

The North Carolina Fund will be used partly to determine the reason for, and to lessen the number of, school dropouts. The median years of schooling for adults in the county now over 25 years of age is 7.9 years. There are 26.2 per cent of the adults over 25 with less than five years of schooling.

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The above facts emphasize the fact that the reason only 22 per cent of the employed persons here are in white collar occupations.

Inadequate housing in Hoke has caused the extension service in the county to place special emphasis on housing in its plan of work for the coming year. Statistics read like this:

Housing units unsound or lacking adequate plumbing facilities, 2,458; overcrowded housing, 1,108; (overcrowding is rated on more than one person per room) without piped water, 44.2 per cent; without flush toilet, 52.8 per cent; without bathtub, 32.4.

Hoke County, ranking 100 down the line, has the highest rate of overcrowding in North Carolina. This is because, according to past reports from the welfare department, houses on some farms in the county make a home for as many as 20 to 25 persons.



DOSE-DO--Getting ready for some fun and frolic Saturday night at Hoke Civic Center are two Raeford couples who will "stomp and tromp" at the benefit square dance. They are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hostetler, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crumpler, who "join hands a circle right."