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'LOT OF LUCK'

Officers Save Woman From Blazing Building

Three local policemen and "a lot of luck" were credited with saving the life of a Raeford woman whose home was badly damaged by fire Friday night.

Mrs. Paul Dezerne, a widow of 506 North Main Street, was found overcome by smoke in a bedroom of the home and was carried to safety by Officer

J. C. Barrington.

Barrington battled into the burning house on his hands and knees after smoke and flames had driven officers back in a previous attempt to reach the stricken woman by another entrance.

Officers Sam Motley and Harvey Young meanwhile were attempting to reach the woman

by another route.

Mrs. Dezerne carried unconscious from the residence. She was rushed to Moore Memorial Hospital, where she reportedly was still undergoing treatment Wednesday.

She was reported "getting along fine" by acquaintances. She reportedly was injured by the inhalation of smoke and was

only slightly burned.

Her sister, Mrs. Mae Charles of Charlotte, who was visiting in the home, escaped without injury. She, too, was almost overcome by smoke.

It was Mrs. Charles' faint screams that attracted officers to the scene at about 10:30 p. m.

All three were riding in a

patrol car and had just decided to "make one more round" of the town before Officer Young, who was driving, went off duty at 11 p. m.

"I had the window cracked," said Young, "and as I passed the Dezerne house, I thought I heard a noise. Motley and Barrington said they thought it was a cat, but I didn't, so we turned around at the stoplight (two houses from the Dezerne residence) and went back."

There they found Mrs. Charles on a side porch, fatigued and weakly screaming for help. She told them Mrs. Dezerne was still inside the building.

The three officers attempted to enter the house through a door opening onto the porch.



RESCUERS -- Officer J. C. Barrington, right, carried Mrs. Paul Dezerne from her flaming home last Friday night while Policemen Sam Motley, left, and Harvey searched other rooms in the house.



SUNRISE SERVICE -- The combined choirs of Raeford Presbyterian Church are shown here singing at Sunday's sunrise

service in the observance of Easter. A sizeable crowd was on hand for the early-morning service.

E.G. Inman Seeks Seat On Board

E. G. Inman, former state highway patrolman, this week became a candidate for the county board of commissioners.

Inman, who served several years as a patrolman in Hoke County, resigned last fall to enter private business. He since has become an insurance salesman.

He is the third Hoke Countyman to file for the board of commissioners. Previously, incumbents Eli Shankle and J. A. Webb paid their filing fees. Incumbent Smith McInnis has announced that he will not seek re-election. Harold Gillis and J. H. Blue have given no indication as to their plans.

Two incumbent members of the board of education also filed this week. They are D. R. Huff, Jr. and Robert Gibson. Other incumbent members of the board are Dr. R. M. Jordan, Robert Gatlin and Wilton Wood.

J. E. Gullidge, incumbent register of deeds, is the only other county officer to have paid his filing fee.

McFadyen Rites Today

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock for John Alexander McFadyen, 76, who died Tuesday.

Rites will be held at Parker's Methodist Church by the Rev. H. W. Gecenter and the Rev. P. O. Lee. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Plummer of Raeford and Mrs. Ken Speaker of Fort Worth, Tex.; four sons, John W. of Fort Worth, Tex., Clyde of Russellville, Ky., Tom and Fred McFadyen, both of Fayetteville; one sister, Mrs. Christian Sneed of Chester, S. C.; one brother, W. M. McFadyen of Laurinburg, and 20 grandchildren.

School Break-Ins Puzzle Policemen

A series of break-ins at Hoke County schools continued to plague officers this week.

Latest of the break-ins took place Monday night at Upchurch High School, where thieves carted off a filing cabinet and safe after entering the building by cutting out a windowpane.

The cabinet was found Wednesday morning in woods 180 yards from the school by children. Thieves had been unsuccessful in their attempt to break open the cabinet with an axe, the sheriff's department said.

Sheriff Dave Barrington expressed the opinion that the burglary was the work of amateurs, possibly teenagers. However, a break-in Friday at West Hoke School was termed

a "job by adults." Missing in the West Hoke break-in were an adding machine and a typewriter. Thieves pried open a door to gain entrance to the building.

Sheriff Barrington said he has the serial numbers of both machines and will attempt to trace them to possible places of disposal.

Upchurch High School had been entered twice before this year. Thieves raided the school January 27 and made off with about \$40 in cash, leaving a similar amount of damage. Nothing was missing in a March 5 raid in which culprits attempted to break open the same filing cabinet that was stolen Monday night.

Alcoholics Will Meet At Center

An intergroup meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Raeford at 8:30 p. m. Sunday with about 200 persons from groups in the Sandhills participating.

The supper meeting will be held at Hoke Civic Center. The principal speaker will be from Richmond, Va., and has never been heard before in the Sandhills.

The meeting is open to the public. A charge of \$1.50 per person will be made for the supper.

The local group of Alcoholics Anonymous will be host to the meeting. Visitors do not have to be a member of the organization.

Lake Leaders Are Selected For Precincts

Precinct chairmen for the Lake for Governor campaign were named here this week by J. D. McMillan, Hoke County chairman of the campaign.

McMillan, whose appointment only last week, also disclosed plans for a visit to the county next week by Dr. I. Beverly Lake, who is seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in the May 30 primary.

Named chairmen of the precinct committees were Julian Barnes of Rockfish, Hallie Blythe of Raeford No. 3, Bill Ruffelt, J. D. Pickler and Albert Kelly of Buchan, G. B. Rowland of Raeford No. 1, William Harris of Stonewall, and Carlton Gainey of Blue Springs. Listed as other Lake supporters actively engaged in the campaign were D. H. Hodgins, J. B. Cameron, W. J. Holt, Lacy McFayden, Harold Currie, Rex Currie, Charlie Branch, M. A. Overcash and Evander Gillis.

Julian McKeithan will head Veterans for Lake in the county. Dr. Lake will visit the county Thursday, April 9, while touring several counties in this area next week.

His itinerary calls for him

Four-County Meeting Set At Antioch

Housewives of four counties will come together next Wednesday for a district meeting at a home demonstration club at Antioch Presbyterian Church near here.

Miss Lorna Langley, former home agent of Hoke County and now Southwestern district agent, will be principal speaker. Also invited to take part on the program are two Koreans from Fort Bragg. Each of the speakers will base their talks on the day's theme, "International Relations." Musical selections will be given by Mrs. Archie Howard and Preston Phillips, both of Hoke County.

Mrs. R. E. Neeley of Hoke County (Wayside Community) district chairman, will open the meeting following a 10 to 10:30 a. m. registration period.

A devotional will be offered by the Rev. B. F. Ferguson, pastor of the church, and welcomes will be given by Mrs. Harry Daniels, president of Hoke County Council and J. E. Shankle, chairman of the board of county commissioners. Mrs. Eddie Powers of Marston will respond.

Officers will be elected by the delegation and installed by Mrs. Myrtle Swicegood, Southeastern District Home Economics Agent.

A 12 o'clock lunch will be served by the women of the Antioch Church.

to be in Buchan at 9 a. m.; at the courthouse at 10:30; visiting on the east side on Main Street from 11 to 12 a. m.; on the west side on Main Street from 2 to 3 p. m.; at U.S. Rubber at 3 p. m.; at Raeford Turkey Farms plant at 3:30; in Rockfish at 4 p. m.; at Pacific Mills at 4:45; at Hoke Civic Center at 6:30.

He will make a public address at the courthouse at 8 p. m.

Preyer Campaign Said 'Going Well'

The People for Preyer gubernatorial campaign "looks good" in Hoke County, according to Bion Brewer, co-manager of the Campaign here.

Brewer, who has been confined to his home two weeks with mumps, returned to his job and the political war Wednesday.

"Although I have been off the streets for the past two weeks, I have kept in touch with the political situation," Brewer said. "My estimate is that Preyer is gaining ground in Hoke County every day and will continue to grow stronger as the May 30 primary approaches."

A good deal of work has been done at precinct level by Alfred K. Leach, also a co-manager in

the campaign, Brewer said. "We will announce some definite activities in the near future," he said.

"Preyer's tour of the state's 100 counties, including Hoke, has established a definite image of our candidate," Brewer said. "His continuing campaign on radio and television and in the newspapers is adding daily to that image."

"Locally, the campaign has been quiet up to date, but there will be some bristling activity between now and May 30. Up to now, supporters of each of the three major candidates have worked largely behind the scenes, but before long they'll bring the campaign out into the open," Brewer declared.



DR. I. BEVERLY LAKE

Teachers Will Play PTA Teams

Two undefeated basketball squads will square off at the Hoke High Gym Friday night as the PTA men's team tangles with the faculty.

Neither team has lost a game in the past two years. The only blemish on the record of each is a 32-32 tie recorded when the two squads met last year.

Coach John Pecora of the faculty has been holding "secret" drills and rumor has it that he is developing a new offense which has never been used on a basketball court before. Expected to lead the "Schoolboys" will be veterans Lonnie Bledsoe, George Wood and Vernon Crumpler.

PTA president, Fred Culbreth, has appointed John Manuel as coach of the "Dads." Manuel first signed druggist Bill Howell as trainer, making certain that plenty of liniment and band-aids were available. Expected to return to action for the Dads will be Charlie Hottel, R. B. Stone, and Big Bob Seitz.

In the opening game starting at 7 p. m., the faculty "Schoolmarm" will attempt to even the score with the "Moms." The faculty squad will be led by Judy Keever and Ann Miller, while Lina Mae Prince and Lyda Soles are expected to lead the parents. Last year the Moms won by a close 32 to 28 score.

Single Case Is Heard In Court

David Bennett Martin of Laurel Hill was given 60 days suspended and fined \$50 and costs in Recorder's Court in the only case heard during the Tuesday session.

The weekly traffic session was canceled Monday because of the Easter holidays, during which courthouse offices were closed.

The court took the opportunity Tuesday to review several cases of long standing and ordered nol pros with leave in most of them.

Franklin D. Thompson of Ft. Bragg, charged with speeding 75 miles per hour in a 60 mile per hour zone, failed to appear and forfeited a \$20 bond.

Five old cases, all involving speeding charges, were nol prossed with leave after the defendants could not be located. They were:

Louis F. Burruso, Ft. Bragg; Herman Verrand Daniels; Clayton Roland Clement Payne; Charlotte; Jesse Charles Wiggins, Jacksonville; and Rodger Eugene Bain, Cherry Point.

Nol pros with leave also was taken in a case against Larry Harvey, of Leonard Training School, charged with breaking and entering and larceny of goods. The warrant against the 16-year-old youth was issued last June 13.



ROAD SIGN -- This sign on Aberdeen Road is identical to those being erected on all major entrances to Raeford by the Chamber of Commerce. Space is available on the signs for civic, fraternal and service club emblems.