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Judge Greene Dies; Rites This Morning



Harry A. Greene, 67, Judge of Hoke Recorder's Court, died Tuesday in Moore Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock at Raeford Presbyterian Church. Dr. Julian Lake, pastor of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines, will officiate. Burial will be in Raeford Cemetery.

Judge Greene, a native of Rock Hill, S. C., came to Raeford soon after being discharged from the army in 1919. He served as a sergeant during World War I and later became a first lieutenant in the local National Guard Unit.

He was a ruling elder in Raeford Presbyterian Church and vice moderator of the session at the time of his death.

Judge Greene represented Hoke County in the N. C. General Assembly for five terms, from 1947 through 1955. He was elected Judge of Recorder's Court in 1955 and served in that post until his death.

It is estimated that he tried more than 7,500 cases in the local court, which paid special tribute to him March 4 on the occasion of his 67th birthday.

In 1956, he was named Hoke County "Man of the Year" by Raeford Kiwanis Club. He was an organizer and first director of Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Greene was retired from Raeford Volunteer Fire Department, in which he served for more than 30 years. He was a former chief of the department and an officer in the N. C. Fireman's Association.

He was a charter member and former commander of the local American Legion post; a former member of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina.

Town Shows Warm Heart On Hot Day

An itinerant mother who encountered grief found sympathy and helping hands in Raeford last week.

The woman, stranded here with her three children when her car broke down, was sitting in the vehicle on Edinborough Avenue when Mayor H. L. McLean walked past.

The mayor, hearing a puppy's bark, asked the woman where the dog was. He was told it was in the trunk of the car.

New Officers In Chamber

Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce is continuing its search for a new office manager and is now reviewing applications, the chamber announced this week.

The chamber has been without a manager since R. B. Stone resigned April 7 to accept a position with the chamber of commerce in Fayetteville.

Tom McBryde, new president of the chamber, said "we are still looking for someone to fill the post. We'll be happy to consider all applications."

A committee consisting of Jake Austin, Marvin Pinson and Archie Howard are screening applications, he said.

Meanwhile, other new officers and directors have begun duties, along with McBryde, in the chamber.

They are Marvin Pinson, vice president, Jake Austin, secretary, and James Sinclair, treasurer.

Jaycettes Hear Town Manager

"A council management form of government has both democracy and efficiency," Ed Williams, town manager, pointed out to the Raeford Jaycettes Tuesday night.

Speaking at the club's monthly meeting, Mr. Williams explained that since the members of the town board of commissioners are voted for by the people, this is democracy. The town manager adds efficiency because he is a trained administrator and can coordinate the wishes of the town board, according to Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams said that the town manager here operates according to the charter written in 1901. He emphasized that running a town is a business where efficiency is needed, and that a council management form of government is economical because one person can coordinate all moves sanctioned by the board.

After Mr. Williams' talk, the club discussed its project for the Hoke County Fair to be held in September. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John Carpenter.

Two Get Booze Fines

12-Month Terms Are Suspended

Two Hoke County Negroes were convicted this week in Recorder's Court of bootlegging and a third was found guilty of possession as the result of raids by ABC and sheriff's officers.

Matthew Thompson, Raeford Rt. 1, and Roy Lee Monroe, alias Roy Brown, Shannon Rt. 1, were given 12 months, suspended, and fines of \$200 and costs. Thompson appealed to Superior Court under \$400 bond.

The third defendant, Sam McRae of Raeford Rt. 1, was given 30 days suspended and a fine of \$10 and costs.

In other cases, Judge J.M. Andrews handed down the following decisions:

Marvin Blue, Raeford, drunk in a public place and carrying a concealed weapon, \$40 and costs.

James Shaw, Raeford Rt. 1, non-support, 12 months suspended, pay \$6 per week for the support of minor child.

Fred Dudley, Raeford Rt. 1, assault, warrant declared fraudulent, prosecuting witness, Katie Lee Dudley, taxed costs of court for refusing to testify.

John Patrick Pope, Raeford, drunk driving, not guilty.

Anderson Locklear, Red Springs, allowing an unlicensed person to operate his motor vehicle, not pros with leave.

Lyman M. Osborne, Ash, following too closely resulting in an accident, 60 days suspended.

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PRIVILEGE LICENSES Hoke Merchants Howl Over Increased Fees

Raeford merchants howled in protest this week when their establishments were subjected to the town's new privilege license ordinance.

In some instances, licenses were almost 10 times the amount paid for the current year. On a town-wide basis however, the new schedule involves an increase of only \$1,800 in privilege license receipts.

The new ordinance, effective July 1, entails a general increase in fees, imposition of

cumulative licenses, and generally stricter enforcement of the privilege license statute.

It is a model ordinance of the League of Municipalities, according to Town Manager Ed Williams and is used in about 200 North Carolina towns and cities.

The new ordinance replaces a statute which was enacted in Raeford in 1927. It affects about 140 businesses, some 75 or 80 of which must pay increased privilege license fees. Fees were lower in eight or ten

cases.

Raeford's town board studied the ordinance for about four months before passing it.

Williams said merchants should have been aware that charges were proposed. The ordinance was furnished to the manager of the chamber of commerce who indicated he would pass it on the retail merchants committee, and the proposed increase twice was mentioned in the newspaper, Williams said.

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Dry Weather Hurts Crops In This Area

Dry weather and the current "hot spell" appear to have injured Hoke County's multi-million-dollar tobacco crop, according to the farm agent's office.

Wendell Young, county agent, said stands are irregular and some fields are showing signs of fertilizer injury and "sand drowning."

Poor stands were reported early in the season, he said, and some farmers had to replant their fields three or four times. The result is plants of varying size, which will bring hardship in harvesting and uneven quality in barnings.

Young said many of the earlier plantings were "stunted" by dry weather and are now "buttoning." However, most of the blooming plants have 16 to 18 leaves and will produce a fully-developed plant if reasonable weather favors them for the remainder of the season.

Nonetheless, there are early indications of a low yield in the county, which last year produced \$2.8 million in tobacco. In addition to injury from dry weather, local farmers were subjected to a 10 per cent cut in acreage allotment, Young said.

Tobacco in several fields in the county reportedly has turned "completely yellow" from leaching, or "sand drowning." Top dressing has been applied to help the plants recover from this condition, Young said.

Meanwhile, the small grain harvest, expected to produce \$350,000 in income, is about half complete, Young said.

Quality and yield was reported to be better than had been expected earlier.



TALENT WINNERS -- These three Hoke County 4-H'ers were district winners last week in the talent contest held as part of the district 4-H demonstration in Fayetteville. They are, left to right, Bert Pope, Becky Pope and Becky Plummer, who call their talents "The Chimpunks." Their talent presentation was a pantomime of a recording by "Alvin" and the other Chimpunks.

Crime Front Quiet, J. R. Horter Will Teach Ag Class

Police activity in Raeford and Hoke County was reported "extremely quiet" this week, with only one crime of significance investigated by officers.

Thieves raided Newton's Store near Star Truck Stop early this week, making off with an estimated \$275 worth of merchandise.

Sheriff's deputies reported that the thieves entered the building through a window which they reached by standing on a pile of soft drink cases. They thus gained entry into a storeroom, where they pried open a door to the store.

Missing merchandise con-

sisted primarily of cigarettes, candy and canned foods, they said.

Deputies J. R. Lee and W. Norton investigated.

Meanwhile, Raeford police department reported no major violations inside the town limits during the past week. Highway patrolmen too said "things are mighty quiet" on the highways.

Officers were keeping their eyes peeled on the calendar, however. June 25 will bring a full moon and there is a popular contention a moon of officers that crime increases on "the full of the moon."

J. R. Horter vocational agriculture teacher of Wagram for the past 15 years, will move to Hoke County this fall to teach introduction to vocations and vocational agriculture at Hoke High School.

Horter, who will replace Alfred K. Leach in the post, is the fourth new faculty member secured for the school in recent weeks. Other new contracts have been signed by a principal, a band director, and a guidance counselor.

Horter, a native of South Carolina, is a graduate of Clemson College. He taught in Anson County before World War II, in which he served as a platoon leader in the South Pacific.

He is married to the former Anne Moore of Caldwell County. They have a girl, Anne, who is a student at Meredith College, and a boy, Ritter, who is a high schooler.

Courthouse To Be Closed

The county courthouse will be closed today from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. in respect to the late Judge Harry W. Greene whose funeral is being held at 10:30 a. m.

Decision to close the courthouse was made by Harold Gillis, vice chairman of the board of county commissioners. Ell Shadle, board chairman, along with J. A. Webb and T. B. Lester, were out of town attending the state convention of county commissioners in Morehead City.

Chief Stanton 'Mashes' Foot

Chief L. W. Stanton is expected to return to duty today after being confined to his home with an injured foot.

The chief reportedly "mashed" his foot last week and continued on duty until the appendage swelled. Officer Harvey Young has been manning the police station on the day shift in the absence of Chief Stanton.



METHODIST DAY CAMP -- Youngsters of Raeford Methodist Church this week are taking part in a day at Sanders' Pond west of Raeford. The youngsters devote the mornings to fishing, swimming and other recreation, and following lunch take part in a "meditation period." In the photo

at left, they are loading up their fishing gear for the return trip to Raeford. At right, they are making candles in a crafts workshop. About 25 youngsters attend the camp each day. (Photos by Danny McPhaul).