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WEAPONS COLLECTOR -- Attorney Phillip Diehl is shown here with several of the medieval weapons he has collected since coming to Raeford. He is shown holding a lance that once was in the court of Frederick Augustus, Elector of Saxony and King of Poland.

Hoke Trio Arrested In Theft

Three Hoke County men have been charged in connection with the theft of \$2,700 worth of farm chemicals in Moore County, according to Sheriff Dave Barrington.

Free on \$1,000 bond are James Jones and Joe Scott of Shannon Rt. 1 and Nick Hunt, Indian Red Springs Rt. 1.

Jones and Scott are accused of stealing 150 gallons of MH-30 from Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. in Aberdeen. Hunt is charged with receiving stolen goods, involving the purchase of part of the loot, Barrington said.

Jones was arrested Thursday night after officers stopped his car near Arabia. They said the car contained 10 gallons of MH-30 identified by lot number as part of that taken in the Aberdeen break-in.

Barrington said Jones' car was "backtracked" to the Herman Gillis farm, where 66 gallons of the chemical was discovered in the ordering pit of a tobacco barn.

He said Scott and Hunt were implicated in the theft as a result of investigation.

Barrington said Jones' car had been kept under surveillance all day on the day of his arrest. State Highway Patrolman J. E. Dupree and Deputy Robert Jones, traveling in an unmarked car, stopped Jones. They were immediately joined by Barrington, SBI Agent Gary Griffith and Herman Grimm, Moore County chief deputy, who were in the vicinity in another unmarked car.

Plea That White Booze Is 'Fever Tonic' Fails

A neighbor's plea that the white whisky officers found in an Indian woman's refrigerator was "fever medicine" failed to sway Judge J. M. Andrews in Recorder's Court this week.

The woman, Modie Bullard, was given 90 days suspended, plus a fine of \$25 and costs.

ABC Officer Kermit Riley searched the Bullard house near Dunderach last week. He found 21 cans of beer and a fifth bottle less than half full of "stump-hole" whisky.

Mrs. Bullard told the court that the whisky has been given to her by a neighbor, Evelope Henderson. She said the whisky contained quinine and she was taking it as medicine.

Henderson, who was sitting near the rear of the courtroom, called out in a loud clear voice:

"That's the truth, Judge. If you're not scared of it, take a taste of it."

Judge Andrews declined, but offered to let Henderson testify.

Henderson, who declared he

doesn't drink, said he went to Mrs. Bullard's home and found her ill. After asking her "how her trouble served her," he decided that what she needed was a tonic he remembered taking back in the thirties for malaria fever.

He got the whisky for her, he said, and added quinine to it.

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

George Williams, Aberdeen Rt. 1, non-support, six months suspended, costs, \$10 per week support.

Luther Cordell Hunter, Ft. Bragg, driving car drunk, six months suspended, \$100 and costs.

David Foster Hopton, Lakeview, speeding, 60 days suspended, \$10 and costs.

Thomas Warren, Raeford Rt. 2, hit and run, failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision, 60 days suspended, \$25 and costs.

John Junior Roper, Raeford Rt. 1, no operator's license.

failure to drive on right side of highway, called and failed. Thomas Bill Carpenter, no address listed, failure to heed stop signal, 60 days suspended, \$10 and costs.

Lillie McLean Smith, Raeford Rt. 2, failure to yield right of way, 30 days suspended costs.

Charlie Thomas, Red Springs Rt. 1, assault on female, six months suspended, \$25 and costs, good behavior for two years.

James Walter Bethea, Raeford, assault with deadly weapon, \$25 and costs.

David Jackson Coleman, Laurel Hill, driving car drunk, six months suspended, \$100 and costs.

Luke Sturdivant, Raeford, no operator's license, driving left of center line, 60 days suspended, \$25 and costs.

Harrison Ray Daniels, Raeford, following too closely, not guilty.

Robert Williams, Laurinburg, failure to stop for stop sign, no operator's license, 30

days suspended, \$10 and costs. James Parter, Raeford, non-support, 12 months suspended, costs pay \$15 a week for support of minor children.

David Goins, Red Springs, public drunkenness, 30 days suspended, \$10 and costs.

Charlie Thomas, Red Springs Rt. 1, non-support, 12 months suspended, costs \$12 a week for support of eight minor children.

Sond forfeiture included: William L. McMillan, Red Springs, failure to heed stop sign, \$20.

Donald Cassidy, Macons, Robbins, speeding, \$20.

Latham Eugene Austin Jr., Ft. Bragg, driving car drunk, \$150.

Frank Harley Jr., Newport, N. J., speeding, \$20.

Ella Marable, Newark, N.J., speeding, \$20.

Boyce Deese, Pembroke, speeding, \$20.

Lomnie Kearney, Patterson, N. J., improper passing, \$20.

Gerald Ellsworth Joyner, Rocky Mount, speeding, \$20.

Raeford Attorney Collects Weapons Of Knights Of Old

When he was a lad, Phillip Diehl used to visit a Cleveland, Ohio, museum and spend hours in the hall of arms and armor.

Now an attorney in Raeford, Diehl has lost none of his enthusiasm for the knights of old. And he is well on his way toward accumulating a "museum" of his own.

Diehl, who came here earlier this year from Greensboro, currently has seven medieval weapons on the walls of his law office. In addition to being decorative, they make fine conversation pieces, he says.

And Diehl speaks with authority about each weapon and the days in which it was used. He has made a thorough study of the subject and sounds something like a college professor lecturing a history class.

"These weapons are intriguing to me because it is hard for me to imagine something being four hundred years old and having been carried by people," he said.

"The manufacture of each of these weapons was a major accomplishment. They were fashioned by people to whom time meant nothing--or, at least, to whom it had a value

different than it has today," he declared.

Among his collection are: An Italian dagger, circa 1650, handmade, 11 inches long, used primarily as a protective weapon.

A partisan, circa 1700, from the court of Frederick Augustus II, known as Augustus the Strong, elector of Saxony and king of Poland. The weapon bears the arms of the elector of Saxony.

A military lance, dated 1417, made in Italy, with handcarved staff, etched with a stand of arms and date.

A jousting lance with pennant bearing the name and coat of arms of Truchsess von Walburg, Prussian, circa 1550, used in tournaments.

An European mace, about 1500, known as a "helmet crusher." The weapon looks something like the end of a broken automobile axle.

An Indian mace (Madras) of hand cut steel, about 1700. This elaborate weapon probably came from an upper caste Hindu family.

A guild axe (German) dated 1678, with hand carved ivory grip and inlaid ivory crucifix. Probably a ceremonial piece, the weapon was probably owned by a member of a trade guild.

Such weapons are relatively expensive, Diehl said, although much of it, too, is in the hands not especially hard to come by. Virtually all are in the hands

of collectors, dealers and museums and can be bought, except from museums.

"The wonderful thing about collecting is that it leads to a study of arms and armor, which is a fascinating subject," Diehl said. "There is a wealth of literature available on the subject, although much of it, too, is in the hands of collectors."

Actually, Diehl said, medieval weapons probably cost more when they were made than they do now. All were handmade and required many weeks of labor.

"We have machinery now which produces knives on a mass production basis. In those days, three or four knives might be the result of a year's work."

Most of the weapon's in Diehl's collection antedate firearms. Some had military use, others were defensive weapons, others purely ceremonial. All are capable of killing, except, perhaps, for the jousting lance.

Jousting itself, although a game, was pretty close to mayhem, Diehl explained.

"In a jousting tournament, two knights raced toward each other on horseback and tried to unseat each other with the lance. They made three such passes, and if neither was unseated, they made three passes with maces or axes. If the battle was still undecided, they dismounted and went at each

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New Lots Are Added At Cemetery

There are about 90 new grave lots for sale at the Raeford Cemetery, Ed Williams, town manager, said this week.

Williams and other town employees spent a great deal of time at the cemetery the first of this week laying out eight grave plots and straightening out a street which borders a new area on the north side of the property.

The first of the new lots already have been sold. Williams said, adding that the new section will take care of more than 700 graves. More land is being filled in for future development. Next fall pine seedlings will be put out as part of the landscaping program.

The manager said that all lots in the original part of the cemetery are gone with the exception of two or three. Records are being checked and a new map is being drawn to determine the status in the old section. Some lots are owned by families who now have no connections here. These may be put up for sale sometime in the future, he predicted.

Mrs. June Stanley and Mrs. Betty Ward were among those who qualified for the Dean's List at Pembroke State Teachers College during the spring term according to an announcement made recently.



CHAMBER MANAGER--James R. Fout Jr., center, has been employed by Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce and will begin duties here August 1. Fout, a retired army officer, was a communications specialist in the armed forces. His family, currently living in Fayetteville, will move here in the near future. Fout is a native of Syracuse, N. Y.

Manager Is Hired Hoke School Insurance By Local Chamber Costs More

James R. Fout Jr., a 43-year-old retired army officer, has been hired as manager of Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce.

He succeeds R. B. Stone, who

resigned in April to accept a job with the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce. The local chamber has been without a manager since Stone's departure.

Fout, a native of Syracuse, N. Y., came to Raeford from Fayetteville, where he has lived since retiring at Ft. Bragg in July, 1962. He resigned as president of The Delmar Corporation, a mercantile agency, to take the job here.

Fout will begin his new duties here on August 1. He expects to move here with his family, a wife and two sons, in the near future.

Fout retired as a lieutenant colonel

Premiums for school accident insurance will go up this fall, Supt. W. T. Gibson Jr. said this week.

The new price will be \$3 per person. Last year the fee was \$2.50.

Gibson said that 200 per cent loss last year had caused the price to go up. Claims paid to five of the eight schools during the past school year amounted to \$11,569.18. Figures for Scurlock, West Hoke and Burlington schools were not available.

Some 3,514 children and teachers covered during the 1964-65 term paid \$7,051 in premiums or \$4,518 less than

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Rainfall Has Good, Bad Effect

The frequent rains in Hoke County during the past week have had both good and bad effect, according to W. S. Young, county agricultural director.

Rainfall measured 3 1/2 inches in some parts of the county during the past week end, he said.

Tobacco harvesting has been slowed down considerably. Water is standing in the middles hampering hauling equipment and primers. In most cases, however, tobacco crops are not suffering because rainy weather keeps the leaves from ripening as fast, Young remarked.

He also added that small plants have been encouraged to grow and are catching up with the remainder of the crop, therefore increasing the poundage per acre.

The outlook for good quality and good poundage is better than fair, he predicted. And his guess is that prices will not be down this year, since the government support price is actually a few tenths of a cent higher than heretofore.

Rains have helped the commercial corn crop, which was curling up from lack of water, to come back into its own, Young noted. But on the other hand, the precipitation has caused bollweevil activities to increase in the cotton fields by leaps and bounds. The earth is so wet that machinery can't be put into the fields for poisoning and even if airplanes are employed for the job, rain would eliminate the effectiveness of the chemicals, Young said.

Booster Club

Hoke High Boosters Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in the coach's office at the high school.

John Scott Poole, club president, said tonight's meeting will be devoted to planning activities for the forthcoming football season.

BAPTISTS WIN

Rain Hampers Softball Meet

Raeford Baptists advanced to the first round in the winners' bracket on the Southeastern District Softball Tournament here this week and was scheduled last night to take on Morgan Oil.

Raeford Allied, another local team, dropped its opening game, 14-13, to McLaurin Texaco and was pitted last night against Southern Pines.

Other action scheduled last night featured Stedman versus Hope Mills and McLaurin's Texaco versus Paul's Place, of Wade.

Saturday's contests were rained out and postponed until Monday. Monday's schedule was then moved up and will be played tonight at Armory Park, scene of the third consecutive district tournament.

Raeford Baptists won handily in their opening game, downing

the visiting Hope Mills team, 10-5. The Baptists are a strong team in the local church league and were strengthened by several players from other local teams.

Joe Dean was a star in the Baptist conquest, having a perfect night at the plate with four hits in as many times at bat. Wyatt Upchurch and John Canada got three for four, while C. D. Bounds came through with two for three.

The double elimination tournament will continue here until Saturday, August 1, with four games a night on the schedule. A total of 32 games will be played.

Tuesday night's games also were rained out and will be played later this week.

First round games still to be played include Glenn Newberry

Co. (Fayetteville) versus Maxton, and Spring Lake versus Massey Hill.

Still scheduled in the losers bracket are contests between Alamance and Oleo Manufacturing (Rockingham), and Burlington Industries (St. Pauls) versus Scotland Mills.

In a double elimination tournament, a team has to lose two games before it is sidelined. Thus, all teams now in the loser's bracket will be eliminated as soon as they drop another decision.

Teams in the winner's bracket move down to the loser's bracket when they register their first loss. In the finals, the winners of the loser's bracket face the top team in the winner's bracket, but must win two successive games to claim the championship.

Town To List Tax Owers

The Town of Raeford will advertise next week all property on which there are delinquent taxes, according to an announcement from the town hall.

It was pointed out that there are not a large number who have not paid taxes for 1963. But the names of those who have failed to take care of the obligation will be published, along with the description of the property and the amount owed.

L. W. Turner Is Stricken

L. W. Turner, a former resident of Raeford, died Friday night and was buried in Tifton, Ga., Sunday.

Turner was manager of the Johnson Cotton Co. store here for several years. He died unexpectedly, according to local reports.

Attending the funeral from here were Mrs. L. W. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Davis, Jr., a daughter and son-in-law; and a grandson, Mike. Also surviving are two other grandsons.

Thieves Raid Red's Kitchen

Thieves, believed to be youngsters, apparently satisfied their "sweet tooth" Friday night when they raided Red's Kitchen, on Highway 401 bypass. The only merchandise reported missing was about \$5 worth of candy. The building was entered by breaking out a glass window.



AT OPENING -- Raeford and Hoke County citizens by the hundreds visited the new office of Raeford Savings and Loan Association when open house was held at the Campus Avenue

office last Friday. Winner of a \$100 Savings Bond was Mrs. N. A. Clark. Harold Gillis, Eugene Matherly and Mrs. K. A. MacDonald each won \$25 Savings Bonds.