



THE BANK OF RAE



RANGERETTE PRIZE WINNER -- Mrs. Bonnie Russell (center) is being presented a check for \$200 worth of groceries by Gail Lowery (left) of the Raeford A&P and Lisa Usher, Miss Rangerette of the local Rangerette Group 1404, Woodmen of the World. The contest was sponsored by the local Rangerette group. Several Rangerettes of the local unit are looking on. Maxine Blackburn sold the most tickets - 122 - for the local group, followed by Crystal Barefoot, 76, Lisa Usher, 75, and Lisa Barnes, 72, all Rangerettes. (Staff photo by Pam Frederick.) The local group would like to thank everyone that aided in the success of this project.

536 Attend Presbytery Women's Meeting

The 93rd annual meeting of the Women of the Church of Fayetteville Presbytery convened in Brownson Memorial Church, Southern Pines, March 30-31. Mrs. John G. Balfour, presbyterial president, presided. Attending were 536 women and 31 guests.

Mrs. J.L. McNeill, Jr., as president of the WOC of the host church welcomed the assembly. The invocation was delivered on Tuesday evening by the Reverend W.W. Olney, III, on Wednesday morning by Dr. Harold E. Hyde, Jr.

Inspirational speaker for both sessions was Dr. David Burr, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, whose topic was "What's Next?" He was introduced by Mrs. T.H. Lingerfeldt, past presbyterial president.

Special music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. John Hatcher on Tuesday evening, by Mrs. Robert Ewing on Wednesday.

Mrs. Joseph Marley presented the offering objective, the completion of the WOC commitment to

William Black Lodge at Montreat to furnish a room in honor of Mrs. Beulah McPherson.

Mrs. Russell Park, birthday interpreter, and the Reverend John Robinson, director of the Pembroke Ministry, presented the Birthday Objective.

Mrs. Robert Snead made announcements pertaining to the Camp Monroe Retreat scheduled for May 21-22, and Mrs. B.E. Huffine, director of the North Carolina Women's Conference, told of plans for the conference at Montreat June 10-13.

Reports of the president and treasurer were heard, as were reports of special and standing committees.

An Honorary Life Membership was presented by Mrs. Sarah McDonald, presbyterial historian, to Mrs. Grace Monroe Hatch of Sanford.

At the conclusion of Wednesday's session Mrs. Peter McK. Cromartie, chairman of Synod's Ministry Group on Women,

installed the following new officers and chairmen elected in Tuesday's session: President-elect - Mrs. J.R. McLester, Rockingham; Vice President - Mrs. F.L. Schrodt, Sanford; Treasurer - Mrs. C.O. Norris, Olivia; Chairmen: Christian Community Action - Mrs. Harold Gillis, Raeford; Ecumenical Mission and Relations - Mrs. Roy V. Tew, Dunn; White Cross - Mrs. Frank Belote, Dunn; District II - Mrs. James L. Teague, Fayetteville; District III - Mrs. Robert Britt, St. Pauls; District IV - Mrs. Robert Snead, Cameronian.

The Presbyterial Council and guests were entertained at dinner in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday evening by the women of the host church. A luncheon for the entire assembly was served at the church following the Wednesday session. Mrs. Joseph Marley served as General Chairman in charge of arrangements.

Bethesda Church, Aberdeen, will host the 1983 annual meeting.

N.C. Group Hits Fed Nursing Home Proposal

The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging will issue a strongly worded official protest against a proposal by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources to abolish most nursing home standards.

"The change in policy will cancel out years of progress made in improving the level of nursing home care in North Carolina," said Dr. Ellen Winston, chairperson of the Governor's Council and presi-

dent of the National Council on Aging.

Dr. Winston stated that the federal administration seeks to eliminate staff positions, rules and standards that protect older citizens in poor health from abuse and neglect.

A resolution embodying the protest was sent to Richard Schweiker, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Changes sought by the Admini-

stration include deleting requirements for a medical director, staff development, activities director and other personnel assigned to assist nursing home patients in their emotional, social and physical adjustment.

These proposed regulations would no longer require a pharmacist to supervise drug dispensation. It would cancel medical evaluations as well as dental care in nursing homes. Requirements for nutrition

would also be abolished.

In addition, standards mandating nursing homes to accommodate the handicapped and disabled would be cancelled.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging viewed all of these revisions with alarm. It is a function of the Council to make recommendations to the Secretary of Human Resources designed to improve human services to the elderly in North Carolina.

Contract Cancellation Won't Hurt Tar Heels

Despite the fact that the state of North Carolina has cancelled its contract with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to conduct Medicare surveys, there will be no adverse health effects on North Carolina citizens, I.O. Wilkerson, director of the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Facility Services announced today.

"We, in North Carolina, have been conducting licensing surveys

since long before the Medicare program came into existence, and under the laws of our state we will continue to conduct these surveys," Wilkerson said.

"These licensure surveys check facilities for basically the same thing that the Medicare certification surveys do. The only result of the action of the state is to let the federal government know that we will not conduct business with an entity which cannot uphold the

basic stipulations of a contract," Wilkerson said.

Gov. Jim Hunt has cancelled a contract between the N.C. Department of Human Resources and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services because the federal government reneged on a signed agreement to provide funds to the state for the state to conduct federally mandated Medicare cer-

tification surveys. Under law, such surveys are a responsibility of the federal government, but in practice the federal government has paid states to do the work.

In the current federal fiscal year, the federal government issued a signed letter of credit for funding for the program and then proceeded to issue funds at a lesser amount. Historically, letters of credit from the federal government could be considered absolute guarantees of payment.

Group Sponsors Gospel Sing For TMH Pupils

The Parents and Volunteer Committee for the Trainable Multi-Handicaps of the Hoke County Schools sponsored a Gospel Sing at the J.W. Turlington School in Raeford Saturday evening, April 3, from 7 to 10.

There were six performers or groups of performers from the surrounding areas of Hoke County who gave so generously of their time and talent for a very worthy cause. They presented an excellent evening of entertainment.

The groups participating were: The Lumber Bridge Community Choir, Freedom AME Zion Gospel Choir, The Raeford Trio, from The Church of God of the Prophecy, The Waymakers from Pittman

Grove Baptist Church, and also two soloists from The Church of God of the Prophecy.

Marshall Wade from WSHB Radio Station was MC for the evening. The attendance was not as good as expected as many more tickets were sold than were utilized.

The proceeds were over \$600. And will be used for projected programs and future needs for the group.

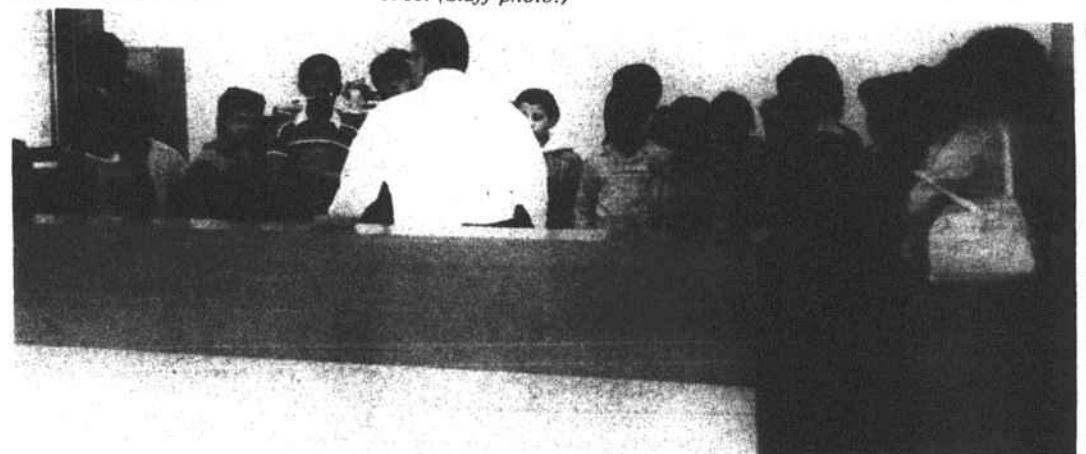
The Committee would like to express gratitude to the participants in the program, to those who helped and were supportive and also for the donations received.

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Jaycees Organizational Meeting

The "new" Raeford Jaycees organizational meeting was scheduled for April 7 at 7 p.m. in Carter's Pig-N-Chicken on the U.S. 401 Bypass.

All males ages 18 to 35 and interested in becoming Jaycees are asked to attend. No meal will be served.



CLASS VISIT -- Students in the J.W. Turlington Elementary School Resource Classes toured the Raeford Police Department March 24 and were told by Police Chief Leonard Wiggins (back to camera) about the police work and equipment. Wiggins is shown talking with the students and their teachers, Gloria Butler (right) and Gloria Kuhns, during the morning. Another group from the same classes toured the department with the two teachers in the afternoon. (Staff photo.)



FESTIVAL WINDOW ART -- These Fourth Graders of South Hoke School are working on their window paintings at Michael's men's clothing store in downtown Raeford, in connection with the Celebration of the Arts '82 Hoke County Arts and Crafts Festival. Their art teachers is Martha Warren. The boy in the white T-shirt standing at the left of his painting is Chris Long, the boy at the right of him is Lander Peterkin, and the girl is Casey Williams. (Staff photo by Pam Frederick).

