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had a slight stroke Monday morning, Sept. 24 and is now a patient in Moore Memorial Hospital.

I talked to him Monday and his speech was very good and he said he could move his right arm and legs. He is going the first of next week to Fayetteville for rehabilitation. The doctors said he was a prime candidate, which I think means he could recover 100 percent. Let's hope this is true. Gatlin said that the doctor told him that he had just "missed the bullet."

He said almost in tears, that his room was filled with flowers and that he had been the top mail getter for two days straight. Yes, Gatlin you do have friends.

He was especially appreciative of a letter from Mrs. Floyd Monroe. It was two pages long and ended with the following: "I will give out, but I never give up." As most of you know Mrs. Monroe is

from the Rockfish section of the county and is now 88 years young.

Gatlin as usual had some news for this column, but it doesn't deal with the weather. He said five days every week his newspaper is brought to the room by John Dunc McLean of Aberdeen. Mr. McLean is now retired and is a volunteer worker at the hospital. He is 89 years of age.

Mr. John Dunc is a native of Hoke County and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Make McLean who lived off the Laurinburg Hwy about two miles south of Raeford. He is a brother of the late H.R. (Hootch), Walt and Mrs. F.B. Sexton (Mable). There could be others in the family, but I can't recall them at this time.

I think this is amazing, but when you retire, you must have something to keep you busy or you will fade away. Thank goodness for golf and the publisher and

editor still letting me write this column.

It seems that the correct answer to the closing of the Antioch School has come forth. Mrs. Gardner Bostic, who lives between Antioch and Dundarrach, said that the high school closed in 1928. I believe this is right.

According to Mrs. Willie Hodgins, the elementary school closed in the spring of 1945. She states that the kids came to Raeford after the closing of the school.

If anyone disagrees with these dates, please state your case.

The Hoke High School Bucks have posted the best opening season record in many years. Let's all get behind the Bucks and maybe a title will again return to Hoke County.



New business coming to Raeford
This is the construction site of what is supposed to be a new funeral home for the town. There was a public hearing two months ago in the regular

meeting of the City Council to rezone the property. The land lies just off Highway 401 where the Main Street extension meets the highway bypass.

... Cable TV rate hike rejected

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stations, Music Television (MTV), Nashville, a county music station, and children's station Nickelodeon will be offered for from \$3 to \$5 per month.

To be offered as premium channels will be Showtime, The Movie Channel and the Playboy Channel at \$9.95 each per month.

City Council members were concerned that many people who subscribe to cablevision do so because of ESPN.

Under the plan that was to go into effect in November, a subscriber's bill would have gone from \$8.60 per month to at least \$11.60.

Subscribers will be offered an option for converters for to be able to receive the expanded service, Daniels said.

For \$3 per month, a box with a corded remote control will be installed. For \$5 a cordless remote control can be put in, according to Daniels.

From the prices given to coun-

cilmen by Daniels, a subscriber who gets everything offered by the company including the remote control will be billed \$43.45 per month.

If the rate hike had been approved, another \$1.40 could be added.

According to Phillips and members of the council, many residents are not satisfied with the service being provided now by the cable system.

"The only things we can control are the rates," said Phillips, adding that it was promised in the contract agreement for Alert to have the expanded service in operation in six months after the opening of the new system.

That promise was not kept, said the manager.

Daniels explained that the tornadoes in Red Springs totally demolished 24 miles of a 29-mile system in that town.

That system has had to be put in new again, Daniels said.

Councilman Bob Gentry said he would have to wait until the new programming comes up in

November to see if any changes have been made before he would consider the rate hike.

It was upon Gentry's motion that the hike failed.

Daniels informed the council that legislation has just been passed to allow cable systems to implement 5% increases without prior approval.

Historic district eyed

Members of the council took no action, but heard a letter from Kay Thomas on behalf of the Hoke Historical Association concerning the formation of a historical district in downtown Raeford.

There will need to be an inventory taken of all buildings in the area as to age, historic significance and building type, Phillips said.

When this inventory is completed, an appraisal of the area will have to be conducted by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Research, he said.

The zoning ordinances governing downtown will have to be changed, said Phillips.

Bicycle theft leads to jail

By Ed Miller.

A Shannon man was sentenced in Hoke County District Court to spend 10 days in jail for borrowing a bicycle and not returning it.

Michael Randolph Dial, of Shannon, reportedly was loaned a bike by Vincent Jacobs only to try and keep it, court records say.

The 20-year-old will spend his time in the Hoke County Jail.

In other court action, a 29-year-old Red Springs man had his suspended sentence activated last week and will be sent to the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Ernest Lavarn Parker was given one year on probation on May 4 and placed on special supervised probation for driving with his license revoked, records say.

He had apparently been in jail ever since.

He was sent to prison but given credit for 55 days in custody, records say.

Frank Earlington Peshoff, of Florence, S.C., was in court last week in Hoke County for driving with his license revoked.

Peshoff, 24, was given no less than nine months but no more than 12, records say.

His sentence was suspended for two years of unsupervised probation and a \$200 fine.

Blondie McCoy Brown, of Rex, was given three years unsupervised probation after pleading guilty to charges of driving with her license suspended.

Brown, 35, was also fined \$150 for her August 12 violation, records say.

David Patterson, 28, appeared in court last week charged with breaking the windshield and damaging other parts of a car belonging to Betty Morrissey.

The incident occurred on August 26, records say.

Patterson, a Raeford resident, was given six months suspended probation and ordered by the court to pay \$771 restitution for the car, records say.

Bobby Joel Beeler, 21, of Red Springs, was given a 60 day suspended sentence for possession of stolen goods, namely a boxer bulldog, records say.

Beeler was placed on one year unsupervised probation and ordered to pay \$50 restitution for the dog.

There were six cases of driving

while impaired (DWI) tried in District Court last week. Three of those people involved in cases received active jail sentences, according to records.

Kenneth Fairley, of Raeford, will spend seven days in jail to accompany his two years of special supervised probation and \$300 fine, say records.

Fairley, 25, has a prior conviction of DWI and began his jail term at 5 p.m. September 28, records say.

Raeford's Nathan Campbell Jr. was also given a seven day active sentence for his DWI offense on August 5.

The 43-year-old Campbell also received a one year suspended sentence and one year special supervised probation and a \$300 fine, records say.

Dellon Scott, of Pembroke, got seven days in Hoke County Jail to begin Sunday, October 7 at 9 a.m. for DWI, records say.

Scott, 34, got two years special supervised probation to go along with his active sentence and \$300 fine, records say.

Scott was arrested April 21.

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UNDER NORTH CAROLINA LAW - INHERITANCE AND GIFT TAXES

(1) The annual gift tax exclusion under North Carolina law will increase from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for gifts made after December 31, 1984.

(2) That gifts made by the donor may be "Split" with the spouse if the spouse consents. This change is effective for gifts made after December 31, 1984.

(3) After June 30, 1985, the inheritance tax credit available to lineal descendants or spouse, beneficiaries will be increased to \$4,000 from \$3,000. This has the effect of an exclusion of \$130,000 of inheritance value.

(4) When a husband and wife hold joint bank accounts or investment securities with right of survivorship, only one-half of the value will be taxed within the inheritance return of the decedent. This is effective for deaths after June 30, 1984.

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Deaths & Funerals

Fletcher Campbell
Fletcher Campbell, 57, of 210 East Prospect Avenue, Raeford, died Wednesday evening, September 26 at his residence after an extended illness.

Campbell was born September 29, 1926, in Latta, South Carolina, the son of the late Rufus and Sarah Campbell. He was a retired security guard.

Survivors are his wife, the former Frances Turner of the home; two sons: Charles E. Campbell of Southern Pines, Cecil 'Bud'

Campbell of Wilson; three daughters: Mrs. Sarah Branch of Raeford, Miss Agnes Campbell of Raeford and Miss Sally Campbell of Pinehurst, N.C. Seven grandchildren; one half brother, Cletus Freeman of McColl, South Carolina; one half sister, Miss Allie Freeman of Florence, South Carolina.

The McKeithan Funeral Home, Mt. Gilead, N.C. was in charge of the arrangements for Fletcher Campbell.

Ernest A. Franklin
Ernest Alva Franklin, who worked in the maintenance department with Sears, died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Sandra L. Christensen in Raeford on Sunday.

He was 68 and was a resident of Greenville, South Carolina.

Funeral services will be announced later by McAfee Funeral Home in Greenville.

Franklin is survived by his wife Kathryn P. Franklin of Greenville; two daughters: Mrs. Sandra L. Christensen of Raeford, and Mrs. Linda L. Hoffmeier of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; two brothers: Gilbert Franklin of Clermont, Florida and Lathan Franklin of Lake Hartwell, Georgia; one sister: Mrs. Mable Little of Newport News, Virginia; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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