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# Social Events

## Lumber Bridge News

By Lib Sumner

February 14th was a special day for Mrs. A.F. Tolar and family. Daughters, Annie Mac Williford of Fayetteville and Margaret Hamilton of Lumberton, sons, Stewart and Alfredo of Red Springs and Tommy of Lumber Bridge, were home to celebrate their mother's 97th birthday.

### Shower honors Pamela Lewis

On Sunday afternoon, February 17, Mrs. Donna Gray and Mrs. Johnny Sumner of Fayetteville were hostesses for a floating baby shower held at The Town Hall, honoring Pamela Lewis. The refreshment table was centered with a basket of cut flowers. Punch, cake squares, cheese biscuits, mints and nuts were served. The gifts were displayed for the pleasure of approximately 50 guests who called from 2 - 4 p.m.

### Birth

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Lewis announce the birth of a son, Richard Dean, on February 5 at Cape Fear Valley Hospital. Richard Dean joins a twenty-two month old brother, Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. William Martin Noftsinger Jr. in Richmond, Va. announce the birth of a son, William Martin Noftsinger III on February 23rd. Mrs. Noftsinger is the former Rose Mary McGougan and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. McGougan.

### Bits 'N' Bragg

Fort Bragg Officers' Wives' Club magazine Col. and Mrs. F.R. Weber were interviewed by Susan Hale, Editor of Bits 'N' Bragg so that arrangements could be made for their program for the February luncheon.

Susan stated that the Webers have a wealth of knowledge and experience and, the Fort Bragg Officers' Club is truly honored to have such an accomplished and special couple share their time and words at the February (Valentine) luncheon.

The following is some of the topics that the Webers talked about, "Old Time Army," tales and the 1936 Olympics.

Col. Frederick R. Weber served 32 years in the Army. And, while Mrs. Weber's grandfather, Brig. Gen. Dan C. Kingman, was about to graduate with the 1875 U.S. Military Academy Class, Col. Weber's ancestor, Simon Willard, was the oldest living graduate of West Point and the president of

the Academy's Alumni Association.

Col. and Mrs. Weber retired from the Army 25 years ago. They have a son in the army, grandchildren in the Army, and great grandchildren training to be officers.

The Webers continued their education, receiving their Masters degrees, they also obtained their fixed wing pilot licenses together.

Upon their retirement the Webers chose to settle in the town of Lumber Bridge.

Mrs. Weber stays active in some of the Fort Bragg organizations such as OWC, DWSA (Daughters of the U.S. Army) and Retired Officers' Wives' Club. She is also a member of DAR and is the third of six Katherines.

The Webers met at a dance at West Point 58 yrs. ago and spent 30 yrs. traveling with the Army. Some places were Hawaii, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japan during the Korean War and Fort Bragg when Col. Weber was the Garrison Commander (currently the position of the Deputy Past Commander) from 1958-1960, when he retired.

Col. Weber represented the Army and the U.S. in 1936 Berlin Olympics, also served as Regimental Commander for the 21 Inf. Reg. in the 24th Inf. Div. during WWII, with combat action at Leyte, in the Philippines under the command of Gen. MacArthur.

Last October Col. Weber returned to Leyte for a 24th Infantry Division reunion (his first non-combat travel without Mrs. Weber). During his stay at the Pines Hotel in Beguio, the hotel caught on fire. Col Weber escaped the burning hotel with only minor smoke inhalation.

Col. Weber continued his studies in voice and violin while at West Point and is considered an artist in both.

## Beach bingo is scheduled

Raeford Junior Woman's Club will begin "Beach Bingo" games at the Civic Center, March 9 at 7:30 p.m.

The clubs extends an apology to patrons who may have wanted to play bingo March 2.

Those games had to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond the control of the club.

All proceeds will be used in support of community projects.



Woody Davis

## Woody Davis retires

Woody Davis, Regional Forest Ranger, who is originally from Raeford, retired after 38 years in the N.C. Forestry Service.

Starting with the N.C. Forestry Service as Moore County Ranger January, 1, 1947, Woody worked in his position until July 1952.

He went to Rockingham as District Forest Ranger in charge of Forest Fire Control in the eight-county district.

In 1970, Woody was promoted to the position of Regional Forest Ranger in charge of Forest Fire Control in the 41 county region, with headquarters now in Sanford.

On February 27, a retirement dinner was held in Southern Pines at the Sheraton Inn, in his honor.

Over 100 Forest Service employees and friends attended.

Woody was presented a plaque by the State Forester Boe Green, and many gifts for his 38 years service in the protection and development of our forest in North Carolina, were presented to him.

## Lovette honored at shower

Mrs. Tracy Lovette was honored at a baby shower at Philippi Church on February 2. Hostesses were Mrs. Linda Pittman, Miss Donna Pittman, and Mrs. Bobbie Lovette.

A corsage of pink and blue carnations with miniature baby and ribbons was presented to Mrs. Lovette.

Guests were served cake squares which were decorated with pink and blue flowers, chips, nuts, mints, and punch. Mrs. Lovette then opened many gifts from the guests.

## A little light news

Arts in the Park -- doesn't that sound like Springtime?

This year there will be Arts in McLaughlin Park on April 28. Hoke people should start getting ready. Everyone who has a craft to exhibit, an instrument to play, or a song to sing will be given a time to share his or her talents.

The Chamber of Commerce will

be helping with the plans. Eloise Carter and Teresa Marion will be organizing. Individuals will be responsible themselves for calling to say they are coming and bringing their own tables and chairs.

Dogwoods, azaleas, sweet breezes, friends, neighbors, interesting things to see and hear --

it sounds wonderful. The thought of a Sunday afternoon enjoying the Arts in Hoke County may help you through the winter that is left in March.

The facts again: Sunday afternoon, April 28, Hoke folks come to share their talents. Call the Chamber of Commerce (875-5929) to say you're coming.

## Kiwanis celebrates birthday

Members and guests of the Raeford Kiwanis Club celebrated the 61st birthday of the organization during the annual Ladies Night festivities held at the Southern Pines Elks Club.

Hoke County Commissioner, Chairman John G. Balfour, was named as Citizen of the Year for his long record of service to the community.

Balfour is the 35th man to receive the award, which dates back to 1949.

Besides being a County Commissioner for over 20 years, Balfour served as Chairman of the Hoke County Board of Social Services from 1966-1972, is a member of the Sandhills Mental Health Board, a member of the Hoke County Economic Development Committee, involved in the Private Industry Council and is a governor's appointee on the area Inmate Labor Committee.

Balfour also represents District 5 on the Board of Directors on the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

In his non-political life, Balfour serves on the Board of Directors of Farm Chemicals, Inc., Southeast Farm Equipment Co., and was recently elected as Vice-President of the forming First Hoke Savings and Loan.

Outside of Hoke County, he serves as President of the N.C. Carolina Cotton Growers Association. He is on the board of the Southern Cotton Growers, Inc. and serves on the Producer Steering Committee of the National Cotton Council.

He is an elder in the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church.

In the presentation of the award, Kiwanis member Harold Gillis described Balfour as: "a man of character, who takes pride in the honesty, integrity and hard work."

Balfour was joined at the gathering by his wife Joan, his son and daughter-in-law John and Suzanne Balfour and his mother Mrs. N.H.G. Balfour.

Marion Gatlin was also honored during the evening's festivities for having the longest perfect attendance record in the club and for

selling the most pancake tickets.

Gatlin, who was attending Kiwanis before many of the present members were born, has 41 years of serving the community. He was also given the Golden Skillet Award for his efforts in selling the most tickets to the annual pancake supper.

In addition to Gatlin, Bill Niven again captured the award for selling the most raffle tickets.

The pancake supper and raffle are the club's big money making events.

Clyde Upchurch was honored for having the best program of the year.

Next to Gatlin, Gillis has compiled the best attendance record. He was honored for 22 years.

Also honored for attendance were: Avery Connell and Benny McLeod for 21 years; Frank Crumpler and Jim Ataway for 19 years; Niven for 12; Ernie Sutton for 11; Gene Carter and Dale Teal for 10; Wilton Wood for eight; Club President Wendell Young for two and Terry Houston and John Leandro for one.

## Personals

Monte Mac Lunsford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Lunsford celebrated his eighth birthday with a party at McDonald's on Saturday March 2.

Approximately 30 friends and relatives attended.

His grandparents from Raeford are Mrs. Frances Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lunsford.

Faye Dark Pickard, associate professor of nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been appointed nursing activities director and clinical facilities coordinator for the University's Area Health Education Centers program.

A Hoke High graduate, Mrs. Pickard grew up in Raeford. She is the daughter of Mrs. Henry Birnstein.

Eugene Monroe and family in Garner on Sunday.

Mrs. Doris Register was guest of honor at a birthday celebration on March first at the Edinborough Restaurant. She was surprised by her family and friends. Mrs. Evelyn Manning helped make the plans.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Plummer of Lillington announce the birth of a daughter, Laura Beth, on February 16 at Lee County Memorial Hospital. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Plummer of Hoke County.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Smith of Houston, Texas announce the birth of a daughter, Mallory Lynne, on February 11. Mrs. Smith is the former Rebecca Stedman. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stedman of Raeford.

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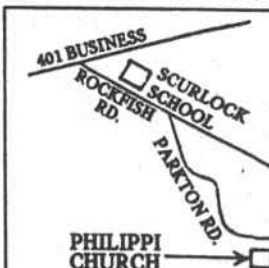
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