

# ...Around Town continued

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 cus which will perform here on Tuesday, April 16. He also stated that Western Auto and other businesses also have tickets on sale.

The big top will be inside Armory Park and there will be two performances. Shows are scheduled at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

So get an advance ticket to the circus and save some money.

The Raeford Junior Woman's Club reports that they could still accommodate bingo players on Saturday night at the Civic Center.

So go out and win a few dollars and of course leave a few dollars for the club's project to help our community.

Don't forget the Family Fun Frolic Saturday, March 30 at the Gibson Gym at Hoke County High School. This event is sponsored by the Hoke County Extension Service along with other agencies.

In talking to my peach expert this week, it seems that the thermometer dropped (below) 26 degrees last week and the peach crop could be hurt in Hoke County. It seems from news reports that the hard freeze in January got

most of the peaches in the Sandhills. We will report later on the full damage in Hoke.

Have you made your contribution to the depot restoration fund? Work is in progress and it will certainly give Main Street a better image when it is a complete job.

The people who will be working out of the office will also give the county and town a boost upward and this is what we need to secure more industry for us.

The classes of 1934-1935 of Raeford High School will hold their 51st and 50th reunion on Saturday, June 8 in Southern Pines. The 1935 class has one member who has moved since the last reunion and didn't leave a forwarding address. Her name was Julia Baker, a sister of the late Richard Baker of the Hillcrest community. I would appreciate any information anyone could furnish about Julia.

The basketball games over the weekend were disappointing to most North Carolina fans. It was good to see three ACC teams make the final eight, but tough not to get one in the final four.

Famous last words: "Wait until next year!"

Every once in awhile you will get a surprise when you take mail from the mailbox. This happened to me twice last week.

The first time was when I received a letter and it was addressed to "Sam." The P.O. Box number was on the envelope along with the town and the correct zip code. If the writer of the letter knows my box number why didn't they know my last name. I hope to find out later.

The second surprise was a copy of "The Oak Leaf & Acorn." The publication of Oak Ridge Military Academy. It was addressed to Price Morris, Raeford, N.C. It had 1924 on the label so that must have been the year that Price was at Oak Ridge.

Price, now dead, was my uncle and someone in the Post Office must have known I was related. Of the Morris family, Mrs. William Lamont is the only one now living in Raeford. Fay lives in New Bern and Jack lives in Southern Pines. So I am the only Morris name left here in the family. Families scatter.

# ...Gifts urged

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 office and would contain a public conference room.

About \$30,000 will be needed to complete the job.

The building will need new wiring, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, as well as interior walls, ceilings and floors before it can be used.

The depot, which was constructed around 1900, was once the hub of the community and was a key shipping point in Hoke County which led the world in watermelon production.

Contributions are tax deductible and can be made to the Raeford-Hoke Depot Restoration Fund.

Donations can be mailed to the Southern National Bank at P.O. Drawer B, Raeford, N.C. 28376 or dropped by the bank at the corner of Elwood Avenue and Main Street.

Members of the committee hope to arouse public spirit for volunteer labor in the restoration effort.

Contributions were made this week by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. M.L. McDonald, Sarah McDonald, Virginia Bray, T. McDonald, Dr. John Southerland and McMillian Food Mart.



### Big change

The 8th grade girls' restroom at Upchurch Jr. High School was in dire need of repair, said School Principal Allen Edwards last week. Here, (L to R) Gina Walters, teacher Eloise Carter, Jennifer Cribb, Sabrina Holt and Debra Wells all work together to turn graffiti into art. Mrs. Carter is an art teacher at the school.



Rev. Reid R. White Jr.

## McCain names new chaplain

Reverend Reid R. White, Jr. recently accepted the position of "Clinical Chaplain" at McCain Correctional Center at McCain.

Prior to his appointment at McCain, he served as pastor of White Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, Granite Quarry, North Carolina, where he and his congregation built a thirty (30) unit complex for senior citizens and handicap.

He has served as Youth Minister at Duryee Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, Schenectady, New York and was also pastor of Dyer-Phelps A.M.E. Zion Church in Saratoga Springs, New York where they erected a new edifice under his leadership.

Rev. White taught American History at Mount Pleasant High School where he was employed by the Schenectady City School District.

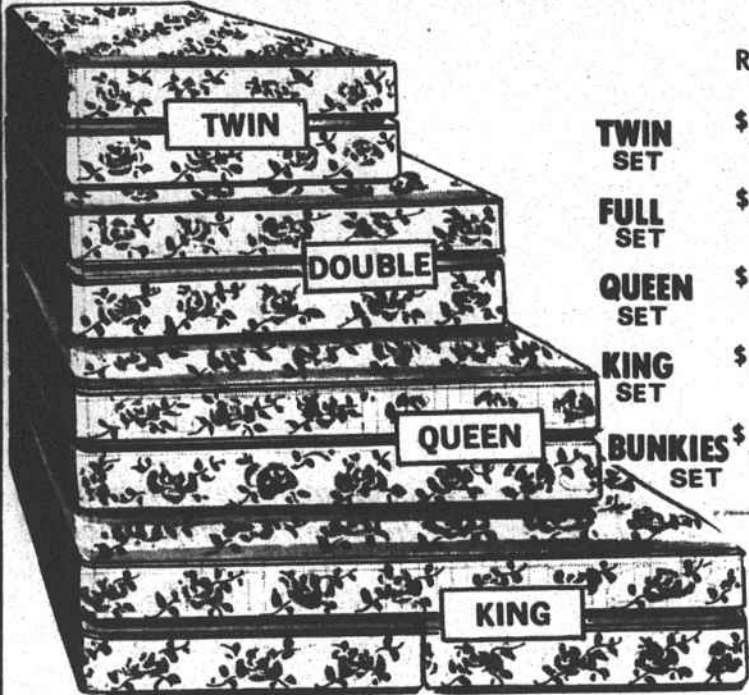
He has a B.A. in Sociology from Livingstone College, Salisbury, a Degree in Religious Education and a Master of Divinity from Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, and a graduate from the Clinical Pastoral Care School, North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

He and his family reside in Southern Pines.

A forum on "The Prison Ministry" will be presented by Rev. White, on Saturday.

All local pastors and a church representative from all denominations are asked to attend a continental style breakfast, which will be held at the McCain Correctional Center on Saturday morning, at 9 a.m.

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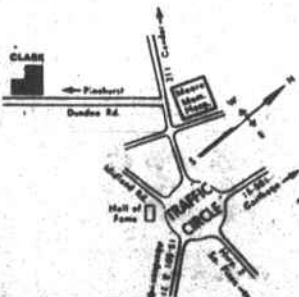
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