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## Turkey Pickin' tractor winning good time evening

Ticket number 778 paid off for Raeford resident Marilyn Miller the other night at the first annual Turkey Pickin'.

The ticket was the only one she purchased for the Raeford Depot Restoration Fund raffle, and it was drawn from 533 others as the winner of the \$2,300 John Deere riding lawnmower.

Miller works at the Main Street branch of United Carolina Bank.

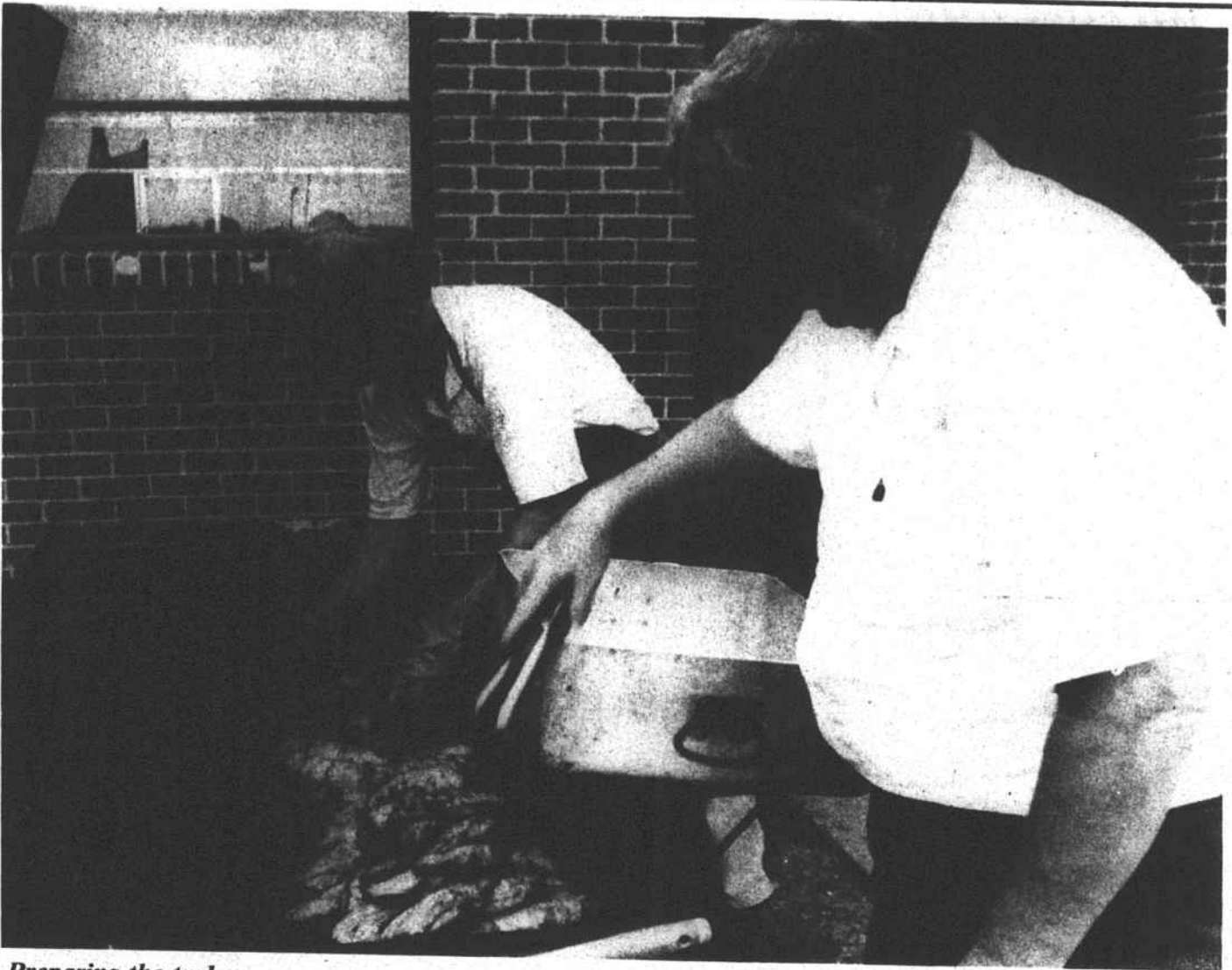
Twenty-two other prizes were given away during the evening, which drew a crowd of about 600 for turkey, sweet potatoes and fun at the new National Guard Armory.

All of the prizes were donated by local merchants and individuals and helped the restoration effort clear more than \$3,000.

Prize winners were: Steve McNeill, Jackie Williams, Robert Dickson, Phil Diehl, Warren Johnston, Raeford Friendship Club, Theresa McBride, Jean Johnson, Will Johnson, Harold Stone, Walter G. Gaines, Don Thomas, Louise Sawyer, Jean Hodges, H.L. Saunders, Lynn Brock, Luke McNeill, Rochelle Collins, Edward F. Tyndall, Billy Ray Locklear, Eula Mae Maynor, Lucille Smith, Richard C. Davis and Marilyn Miller.

Prizes were donated by: Raeford Oil Company, Cole's Food Mart, Home Food Market, Raeford Hardware, Gingham Edition, The South Carolina Crawfish Festival, McLauchlin Company, Howell Drug Co., Hoke Drug, The News-Journal, Kinlaw Jewelry, Country Caboodle, Value Mart, Western Auto, Calico Corner, Theresa's, The Party Shop, Raeford Cleaners, Edinborough Restaurant and the Fast Shop Food Mart.

In addition to funds raised for the restoration of the 80-year-old depot building, early estimates are that about \$1,500 was cleared on meal ticket sales to help fund the North Carolina Turkey Festival planned for Raeford September 18-21.



### Preparing the turkey

Earl McDuffie (right) and Raeford Councilman Bob Gentry give the turkey breast fillets a last turn before serving. Gentry and McDuffie were among many of the volunteers who kicked in time and effort to

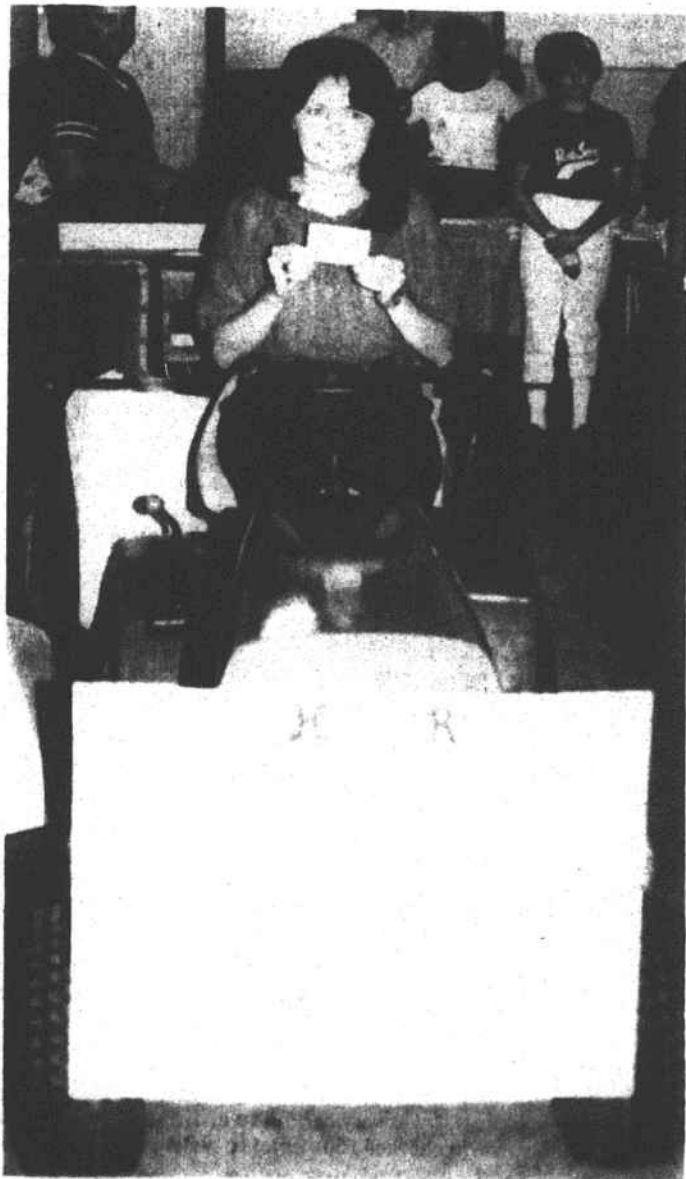
make the 1st Annual Turkey Pickin' a success. Over 500 meals were served during the event held Thursday at the National Guard Armory in Raeford.



### Treacherous path

Hoke County Librarian Elizabeth Burgess, (center standing), precariously weaves her way through the crowd carrying a plate of turkey, trying not to spill iced tea, while Neil Senter, (right standing), seems to be giving directions to a vacant seat. Ed Manning, (left, standing), watches the momentary confusion. Community support for the event raised about \$1,500 which will be used to help fund the North

Carolina Turkey Festival scheduled for Raeford September 18-21. Grilled marinated turkey breasts, donated by The House of Raeford, were served at the event along with sweet potatoes, slaw, Joe Upchurch's famous hushpuppies, Clara Pope's sinful rolls and apple crisp.



### Winning ticket

Marilyn Miller displays her winning ticket as she sits atop her new John Deere riding lawnmower. Miller's ticket was pulled from 533 others to win the \$2,300 mower. Over \$3,000 was raised to help the restoration of the Raeford depot through the raffle. The drawing was held during the Turkey Pickin' Thursday night.



### A fine selection

Pat Willcox, (right), and Mary Upchurch, (left), serve plates during the 1st annual Turkey Pickin', while Tammy McMillan and Franklin choose one of Joe Upchurch's famous hushpuppies. EMS staffers

Greg Beard, (left), and Bill Adams, (right), seem to be considering apple crisp for dessert.