



**Sorting things out**

Raeford Woman's Club members and helpers sort through donated clothes during last year's Share Your Christmas drive. The campaign kicked off this week at the T.B. Lester Building. Club members are accepting donations, as well as applications for the gifts. An emphasis is being placed on clothes for children and older adults. For further

information about Share Your Christmas, contact a Woman's Club member or Clara Pope at 875-3868 or Caroline Shook at 875-3205. Cash donations can be made by sending a check to Share Your Christmas in care of The News-Journal, P.O. Box 550, Raeford, NC 28376.

**Plans for 75th being formed**

Plans are being made for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Hoke County to be held from Saturday, May 4, through Friday, May 9.

Activities include a countywide religious service on Sunday night, a parade on Monday night, and a pageant portraying the history of the county.

The Hoke County Board of County Commissioners originally appointed Sam C. Morris, Clyde Upchurch and John D. McAllister to the original anniversary committee.

Committee Chairman Morris,

former manager of Dickson Press, said committee members felt they needed a steering committee to help them with plans for the celebration.

Those serving on the steering committee are Robert Gatlin, Jesse Neeley, Ruth McEachern, Imogene Huff, Betty Rogers, Nellie Flowers, Harold Gillis, Devoe Austin, Josephine Hall, Ray Autry, L.E. McLaughlin Jr., N.L. McFadyen, Warren Johnston, John Howard, Bobby Conoly, Steve Parker, Dr. John C. Ropp, and Freddie Williams.

Dr. John C. Ropp, pastor of Raeford Presbyterian Church is heading the committee for the religious service and Clyde Upchurch, Warren Johnston and John Howard are on the parade committee.

The next meeting of the combined committees is set for 3 p.m. Thursday, December 12, in the County Commissioners' Room.

The committee is open to suggestions from members of the community on ways to make the anniversary celebration a success, Morris said.

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It has been estimated that about 500 people turned out for the tree lighting and singing of carols Sunday night in front of the Methodist Church. The rain held off until the lights were turned on and it was a joyful occasion.

Ray Harris, director of music at the Raeford Presbyterian Church is to be congratulated on the fine job he did in leading the singing. He had formed a choir that afternoon to lead the crowd in the singing and they all came through in flying colors.

The groups that sponsored this event also should be thanked. It was a perfect way to start the Christmas season in Raeford and Hoke County.

Next year it should be a better event because all the errors of this year can be corrected.

Don't forget the Raeford

Kiwanis Club annual Pancake Supper tonight (Thursday) at the Gibson Cafeteria. All you can eat for a small fee, but think of the fellowship with Hoke County people.

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There are still some tickets left for the Second Annual Muller Roast Wednesday night, December 11. The roast will be held at the Hoke Civic Center and tickets can be purchased from Steve Parker at the Southern National Bank.

So go by and pick up your ticket and see what the plans are for the future of Raeford and Hoke County.

We all need to move forward with the group.

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The Christmas season is supposed to be a time of giving and seeing the bright things in life. This is not always the way things work. I understand that a purse was

snatched this week in a shopping center from a woman. So get prepared for the other side of the coin when you go shopping.

Don't leave your car unlocked, especially if you have put packages in the car that can be seen by people passing by the car. Put all packages in the trunk of the car where they can't be seen.

The police are moving around in the shopping areas, but they need your help to prevent your losing packages. It doesn't take long to secure your valuables.

Don't give your hard-earned money away to crooks!

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Don't forget that Friday, December 6 is the last time to call in for having your Christmas scene put in the Christmas section of the paper.

So call today if you have something worth showing to your friends.

**Deaths & Funerals**

**Janie Sutton**

Mrs. Janie Bowling Sutton of 380 Cole Avenue in Raeford, died Thursday morning in Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Raeford United Methodist Church by Rev. Frank Lloyd.

Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

Survivors are her husband: Ernest Sutton; three sons: Ernest R. Sutton, Jr. of China Grove, Blaine Sutton of Raeford and Neal A. Sutton of Raeford; one brother: Edwin Bowling of Fuquay Varina; two sisters: Mrs. Virginia Pollard of Coats and Mrs. Kathleen Goodwin of Apex.

**Dora Averitt**

Mrs. Dora Quick Averitt, 83, of Route 1, Lumber Bridge, died Sunday.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home Chapel in Fayetteville by the Revs. Henry B. Foster and Billy Beaver.

Burial will be in the Averitt family cemetery in Lumber Bridge.

Surviving are a daughter, Hazel McIntyre of Fayetteville; four sons: David D. Averitt of Leavenworth, Missouri; Charles Averitt of Raeford; Alex Averitt of Lumber Bridge and William "Bill" Averitt of Houston, Texas; a sister: Lillie Driggers of Laurin-

burg; a brother: Kirby Hoffman of Hampton, Virginia; and 10 grandchildren.

**Ruby Lee Cook-Burton**

Funeral services were held for Ruby Lee Cook-Burton on November 23 in Jamaica, New York.

She was a native of Raeford and was 44 when she died.

She is survived by her husband: Joseph Melvin; two daughters: Dorretta and Carol; her father: David Cook; four sisters: Juliet Parson, Barbara Lee, Alice Cook-Cadet and Cheryl McClain and five brothers: Charles, David Jr., Benjamin, James and Freddie.

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