

Jed York Rogers For Breaking In Hoke Oil Co.

Negro Employee Jimmies Fire Door of Vault; Fails To Open Safe.

J. Pender Moore, nightwatchman for the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer company, has a badly injured hand and York Rogers, negro employee of the firm, is in jail due to Moore surprising the negro in the act of sawing the hinges off the oil company's safe Saturday night.

Moore told officers investigating the attempted robbery that he noticed the office lights had gone out and entered the building to investigate. He stated he heard a noise in the vault and then saw Rogers bending before the safe. He said he then ordered the man to come out, and when Rogers failed to do so Moore fired a shot into the wall. Rogers leaped from behind a steel door and struck Moore across the lower right arm with a crow-bar and fled.

Night Policeman Rufus Sanders was called and acquainted with the facts of the incident, Sanders went to the home of a brother of Rogers where he was found in bed and upon questioning he admitted striking Moore.

Officials of the company stated yesterday that the vault door was not locked and that only the fire door had been secured. This lock was jimmied by the robber with a crow bar secured from the mill shop and the hinges and hinges of the safe were cut with a hacksaw also from the mill shop, but the safe had not been opened when Moore arrived on the scene.

Officers are trying to connect Rogers with the robbery of about \$700 from the Hoke Auto company and attempted robbery of the Upchurch Milling company office several months ago.

Garbage Will Be Collected Daily

The town fathers are cooperating with Chief of Police Barrington in regard to what has been an annoying situation; that is: collecting town garbage.

Beginning Monday morning, March 3, the town truck will call every day all over town and collect garbage from the back yard. Mr. Barrington wants all garbage cans put in the back—he wants it emphasized that garbage cans cannot stay in the front on the streets, after Monday, March 3. Put waste food, tin cans, etc., in the garbage can in the back yard everyday, but do not put paper boxes, shrub prunings, leaves, ashes and big things with the regular garbage. But—on Wednesdays—put all the big trash at the front and it will be taken off.

These orders are to be enforced and there is not one person in Raeford who will not rejoice to see those unsightly cans, oil drums, etc., with dogs scratching in them, taken from the streets.

Churchill Tells Japs He Will Not Even Talk Of Peace Now

London, Feb. 25.—Prime Minister Churchill has informed Japan's foreign minister that "there can be no question of compromise or parley" in Britain's war with the axis, a cheerless house of commons was told today.

This pronouncement was relayed to parliament by Richard Austin Butler, the permanent undersecretary of foreign affairs, as the result of demands from back-benchers on both sides of the house for a "precise" statement of the recent Japanese special message to Britain.

Six days ago Butler announced receipt of this special message from the Japanese ambassador.

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William L. Poole Now Lieutenant-Colonel of 252nd



Word was received here early this week of the promotion of Major William L. Poole to Lt.-Colonel of the 252nd Coast Artillery.

Colonel Poole has been a member of this unit since the organization of Battery "F" which was formed some years ago from the old Co. "G" of the N. C. National Guard. He has risen from 1st lieutenant of Battery "F" to second in command of the unit.

Roads Committee Gives Unfavorable Report 15-A Bill

Large Delegations Persuade Committee To Leave Highway Numbers As Now Designated.

The Brooks Bill to change numerical designations of "alternate" highways was given an unanimously unfavorable report by the Senate roads committee after hearing petitions by delegations from Raeford, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Laurinburg, and Lillington last Thursday.

Senator Brooks, of Durham county, had proposed a bill which would eliminate all alternate highway numbers and which would have changed the designation of route 15-A. This highway has been advertised extensively by the towns along its course from Creedmoor to Laurinburg and by the Lafayette highway association representing towns from the state of Pennsylvania to South Carolina.

The delegations were able to convince the senate committee that the bill would deprive these towns of benefits accruing to them from this advertising, and that by changing the numbers of the highway some of these benefits would be given to the residents and business houses of those towns on Route 15, by the diversions of tourist traffic, which were seeking to have 15A eliminated.

William David Fairley McDuffie Dies In Washington, D. C.

Sergt. William David Fairley McDuffie, former Raeford boy, died February 21st at his home in Washington, D. C.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McDuffie. He received his education at old Raeford Institute and King's business college, Raleigh. He was a bookkeeper and clerk with the Southern railway before joining the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington in 1917. He soon became a sergeant—where he made an outstanding record and on a number of occasions was cited for meritorious work in the solution of crimes in the northeast section of Washington.

Funeral services were held Monday at 3:30 p. m. at Lee's Funeral Home, Fourth and Massachusetts Ave. NE. Burial was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. William F. "Betty" McDuffie; two sons, William H. and Edwin H. and a daughter Jessie E. McDuffie, all of Washington.

Also the following brothers and sister, Dougal McDuffie, Bert McDuffie, Paul McDuffie and one sister, Lottie. Another sister, Alice, died about a year ago.

DR. McMILLAN TO HOLD SERVICES AT SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

The Spring Hill Baptist church, Wagram, extends a cordial invitation to people in this community to the Sunday morning services, March 2nd. At this time Dr. H. Hudson McMillan, a son of this church, who has been a missionary in Szechwan, China, will speak. His address will give a

Weekly Legislative Summary Of Public Bills

Prepared by the Staff of the Institute of Government

The biggest news of the eighth legislative week was the introduction of the long-expected liquor referendum bill and the passage of the revenue act. The liquor bill calling for a state-wide vote next November 4 on the question of prohibition, was introduced in the House by Representatives McGowan of Pender county on Friday, together with a bill to restrict the importation of liquor and wine into the State. The revenue measure, embodying a group of amendments to the continuing 1939 act, was given final passage Thursday when the House concurred in a batch of minor Senate Amendments. The biennial budget appropriations measure is expected to emerge from committee this week. The thirty-odd other bills passed during the week, most of them local in nature, included acts creating a Motor Vehicles Department and a State Marketing Authority.

Of the 170 bills introduced during the week, the preponderance of public measures, once more, related to roads, commerce, education and agriculture, plus a goodly sprinkling of municipal and county legislation.

One bill affecting local units would place every county and municipality whose governing body does not notify the Retirement System's board of trustees otherwise by January 1, 1942, under the statewide teachers' and state employees retirement system. This would mean that municipal and county employees would receive pensions, contributing 4 per cent of their salary while the town or county appropriates a near corresponding amount. Another bill would allow municipalities and other political subdivisions of the State to make airport zoning regulations. Others would: permit coroners a fee of \$10, instead of \$5, for holding inquest; not require the restoration of rights-of-way or easements by telephone, electric or power companies, and make the presence of telephone or power lines equivalent to recordation; permit marriage anywhere in the State under a license issued within the State, regardless of county of issuance, where the register of deeds has affixed his official seal to the license; authorize municipalities to transfer the city treasurer's duties to the city clerk; permit the operation of school buses one day prior to the opening of school; and place local units issuing bonds, other than counties, cities and towns, under the Local Government Act.

The Agriculture bills include one to permit farmers to secure special half-price license tags for trucks used only in hauling their produce and supplies, but not for hire; and another to provide for the warehousing of other agricultural commodities as well as cotton. A comprehensive measure to regulate and supervise public live stock markets and live stock dealers, requiring a permit from the Commissioner of Agriculture upon meeting certain health standards, was introduced, and a greatly extended seed law emerged from Committee in the form of a substitute bill. By another bill the Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to establish and supervise a County and District Fair Division to classify fairs and to contribute to premiums according to a set scale. A Senate measure would remove the license or privilege tax on buyers of scrap or uncut tobacco, while a House measure would relieve the Department of Agriculture of supervision of dog vaccinations.

The administration-sponsored Highway and Public Works Commission revision bill heads the list of roads measures sent to Committees during the week. The bill would reduce the members' terms from six to four years, establish a statewide rather than district system of representation, and invest the commission chairman with all Commission authority when the latter is not in session. Two other important measures would (1) set up a \$4,000,000 fund for construction of secondary roads throughout the State, and (2) require proof of financial responsibility for car and truck operators, on conviction of motor vehicle law violation instead of upon failure to satisfy judgment. The recent Supreme Court Decision declaring invalid parking meters because they were without legislative authorization prompted a measure authorizing cities to pass ordinances to impose parking fees.

A measure related to both health and highway would have the State Board of Health govern bus station sanitation and issue certificates of approval, revocable by the Utilities Commission upon recommendation of the Health Board.

Education bills provide for a \$15,000 appropriation to establish Indian vocational manual schools; the

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H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Wins Trip To New Orleans

Five very happy young men from Fayetteville's trading area left Raleigh Friday afternoon in a specially chartered pullman train for a week at the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

These young men are: H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Raeford Furniture company, Raeford; George Flaheer, J. H. Clark & company, Elizabethtown; B. O. Ward, Bridger Corporation, Bladenboro; W. W. Woody, W. F. Cox Furniture company, Tabor City; John Miller, Quinn and Miller company, Fayetteville. W. L. Hunter of Hunter Brothers, Inc., sponsors of this trip, is accompanying these prize-winning dealers to New Orleans.

The above named young men are the outstanding dealers for Hunter Brothers, who are Philco distributors in this section of North Carolina. These men have gone over the top in quota and by so doing have been awarded this wonderful trip to one of the world's most interesting cities.

This group joined a special pullman train on the Seaboard railroad in Raleigh Friday afternoon where they were met by 170 other lucky young men from Danville, Richmond and Norfolk, Va.; Bluefield, W. Va.; Winston-Salem and Wilmington, N. C.

Square Dance

The Blue Springs Home Demonstration club will sponsor a square dance at their community house Friday night of this week, February 28th. A previous date for a dance by this club had been printed but this was an error. Music for the dance will be furnished by the Rockfish club. Refreshments will also be sold.

Annie May Shaw, who is spending the winter with her grandmother, Mrs. Colin Shaw and attending school, spent the weekend at her home in Fayetteville.

funds from the Textbook Rental Fund; the allocation of an amount equal to 5 per cent of the State gross taxes on intoxicants to the school fund to be used in teaching the effects of alcoholism and narcotism; a commission to study the problems in transition of students from high school to college; and the authorization of city or county units to provide kindergartens.

Other bills introduced included: a "Townsend plan" calling for a \$15 per month pension to everyone over 65; a provision for daylight saving time in the State from the last Sunday in April until the last Sunday in September; a regulation of unfair sales practices; a uniform partnership act and a bill rewriting the law on limited partnerships; a measure setting forth uniform rules of practice for administrative agencies; a provision for alimony after absolute divorce upon grounds of two years separation; a provision for an election on a constitutional amendment to permit the General Assembly to change the number of solicitor districts without regard to the number of judicial districts; a plan to provide a \$100 per month pension for widows of former Attorney Generals; an exclusion of newboys under 18 from benefits of unemployment compensation; and a re-writing of the

Gun-Snatcher Gets Three Months

Johnny Warren Pays Costs For Truck-Car Crash Saturday.

Robert Graham, Raeford negro, was sentenced to three months on the roads for snatching the gun of Highway Patrolman Joe Murrill while being taken to jail by Policeman W. R. Sanders.

According to witnesses in county court Tuesday, Graham was being taken peacefully to jail Saturday, when he and Mr. Sanders were passing the car of Patrolman Murrill. Graham saw a gun in the car and breaking away from Mr. Sanders, he dashed to the car, grabbed the gun and run, eluding the police.

Several days later police picked him up. Judge W. B. McQueen imposed a three months sentence on the negro, which was suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs and upon the return of the revolver to the court.

John McPherson was found not guilty of charges of chicken stealing.

Johnny Warren, colored, pleaded guilty to careless and reckless driving charges growing out of a wreck in which he admitted hitting a truck loaded with workers at Fort Bragg from near Morven. Henry H. Morton was the driver of the truck, which was slightly damaged. Warren received severe cuts about the head and left side.

John McGirt paid costs after pleading guilty to carrying a concealed weapon, to wit: a set of brass knucks. A 30 day road sentence was suspended.

Carl May, white man of Laurinburg, was taxed with the court costs for violating the road laws. John A. Baldwin and Woodrow Monroe, colored men of Raeford, were given 30 days sentences, suspended upon payment of costs, for disturbing religious worship services.

Fred McCormick, colored, of Antioch, paid costs for drunken and disorderly conduct.

Father Of Miss Isabella Wilson Dies Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin attended the funeral of Dr. Willis S. Wilson in Davidson Monday. Dr. Wilson was the father of Miss Isabella Wilson, a former capable teacher in Hoke County High, but now of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.

Dr. Willis S. Wilson, retired Presbyterian minister, died at his home in Davidson at 7 o'clock Sunday morning from a heart attack. He was born in Romney, W. Va., January 29, 1867.

Dr. Wilson was graduated from Hampden-Sydney college and Union Theological seminary. He held pastorates in Marion, Mooresville, Lincolnton, Montreat, and West End Presbyterian church in Atlanta. Four years ago he retired from the active ministry and moved to Davidson from Lincolnton.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Isabella Allan Wilson; one daughter, Miss Isabella Wilson of Atlanta; two sons, Captain David G. Wilson of the R. O. T. C. department of Davidson college, and J. Allan Wilson, of Atlanta; two grandsons, David and Gilbert Wilson of Davidson; two sisters, Miss Anne and Miss Eliza Wilson of Black Mountain.

Rockingham Man Owner Of Hit-And-Run Car

Rufus Oliver, of Rockingham, was found to be the owner of the car which was involved in a minor accident here Monday, and then was driven rapidly away without the occupants investigating the extent of the damage.

Patrolman Joe Murrill stated that the car license number was secured by Mrs. Comer Covington, of McCall, whose car was damaged in the crash. The accident happened near Raeford on the Fayetteville highway near a group of workers on the highway widening project.

Mr. Murrill states that the Highway Patrol is continuing the investigation of the accident. One member of the Covington car was badly smashed. Apparently the Oliver car was not damaged to any great extent.

These home from Fort Bragg over the weekend here: Robert H. Morton, Woodrow Monroe, Carl May, and John A. Baldwin. They were on their way to New Orleans for Mardi Gras.

Fire Destroys House Of Dan Shaw

Fire destroyed the home and some of its contents of Dan Shaw Monday on the Upchurch place near McLaughlin chapel.

The Raeford fire department was able to keep the fire from spreading to barns and other outbuildings on the place. Water for extinguishing the fire was drawn from the Upchurch pond about one hundred yards from the house.

Demonstration House Open This Week

Hoke Concrete Works are holding open house Friday, Saturday and Sunday at a new concrete home completed this week on the company's property on the Raeford road just south of Fayetteville.

The house is completely constructed of concrete products made by the local concern.

Hazel Gentry, who is a student at Lenoir College, was at home over