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RAEFORD POLICEMAN RESIGNS; IS CHARGED WITH CORRUPTION

J. W. Stanton Facing Trial On Charge Getting Money On False Pretense

J. W. Stanton, Raeford policeman, resigned his job with the police force and quit work last Saturday following an informal hearing by the mayor and two members of the board of matters that resulted in Stanton's indictment on charges of obtaining money under false pretense, bribery, and malfeasance in office.

According to Mayor Poole and Commissioner R. B. Lewis, the matter started when I. W. Kinlaw, wife, came to Lewis with a check which he said one John McKenzie, colored, who works for him, had given John Wallace, colored, for \$25 cash which he (McKenzie) said he gave to Stanton. Lewis and Kinlaw went to Mayor Poole with the matter and he got Commissioner A. V. Sanders, Police Chief Harry Dees, Bud Williams (whose taxi was involved) and John McKenzie and John Wallace and they all sat down to look into the matter.

From the mayor's notes on this gathering, they heard substantially as follows:

McKenzie said that he had driven around Raeford on the night of December 25 in Bud's taxi (apparently driven at the time by Billie Howell, white), that they had stopped at one Annie Wade's where he bought some liquor and while he was there he stopped at Bud's taxi station in Raeford for gas. While there he said Policeman Stanton came to the taxi, found the liquor, and asked him if he could get him \$25. McKenzie said he told Stanton he could get it if he would take him home after it. He said that they then went in Stanton's car to his home in the Buffalo church section (of Quewhiffle township) where his wife said there wasn't that much money there. They then, according to McKenzie, went to the house of his brother-in-law, John Wallace, where he got the money from Wallace and gave it to Stanton.

The mayor's notes indicate that John Wallace told them that Stanton and Howell and McKenzie came to his house at about 3:00 o'clock on the morning of December 26 and that McKenzie wanted \$25 for being drunk and disorderly and having liquor. He said that he made McKenzie give him a check to hold for the money.

This check, which was with the mayor's notes, was signed by McKenzie's mark and witnessed by J. W. Stanton. Stanton resigned his job Saturday, according to the Mayor.

McKenzie indicted Stanton on three counts. They are, substantially, (1) that he did obtain \$25 from him upon false representation that he was under his authority to do so, and that he (Stanton) did deceive him to get him to part with it; (2) that he did unlawfully and willfully, while holding office, receive \$25 for omitting to perform his official duties; and (3) that he did unlawfully omit, neglect or refuse to discharge his duties to the town, county and state and otherwise guilty of malfeasance in office.

According to the mayor Stanton was not a county deputy at the time to his knowledge, and had no authority outside the city limits of Raeford. Buffalo church is some eight miles outside Raeford. The mayor also said that McKenzie had not, to his knowledge, been indicted for being drunk.

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FIRE YESTERDAY

The fire department was turned out yesterday afternoon to extinguish a blaze which was burning in some grass near the A. C. Keith home and which had begun to look threatening.

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. MacDonald

G. E. Crawley, State Bus Route Engineer, was in the county Tuesday checking on requests that had been made for changes in bus routes. Some of these requests he approved and some he turned down. We got about a 50-50 break.

Miss Pauline Jorma, area lunchroom supervisor, is in the county this week visiting all lunchrooms. She is meeting with all principals of schools, having lunchrooms and all lunchroom managers this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the courthouse.

The schools have adopted a goal of one 50 cent coin card filled for each pupil in membership for the March of Dimes campaign. There seems to be a great deal of interest among pupils and teachers in the campaign. We all realize the importance of this effort to the children. They being our most precious possessions we want to be prepared for any eventuality.

The county superintendent went to Raleigh yesterday to make application for an additional teacher for the Raeford Graded School. We should hear from this application within a few days.

Ground has been broken and work started on the Upchurch addition and the Indian School. We hope that you will be able to see walls in a short time.

Below is given the total enrollment, membership, and percentage in attendance for the white schools for the fourth month. Ashmont, 125, 104, 94; Hoke High 8th grade 118, 113, 93; Grades 9-12 281, 264, 92; Mildouson 97, 96, 91; Raeford Graded 666, 586, 90; Rockfish 123, 116, 95.

Rockfish leads the county this month in attendance, displacing Mildouson that led during the third month.

Attendance and enrollment in all schools is improving. All schools are making a special effort to get and keep all pupils in school now that the crops are practically gathered. We request the cooperation of all parents in this effort. The teachers cannot teach children that are not in school.

Furman Clark, soil conservationist, will talk to the seventh grade of the Raeford Graded school on soil and conservation and will secure the District Forester and District Wildlife Director to talk to the class along their lines. All this is a part of the class's study of Hoke County.

The Hoke County Unit of N.C. E.A. has just been honored by the National Education Association for its 100 per cent membership of all teachers in the county, state and national associations.

For years the Hoke County Unit has had 100% membership in the county and state organizations but this is the first year we have been 100% members of the National Association. We are proud of this accomplishment and feel that Mrs. Tom Cameron, president of the county unit of NCEA, and her enrollment committee should be complimented for their achievement.

The Student Council has made Hoke County a present of venetian blinds for all windows and doors of the lunchroom. We don't know how the council raised the money, but we think it is a splendid gift. Last Tuesday the "Rollettes" (Continued on Page 4)



MISS NORTH CAROLINA, Lulong Ogburn of Smithfield, was at her prettiest here last Saturday night at the big variety show at the high school which got the March of Dimes off to a good start in Hoke County. Picture above by Fay Ridenour of Fayetteville, photographer who also appeared on the program as magician and comedian, shows Sarah Cole, Hoke High Homecoming Queen, Miss Ogburn, Jean Obster, Hoke High Halloween Queen, and Fred Fletcher of Station WRAL in Raleigh who acted as master of ceremonies.

Cage Teams Take Two Games From Hope Mills Tues.

By Bruce Phillips

Hoke County High School's basketball teams went to Hope Mills Tuesday night and won two games from the teams there.

The Hoke girls opened the evening's program with a hard-fought 54-44 victory over the strong Hope Mills team. This game was quite a satisfaction to Coach Haywood Faircloth, as it was the first victory a Hoke High basketball team had won in Hope Mills since he came here to coach.

The Hope Mills started fast and stayed out in front until the third quarter. The Hoke girls then pulled away and went on to win by ten points. Lydia Williams was high for the visitors with a creditable 30 points. Sarah Cole was next with eight, and Sylvia Hester was high for the Hope Mills girls with 24 points.

The boys from Hoke High then put, the finishing touches on the evening with a thrilling victory by the close score of 29 to 27. The game was a rough one with plenty of fouls. Joe Culbreth led the Hoke boys with 11 points, followed by John McLaughlin with eight. Grimes was high for Hope Mills with eleven.

The Hoke teams play the Laurel Hill boys and girls in the local gymnasium tomorrow night. Entertainment will be furnished at the half by a midget game.

FILM ON MISSIONS AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Wednesday, January 23, at the Raeford Presbyterian church, a film will be shown on the work of the church in Africa. The Rev. C. R. Stegall, the man who took the film and a former missionary himself, will be present to give a running commentary on the film. The public is invited.

L. M. UPCHURCH BETTER

Lewis Upchurch, who has been a patient in a Fayetteville hospital for some time with a serious heart condition, is considerably improved this week. Up until last Saturday he had suffered frequent attacks which he has not since. He is still not in condition to receive visitors, however.

Demand for farm products grows in North Carolina is expected to be good in 1952 according to specialists of the State College Extension Service.

Walter J. Bone To Preside At Superior Court

Nashville Jurist To Hear Cases Next Week Involving 3 Killings, Thefts, Etc.

The regular January term of Hoke County Superior Court will be convened here next Monday morning, January 21, by Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville. Criminal and civil cases will be tried, with criminal cases being set for Monday and Tuesday and civil cases on Wednesday. Civil cases consist for the most part of divorce cases, there being nine of these set for trial. All other civil cases are old ones continued from the last term of court.

Criminal cases to be tried consist of one killing case continued from last term of court and two new ones. The old case charges Charlie Flynn with the fatal shooting of Bennie Lee Murchison at Flynn's cafe on the night of Oct. 5, 1951.

Curtis Bandy, colored, is charged with killing James Edward Breeden with a knife in Blue Springs township on the morning of Friday, December 7, 1951. Bandy is out under a bond of \$1500. Lucius Wallace, colored, is charged with fatally shooting John Boy McPhatter in Quewhiffle township on the morning of Sunday, January 6, 1952. Wallace is awaiting trial under a bond of \$2000. All principals in both cases are colored.

Other old cases coming up include: John Matthew Singletary, colored, breaking and entering; W. H. Graham, white, bad check; Robert Bolton and William Lewis, white, violating the prohibition laws; W. H. Fendley, white, careless and reckless driving, appeal; Roland Cole, white, escaping from the prison division of the State Sanatorium, appeal.

Pittman Bullard, Indian, will be tried for breaking and entering and damage to property. Morris McLeod, Danny, Emma McLaughlin and Neil Canaday, all colored, will be tried on a charge of stealing hams from the State Sanatorium in a case sent up by a justice of the peace.

The same grand jurors will serve for this term of court that did for the last. The list of petit jurors for the term is as follows: D. C. Cox, Tommie Cline, Marion Gatlin, Edgar McGougan, R. D. Easterling, Lonnie Douglas, H. A. McBenzie, George Willis, M. D. Blue, W. A. Barlow, S. D. Faircloth, John McD. McNeill, A. A.

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Recorder Hears Varied Cases In Court Tuesday

John Hurley Haley, Clarence Haley and Eddie Hubert McCrimmon, colored, were charged in recorder's court Tuesday with the larceny of a quantity of cotton from R. W. Parks. Case against Clarence Haley was sent to juvenile court, as he is only 15 years of age. Other two defendants pleaded guilty and got 90 days each suspended on payment of Parks for the cotton, court costs, and two years good behavior.

James Arthur Wright and Frank Lych, both colored, were charged and found guilty of stealing a rifle from Sam McRae. They got 90 days each to be suspended upon return of the rifle and payment of court costs.

Foster Warlick, Indian, was charged in one case with having a liquor still and in another with having non-tax-paid liquor for sale. He was found guilty in both cases and sentence was seven months to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs in each case and on condition of two years good behavior.

Luther E. Brock and S. D. Daniels, both white, each paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly. Daniels also paid \$10 and the costs for damaging the county jail.

James Thomas Dean and Thomas James Gunter, both white, were involved in an accident and both were charged with careless and reckless driving. Both were found not guilty.

Marylin Melton, white, paid \$10 and the costs for passing in the face of oncoming traffic, and D. S. Hall, white, paid the costs for passing on a curve.

For driving improperly equipped cars A. D. Dammons, Herman Lee Stackhouse, Richard L. Bratcher, and Martin Luther Johnson, all colored, each paid \$10 and the costs. Stackhouse also paid \$25 and the costs for not having driver's license, and Dammons paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

James Freeman and David Thomas, colored, and Johnnie Strickland, Indian, each paid \$25 and the costs for no driver's license. Thomas was found not guilty on a charge of careless and reckless driving.

Chalmers B. Davis, white, paid the costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Tom McIntosh, colored, was Walters, Jessie R. Lee, Jake Aus-

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PLAN MANY BIG BENEFITS IN COUNTY FOR MARCH OF DIMES

YOU and YOUR CONGRESS



Washington—What can you expect from Congress this year?

There are a number of definite indications of things to come, although it is too early to answer the question completely.

What must be kept in mind is that Congress is meeting in a Presidential and Congressional election year. Congressional leaders will work with one eye on election day and few legislative issues will escape the political touch.

That means legislative experimenting, with the political uncertainties it involves, will be unpopular. Congress will deal mainly with legislation that must be handled because certain laws expire this year or because political expediency forbids ignoring them.

Here, against that background, is a run-down of major items:

Taxes—No major increases likely. The President may ask for as much as a \$5 billion boost. But those Congressional leaders who have most to say about taxes have virtually ruled out another increase. There will be efforts to close so-called "loopholes" in the present law.

Spending—There will be a harder drive than last year to cut it. Voters are complaining more about it because their taxes are up. Bills newly introduced would put a \$71 billion limit on spending (\$20 billion less than last year) and lower the present legal limit on the national debt by \$10 billion to \$265 billion. The debt now \$260 billion.

However, Congress will go slow on domestic spending cuts that might pinch voters. And it will hesitate to chop military budgets, which will carry well over half of total spending, because of the world situation. Foreign aid will be considered the "safest" cutting area.

Controls—Congress isn't likely to scrap wage-price-rent-credit controls in this election year, because it isn't sure whether inflation or deflation lies ahead. It won't rush to meet President Truman's request to "repair" the 1951 legislation. It may order controls removed from those commodities whose prices slip below ceilings.

Social Security—Mr. Truman wants to increase old age and survivors' benefits by \$5 a month. Congress is lukewarm on this. But there are over 3,000,000 recipients of these old-age payments, most of them voters. That may force a compromise increase.

Veterans—Legislation to extend GI benefits to Korean War veterans—an election year natural—was held over from the 1951 session and almost certainly will be approved this year. But Congress will try to eliminate many of the abuses that grew up around World War II GI benefits.

Farm Prices—Mr. Truman wants Congress to boost the levels at which the government can step in and buy farm products to support their prices. But influential Congressional farm bloc members fear this might arouse consumers to the point of jeopardizing the entire farm price support program. They realize that food prices are high and that non-farm voters outnumber farm voters. So Congress itself probably won't raise farm price support levels this year.

Foreign Aid—As noted earlier, the economic portion of this aid (now about \$1 billion) will be politically vulnerable this year.

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Huge Crowd Enjoys Show With Celebrities At High School Saturday Night Play Here Tomorrow

The Hoke County March of Dimes got off to a fine start at the high school Saturday night with the big variety show, featuring LuLong Ogburn, Fred Fletcher, Puddinhead Jones, Fay Ridenour and others. These, and the troupe from Fort Bragg, together with a most talented mixed quartet from Hoke High school, made the evening a gala one of good entertainment. Miss Doris Bradley, of the high school faculty, also added much to the occasion with her arrangements and accompaniments.

Representatives from the various communities in the county were present to take the contributions at the gate from people from their communities, and the best figures available are that around \$750 was brought in by the crowd which filled the auditorium to capacity.

H. D. Harrison, chairman of the drive, reported yesterday that Dean White, chairman for the Robbins Mill, had already turned in \$425.40 which had been contributed by the employees there.

Benefits Scheduled

Several more benefit shows and suppers are scheduled to be held in the various communities of the county for the March of Dimes, and from the start it is getting, it looks as if the county will reach its quota of \$5,000 without much trouble. If people will just keep going to them as they did Saturday.

The Blue Springs committee will sponsor a series of three square dances at the community house on the next three Friday nights starting tomorrow. These dances will begin at eight o'clock.

The Antioch committee will sponsor a chicken salad and oyster stew supper at the Antioch Presbyterian church educational building Tuesday night January 22, from 6:00 to 7:30 p. m.

The Quewhiffle committee will sponsor a variety show with outstanding talent from various places next Wednesday night, January 23, at the Ashmont school. The show begins at 7:30, and an evening of good entertainment is assured all who attend.

Tonight there will be a square dance at the Rockfish community house. It will start at eight o'clock and there will be cake walks for home baked cakes and there will also be some of these for sale.

Next Wednesday night there will be a chicken and oyster stew supper at Rockfish. This supper will begin at six o'clock.

Tomorrow night at the Little River community house there will be a chicken supper and film.

The Stonewall committee will have a square dance at Hendrix Grill tomorrow night starting at nine o'clock. Next Friday night, January 25, there will be a chicken and oyster supper at Mildouson school at six o'clock, followed by another square dance at Hendrix grill at nine o'clock.

COVINGTON PROMOTED

J. Robert Covington, Raeford native and one-time columnist for The News-Journal who has been a resident of Charlotte for some years received a promotion in his business there this week. Associated with Radio Station WBT, he was made assistant vice-president in charge of sales and promotion. He has been in the advertising phase of radio work since his association with the station.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Clark spent Sunday in Chapel Hill with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wood and son.