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Addenda . . .

By The Editor

Well, as an employer there are two or three separate but somewhat related ways I will know for sure that Friday is January 1, 1960, along with others. Employees also will be aware that on the first day of the year they will have deductions made for state income tax for the first time, although the money will have been earned for a week in 1959. Then there is a matter of the social security deduction and employer's contribution going up again. Of course, we are all long since used to the big weekly bite for Uncle Sam's income taxes, and employers are by now accustomed to the payroll tax for unemployment security, by the State. When you add in the monthly sales tax report, and the income tax from the employer or firm, you can get a bookkeeper fairly busy before you get a chance to think about whether you made or lost money.

These taxes are aggravating to most of us, both for having to pay them and for having eternally to worry about keeping up with them, but they are small payment for the privilege of living in the land of the greatest wealth and opportunity the world has ever known. Just this thought makes our grim plumb hollow, doesn't it?

It had been our thought to carry our usual summary of the news events of the town and county during the past year in this last issue of 1959, on the last day of the year, but we found that we were not much more interested than most to do any advance work during the Christmas holiday, and with the paper coming out a day early this week due to the mail carriers getting a holiday on New Year's Day, it would have taken advance work to get it done. We are not really used to getting a paper up and out in two days, and if we ever have to do it on a regular basis it's going to take a little revising of production schedules. Time you get up with all the sources for social and personal news, community correspondents, try to get some pictures taken, developed and away to the engraver, turn an ear toward all possibilities for deaths, violence, wrecks, public affairs of town or county, see all the potential advertisers, figure out and write an editorial column—and get all this in type, laid out and into pages, proofed, read and corrected, why a staff as small as ours has had to go at a hard gallop for a day or two.

By the time this column, a catchall as its title might indicate, gets to the typewriter, though, we are in the home stretch. While it is being set into type, page one will be laid out and the headlines written and set. Then we will put her together, and breathe that weekly sigh of relief we have been looking forward to. The remainder is a pleasure.

It's all a pleasure, I suppose, or we wouldn't stay at it, even though we do have opportunity to dissatisfy about as many people as we satisfy, it seems.

Which gets me around to trying to straighten out some we didn't quite satisfy in the last issue. In our notice of a choir service at Sandy Grove Church last week we said that the singing was to be by the choir of Sandy Grove, when it was really a choir of several churches in the eastern section of the county known as the community choir, with the Rev. R. O. Freeman of Philippi directing. Mrs. McCall reported it right, but we had to mix it up getting it in the paper, and leaving out the community angle must have been directly interested in Sandy (Continued on Page 4)

## BUCKSHOT

### One Blast Sends Two TV Viewers On Hospital Trip

Two Hoke men were hospitalized late Sunday after being shot and another man with whom they were watching television was charged with shooting them.

Sam Jackson, colored, and Bernice "Jellybean" Locklear, Indian, told Rural Policeman Dave Barrington that they had been watching television with John Melvin, also colored, at his home between Dundarrach and Antioch on a Z. V. Pate farm late Sunday.

Melvin went into the kitchen and came back with a shotgun, the men stated, and aimed a blast of the buckshot at them. He hit both men with one blast.

Jackson was shot in the left side and thigh and Locklear was shot in the calf of his right leg. Jackson was able to get to a doctor in Raeford, Barrington stated, but Locklear was found by the officer collapsed on the shoulder of the road about 30 feet from Melvin's house. Both were taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville.

Melvin was jailed the same evening and charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

### License Plates Go On Sale Saturday

1960 license plates go on sale Saturday at the Raeford license bureau, operated again this year in the office of the Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Manager Phil Rieg says the office will be open from 9:00 'til 12:00 beginning this Saturday and each weekday thereafter from 9:00 through 5:00 p. m. Saturdays the office will be open half a day only.

Each motorist will be required to present his registration card before his license will be issued to him. Only when there is a transfer of title will more than the registration card have to be shown.

Tags must be bought and put on cars before midnight, February 15.

Sales of '59 There were 5,355 license plates sold in the Raeford license bureau during the early weeks of 1959, Rieg stated.

Tags sold for types of vehicles were as follows: cars, 4091; motorcycles, 7; private trucks, 691; farm trucks, 228; small trailers, 300; large trailers, 38.

Total number of transfers of titles handled: 290. Rieg said that '59 sales were considerably better than the year before.



Wins Bond . . . Dougald Shaw, at left above, won a \$50 Savings Bond in a contest sponsored by the North Carolina Natural Gas Company. The contest was among

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## Culprit Returns, Faces Judge

The judge and other officers of Hoke Recorder's Court got a real surprise Tuesday when a man showed up who'd been charged in the summer of 1958 with violation of the prohibition law and had completely disappeared. Richard Caulder, white, showed up at the Hoke jail Saturday night and gave himself up.

In August, 1958, he'd been charged with being drunk and disorderly and possession of an amount of non-tax-paid liquor. He had not shown up in court, capias had been ordered for him, and the bondsman had even paid his bond in March, 1959.

But Caulder showed up and turned himself in.

In court he told the judge, Harry Greene, that he had been on the run ever since then and he had become so worried that he wanted to give up. He stated that he'd not been able to stay on a job more than three weeks because he was afraid someone would recognize him. He pled guilty of the old

charge and the judge suspended judgment on the payment of the costs and gave the man until February 1 to pay that.

Other cases were mainly of the routine nature of court as the session lasted through most of the day ending close to four o'clock.

Charles Bethea, colored, pled guilty of indecent exposure. A sentence of 60 days on the roads was to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

Preston Wright, Jr., colored, pled guilty of non-support. A sentence of a year on the roads was to be suspended on payment of \$25 monthly for the support of his family.

William Hilton Peele, white, pled guilty of speeding 85 mph and was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon. A sentence of a year on the roads was to be suspended on payment of \$100 and the costs.

Mallie Graham, colored, pled guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and a sentence of 90 days on the roads was to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs and on condition that he be of good behavior for two years.

John William Sipe, white, pled guilty of speeding over 50 mph and judgment was suspended on

### Raeford Garden Club Lists 6 In Door Decoration Contest

Winners in the Christmas door decoration contest were announced Monday by Mrs. Alvis Dickson of the Raeford Garden Club.

Mrs. R. A. Norris won first place in the formal category and honorable mention went to Mrs. Paul Dezerne.

The informal category first place was won by Mrs. DeVoe Austin. Mrs. Hubert Cameron won an honorable mention.

Mrs. W. B. Heyward won first place in the religious category and Mrs. Joe H. Schell won an honorable mention.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. J. L. Berry, Mrs. O. B. Israel, and Mrs. W. L. Tinder of the McCain Sunshine Club.

Martin McKeithan entered Moore Memorial Hospital early Monday morning.

payment of \$25 and the costs.

Billy McVickers, white, was not prosecuted, with leave, on the charge of non-support.

Henderson Dupree, colored, pled guilty of driving under the influence of liquor and was found guilty of failing to stop for a stop sign. A sentence of nine months on the roads was to be suspended on payment of \$150 and the costs.

Francis McNeill and Richard McNeill, both colored, pled guilty of public drunkenness and each got a sentence of 30 days to be suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs.

Rayburn Maynor, Indian, was charged with having carnal knowledge of a minor girl. The court found probable cause and the defendant was bound over to the next term of Superior Court. Bond was fixed at \$1000.

Bonds forfeited: 13 at \$20 and one at \$30.

### Plan To Close Wednesday PM

List of firms who have informed the Retail Trade Committee of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce that they will start closing Wednesday afternoons on next Wednesday, January 6, at 12:30 follows. The county commissioners made this announcement for the courthouse offices last week.

There may be others, but those putting their names on the Chamber committee's list are Home Food Market, T. B. Upchurch, Inc., Raeford Super Market, C. P. Long, Service Loan Co., Howell Drug Co., Raeford Hardware Co., Hoke Auto Co., Raeford Furniture Co., Wood Furniture Co., Macks 5, 10, 25c Store, Cooper's Super Market, Western Auto Associate Store, Theresa's, Belk-Hensdale Co., J. W. Canaday Insurance Agency, Hoke Exchange Co., Hotel Barber Shop, Home Furniture Co., Niven Appliance Co., Wood's Grocery, Collins Department Store and Israel Mann.

## NOT CRITICAL

### 2 Shootings Mar Christmas Eve Quiet In Hoke

Two shootings on Christmas eve shattered what was otherwise a very peaceful holiday season in Hoke County.

An argument over whether a man could keep his cow in another's pasture ended in a shooting at the home of Sanford Jacobs near Newton's Pond south of Antioch.

D. J. Jones, rural policeman, said L. J. Locklear, Indian, shot Jacobs in both feet while Jacobs lay on a couch in living room. The officer stated that they had been fighting earlier over whether Locklear could keep some cows in Jacobs' pasture.

Some shot from the blast of the gun hit a grandchild of Jacobs but the girl was not seriously injured. Jacobs was treated and released that evening at a Lumberton hospital.

Locklear disappeared following the shooting and efforts to find him have been unsuccessful, the officer stated.

Shot In Bed

The second of the shootings on the evening before Christmas took place at the home of Mitchell McCall, colored, of Raeford township, according to Jones. The officer stated that McCall's granddaughter and George Cunningham came to Mitchell's house from New York city and went to bed.

McCall ordered Cunningham out of the house but the younger Negro refused to go, Jones said. At that McCall took a 410 shot gun and shot Cunningham three times as he lay in bed, the officer said.

The gun jammed, according to the officer, and McCall beat the younger man with the weapon. Cunningham was hospitalized with serious wounds in his right arm at Pinehurst.

McCall, who reported the affair himself next day, is charged with assault with a deadly weapon and will be tried when Cunningham is able to testify, Jones said.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKeithan of Greenville, S. C. were Christmas guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McKeithan.

## chamber says

### Stores Have Best Business

#### POLICE SAY Shoplifters Get Almost Nothing In Local Stores

Advance preparation and precaution of the Raeford Police department and the town board paid off in the near-absence of shoplifting in Raeford during preholiday shopping.

Also at the direction of the town commissioners there was constant police patrolling of town streets and the business district day and night which apparently resulted in a complete lack of break-ins during the month of December.

At the meeting of the town board early in December, Clyde Upchurch, Jr., police commissioner, was instructed to have police patrolling in the downtown area night and day, one on foot and one in the patrol car.

During the shopping days of the later part of the month, the officers became familiar figures on the streets.

Two Items Stolen  
The only instances of shoplifting reported, according to Officer M. C. Grissom, involved the taking of an air rifle and a watch from Collins Department Store.

The officer further stated that there were not even reports by merchants of suspected chop lifters loitering in the stores.

The Rev. and Mrs. Zane Norton and children of Conover and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Midgette and family of Sneads Ferry spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. J. M. Norton.

## Gets Off For \$125 For Driving 120

The prowling eye of the patrol car picked up the Chevrolet convertible on the US 401 bypass late on the evening of December 21.

The driver, a soldier from Fort Bragg, may not have been aware that the patrolman was following him for he sped through the bypass with its marked zones at speeds reaching 70 mph according to the officer's check.

A half mile south of Raeford Patrolman W. T. Herbin made an attempt to stop the car.

The driver Ronald Andrews, 22, ignored the blinking light of the patrol car and the siren and increased his speed, the patrolman said.

Both cars whipped down the road at speeds ranging to 120 mph. Herbin stated that at times they were traveling in excess of 120 because the needle on his speedometer went out of sight.

Each time he tried to stop the man, Herbin stated, Andrews would pull to the left of road so that the patrol car could not come alongside.

Herbin called via radio for help from Scotland County patrolmen and one came to his aid. Upon entering Wagram, Herbin and Patrolman Hasty of Scotland attempted to stop Andrews with a running road block.

This is done by one patrol car getting in front of a fleeing car and preventing him from passing by weaving across the road while slowing the lead vehicle. At the

#### Records Set By Most Merchants

Sleigh bells jingled no louder than cash registers in Raeford during the pre-holiday shopping season as the best year ever was recorded for sales in Raeford stores.

The report came Tuesday from the Raeford Chamber of Commerce following a survey of downtown stores by Phil Rieg, manager of the Chamber.

Business was very good this year, in fact the best ever, Rieg quoted most of the merchants as having said.

Sales of all items were brisk in the stores as Raeford conformed to the national pattern of a good year for selling.

Individual Stores  
J. I. Hubbard, manager of Collins Department Store, stated the pre-holiday season was the best in the history of the Raeford store.

Sale of toys was the biggest item at the Western Auto Store, managed by Homer McGuinn. He too stated that this was the best year ever for him.

Appliances sold well this season, too, according to Carlton Niven of Niven Appliance Co. The heavier appliances sold better than any others, Niven said. It was an exceptionally good year for women's clothes and certain household goods, said Mrs. Wilson McBryde, proprietor of Theresa's. The best selling items were sport clothes, she told Rieg.

At Home Furniture, appliances and living room furniture were the biggest selling items, Elmer Parnell, manager, told Rieg.

Bill Howell of Howell Drug Store stated that this year's shopping season compared favorably (Continued on Page 4)