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**HALLOWEEN DISPLAY** -- What with the big festival coming up this Tuesday night, the Hoke Public Library thought it might be timely to display some of their mystery titles. And to lend a little spice to the display, Red Hoven's Jaguar Darkfire of Eyre, a national cham-

panion cat, was imported from Fayetteville. Darkfire also reminds Hoke folks that a library referendum will be on the ballot November 7, authorizing the County Commissioners to levy up to 5 cents per \$100 valuation in support of the local library.

## HDC Clubs Plan Achievement Day Lunch Program

Mrs. R. E. Neeley, Home Demonstration County Council President, has announced that the Annual Achievement Day Program will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Raeford Presbyterian Church next Thursday, November 2, at 12:30 P. M.

Club members from all over the county will bring food for a covered dish luncheon. Each club is asked to furnish the center piece of one table and a prize will be given for the most attractive table decoration. A prize will be given also to the club with the largest percentage of attendance.

Mrs. W. E. Willis, who visited her sister, a supervisor of Home Demonstration Agents in Bogota, Colombia, will tell of her trip and show slides. Mrs. Willis brought gifts to the Hoke County club members from the women in Colombia.

Mrs. Sally McDowell, librarian will discuss the financial situation of the Hoke County library and the special tax levy to be voted on November 7.

"Every Home Demonstration Club member is urged to attend the luncheon," Mrs. Neeley concluded.

## Hoke Students Make Trip, Study Careers

It was a busy week for Hoke High students, as junior boys journeyed to Raleigh and Chapel Hill on Tuesday and all students participated in a "Career Day" on Wednesday.

The junior boys "sat in" on college classes at N. C. State and the University of North Carolina. They also talked with school officials on such practical questions as requirements for admission.

"Career Day" featured 23 guest speakers from various occupations -- ranging from a beautician to an FBI agent -- who met with groups of interested students to discuss their professions.

The day began with a meeting of the entire student body to hear the keynote speaker, Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill.

## Dangerous Haw River Is Last Home Game For Bucks

Local fans get their last chance to see the Bucks at home this Friday night when the gridsters tangle with the dangerous Haw River eleven that comes to town with a 4-2-2 record, including a win and a tie with previous 3-A

Coached by Arliss Clarr, the Haw River Indians downed Graham 8-0 and fought a 0-0 tie with Southern Alamance in their most impressive outings to date. Both Graham and Southern Alamance are 3-A clubs.

The Indians run out of a single wing with little George Roach, 130-pound senior, as the tailback. Roach, according to Floyd Wilson's scouting reports, is lightning fast and also an able passer.

An additional headache for the Bucks, as they prepare to defend against their first single wing opponent in several years, is the fact that tailback Roach frequently employs a quick kick with devastating effect.

In the line, the Indians are led by left guard Lewis Duncan. A senior, weighing in at 190 pounds, Duncan is only half a step slower than little Roach, the fastest man on the Indian squad. Coach Clarr says that Duncan has "complete all-state potential."

## Pomona And Subordinate Granges Elect Officers, Hear "Mr. Fred"

By LENORA THOMPSON  
"The Goal of the Grange is to 'press onward,'" stated Fred P. Johnson, outgoing Master of Hoke Pomona Grange, as he administered the obligations of the Grange

offices to the newly elected officers of the Pomona and subordinate Granges--Ashmont, Blue Springs and Wayside -- during a special installation service at Bethel Presbyterian Church last Saturday.

Before he proceeded with the installation service, Master Johnson asked for the nomination of a Pomona Grange Gate Keeper -- the office to which the late R. D. Parker had been elected. J.H. Blythe was nominated and unanimously elected.

Those receiving the obligation for the Pomona Grange offices were:

Master, James Nixon; Overseer, D. R. Huff, Jr.; Lecturer, Barbara Thompson; Assistant Steward, K. A. McDonald; Lady Assistant Ste-

Nine lettermen returned from last year's Indian team that compiled a respectable 6-2-1 record.

As for the Bucks, still licking numerous wounds from the Hamlet encounter, the only major change will be in the backfield where sophomore Eddie Baker will replace the injured Larry Phillips.

Phillips has been hampered all season long by a leg injury, which was severely aggravated in the Hamlet contest. Baker, on the other hand, has recovered from a broken foot sustained in pre-season drills and should be ready at long last to give Bucks fans a good preview of what's in store for next season.

In addition to the problem of defending the unfamiliar single wing, Coach Wilson has the psychological hazard of bringing his boys "up" for a 2-A opponent while the locals are still "down" in the wake of the Hamlet game.

"I don't ever want to play a tougher ball game than the Hamlet one," said Wilson, and this understandable attitude carries the danger of a possible upset tomorrow night should the Bucks make the mistake of under-estimating the Indians.

Kickoff is at 8 p. m. at Armory Park.

## Israel Mann Satisfactory, Says Jordan

Raeford merchant Israel Mann was reported in "satisfactory" condition at Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville following a series of "light" heart attacks sustained last week.

His visiting list is still restricted to members of the immediate family, according to Dr. Riley M. Jordan, but this restriction is not expected to continue much longer.

"Israel is just now beginning to realize he's a sick man," Jordan said.

## Young Democrats Slate Meet At Courthouse

A meeting of the Hoke Young Democrats will be held Monday night at the Courthouse at 7:30 p. m., President Bion Brewer announced.

The meeting was called to discuss plans for the forthcoming YDC State Convention, scheduled for Durham on November 10-11. There will be contests at the Convention for the offices of state president and national committeeman, Brewer said.

He urged all who were interested in joining the Hoke YDC to attend the Monday night meeting.

## Boosters Will Charter Bus To Wilson Game

Booster President Ralph Plummer said this week that his group was making arrangements for a chartered bus to make the November 10 trip to Wilson where the Bucks will conclude the 1961 grid season.

For a round trip fare of \$3.05, the bus will leave from McLauchlin School at 5:30 p. m. of November 10, returning to the same spot at the conclusion of the game, Plummer said.

Reservations for the trip may be placed at Howell's Drug Store. As soon as one bus load has been filled, another bus will be chartered. Plummer asked that all fans planning to go by bus make their reservations early in order to facilitate the arrangements.

Word has been received here of the death in South Carolina this week of Benton P. Polston. The former roofing contractor lived in Raeford a number of years ago.

## UF Campaign Lags Badly, May Continue

Predictions last week by United Fund Campaign Chairman Neill McFadyen, that the drive would be successfully concluded in a few days, failed to materialize as the Commercial and Professional divisions missed their divisional quotas by wide margins.

As of Tuesday night, UF Headquarters reported the following contributions, totaling \$15,972.37:

INDUSTRIAL -- \$8,758.50.

COUNTY -- \$1,176.20.

PROFESSIONAL -- \$1,040.50.

COMMERCIAL -- \$2,106.75.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES -- \$2,889.92.

With a goal of \$17,700, leaders of the UF were uncertain at press time whether the drive would be continued in an effort to meet the requirements of the 17 participating agencies. (See editorial on page 2 of Section II.)

If the campaign closes without making the goal, it will be the first Hoke UF campaign to fail.

Co-Chairman Harold Gillis told the N-J, "We don't know where the missing links are in this campaign. We thought we'd found them, and fixed them, but obviously we were mistaken."

Gillis acknowledged that the lag was concentrated in the Commercial and Professional divisions. "Everybody knows that," he said. "It's posted on the board. But what we want to know is the why. Why are these divisions lagging? And that's something we haven't been able to figure out yet."

## Safety Council Meets Here Friday Night

The Southeastern Safety Council, an industrial safety group, will hold its quarterly meeting in Raeford this Friday night with a dinner set for 6:30 at the J. W. McLauchlin School cafeteria.

This will be the first time the group has met in Raeford, said Bob Gentry, who is handling the arrangements in behalf of the host company, Pacific Mills.

Gentry said the dinner meeting program would feature a presentation by magician-hypnotist Clyde Powell entitled, "Don't Bet Your Life."

Reservations for the meeting have been received from representatives of many different industries in Southeastern North Carolina. Gentry concluded.

## Sewage Lagoon Is Bulldozed To End

An experimental sewage lagoon on US 401-A was bulldozed over last week signifying, for all practical purposes, an end to the project that at one time promised to give the town a modern disposal system at a bargain cost.

Town Clerk Charles Morrison said, "While no official decision has been made yet by the Town Board, and while the matter will doubtless be discussed at length at the next Board meeting, the bulldozing of the pilot lagoon means, in effect, abandonment of the system."

Raeford sewage, including industrial wastes from several large plants, is thus back where it started from--polluting Rockfish creek. Morrison noted: "Our present system just

can't handle the load. It's so overcrowded we can't process what we have now, and there is certainly no margin for new industry."

The State Stream Sanitation Committee gave Rockfish Creek a "D" rating in 1959, in a report that said:

"The sewage receives inadequate treatment in an overloaded primary-type treatment plant. The inadequately treated sewage results in sludge deposits, foam and floating grease in the receiving stream below the outfall. Large number of coliform bacteria are present in the stream as far downstream as the bathing areas in Lake Tom Upchurch."

Following this 1959 report, Town voters authorized a \$315,000 bond issue for a modern sewage disposal system.

A supplementary federal grant of \$100,000 -- \$35,000 less than had been anticipated--forced the Town Board to consider cheaper methods than that provided by the conventional system.

The sewage lagoons, with a maintenance cost of \$10,000 per year less than a conventional system, seemed the answer. In other areas, the lagoons had provided disposal of sewage at bargain rates.

But in Raeford, the lagoons proved to be not practicable. Town officials must now face the necessity of revising their plans and cost figures upwards. The federal supplementary grant is contingent upon the presentation of a suitable plan by June 30, 1962.

"It's quite a problem," said Mayor H. R. (Hooch) McLean.

## Eligibility Rules Eased For Housing

Families living in small rural communities and in rural areas, even though not engaged in farming, may now be eligible for housing loans made by the Farmers Home Administration, according to James W. Pittman, the agency's supervisor for Hoke County.

The Housing Act of 1961 broadened the eligibility requirements for rural housing loans. As a result owners of non-farm tracts in rural areas and in small rural communities of not more than 2,500, as well as farmers, may be eligible for this type of credit.

"This program is an important new tool in promoting the development of rural areas," Pittman said. "Rural housing loans will not only help families obtain better homes but will put more carpenters, plumbers, and electricians to work, and will increase the sales in lumber yards and building supply firms."

Housing loans are made for the construction, repair, and remodeling of dwellings and essential farm buildings and to provide water for farmstead and household use.

In addition to major construction, funds are available to modernize homes -- add bathrooms, central heating, modern kitchens, and other (See HOUSING Page 6)

## Robbed

A daring thief broke out of Cooper's Super Market Tuesday night. He broke out, not in, after prying open a steel locker that contained several hundred dollars in paper currency, checks and silver.

Chief L. W. Stanton said the thief hid somewhere in the store and was locked in when employees closed up on Tuesday evening. The thief then went to work on the locker and kicked out a panel in the back door to make his exit.

The panel used for the exit was 11 inches wide and 18 inches deep, Stanton said. Some fingerprints were obtained from the locker, but it was not known on Wednesday morning whether the prints were those of the thief or of store employees.

The exact amount of the loss was not known as the N-J went to press Wednesday.

## AZALEA BLOOMS

An azalea that blooms in late October? Don't be ridiculous! And yet-- that's exactly what Mrs. C. E. Jackson of Raeford, Rt. 1 has in her yard.

"There are about a dozen pink blooms on the plant," Mrs. Jackson told the N-J.

Asked whether the plant was blooming late or early, Mrs. Jackson said:

"Well, it's got to be one or the other, but I can't decide which."

## Three Cuttings Stir Excitement In Hoke Weekend

Three weekend "cuttings" put two Hoke County Negroes in the hospital and resulted in the jailing of their two assailants.

Most serious of the battles occurred at Miller's Grill, a night spot one mile north of Raeford, where Otis Smith, 30, of Raeford, Rt. 1, had his throat cut, "from ear to ear," according to Sheriff's deputies.

Smith, said the deputies were in a fight with Alexander Ratley, Jr., 28, also of Raeford, Rt. 1.

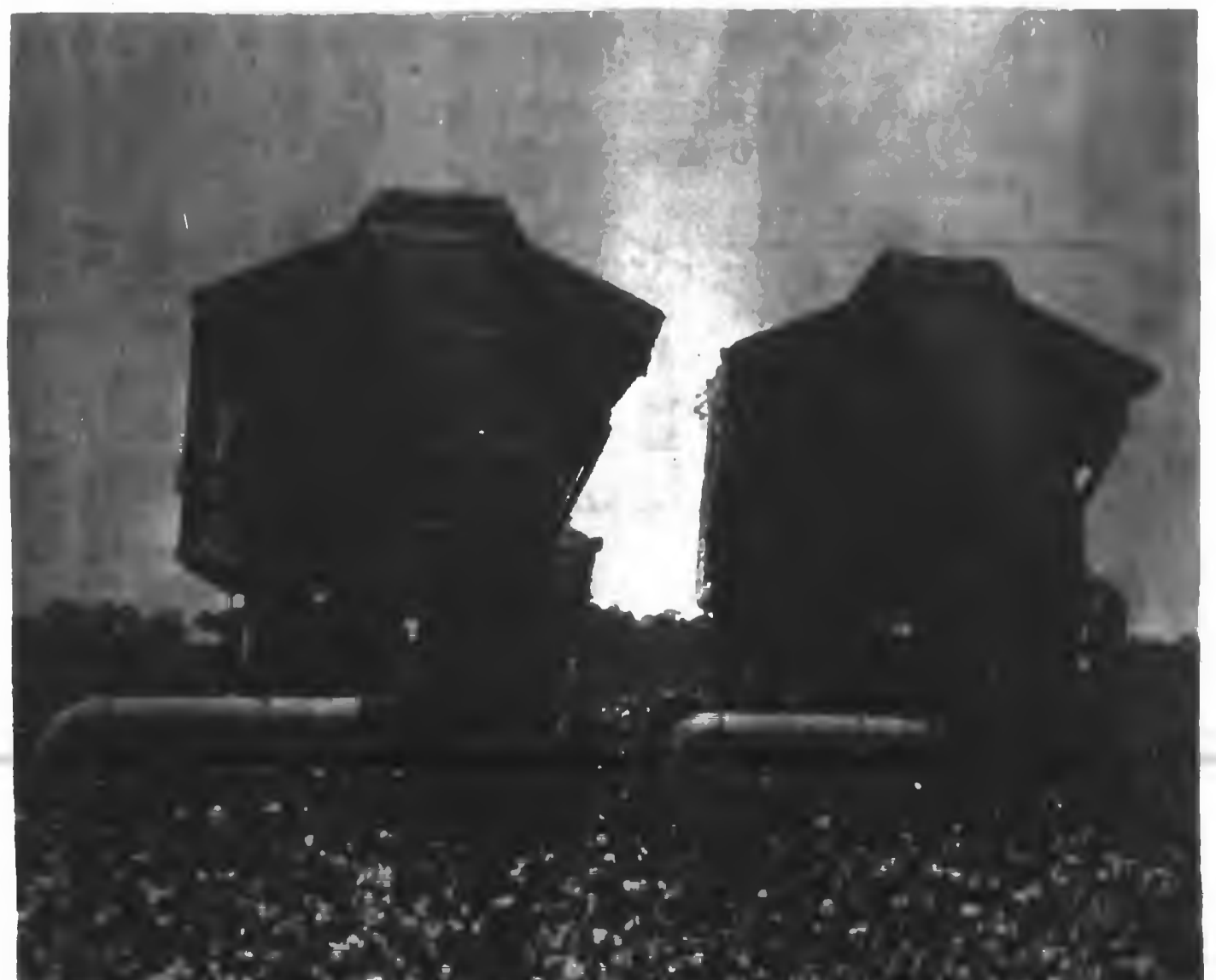
Ratley had been treated and released at Cape Fear Valley Hospital for slashes on his back and right thigh. Smith was reported in "critical" condition at Moore County Hospital.

Officers said that, assuming Smith recovers, both men would be charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Two Sunday night "cuttings" occurred at a Negro club near the Antioch community. Johnny Pridden, 36, of Red Springs, Rt. 1, had an artery near his nose severed in a knife fight with Ramona Almond, 32, of Raeford Rt. 1.

Deputies charged the Almond woman with assault with a deadly weapon.

In the second "cutting" at this club, deputies charged Roy Lee Monroe with assault



**MECHANICAL MONSTERS**-- A traditional scene of the old South was the hundreds of Negro laborers in the fields picking cotton. That old-time scene is just about

gone, as the laborers are replaced by mechanical pickers of the type shown here. In action last week at the W. G. Buie farm in Blue Springs.