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## McBryde Holds Lawmen At Bay, Injures One

### ABC Board Sets Store Personnel

The Hoke ABC Board announced Wednesday morning that popular service station operator Joe Huffman had been chosen to manage the liquor store that is fast-nearing completion across the road from Huffman's station on US 401.

Also named to the store staff were Henry Everet Bowen of Five Points as assistant manager, John T. Davis, Jr. as clerk and Carnell McLaurin as porter.

A report in a Fayetteville newspaper that the liquor store would open on August 6 turned out to be a slight exaggeration. Board chairman K. A. MacDonald said:

"We hope to open on August 6. That's what we're shooting for. But it might be August 13 or August 20 before we open. There is nothing definite or final about the August 6 date."

### Slow Pitch Tournament Opens Tomorrow At 5:30

Teams representing Red Springs and Southern Pines take the field tomorrow (Friday) at 5:30 p. m. to kick off the Southeast District Slow Pitch Softball Tournament being held at Armory Park in Raeford.

Seeing action in the big tournament will be 18 teams playing a total of 32 games. Four games will be held on Friday and Saturday night, with three games scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Fayetteville leads the field of entrants with four teams, including tourney favorite Burlington Industries. Raeford is close behind with three teams, two from the Pacific Mill and one from the town. Other teams will be here from Hope Mills, St. Pauls, Lumberton, Maxton and Laurinburg.

Leading the Raeford entrants are The Weavers, managed by Joe Davis, who have been champs of the local league for the past two years. The Weavers take the field Saturday night at 8 against Maxton.

High school grads Jimmy Byrd and Mickey Riley have been added to the Raeford Merchants team, managed by Charlie Hottel. But both youths will leave the tourney July 25 for a week of practice prior to the all-star football game in Greensboro.

The third Raeford entry is the Staffers, managed by Bob Gentry, and featuring slow pitch stalwarts as John Pickup, John Manuel and Linwood

Huffman. The Staffers and the Merchants will both see action Friday at 8 and 9:15 respectively. The tourney is being directed by George Wood. Wood is being directed by the Southeastern Slow Pitch Commissioner, John Manuel.

Raeford Kiwanians are selling a tourney ticket, good for all games for \$2.50. Tickets for each evening may also be purchased separately at the gate. Proceeds are going to the Kiwanis contribution to the Community Building fund.

A merger has been announced between the People's Methodist and the Evangelical Methodist denominations. One Hoke County church affected by the merger, People's Methodist, will change its name to Evangelical Methodist.

Rev. Edgar Masencup, pastor of the renamed church, said the new denomination has about 165 local churches, two annual conferences and one general conference. These are located in the United States and Mexico.

The merged denomination is organized in this area into a Virginia-North Carolina District, Masencup said.

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### Hail, Wind And Rain Smash Hoke Crops For \$200,000

#### Chamber Hires Stone As New Manager Here

The Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce has a new manager. He is R. B. Stone, who was on the job Monday morning bright and early attempting to apply his professional knowledge to a host of local business problems.

Most recently with the Chamber in Portsmouth, Va., Stone has also had Chamber experience in Georgia and Tennessee. The US Air Force veteran is married to the former Marguerite Peterson of Washburn, North Dakota. They have two children, Forest Michael, age 7 and Stacy Valendu, age 3. Their church affiliation is Roman Catholic.

Although this is Stone's first job in North Carolina, his family originated in High Point so he claims Tar Heel ties. Chamber president Bill Moses, in announcing the appointment, said: "We are confident that R. B. will do the job for us and that he and his family are a fine addition to our community."

The managerial job at the Chamber has been vacant for several months since the resignation of Ed Menke, who departed to take a similar post at Reidsville.



R. B. STONE  
Chamber Manager

#### Oops, N-J Has Interest Rate Too Generous

Oops! The N-J has done it again!

An advertisement for the Raeford Savings and Loan Association on Page 1 of Section II erroneously lists the institution's rate of interest at 4 1/2 percent. Though generous to both borrowers and savers, the rate of interest paid by the Savings and Loan Association is 4 1/4 percent.

The News-Journal regrets this error.

#### Mystery In Death Of Young Negro

The death of a 25-year old Negro woman, en route to Moore Memorial Tuesday afternoon, was shrouded in mystery at press time. Dead was Beatrice Morrison who lived in the colored section of McCain known as "The Line."

Officers said that Beatrice spent Sunday night with a boy friend and complained Monday morning that she felt sick. An examination of her body showed some bruises. But a description of her symptoms led officers to believe that there was a good possibility the woman was killed by drinking bad moonshine liquor.

Coroner Frank Crumpler said Wednesday morning that an autopsy would be held, and Deputy Dave Barrington warned the "boy friend" not to leave the county until cause of death was officially determined.

#### Weevils Begin Fall Migration

The annual fall migration of boll weevils has begun a bit early this year, reported County Agent W.C. (Chester) Williford. The puncture count on the cotton plants is "increasing rapidly," Williford said, and live weevils are now showing in the fields.

He recommended starting the 5-day treatment again and concluded that the most effective chemicals for late-season control are Guthion-DDT, Sevin, toxaphene-DDT and Strobane-DDT.

#### But, Ill Wind Is Good

A savage hail storm battered sections of Allendale and Blue Springs townships Monday afternoon, causing an estimated \$200,000 worth of damage.

But County Agent W. C. (Chester) Williford noted that the County was "a million dollars better off for having had the storm."

Williford pointed out that a prolonged dry spell during July had reached the stage where "a few more days like Saturday and Sunday and the farmers could have taken off for the beach because there wouldn't have been anything for them to do around here."

There were 13 inches of rain recorded in Hoke during June, but only minimal traces for the entire month of July until Monday afternoon. The heavier-than-average rain in June made the plants "more tender and more susceptible to July's dry spell," Williford said.

Tobacco took the principal damage from the hail stones, described by witnesses as of the tip of your finger. Hargest hit was Ken McNeill who took a total loss on about 22 acres of leaf.

Cotton also took a beating in the areas hit by the storm, and scattered wind and water damage was reported throughout the county.

Among the farmers who sustained losses were McNeill, Earl Hendrix, the Covington Farm, Aldaman McLean, George Watson, Guy Bullock, Jim Williams and Matthew Graham.

Most of the farmers had insurance protection, Williford said, either from private companies or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Adjusters for the private companies will be in Hoke by Monday to inspect damage. But private or governmental, the insurance will cover only about one-third of the loss.

Measurements indicated approximately four inches of rain fell Monday afternoon. While some farmers suffered, the vast majority saw their precious crops salvaged by the downpour.

### Separation From Wife Is Blamed

Pistol-waving Foster McBryde, Jr., despondent over a separation from his wife Nellie, held two officers at bay Tuesday afternoon -- sent one to the hospital and narrowly missed killing a second -- before finally being subdued.

Sent to Scotland Memorial was Raeford Police Chief Lawrence Stanton, who sustained rib injuries in the fracas. Narrowly missed by a bullet from McBryde's .22 caliber pistol was Sheriff-elect Dave Barrington.

And McBryde himself was later bundled off to Chapel Hill for treatment of head injuries and a psychiatric evaluation. Officers gave the following account of the spree undertaken by the young Raeford Township farmer:

Trouble started about three weeks ago when McBryde's second wife, Nellie, packed up the children and left him. He pleaded for his family to come back, and Mrs. McBryde complained several times to the Sheriff's office that Foster was threatening her.

About 1:15 Tuesday afternoon, Deputy Barrington was stopped by Mrs. McBryde's sister, Rachael Dees, who told the lawman: "Foster is out at Preacher Wright's house and he's got a gun." (Wright is McBryde's father-in-law.)

Barrington and deputy Jesse Lee arrived at Wright's home to find Foster standing quietly on the front porch talking with his wife and his mother-in-law. Asked what the trouble was, Foster replied: "No trouble."

His wife and mother-in-law remained silent. Suddenly, with no warning, McBryde rushed for the screen door that was locked against him. He attempted to rip it off. As the officers closed in, he ran for the truck.

"He's got a gun out there," screamed one of the women. The officers raced McBryde for the truck. Lee grabbed McBryde around the waist as he reached into the bed of the truck and came up with the pistol. Barrington deflected the pistol just as it went off, sending a bullet whistling past the lawman's left ear.

"He held us at bay for about five minutes," said Barrington. "That pistol looked about as big as a cannon."

Barrington told McBryde, "I'm turning my back on you, walking to the car, and calling the Raeford Police Department for more men. You can shoot either one of us, but you'll get the gas chamber if you do."

The next Sheriff completed the call, and emerged to find McBryde pointing his pistol at a window of the house. The lawman warned occupants inside to lie flat. Barrington

and Lee then managed to get McBryde between them, with all three men holding guns in their hands.

McBryde hurled his pistol into the woods, charged at Barrington and said: "Kill me! Kill me!"

Barrington, of course, refused this invitation. McBryde turned away and began walking down the road. Lee followed in a patrol car and was met by Chief Stanton in a Raeford P. D. car.

The three lawmen scuffled briefly with McBryde, in the course of which Stanton took an elbow in the ribs and the prisoner took a couple of wallops from Barrington's blackjack.

"We tried every way in the world to bring Foster in without hurting him," Barrington said later, "but it just wasn't possible."

Seven stitches were taken in McBryde's scalp by a local physician, and the prisoner was then removed to the county jail where he immediately threatened suicide.

The turnkey was notified to watch McBryde closely, and a few minutes later the lawmen were called back to the jail.

McBryde had battered himself into unconsciousness by beating his head against the bars of his cell. He lay on the floor. "Obviously," said Barrington, "our jail was made for a man in this condition."

Heavily sedated and securely tied, McBryde was taken to Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill by Frank Crumpler's ambulance.

Upon his return to Hoke County, he will be charged with assault with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest, carrying a concealed weapon, assaulting officers, etc.

#### Herb McKeithan Opens Pharmacy

A native of Raeford, now living in Laurinburg, Herb McKeithan, Jr. has opened the new Family Pharmacy there. Herb graduated from the UNC School of Pharmacy in 1951. He and his wife and three children live in the Scottsdale section of Laurinburg.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKeithan of Raeford.

#### NURSERY OUT

The Raeford Day Nursery will be closed from July 30 to August 10, Mrs. John Scull announced this week.



Farmers Gather In Little Knots To Commiserate, And County Agent Williford Inspects Damage In Fields With Hard-Hit Tenants