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Gillis Heads Chamber

Harold Gillis, Raeford realtor, was elected the new president of the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the Board of Directors Monday night.

Gillis is succeeding Bill Mosses, local attorney, who served this year.

Other officers elected were Bobby Conoly, vice president, internal affairs, Allen McDonald, vice president external affairs; Carlton Niven, secretary; and Tom McBryde, treasurer.

The officers and new directors will be installed on May 27 at the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Banquet at Hoke High School. They will take over June 1.

Four new directors also were elected for three year terms. They are Gillis, J. L. Hubbard McDonald and Dr. Julius Jordan.

Conoly was appointed by the board to fill the unexpired term of J. W. McPhaul who resigned earlier this month.

In other action individual members of the board endorsed the proposed Raeford air strip by underwriting part of the pledges needed in requesting the Federal Aviation Agency to participate in the project.

The Budget and Finance Committee made its recommendations on bringing membership dues in line with an adequate budget for the Chamber.

Some members will be asked to increase their dues, others will continue to be assessed at their current rate and a few will be assessed at a lower rate.

The committee based assessments on several factors including the estimated state in the community and ability of each member to pay.

The assessments were approved by the directors with the understanding that any member who feels the rate is too high will be heard by the committee before final action is taken.

The board agreed that it is in the interest of the entire community that all pastors of churches in Raeford and Hoke County be invited to join the Chamber at a special membership rate of \$5 a year.

Under a new policy adopted by the board three additional directors will be appointed to one year terms expanding the total of 15.

The Membership Committee held a breakfast meeting Tuesday morning at the Hotel Raeford to map a campaign for good attendance at the annual meeting. Only three besides Chamber manager R. B. Stone attended.



TRADE FAIR - Products of Burlington Industries, North Carolina's leading industrial employer, are on display this week at the textile firm's exhibit at the North Carolina International Trade Fair in Charlotte. Marvin Pinson, plant manager, said that products of Raeford Worsted Plant are included in the display. Approximately a quarter-million people are expected to see the exhibits.

Patrol Takes To Air In Hoke As N. C. House Kills Weapon

Even as the State Legislature decided it didn't want effective law enforcement the Highway Patrol in Hoke County took to the air and caught 14 traffic violators.

It was the first time troopers have employed planes a full day in the county in their battle against death on the highways.

Patrolman Bill Herbin, a licensed pilot, took off early Friday morning from a Raeford landing strip and circled the county throughout the day. Although it was hazy to start with, he saw enough to radio his partner on the ground, Trooper Joe Dupree, that eight people failed to observe stop signs, four were passing improperly and two were following too close.

Dupree, who has a new Ford

police interceptor as do two other patrolmen in the county, and other troopers who joined the air-to-ground operation made the arrests.

Herbin estimated that by using the planes (there are two in operation now) two men could do the work of eight.

But the main topic of conversation between the patrolmen and Recorder's Court Judge Harry Greene and Solicitor Bill Moses (both came out to the field to watch the action) was the State Legislature's attitude toward the use of planes.

Friday the House passed a bill which would take the weapon away from the Highway Patrol. It was expected that the Senate would do the same.

The legislators are claiming

that the evidence gathered through the use of planes won't stand up in court. However, Col. Dave Lambert, patrol commander, has testified that 92 per cent of the cases involving planes have resulted in convictions thus far.

The man who introduced the bill in the house to kill the use of planes, Rep. L.C. Crawford of Buncombe County, perhaps revealed what really is in the minds of the legislators. He said that patrol officials took the policy making authority from the legislature in setting up the program without legislative approval.

The patrol did not attempt to arrest speeders in its operation here Friday. The highways in Hoke County have (See PATROL, Page 12)

Strong Move Develops To Change P.O. Routes

It'll Be Smooth Riding On Some Streets Anyhow

Spring paving is here. The Riley Paving Co. of Carthage moved an asphalt spreader and roller into town last Thursday morning and started laying down a thick, black, smooth surface on heavily traveled Jackson St. It was said to be the first resurfacing the thoroughfare has ever had.

The work marked the beginning of a \$9,067 project to resurface streets in the town this year. The money is appropriated by the State of North Carolina and is known as Powell Funds.

Charles Morrison, town clerk, said that the streets which need it most will be resurfaced. The town has received \$12,000 in Powell funds and the \$3,000 not being spent will be held for emergencies and storm sewer construction.

Morrison said that the town is hoping that the resurfacing job will be all that is necessary in the town this calendar year. The contractor is planning to complete the job by the end of the week.

There are two types of surfaces being laid down. The more heavily traveled streets are getting asphalt while the other streets will be covered with drag seal. This latter type of surface is composed of tar and fine gravel and makes an excellent base for later asphalt.

The amount of Powell bill funds which are given the city are determined by a formula which reckons the population and the miles of paved streets not maintained by the state.

Main Street, which is probably in the worst shape of all, will not be resurfaced by the town because it is part of Highway 211 and maintained by the state. Morrison said that he knows of no immediate plans by the state to resurface it.

Here are the streets that are being resurfaced with asphalt: 1--Jackson St. from Central Ave. to Donaldson Ave.

2--Highland St. from Central Ave. to Edinborough Ave.
3--E. Elwood Ave. from Jackson St. to Stewart St.
4--W. Edinborough Ave. from Main St. to Magnolia St. and from Bethel Rd. to Highway 401--the section skipped was not deemed in bad enough shape to require resurfacing.

The streets which will receive the thin drag seal cover are:
1--E. Seventh Ave. from Main St. to Saunders St.
2--W. Seventh Ave. from Fulton St. to dead end--one block.

3--W. Sixth Ave. from Fulton St. to Dickson St.
4--N. Wright St. from W. Edinborough Ave. to Bethune Ave.

5--Bethune Ave. from W. Edinborough to Dickson St.--a loop.

Sheriff's Men Capture Still

Sheriff Dave Barrington and his men captured a 600-gallon still that could be seen from 100 yards away in a raid Tuesday night near the Robeson County line.

The still was located off the Old Maxton Road in Allendale Township.

As the raiding party approached two of three men at the still made off into the woods and escaped, Barrington said.

However, King David McLean, Negro, 34, of Robeson County, was arrested and charged with the illegal manufacture of whiskey. He was jailed in lieu of \$300 bond.

The party also confiscated 38 gallons of white liquor. Assisting Barrington were Chief Deputy J. R. Lee, Deputy Alex Norton, Constable J. K. Riley and Special Deputy Vance Wiggins.

The sheriff said the still would be blown up Wednesday.

Blue Election

It's sort of a "blue" election--low-toned, that is. About the only real issue is: Will Zeke Wiggins be elected? He is only new candidate in a field of seven.

The others are Mayor H. R. McLean, unopposed, and Commissioners J. D. McMillan, C. P. Kinlaw, W. L. Alexander, Fred M. Culbreth, and J. K. McNeill.

The election will be from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7. The only polling place will be Town Hall.

Mrs. Kate Blue Covington, registrar, said that 13 new voters signed up during the registration period. There were no challenges.

See you at the polls Tuesday.

Committee Considering New Coach

The District 1 Local School Committee Tuesday night took under consideration several applications for the position of coach and athletic director at Hoke County High School.

The post was recently vacated when Coach Floyd Wilson, considered one of the best in the state, resigned.

Carson Davis Jr., chairman of the committee says that the new coach undoubtedly will be elected for the coming school year since there is only about a month of school left.

The school principal and the committee are currently interviewing the applicants for the job and there is a possibility of more coming in.

The committee also reelected a total of 117 teachers at the five schools in the district. There were several who were not reelected for various reasons.

The committee discussed the club initiations being conducted at the high school and suggested that the principal, Dewey Huggins Jr., investigate and report on the matter.

Raeford Would Deliver A 11 County Mail

A strong movement to have all mail in Hoke County delivered by the Raeford Post Office is underway.

At present the county is served by seven post offices and many rural residents are expressing their dissatisfaction with late mail by signing petitions.

The merchants of the town and county seat also are behind the movement.

Some 40 of them have signed a petition circulated by the Chamber of Commerce that also asks that the Raeford Post Office make all county deliveries.

According to Eli Shankle, chairman of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, the petitions, when fully circulated, will be sent to U. S. Rep. Alton Lennon who will be asked to call them to the attention of the U.S. Post Office Department.

This is not the first time such a movement has been in progress.

Some time ago the county commissioners requested the routes be changed and the Post Office Department sent a man here to investigate.

He reported that he could find no dissatisfaction among those living on rural routes.

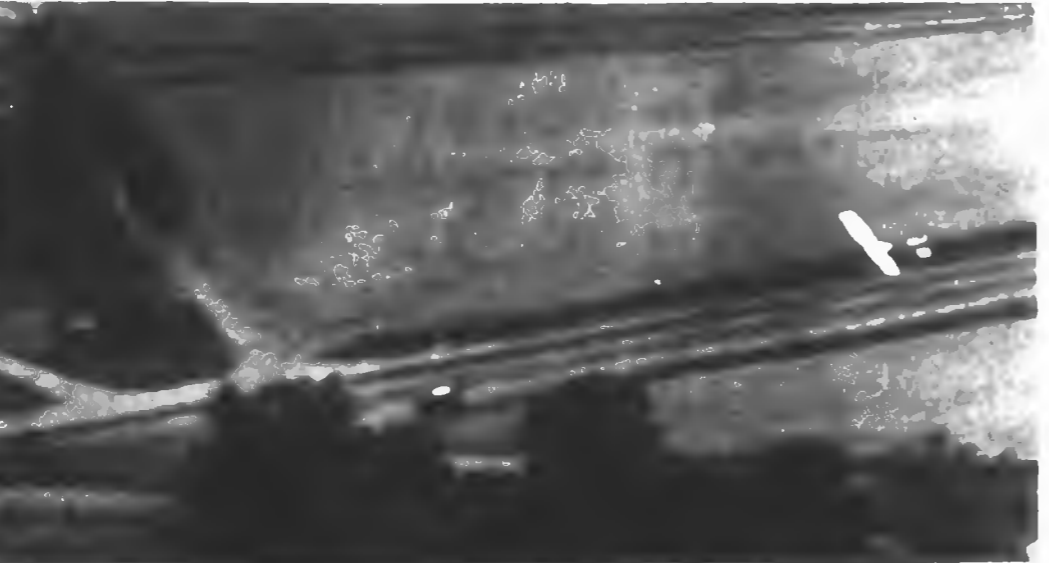
However, Shankle says he had the petitions drawn up at the request of rural residents. Signatures are being asked for on routes served by Fayetteville, Lumber Bridge, Shannon, Red Springs, Maxton and Aberdeen.

The chairman of the commissioners said that there were 90 signatures on the petition circulated on the Shannon route. He said that his own mail arrived more promptly from Raleigh and Chapel Hill than it did from Raeford. (Raeford mail would be sent to the Shannon Post Office for delivery rather than carried directly to the box holder under the present set-up.)

Sometimes, said Shankle, it takes as much as three days to get mail from Raeford. He said that his newspaper, published on Thursday, did not arrive until Friday and he now picks up one in town rather than waiting the extra day.

The Chamber of Commerce in its petition claimed that newspapers mailed early Thursday did not reach some county subscribers until Saturday and that retailers were faced with a great inconvenience in mailing out advertising matter.

.....The Flying Highway Patrol



.....The Flying Highway Patrol



.....Solicitor, Patrolman Herbin and Judge

Judge Mallard Throws Out Incest Case; Others Tried

A case accusing a 42-year old Raeford man of incest was thrown out of Hoke County Superior Court Tuesday because his 17-year-old daughter, the prosecuting witness, refused to testify against him.

The daughter took the witness stand but denied any allegation by the solicitor that incest had taken place. Judge Raymond B. Mallard ordered the case dismissed on a motion by the defense attorney.

The court also did not try a case against Ardell Sturdivant, 23, Indian of Red Springs, Rt. 1, who is accused of a crime against nature. Sturdivant escaped from the Robeson County Prison Camp Sunday but was caught. His case was continued.

A young Fayetteville man was sentenced by Judge Mallard to six months on one count of forgery and 4-7 years on another. Claude Ratley, formerly of Hoke County, who has a long criminal record, was ordered to serve the six months period in Hoke County jail. The remaining sentence was suspended for five years.

In another case Albert G. Buckner of McColl, S. C. was found guilty of driving a car on Raeford streets under the influence of liquor and of driving after his license was revoked. He was sentenced to 12 months in jail and fined \$250 and court costs. The prison sentence was suspended for five years.

Results of other cases tried Monday and Tuesday were: Howard Locklear of Antioch,

Pled guilty to selling tax paid liquor. Total sentence for two counts, five years. Half the term suspended on condition of probation for five years after serving sentence.

Nathan Campbell, Pled guilty to assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. Sentence, two years in prison.

Bobby Lee Edwards of Raeford. No true bill found in charge of carnal knowledge.

James Barefoot of Raeford.

Military Band To Give Concert

An old fashioned lawn band concert will be held Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m. to celebrate the state's 300th Anniversary. It was announced this week.

The entertainment is being held in conjunction with National Music Week. The U. S. Army 440th Band of Fort Bragg will present the program under the direction of Warrant Officer Joseph L. Murat, on the grounds of the Raeford Presbyterian Church. In case of rain it will be moved to the Hoke Elementary School Auditorium.

Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, tercentenary committee chairman, and the music co-chairmen, Mrs. H. C. McCluchlin and Mrs. John Campbell, reported that the program will be made up of anthems, patriotic songs and instrumental pieces.

The public is invited to attend. Those not wishing to sit on the lawn are asked to bring folding chairs.

Careless and reckless driving. Prayer for judgment continued for two years upon payment of costs.

Dennis S. Davis. Pled guilty to drunken driving resulting in accident; sentence, three months, suspended on payment of \$100 and costs.

Katie Rogers of Blue Springs violating prohibition laws. Twelve months, suspended for five years probation and payment of costs.

Massey Hope, violating prohibition laws; prayer for judgment continued.

Marion D. Hollingsworth of Raeford, pled guilty to five counts of prohibition violations. (See INCEST, Page 12)

Jaycees Elect Billy Monroe

The Raeford Jaycees, April 23 elected Billy Monroe as their new president to succeed Tom Summers.

Monroe, 25, is a clerk at the local post office.

Other officers elected were Palmer Wilcox, internal vice president; John Carpenter, external vice president; L. S. Brock Jr., director at large; Charles Stanford, secretary; and William Shuford, treasurer.

Joint installation services will be held by the Jaycees and the Jaycees sometime during May. A dinner meeting is planned with a guest speaker.

Slow Pitch League Set By 6 Towns

An inter-city slow-pitch softball league has been organized by representatives from Raeford and five surrounding communities.

The name, Tobacco State Softball League, has been chosen. Other teams making up the group are Maxton, Laurinburg, Red Springs, Southern Pines and St. Pauls.

Games will be played on Friday or Saturday nights with two games being scheduled each night. Each team will play a total of 20 games in the season. The first competition will be held on Friday, May 24, and the last on August 3.

A play-off series consisting of the top four clubs will follow the regular season.

John Manuel has been named league president. He already serves as commissioner for the Southeastern District. Wilton Wood of Raeford will serve on the executive board. Laurinburg's recreation director, Stacy Wells, is vice president.

The Raeford entry will be managed by Scott Poole, who has lined up a team by choosing men from the four teams (See SLOW PITCH, Page 12)

Addenda ..

By Paul Dickson

I regret the necessity for bringing up an unpleasant subject again, but I feel that I must, in fairness to the county board of education. The facts I reported on the case of Former Coach-Floyd Wilson last week were gathered from members of the county board of education, and I felt it was better to write it as I did and use no direct quotations. I have since learned that the action was in fact taken by the district one school committee, although the county superintendent and three members of the county board was present. In getting the facts the way I did, they were given to me in the first person by members of the county board, and the incorrect conclusion that it was the county board's action instead of the committee's was mine.

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Thanks to A. S. (Bud) McKeithan of Red Springs for a contribution of \$10 to The News-Journal Cemetery Fund. . . . Let me thank you next week.

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I believe I will quit now, while I'm ahead for one issue, as I don't see how I could possibly have offended anyone in the above two paragraphs. See you next week.