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**LION OF YEAR** -- Ashwell Harward, center, has been named Raeford's "Lion of the Year." He was honored last week at an awards banquet held by the club at Hoke Civic Center. Harward, whose community activities include chairmanship of the United Fund campaign, is shown with Shuford Purnell, Lions president, left, and Mayor H. R. McLean. Harward has an 11-year record of perfect attendance in the Lions Club.

## Contract Let For Airport Survey Here

### Raeford Man Unhurt In Car-Truck Wreck

An engineering contract for Hoke County's new airport has been awarded to a Wilmington firm and preliminary surveys are under way, the airport commission announced this week.

The contract went to John Talbot and Associates, which began work here this week.

By beginning the project before January 2, the local airport commission qualified for \$10,000 in matching federal funds. The money already has been set aside for the Raeford project.

Meanwhile, the local fund drive stood \$396 short of its \$10,000 goal, in which the public was asked to contribute only \$2,000. Hoke County gave \$5,000 to the project and Pacific Mills added another \$3,000, leaving only \$2,000 to be raised in the town and county.

"We had to get the project started before January 2 or lose the federal money," said J. D. McMillan, chairman of the commission. "We felt sure the public would contribute the needed \$396, so we went ahead with it."

The airport, a \$20,000 project (See CONTRACT Page 1)

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Charles Irving Pierce, a clerk at the store, had just left the upper driveway to the store and was attempting a right turn onto Harris Ave. when the overtaking truck struck his car.

Highway Patrolman Joseph E. Dupree, investigating officer, said the tractor-trailer driver apparently misjudged Pierce's intentions and attempted to pass on the right. The heavy rig went onto the right shoulder of the road, struck the right front fender of the car, and continued across the sidewalk at a service station at the intersection.

Neither Pierce nor the truck driver was injured. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$1,200; to the car, \$125.

Dupree described the intersection which carries traffic from the ABC store as dangerous.

"It is physically impossible to leave the ABC store via the upper driveway and give a proper turn signal when making a right turn onto Harris Avenue," he said. "It is only 70 feet from the upper driveway to the Harris Avenue turn and the law requires that a signal be given at least 100 feet before turning."

Dupree suggested that the upper driveway ought to be marked "entrance only" and that all traffic leaving the store and returning to Raeford should use the lower driveway.

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The maneuver occurred, Dupree said, when the truck driver attempted to pass a third vehicle. The truck driver was cited for making an improper turn.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$200. The truck was undamaged. There were no personal injuries.

**Hoke Schools Close Today**

Hoke County schools will close today for the Christmas vacation and will re-open January 2, W. T. Gibson Jr. superintendent, announced Monday.

The office of the superintendent will be closed three days, beginning with Christmas Eve.

The county auditor's office reported that all county offices will be closed three days. This will include those in the courthouse and those in the county office building.

Mayor H. R. McLean said that the town office will be closed from Tuesday noon (Christmas Eve) until Friday. In view of the fact that the office is usually closed half a day on Wednesday, this will give the employees two full holidays.

The Hoke County Library will be closed three days next week, Mrs. Lee Cameron, librarian, has announced.

Hours will be kept on Monday and Friday afternoons as usual and all day on Saturday.

There will be no bookmobile services at all during the week.

**Yule Program**

Parker's Methodist Church MYF will give a Christmas pageant at 4 p.m. Sunday at the church. About 20 youngsters will take part. The program will be in the sanctuary of the church. Josh Scull will direct the program.

**Inman Quits Police Force**

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His resignation is effective Saturday. Inman, his wife and two children, will continue to live at 119 South Wright Street.

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**Tobacco Men Hold Meeting At Courthouse**

More than 40 farm owners attending a tobacco meeting held at Hoke County courthouse Wednesday night of last week, were advised to adhere closely, in the use of fertilizer, to recommendation made after the testing of their soil.

The meeting, conducted by agronomists from State College, was similar to those held in previous years to inform farmers on the outcome of spot tests conducted all over North Carolina during the previous tobacco season.

Experiments have shown, the men were told, that too much fertilizer can produce as poor results as too little.

The two-band method of fertilization has been proven most profitable. By this system, plant food is strewn in two furrows about 12 inches apart, thus leaving enough space to eliminate root burning of plants set between. Poor crop stands are caused primarily by chemical burns, the specialists pointed out.

They stressed the importance of using the recommended amount of nitrogen and were advised that in eight trial fields the results showed that solid nitrogen applied to the soils produces somewhat better crops than liquid brands sprayed on the foliage.

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## BEFORE CHRISTMAS

# Free Food Handed Out To 300 Hoke Families

### Town Calls For Meeting On Cemetery

A public hearing has been called by the Raeford zoning and planning boards and the town board has been asked to set a date for the open meeting to discuss the problem of a proposed cemetery in the Sunset Hills section.

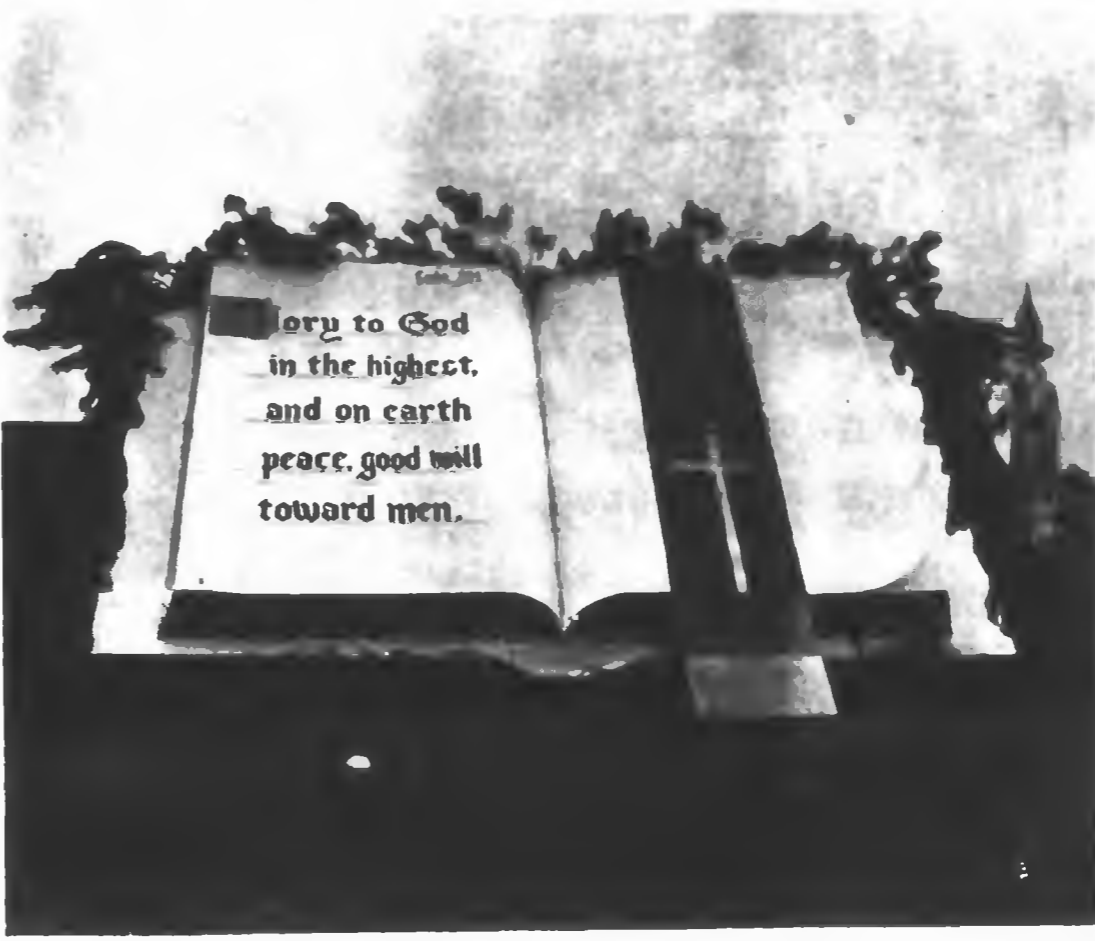
The project was started several weeks ago. Upon complaints from residents in the area was terminated by the owners until it is determined whether a permit can be legally obtained.

Raeford city boundary lines form a perfect square. That means that an area a mile square around the town is under the zoning jurisdiction of the town officials.

The state gives the one-mile right to every incorporated town in North Carolina. The ruling is set forth to protect the town in its future growth at which time it will be obliged to serve these areas with utilities, police and fire protection and street maintenance, among other things.

Town Manager Ed Williams noted that few people planning construction work outside the city limits realize that the town has these rights and it never occurs to them to apply for a permit before starting a project of any kind.

This apparently was the case with the Hoke Memorials Gardens. After being notified that it was progressing without the sanction of the zoning board, the company ceased operations and expressed a desire to abide (See TOWN CALLS Page 11).



**YULE SCENE** -- Raeford and Hoke County abound in lawn and door decorations spelling out greetings of the Christmas season. None is more impressive than this massive greening in front of Pacific Mills' worsted plant west of town. The oversize book, opened at an appropriate page, is about 20 feet tall.

### Average Will Get \$75 Worth

Surplus food will be distributed today and tomorrow to some 300 needy families in Hoke County.

The food, made available through the U. S. Department of Agriculture, includes 11 staple items. It is being handed out by the N. C. Department of Agriculture to families certified by Hoke County Welfare Department.

Welfare officials said the majority of the families are Negro and Indian.

The average family of seven will receive about \$75 worth of food. Distribution will continue once a month through March, after which families will have to be recertified, the welfare department said.

"We're still taking applications," a welfare spokesman said. "The food is available to any family whose income is less than \$200 a month."

Included among the items are wheat flour, corn meal, rice, cracked wheat (cereal), pure butter, pure lard, chopped meat (canned beef), peanut butter, cheese, powdered milk and pinto beans.

Total value of the items being distributed here this week was estimated at \$12,000.

"It will take two tow sacks for the average family to carry away its allotment," the welfare officer said.

Many of the recipients already are on relief, the spokesman said.

"All welfare clients who applied have been certified," she declared.

She said the December distribution comes at a particularly good time, since many of the families were expecting to be without food for Christmas.

She said the department of agriculture first sent enough food to Hoke for 200 families, but after ascertaining the need, sent for another truckload, which arrived at the first of the week.

The food is being stored in the old railroad station on South Main Street.

## Tobacco Men Negro Is Given Term In Shooting

James Willie Scurlock, Raeford Negro, drew a 12-month suspended road sentence Tuesday in Hoke Recorder's Court on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

Scurlock was accused of shooting Otis McPhaul, Negro, in the leg with a shotgun about seven weeks ago. The shooting took place near Scurlock's home.

Deputy Sheriff Jesse R. Lee told Judge Harry Greene his investigation revealed that McPhaul was among several other men and was acting as "peace-maker" when Scurlock shot him in the leg. He said he was told the shooting followed an argument at Scurlock's home.

"He told me these fellows came to his home and tried to take over his house," Lee said.

Scurlock, who pleaded guilty to the charge, also was ordered to pay \$500 through the clerk of court to be applied to McPhaul's hospital bill, which McPhaul said totaled about \$900.

McPhaul was confined to Moore Memorial Hospital for almost seven weeks. He said Scurlock has been paying on the bill.

In other cases, Judge Greene handed down the following decisions:

James Hubert Owens, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon, nol pros with leave.

Will Archie Purcell, Angler, non-support, nol pros with leave.

Harvey Adams, Raeford, non-support, 12 months suspended, pay through clerk of court \$10 per week for support of two minor children, costs.

Thomas Terrell, Wagram, driving drunk and no operator's license, six months suspended, \$125 and costs.

John Junior Roper, Raeford Rt. 1, no liability insurance and no registration, 90 days suspended, \$25 and costs, defendant not to operate personal auto until fully covered by liability insurance, driving left of center line, nol pros.

Joseph C. Bodie Jr., Fort Bragg, larceny, 90 days suspended upon payment of costs, stay out of Hoke County for two years.

Furman Locklear, no address listed, assault with a deadly weapon causing pain and injury, prosecuting witness, Lina Mae Locklear, taxed with costs.

Bond forfeitures included:

Glenn Orning Fulk, Raeford Rt. 3, reckless driving, \$50.

Samuel Gaetano Ruo, Hollywood, Fla., speeding 70 miles per hour, \$25.

Charles Brice Robinson Jr., Deland, Fla., reckless driving, \$30.

Philip Shepherd Hensley, Camp Lejeune, speeding 70 miles per hour, \$20.

Harrel R. Hundley, New York, N. Y., speeding 70 miles per hour, \$20.

**Stores Plan Yule Holiday**

Raeford stores will be closed two days for Christmas, Chamber Manager R. B. Stone announced Tuesday.

Merchants will keep their doors open tonight, tomorrow night and Monday night until 9 o'clock. They will close Saturday night at 7 o'clock and on Christmas Eve at 3 p.m. They will reopen Friday morning at the regular time.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY** -- several hundred youngsters and their parents turned out last Sunday afternoon for the annual Christmas Party of Raeford Worsted Plant. Each child

received a gift basket from the company and all visitors to the armory were served refreshments. A highlight of the party, of course, was the appearance of Santa Claus, who

talked individually with youngsters like the timid lad at left. Youngsters and adults gathered around tables, center, to consume soft drinks, cookies and ice cream. At right,

a toddler takes a good look at a toy truck received in his gift bag. The party was held in two shifts during the afternoon and the armory was crowded.