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**HITS TREE** -- Three persons were injured when the above car slammed into a giant oak tree Tuesday afternoon near Hilltop Service Station on Highway 401, eight miles south of Raeford. Sunday, a pedestrian was killed within about 100 yards of the above accident. The wrecked car was traveling on a little-used dirt road just off the main highway

when it left the road and vaulted into the tree. The driver was believed to be seriously injured. State police reports of the wreck were not immediately available, but residents of the neighborhood said the car was occupied by three Negroes who had come here from New York in a rented car to attend a funeral.

## Hoke Man Is Killed While Crossing Road

A Hoke County man was struck and killed by a car Sunday as he apparently dashed across the road to keep a young child from crossing.

Frazier Long, 56, was taken to a Laurinburg hospital immediately after being hit by the car at about 4:15 p.m. in front of Hilltop Service Station on Highway 401 near Wagram.

State Highway Patrolman E. M. Roberts Jr. said eyewitnesses told him Long yelled at a five-year-old youngster not to cross the road, then dashed into the path of the car.

The automobile was being operated by Kenneth Lee Hardison, 29, of Griffin. No charges have been brought against him. Roberts said skid marks at the scene indicated Hardison swerved sharply to the left across the center line to avoid hitting Long.

"Long didn't seem to be hurt too badly," Roberts said. "I talked to him in the hospital and people at the scene said he was fully conscious and alert after the accident."

Roberts said Long died about 8:30 Sunday night a short time after he visited him in the hospital.

His death was the fifth traffic fatality of the year in Hoke County and the second pedestrian death of the year.

In February, T. D. Doug McPhaul was struck and killed by a car when he crossed the road to retrieve the Sunday newspaper from a paper box.

Long's death raises the county toll far above normal. Last year, the fifth traffic death was not reached until December, when a single accident claimed five lives on Highway 401 east of Raeford.

## Hoke Has 2 Wrecks Saturday

Two wrecks were reported in the county Saturday by Highway Patrolman E. W. Coen.

Two cars collided on Duffie-Wagram Road about east of Raeford at 6:10 p.m., he said, leaving one man with a broken leg.

Drivers of the cars were listed as Clevon Ertle Locklear, 21, of Red Springs, and Dr. Duncan Elmer Greene of Red Springs, a chiropractor. Coen said the Locklear car pulled from a side road into the path of the Greene car. Both cars were total losses, Coen said.

At 8:25 Saturday night, two cars collided just west of Raeford on Highway 211. Mary Faircloth Hendrix, 40, of Raeford, and Joseph Walter Cole Sr., of Raeford were drivers of the cars.

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## ALL YEAR-ROUND Clean Up Campaign Begins In Raeford

### All Clubs Cooperate In Project

Raeford civic clubs and other organizations have started a year-round clean-up campaign beginning this month and lasting for the next 365 days.

Primary purpose of the campaign is beautification of the town and county and the removal of eyesores carelessly cultivated by Hoke citizens.

Vacant lots and uninhabited houses will get special attention. Campaign leaders say that if property owners refuse to clean them up, they'll ask the town to do it at the property owner's expense.

Jaycees will conduct a year-round tin can campaign similar to the one they held last year. Youngsters were paid something like one-half cent a can for all empty cans they picked up and turned in.

Raeford Woman's Club and the Hoke County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs will concentrate on getting flowers planted.

Boy Scouts and 4-H boys will perform manual labor for the lady-filled committees.

Raeford Garden Club and Girl Scouts will provide flowers in planters in downtown public places and parks.

Kiwanians will launch a drive to provide new trash cans throughout the area.

The Lions Club will work with service stations in providing litterbags for all cars.

The Moose Lodge, Woodmen of the World and Boy Scouts under the direction of G. A. Page will conduct a clean-up campaign along Highway 401.

Mayor H. R. McLean has promised full support of the town government and has proclaimed April Clean-Up Month in Raeford.

"Tell the people of Raeford



FRANK CRUMPLER  
...For Constable...



EDWIN McDUFFIE  
...For Commissioner...

### DEADLINE FRIDAY

## Two Enter Board Race

Two more candidates entered the county commissioner campaign this week, making it a wide open race for three seats up for grabs on the five-member board.

They are Joe Davis, an overseer at Burlington Industries plants here, and Edwin McDuffie, building contractor.

That brings to six the number of candidates running for the three seats. Earlier, incumbents J. Eli Shankle, John Balfour and T. C. Jones had filed for the race and last week Avery Connell, Raeford insurance man, became a candidate.

In other races, Frank Crumpler, incumbent coroner, paid his filing fee and J. W. Saunders became a candidate for constable in Antioch Township.

Still unopposed are Sheriff Dave Barrington and E. E. Smith, clerk of superior court, who announced their candidacies several days ago.

Deadline for filing is Friday noon.

Bill Howell, D. R. Huff Jr. and A. W. Wood Jr., incumbent members of the school board, have filed to retain their seats on the five-member board.

Both the board of commissioners and board of education began staggered terms this

biennium. The three low men in the last general election were assigned two-year terms and the other two victors got four-year terms.

Four-year members of the board of commissioners are Harold Gillis and J. A. Webb. The four-year terms on the board of education were won by Dr. R. M. Jordan and Bobby Gibson.

All nominations are subject to the May 28 Democratic primary, which during this "off-year" election is expected to draw a light vote.

Elsewhere on the political scene, Tommy Dial of Pembroke entered the race for the N. C. House of Representatives against four incumbents in the Hoke-Robeson-Scotland district.

The four incumbents are Neill L. McFadyen of Hoke County, David Britt and R. D. McMillan of Robeson County, and Roger Kiser of Scotland County.

The four counties this year came under a four-seat district when the House and Senate were reapportioned by the General Assembly. Before the reapportionment, Hoke had one representative, Robeson two, and Scotland had one.

Political observers in the three counties estimate that the four incumbents will win handsily, thus giving each county representation. For a while, it looked as if they would be unopposed, assuring four-county representation in Ra-

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## Churches Have Big Attendance

There was standing room only in Raeford's three largest churches last Sunday as churchgoers everywhere took advantage of a sunny day to attend Easter services.

The Presbyterian Church filled its aisles with extra seats which had to be removed by ushers before the men, women and children could file out of the building.

The Rev. Gortez Cooper conducted a ceremony which admitted a large number of communicants into the church.

The Rev. J. M. Glenn reported that his ushers also had to rely on folding chairs for the aisles to take care of the First Baptist membership and visitors who showed up on the brisk but bright Easter morning.

Methodists, having put themselves in a reverent mood previously by Thursday night celebrating the Lord's Supper, filled their Main Street church to hear the Rev. R. E. L. Moser deliver his Easter message.

The early morning chill cut down on the 7 a.m. service held at the Presbyterian Church. Not only was the outdoor service scene at near freezing temperature, but electric power was off in town from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. leaving houses too chilly for early risers.

## Hoke Student

### To Graduate

BOONE -- Thomas Richard Tickle of McCain, N. C. is one of 62 candidates who have applied for the master of arts degree to be awarded during Spring commencement exercises at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Tickle, who did his undergraduate work at Appalachian, is majoring in business education with a minor in junior college education and secondary education.

Commencement exercises are scheduled at Appalachian on Friday, May 27.

## Machine Breaks Land, Plants Seed At Once

Dick Neeley, Hoke County farmer, has come up with something new in farm machinery.

It's a machine which breaks land, plants seed, and treats with herbicide all in one sweep across the field.

Neeley calls it the "Sidewinder" and predicts "such

advanced equipment will be available in pre-assembled units within five years."

He estimates it will cut weeks off his planting schedule.

Neeley says such advanced equipment is necessary because of rising costs of materials, equipment and labor. The farmer has to resort to short cuts to stay in business, he said.

Because of late delivery of parts for the "Sidewinder," Neeley already had broken most of the land for planting this year's crop before the thing arrived. He found it does a much better job of planting on land that has not been broken.

Planting six rows at once, the "Sidewinder" sweeps across the field, whistling like a jet. It's speed is not great but the amount of work it does in a short time is amazing.

It's so surprising, in fact, that Neeley's home on Highway

401 east of Raeford has been the scene of a steady stream of visitors who come to see the new equipment.

Several have commented on the similarity of the "Sidewinder" with sod planting, which has gained favor with the Soil Conservation Service.

The advantages of planting without breaking the land beforehand were cited by Neeley as being twofold:

"The savings in time and labor are tremendous," he said, "and having some residue on the land in the high winds of spring will cut down on wind erosion."

Neeley agreed with a visitor's comment that the best part of the land is that which is caught up in the strong winds and blown into the neighboring woods or fields.

Having just had the equipment in operation for a matter of

### VOTE MAY BE SEPTEMBER 2

## Beer Petition With 1,500 Names Is Presented To Elections Board

A petition signed by more than 1,500 Hoke County voters has been filed with the board of elections for a referendum on the legal sale of beer here.

With only 754 valid signatures required, it appeared certain the petition would force the election.

John Scott Poole, chairman of the board of elections, said the board will meet at an early date to determine the validity of the petition and to set a date for the election, he required.

"Offhand, I'd say the election would be set for September 2," he said, "but that will depend on the action of the board."

The petition was presented by Doug Currie of Allendale Township, a leader in having the petition circulated.

"I want it made clear that my only interest in this matter is to eliminate the bootleg beer business in Hoke County," he said. "Of course, I am not overlooking the fact, too, that the legal sale of beer would provide much-needed income for Hoke County."

The petition asks only for sale of beer for off-premises consumption. If the proposal is approved by the voters, grocery

## Crop Loss Can Be Insured

Notification has been received by the Federal Crop Insurance office that Friday, April 15, will be the last day for signing up 1966 crops.

This means that all Hoke County farmers who want to insure their cotton and tobacco must file their application by Friday if they have not already done so. Notices are now being mailed from the office to all Hoke farmers advising them of the Friday deadline.

Each year farmers are given time to decide about participating in the All-Risk Crop Insurance Program. All applications must be filed before cotton and tobacco are planted. Closing dates may vary slightly from year to year because of weather conditions. Favorable weather here has enabled Hoke farmers to get planting well under way. Consequently April 15 has been officially designated as the closing date

for 1966 crop insurance applications from Hoke.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation is an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It provides low-cost protection, not available through commercial companies, to farmers against unavoidable crop losses. The corporation has been in existence since 1938 and each year the insurance program has been expanded and improved. In 1966, Hoke County farmers are being offered increased coverages at lower rates. 1965 crop loss claims on cotton and tobacco in this county amounted to \$26,000. Processing of loss claims for last year has been completed and all losses paid.

To make application farmers can contact Don Yates, Raeford; T. C. Jones, R-2, Raeford; or John F. Singletary, Raeford, who are fieldmen for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Proponents of the legal sale of beer point out that it isn't fair to the beer drinker to provide legal sale for those who prefer other alcoholic beverages and deny the beer drinker the right to purchase beer in the county.

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PETITION -- Doug Currie of Allendale Township is shown here examining a beer petition signed by more than 1,500 Hoke County citizens asking for a referendum to authorize the legal sale of beer in Hoke County. The county already has legal sale of liquor and wine.