

The News-Journal

The Hoke County News- Established 1928

The Hoke County Journal - Established 1905

VOLUME LXI NUMBER 36

\$4 PER YEAR

RAEFORD, HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

10¢ PER COPY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1967

NOT CALLED BY LUNCH RECESS

Scott, Newton Traffic Cases Are Delayed

District Court recessed for lunch shortly after 1 p. m. Wednesday, leaving hanging two major traffic cases scheduled for trial before Judge D. B. Herring.

There were indications that one or both of the cases would be called after lunch and Carl Barrington, attorney for defendants in both cases, said he was ready to try both actions.

The first is a scheduled preliminary hearing for Charles Elmore Newton, who is charged with manslaughter and other

offenses as the result of a November 5 accident which resulted in the death of three Hoke Countians.

Newton allegedly was driver of a car which went out of control on a curve four miles east of Raeford on Rockfish Road, swerved back onto the highway, struck an approaching car head on, and brought death to two companions and the owner of the second vehicle.

Killed at the scene when they were thrown from the Newton vehicle were Jerry Allen West,

19, and Larry E. Pittman, 17, both of Raeford, Roosevelt Malloy, 33, whose wife, Mrs. Juanita Blue Malloy was driving the second car, died later that night at a Fayetteville hospital.

A third car, driven by James Arthur Blue, 23, of Raeford, was following the Malloy vehicle and crashed into the wreckage. Blue was not seriously injured. Mrs. Malloy received serious injuries and showed signs of not having recovered when she appeared yesterday in court.

Newton was hospitalized for

some four or five days.

The other case involves a 20-year-old Shannon driver charged with a series of offenses in connection with a chase by a state highway patrolman on the night of January 2. Johnny Scott, allegedly driver of a 1964 convertible which led Patrolman J. D. Robinson on a wild chase through the residential sections of south Raeford, is charged with reckless driving, resisting arrest, assault on an officer, and failing to heed a policeman's blue light and siren.

Patrolman Robinson brought the charges against young Scott after, according to the officer, Scott forced the patrol car off the street on South Jackson when Robinson attempted to pull alongside.

The two vehicles "spun out"

in a tug-of-war as they neared the intersection of Jackson Street and Central Avenue. They were still locked together, with the patrol car's right front bumper caught in the Scott vehicle's left rear fender, when a wrecker pulled them apart.

Robinson charged that Scott jumped from the car and fled on foot, but tripped jumping a hedge across Central Avenue from the wreck. When he reached him, Robinson charged, Scott "came up swinging" and left the patrolman with a black eye.

Robinson said he clubbed Scott several times with a blackjack before Scott ceased to resist. Scott was taken to a local doctor for treatment of a head wound, Robinson said, but refused to let the physician



PATROLMAN J. W. COEN EXAMINES TIRE MARKS AT WRECK SCENE



KITCHY, KITCHY, KOO -- Hoke County's public health clinic takes on the air of pandemonium once a month when a pediatrics clinic is conducted for certain babies in the county. This week, Dr. H. H. McLean, health officer, and nurses examined and treated some 60 to 75 infants, all of whom were brought to the clinic at one hour by their mothers. The little shown here wasn't a bit afraid of the doctor and actually seemed to enjoy the attention. Dr. McLean says that on days such as that one, the health department building is not nearly large enough.

Draft Board Seeks Trio

Three Hoke County registrants have been declared delinquent by the local draft board and have been reported to federal authorities, according to Mrs. Mary Bailey, draft board clerk.

They are identified as James Andrew Bandy, 25; Larry Donnell Peterkin, 18, and Marion Eugene Floyd, 18.

Anyone having information concerning the whereabouts of the trio is asked to contact the draft board in the federal office portion of the post office building.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Bailey said many of the local registrants now classified I-Y will be re-evaluated during January and later months. These registrants will be reclassified I-A and processed for induction, she said.

"This reclassification is a result of recent changes in military standards of acceptability," Mrs. Bailey said.

Town Building Increased In '66

More than twice as many building permits were issued at Raeford town hall in 1966 than in 1965, a comparative study, completed recently, revealed.

In 1965, the number was 30. In 1966, it was 63.

That means that between January 1 and December 31, 1966, 63 new structures were begun within the town limits and does not include anything--home business, or school--that was completed on the outskirts.

The total construction valuation year before last was \$244,550. Last year, not including the new school, it ran well above \$470,000. Spent on school construction was \$571,000.

The increase in new homes and buildings also boosted the number of new water and sewer connections. In 1965, 17 water taps were made. Last year

there were 37. Sewer figures were 16 in 1965 and 36 last year.

In other comparative figures, the police report reveals that there were one-third more forgetful businessmen in Raeford last year than the year before. Records show that town officers found 116 doors of downtown business houses unlocked after all employees had gone home for the night. The number in 1965 was 72.

Another noteworthy comparison shows that motor vehicle violations rose from 142 in 1965 to 246 in 1966; that motor vehicle accidents rose from 57 to 64, and that the number of miles patrolled by policemen was up more than 14,000 miles (from 45,311 to 59,484); yet, the number of gallons of gas consumed was increased very slightly--5,855 gallons in 1965 and 5,746 in 1966.

Mrs. Clark Takes Payday Stroll, And Everybody At Pacific Smiles

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

This week's Pacific Mills personality may be termed a newcomer compared to those who are receiving pins for long periods of service.

She is Mrs. Anna Clark, a teletype operator in the mail room and a sort of "Girl Friday." She looks after the incoming and out-going mail and she fills in when Mrs. Bennie Kelly is away from the switchboard. Her supervisor is Carroll Wilburn.

Mrs. Clark also has another chore to do. She says she likes this one best of all because she encounters so many happy faces, "and the payday smile broadens when they see me coming because they know I am bringing the checks."

Her outgoing personality is

proof enough that she likes people and the payday stroll over the big workrooms is the highlight of her week's work.

As an energetic mother of four who works outside the home, it's hard to realize that she finds time for pleasure in such motionless pastimes as fishing and reading.

But she declares she cannot live without either of them. A little of her craving for reading brushed off on the children. All of them like to curl up with a good novel or biography. The children enjoy fishing, too.

And they have just the right set-up for it. Their dad, Furman Clark, is a Soil Conservation Service official and he knows where all ponds are.

Mrs. Clark, Furman Jr., a Wingo Co. ge student; Susan, a

junior in high school, Bill, a seventh grader, and Cary a sixth grader, all get a kick out of exploring them. Among their favorite fishing jaunts, however, are their trips to Fort Fisher, where they can stand on the rocks and throw alms for some salt water fishing.

The Clarks came to Raeford 20 years ago when Furman began here with the SCS. Mrs. Clark says she likes Raeford, but she still thinks she would enjoy moving around like her parents did during her youth when her father was in the service.

"We always remained on this side of the Mississippi, but have lived all up and down the Eastern seaboard," she recalled.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark were adults before they met, but she discovered an ironic fact which somehow drew them a little

closer together soon after their marriage. She learned that her ancestors had once owned the historic pre-civil war home which was then the home in which her husband had been raised. Her female curiosity and her love for genealogy brought the strange information to light.

On a visit to the Clark family home, she chanced to see scratched on a door, clearly visible through many coats of varnish, the words, "Pattie Plummer Pitchford lived here, 1876." Mrs. Clark, noting the mention of her family name "Plummer" began to delve into her family history and out came Pattie Plummer Pitchford.

The old home is in Warren County. The native home of both her parents in Raleigh. Her father is W. P. Batchelor, a retired Army colonel.

FOUR NEGROES CHARGED

McCormick Murder Case Headed For Grand Jury

Delay Of Trial Likely

The case of four young Hoke County Negroes charged with murder in the slaying of a 75-year-old Negro man is scheduled to go to the grand jury when Hoke Superior Court begins a one-week combined criminal and civil term here Monday.

The case is not expected to be tried, however, because two of the defendants are at Dorothea Dix Hospital for mental observation not to exceed 60 days.

The quartet is charged with brutally beating to death Neill Archie McCormick, 77, on the night of December 18 at McCormick's home in the Duffie's Station section of Hoke County.

The four are Malcolm McCoy, 17, Landon Johnson, 16, Robert Lee Hollingsworth, 23, and King David Purcell, all of the Duffie's Station section.

Preliminary hearing for the four was held December 28. Court appointed attorneys Palmer Wilcox and Bill Moses represented the four at the hearing. All four were ordered held without bond on charges of murder, and McCoy and Johnson, were sent to the mental hospital for observation.

Moses is defense counsel for Hollingsworth and Purcell, who remain in Hoke County Jail. At the hearing, Sheriff Dave See MURDER, Page 11



WINNERS -- Local winners in the Lions International peace essay contest are shown here with Carroll Wilburn, Lions Club president, at last week's dinner meeting of the club.

They are, left to right, Helen Parks, Mary Lou Flowers, and Diane King. Miss Parks' entry won first place and will continue in competition, next going to the district level.

Fire Victim Fund Grows

Contributions to the Hoke County "Fund For Five" were listed this week at \$846, an increase of \$135 from last week's total.

The money is being raised to assist the families of five Hoke youngsters trapped November 19 in a tragic fire when flames engulfed their canvas tent on a campout. Four of the five teenagers died.

A committee of three leading citizens is in charge of the project. Contributions may be made by mail to "Fund For Five," P. O. Box 299, Raeford, N. C. 28376.

Contributors not previously listed include:

Rosalie Camper, David Baker, Thomason Furniture Company, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Sinclair, Ashmont Home Demonstration Club, Mrs. J. M. Pendergrass, Margaret Tufts, Mrs. H. A. Cameron, Mrs. Marie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Satterwhite, Dr. Clarence B. Foster, Bethesda Women's Bible Class.

Hoke Student On Dean's List

Roger R. Lizotte has been named to the dean's list for the first semester at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont.

The son of Richard L. Lizotte, 211 Dickson Street, he ranked eleventh in the freshman class. He is a graduate of Hoke High School.

Lions Essay Contest Winners Are Chosen

Three Hoke County high school students, all girls, have been awarded cash prizes as local winners of the Lions International peace essay contest.

They are Helen Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parks of Raeford, a senior at Hoke High School, first place and \$15; Diane King, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Player, Rockfish, a sophomore at Hoke High School, second place and \$10; and Mary Lou Flowers, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Ernest Bratcher of Raeford, a junior at Upchurch High School, third place and \$5.

Cash awards were presented Thursday night at the regular meeting of the local Lions Club by Carroll Wilburn, club president.

The essays were on the subject, "Peace Is Attainable," and were entirely the work of the contestants. Judging was on the basis of central idea, 75 per cent; organization, 10 per cent; style, 10 per cent, and

See ESSAY, Page 7

Niven Rites Conducted

Funeral services were held here yesterday for Julius Judson Niven, 56, a retired Army sergeant who died Monday at his home.

The service in First Baptist Church at 11:00 a. m. was conducted by Chaplain Capt. James A. Martin of 5th Evacuation Hospital, Fort Bragg, assisted by the Rev. John M. Glenn, pastor. Military burial service was performed in Raeford Cemetery by soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Surviving are his wife, daughter Mrs. Gladys Sommers of Jerome, Idaho, Sgt. Julius J. Niven, Jr., Redstone, Ala.; two stepsons, William E. Thompson of Raeford; and Joseph Thompson of Raeford; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Betty Wilson of Cary, N.C.; three brothers, Carlton Niven and Bender Niven of Raeford and William Niven of Charleston, S. C.; four sisters, Mrs. Ann See NIVEN, Page 4

Annexation Hearing Set For February 6

A public hearing has been set for February 6 on possible annexation of another area adjoining the Town of Raeford on the north side.

The section under consideration is on North Main Street Extension. It connects with the original town limits on Main Street and adjoins an area on North Magnolia and North Fulton which was annexed last July by request.

Residents of North Main Street filed a petition and subsequently appeared before the town board requesting that their area be taken in. The desire police and fire protection and a more adequate water pressure, they pointed out. The area contains some 30 acres.

Ed Williams, town manager, noted that if this appeal is carried through, the total number of acres taken in since July 1965, (the date of the town's first annexation) will be 109. The added number of families will be 50 and the extra number of citizens, approximately 200.

The hearing will be held at the time of the regular meeting of town commissioners in the conference room on the second floor of Town Hall.

Langdon Joins Crumpler Staff

Henry C. Langdon has joined the staff of Crumpler Funeral Home and will work exclusively with the funeral insurance program, according to Frank Crumpler.

Langdon and his wife already live in Raeford. He began his new duties Monday.