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PEACHES -- Hoke County farmers are taking a beating again this year on cotton and earlier in the year, it was thought that a late spring freeze had wiped out the peach crop. Not so, however. An early variety at Poole Orchard west of Raeford is yielding luscious fruit. Here, John Mc-Millan, left, and his granddaughter, Candy McMillan, pose by a basket of fruit with Candy's mother, Mrs. Jack McMillan.

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## Hoke County Crops Saved By Million-Dollar Rains

A million-dollar rain drench- of an average of \$35 to \$40 ed Hoke County farmland during the week end and agricultural officials termed it a lifesaver for embattled farmers.

For the second consecutive year, cool spring weather played havoc with Hoke's 9,000 -acre cotton crop and for the second straight season, most farmers plowed up the stunted cotton and replanted the rows in soybeans.

\$2.50 per bushel.

W. S. Young, Hoke farm agent estimated that only 2,000 to 3,000 acres of cotton will be harvested here this year -about the same as a year ago when the average yield was cut in half to 250 lint pounds

With major replanting in soybeans the rule, soybeans have emerged as a valuable cash crop in the county and are credited with saving the day for many farmers.

The reasons are several. First, by seeding soybeans in the plowed-up cotton rows, fertilizer intended for the cotton is utilized by the soybeans.

an acre for plowed-up cotton, assigned a minor role in the plus good prices for the soy- cash forecast. With the perbeans, will give the farmer acre yield expected to be low a fair per-acre return for his again this year and the curtailinvestment in seed, fertilizer ment of the crop to 2,000 to and labor. Third, the soybean 3,000 cotton will produce only market is stable and prices a fraction of the income it are high, being supported at usually accounts for in Hoke

Young estimated that 17,000 acres of soybeans are growing The present outlook for toin the county and average yields bacco is excellent, Young said. should be about 25 bushels per Some tobacco was stunted by acre. At \$2.50 per bushel, cool, dry weather, but with the that would net \$62,50 per acre. week end rain and subsequent The soybean crop thus has a hot weather, it is expected to potential worth of no less than grow to maturity almost over-

is only about two weeks away from blossoming, Young said, and much of it is not more than knee-high. However, tobacco can grow almost overnight to shoulder height, given the proper mixture of moisture and warm weather.

Young said tobacco looks as if it will top at 18 to 20 leaves which under normal conditions would produce excellent poundage. With yields short for the past two years, farmers will have no difficulty selling all the pounds this year's crop pro-

from the week end rains, Young said. With most of the corn crop near tasseling stage, some of it had begun to curl in the top and ourn at the bottom. The rains of Saturday and Sunday should be sufficient to get it through tasseling.

This year's corn crop is estimated at 7,500 acres, most of which will be used or sold locally. The tremendous increase in turkey and swine production in the county makes it a ready market for all the corn grown in the county.

# 'Is Injured

C.D. Bounds, vice president of Southern National Bank and manager of the Raeford office of the bank, was painfully injured Tuesday night during a softball game in the Church Softball League.

Bounds suffered injuries to the head and leg when he and Vardell Hedgepath collided while chasing a fly ball, according to reports.

It was first believed that Bounds' leg was broken, observers reported, but x-rays at Raeford Medical Group showed no tracture, they said. The leg was painfully hurt, however. and Bounds was treated locally and sent home to bed.

His forehead also was skinned and bruished, bank employers said, and he will not be on the job for several days.

Hedgepeth was uninjured, according to reports. They indicated Bounds fell backward and took a nasty spill when the two players collided. They are members of the First Baptist

#### Wagon Trek Is All Set

Hoke Wagon Train will form tonight at the National Guard armory in preparation for an early start Friday morning on a 25-mile trek across the Fort Bragg reservation to Simpson's Lake in Little River Township, Moore County.

It is expected that some 50 wagons and 150 horseback riders will make the trip, being conducted for the third year. The outing is sponsored by Hoke Saddle Club.

Jesse Lee, wagonmaster, said a square dance will be held beginning at about 8:30 tonight on Adams Street alongside the armory. The street will be roped off for the dance,

The wagon train will depart from Raeford at 8 a.m. Friday and expects to reach its destination by late afternoon.

There will be another square dance at Simpson's Lake on Saturday night and hundreds of people from Hoke and Moore counties are expected to flock to the campsite Friday and Saturday nights.

The return trip will be made Sunday morning, Lee said.

Persons making the trip must be registered with Jimmy Conoly and must agree to abide by rules set up for the wagon

#### C.D.Bounds Mother, Two Tots Killed In Accident

In Ballgame

A Hoke County mother and two of her children were killed two of her children were killed 1354 and 1166.

Convention Thursday afternoon in a headon crash of a car and a dump lers were conducted Sunday at truck between Pembroke and 3 p.m. at McDougald Funeral Donald D. Abernethy of Raeford

> Mrs. Annie Jane Butler, 32, believed to be the driver of the car, and two of her children, Alex Butler, 6, and Edward Butler, 10 months. The Butlers live on Red Springs Rt. 1.

A third child, Ricky Butler, 5, was seriously injured. He later was reported in satisfactory condition at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurin-

Officers said the Butler car truck, driven by Wilford Brayboy, going west. Prather Strickland, report-

edly an eyewitness to the accident, said the auto believed driven by Mrs. Butler ignored stop sign and drove directly into the path of the truck. Alex Butler was ad on

arrival at Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton. Edward Butler was dead on arrival at Scotland Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Butler was first taken to Scotland Memorial Hospital, Valley Hospital in Fayetteville, where she died early Friday

The crash occurred at about from Pembroke at the inter- a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Funeral services for the But-The dead were identified as lear. Burial was in Hillside tion of Kiwanis International at Memorial Park at Laurinburg. Houston, Tex., June 25-29.

Mrs. Butler is survived by her husband, Alex J. Butler; two daughters, Alene Butler of the land of Maxton; a son, Ricky Lynn Butler; her parents, Mr. Maxton Rt. 1; four sisters, Mrs. Council Locklear and Mrs. James Oxendine, both of Rowland Rt. 1, Mrs. John W. Mc-Leod of Raeford, and Mrs. Wade was traveling north and the dump Strickland of Maxton Rt. 3; four brothers, Jack Strickland and Alex Strickland, both of East Laurinburg, George Strickland and Alfred Strickland, both of Maxton Rt. 1; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Locklear of Maxton Rt. 3.

#### **Bible School** Is Scheduled

A community daily vacation then transferred to Cape Fear Bible school will be held at Dundarrach Church beginning June 26, and continuing through June 30.

The Rev. Ben Ferguson will 3:30 p.m., according to investi- be in charge throughout the fivegating officers, about five miles day session. Hours will be 9

### Hoke Pair To Attend

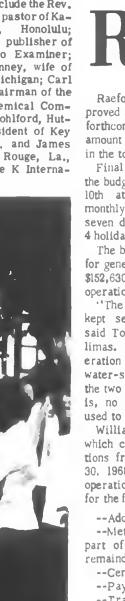
Clyde Upchurch Jr. and will attend the annual conven-

Unchurch is lieutenant governor of Division Four, Carolinas District, of Kiwanis and Aberhome and Annie Pearl Strick- nethy is president-elect of the

Approximately 16,000 Kiwaand Mrs. George Strickland of nians and members of their families will attend the convention, the theme of which is "Quality Leadership, Key to the Future." They will represent more than 275,000 Kiwanians in 5,400 clubs in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Western Europe, the Far East and Central America.

> Presiding officer at the convention will be Dr. R. Glenn Reed Jr., Marietta, Ga., president of Kiwanis International.

Speakers will include the Rev. Abraham K. Akala, pastor of Kawaiahao Church, Honolulu; Charles L. Gould, publisher of the San Francisco Examiner; Mrs. George Romney, wife of the governor of Michigan; Carl A. Gerstacker, chairman of the board of Dow Chemical Company; Larry A. Wohlford, Hutchison, Kan., president of Key Club International, and James Smith, Baton Rouge, La., president of Circle K Interna-



WHERE THERE'S SMOKE -- If there is anything to the adage, "where there's smoke, there's fire," there ought to be a right good blaze going in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gibson on Dickson Street, above. Firemen were called to the residence Tuesday morning when a living room couch caught fire. Smoke damage was extensive and Mrs. Gibson was taken to the hospital overcome by smoke.



LITTLE SIGHTSEERS -- Part of the program at the ESEA language arts summer classes being conducted at J. W. Mc-Lauchlin School includes field trips. Monday, the class

gained some "inside information" when they visited the Raeford Post Office. Classroom work for the primaryage children includes reading, writing and spelling.

## Town Board Aligns Record New Budget

Raeford town board has approved a tentative budget for the forthcoming fiscal year in the amount of \$319,654 -- largest in the town's history.

Final reading and adoption of the budget will be made on July 10th at the board's regular monthly meeting, advanced seven days because of the July 4 holiday.

The budget calls for \$167,024 for general fund operations and \$152,630 for water-sewer

operations. "The two budgets have been kept separately since 1964," said Town Manager J. Ed Willimas. "The general fund operation was separated from the water-sewer fund operation and the two are self-sustaining; that is, no part of either fund is

used to help operate the other." Williams said the new budget, which covers municipal operations from July 1, 1967, to June 30. 1968, provides for normal operational expenses and allows for the following improvements:

-- Additional street lighting. -- Metal street markers (in part of town this year, in the remainder next year).

-- Cemetery beautification.

-- Pay increase for employes. -- Trash receptacles for sidewalks in business district. -- An additional policeman. -- Renovation of the upstairs space at town hall.

-- Leaf collector for sanitary department. --Increased contribution to

Hoke Rescue Squad. --Increased contribution to Hoke Public Library. --Work on millyard water

- Extension of two water

--Truck-tank for sludge removal at sewage treatment

-- Resurfacing 20,000 square yards of town streets.

"The tentative budget calls for no tax increase," Williams "however, during the

and other operations which at

He indicated that town commissioners are seeking means of providing the money for these

1967-68 fiscal year it will be

necessary to extend some water

mains into areas that are pres-

ently without adequate fire pro-

present have the water-sewer budget \$10,000 in the red.

Anticipated income of \$167,-024 balances the general fund budget. Big est item of income will be \$125,743 in ad valorem taxes. The town will receive an estimated \$15,244 in Powell (See BUDGET, Page 11)

### Hoke Appears Certain To Remain In Seventh

Chances appeared to be extremely good this week that Hoke County will remain in the Seventh Congressional District when the State Legislature realigns its districts in compliance with a federal court order to accomplish the job by July

Both Hoke and Scotland counties were in an Eighth District, which would have no incumbent congressman, in a bill pawsed earlier this session by the Sen-

Rep. Sneed High of Cumberland, chairman of the House Committee on Congressional Districts, said this week he is "reasonably certain" the committee will report favorably on a bill in which Hoke is returned to the Seventh District.

Opponents to the switching of Hoke from the Seventh to the Eighth argue that Hoke has little in common with the counties to the west which form the proposed Eighth District. They mains for better fire protec- are Moore Sootland, Richmond,

Anson, Stanley, Montgomery, Lee, Cabarrus, Union and

The Seventh District would be reduced to six counties --Cumberland, Robeson, Columbus, Bladen, Brunswick and New Hanover -- with Rep. Alton A. Lennon incumbent.

High said in Raleigh earlier this week that the committee probably would send the oill to the floor of the House of Wednesday morning.

"We haven't got much time."

The courts have ordered North Carolina to reason districts by July 1 to conform to the "one man, one vote" edict

of the U. S. Supreme Court. It is that formula which apparently has saved Hoke from another congressional district switch. It was moved from the old Eighth District to the Seventh District several years

Total population of the pro-

posed Eighth District would be 423,902 with Hoke included. Total population of the proposed Seventh District, plus Hoke, would be 423,750 or 152 less than the proposed Eighth. Thus, opponents of the switch

contend, it would be numerically inequitable to move Hoke to the Eighth. The Senate-passed bill pits

GOP Congressman Charles R. Jonas and Democratic Congressman Basil Whitner in a district composed of Mecklenburg, Gaston and Lincoln coun-

It also moves GOP Congressman James Gardner's home county of Nash out of the Fourth District and into the Second District of Congressman L. H.

High and other legislators from the Cape Fear region said they are reasonably cortain Hole will and up in the Seventh District. An amendment to that effect failed in the Senate, 22-2-4.