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FOR SUNSET HILLS -- The Town of Raeford had to hire a Charlotte firm to come and bore beneath the highway in order to comply with regulations in installing a new water line to the Sunset Hills section. Some 1,300 feet of new six-

inch line is being installed to give residents there better pressure and to take care of future new construction. The existing line is of six-inch piping. Town manager Ed Williams (white shirt) inspects the work.

Car Clips Two Poles; None Hurt

Three persons escaped injury shortly after midnight Saturday when the car in which they were riding left the road and sheared two utility poles near McCain.

State Trooper J. D. Robinson said investigation revealed the car was driven by Joe Woodrow Gregory of Raeford Rt. 3. The wreck apparently occurred at about 12:30 a. m. Sunday, Robinson said, but was not reported until an hour and one-half later when passersby came upon the wreck. Gregory and the passengers were not at the scene when he arrived, he said.

The car left the rural paved road on a curve, Robinson said, and traveled some 500 feet before striking a second utility pole, after clipping another one. It came to rest in a swamp. Gregory has been charged with excessive speed and failing to report an accident. The car, a 1960 Ford station wagon, was demolished.

Robinson said Gregory and the two passengers apparently caught rides and went home after the wreck.

Earlier Saturday night, a Fort Bragg soldier was injured when his car, traveling north, left the road on Highway 401 Bypass north of Raeford, went across the median at Aberdeen Cutoff, and overturned.

Robinson listed the driver as James Andrew Kirkman, 21, who was operating a 1967 Chevrolet.

Chamber Members Favor Uniform Monday Holidays

Raeford merchants, businessmen and others strongly favor the "Uniform Monday Holiday" proposals now before Congress, a survey shows.

In a poll of members of Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, 70 per cent of the membership favored the proposal, 24 per cent was opposed, and 6

per cent voiced no opinion.

Briefly, the proposal is to establish several non-religious holidays on Mondays, switching

them from their traditional dates, so as to provide more "long week ends" of the Labor Day variety.

A bill by Sen. George Smathers

(D-Fla.) proposes five changes in current holidays. They are:

Washington's Birthday (Feb. 22) would be switched to the third Monday in February and designated Presidents Day in honor of all presidents.

Memorial Day (May 30) would be set on the last Monday in May.

Independence Day (July 4) would be established on the first Monday in July.

Veterans Day (Nov. 11) would be changed to the last Monday in October.

Thanksgiving Day would be changed from the fourth Thursday in November to the fourth Monday in November.

Both federal and state governments will have to adopt laws if the changes are to become uniform and nationwide.

The Raeford-Hoke vote was substantially lower in the support column than other polls taken by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and others in other areas of the nation.

Almost 10,000 business members of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce showed 85 per cent in favor of the proposal. Favorable public opinion was registered in a poll by "This Week" magazine, which was deluged by 180,061 ballots in favor and only 10,094 opposed.

Smith Says Court System Getting Better

There have been changes and there are to be more changes in the new district court system, Clerk of Superior Court E. E. Smith reported last week when he returned from a clerk's convention in Charlotte.

"I think they are working toward a good system, he surmised," "but there are still kinks to be ironed out." He said that more counties will be brought into the system this year. Hoke County was one of the 20 pioneer counties which began using the new system a year and a half ago.

Smith's office hardly resembles the same that it formerly was. New equipment has been brought in, such as more typewriters, photographic machines, desks and

other equipment. In addition, the number of employes has increased from two, besides the clerk, to five because of the additional paperwork required.

Miss Mamie Livingston serves as assistant clerk, Miss Betty McFadyen, as deputy clerk, Miss Myra Inman, as office clerk, Mrs. Dale Averitt, as bookkeeper, and a Youth Corps worker, Miss Joanne Monroe.

Counties that have experienced the new court system include those in six districts, they are Hoke, Robeson, Cumberland, Scotland, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Durham, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain.

Church Objects

Drag Strip Conflict Looms At Wayside

Attorneys Are Hired For Battle

Members of Parker's Methodist Church in the Wayside community are up in arms over a proposal to build a drag strip across Highway 401 from the rural church.

Deacons of the church voted Monday night to employ the law firm of Harrison and Diehl of Raeford to seek legal means of blocking the planned project.

Residents of the community and members of the church contacted by telephone said they do not know details of building plans, but have been told a group from Fort Bragg is planning to build the racing strip on property purchased from John Tyler.

The property was described as lying immediately behind a row of roadside houses some 100 yards from the highway. That also would put it in close proximity to the church, which is across the highway from the houses.

"We object to the noise, the dust, the crowds, and the very strong possibility that racing activities will interfere with church services," a member of the congregation said.

A drag strip is a facility at which automobiles are timed at top speed over short distances. It is not a race track, per se, because autos compete individually and not in groups.

Nonetheless, church members contend the noise will be deafening and the whole affair degrading to the church and the community.

Houses in the immediate vicinity are occupied by the Josh Scull, John Tyler, Clifford Miller, Vestal Posey, Haskin Allen and other families, a church member said.

Neither attorney Harry Harrison nor Phil Diehl were immediately available for comment Wednesday morning, but it appeared certain that Parker Methodist Church members will circulate a petition to be signed by residents of the community and church members opposed to the drag strip project.



DOING WELL -- Six-year-old Hyun Lee, left, and his brother, Dong Lee, 12, caught on fast in a summer language arts class at West Hoke School.

Korean Kids 'At Home' In Language Arts Class

A summertime language arts program at West Hoke Elementary School has turned out to also be a lesson in international relations, according to M. B. Hayes, principal.

Two early enrollees in the program were Dong Lee, 12, and his brother, Hyun Lee, 6.

They are Koreans. Their father, Dr. H. K. Lee, recently arrived at the N. C. Sanatorium at McCain for a tour of study and practice, Hayes said.

The Lee boys -- bright-eyed and energetic -- spoke not one word of English between them when they were entered in a class with 22 other youngsters.

"It was amazing to watch them develop," Hayes said. "Long before the six-week course was over, they were doing splendidly. If they go to school here this fall, I feel sure they will be able to keep up."

Miss Jane McKoy, who teaches the class in which the Lees are enrolled, said the youngsters have been no problem at all. At first, she said, they communicated with their classmates largely in "sign language." Almost immediately, however, they began using the English words and phrases taught to them by the teacher and used by the other students.

It was astounding, teachers at the school said, to observe the Lees and the other children become acquainted. Most of the other students in the West Hoke program are Negro, and most

had never seen a "foreigner."

Yet there was an immediate rapport between the strangers.

The six-week program is now nearing the end, Hayes said. It is part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act program in the county, financed by federal funds.

In addition to language arts, the children are taught physical education, art and music. They have been attending classes three and one-half hours daily; five days a week, leaving school at noon.

"We examined all students when they enrolled," Hayes said. "and this week we gave them another test. They showed measurable progress."

Students range in age from six to 14. Most were enrolled for enrichment, but a few were entered for enrichment purposes.

Hoke Farmers Vote 'Big' For Controls

Hoke County farmers voted overwhelmingly in favor of tobacco quotas which would control acreage and poundage for the next three years in a referendum held across the state Tuesday.

A total of 423 Hoke farmers went to the polls. Only 10 of them voted against the issue.

Voted on at the same time was a tobacco assessment for promotion on flue-cured tobacco, which means that each farmer will pay from 50 cents to \$1 per acre each year for the program. Voting in favor of assessment were 405 and against, only 15.

On a cotton promotion question, 344 voted for and 23 against.

Quewhiffle township had the most objectors. Voting there against the tobacco quota were 5, against the assessment were 7, and against the cotton promotion were 10. There is less cotton grown in Quewhiffle area than in any other section in the county.

The next highest numbers voting against the programs in

other township were: Tobacco quota, Stonewall 2; tobacco assessment, Stonewall 3; Cotton promotion, Antioch 4.

The favorable vote exceeded 90 per cent in all North Carolina tobacco growing counties except Rowan and Davidson. Totals in the state were 107,195 favoring quotas and 3,230 opposing for a 97.1 per cent margin of approval. Flue-cured tobacco controls have been in effect since 1940.

The total tobacco quotas vote and the favorable percentage in other states were:

Georgia, 14,266 and 93.6 per cent.

South Carolina, 13,351 and 98.4 per cent.

Florida, 2,013 and 93 per cent.

Alabama, 103 and 96.1 per cent.

Virginia results were not available.

Flue-cured farmers in the Carolinas approved a continuation of their tobacco assessment by a vote of 99,441 for and 5,857 against.

The cotton promotion assessment vote went 31,263 for and 1,925 against.

Mrs. Evaline McPhaul Walters Shows Zest For Living At 93

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

The most sought out person among the hundreds of people attending the McPhaul family reunion at Antioch each year is a lively lady who just celebrated her 93rd birthday. She is Mrs. Evaline Walters, of Cole Avenue, wife of the late Thomas Edwin Walters.

Mrs. Walters was honored at two parties last week in observance of her birthday. One was a surprise party on Friday. The other was a family dinner which brought company from both ends of the state and from Virginia and South Carolina.

Clapping her hands last Friday as she unsuspectingly spotted the car of her Elizabeth City daughter coming down the street, she hurried to the door to greet them with the agility of a person half her age.

Unlike her sister, Mrs. Sallie M. Miller, 91, she still has good eyesight. Unspectacled, she can read, write letters and sign her own checks, she proudly proclaims.

Mrs. Miller, who was here from Hendersonville for the

two joyous occasions, retired from the real estate business just five years ago following an eye operation. Now, she neither sees nor hears as well as her older sister, but she is just as youthful in actions, appearance and conversation. Neither is bound to the rocking chair. They put on bright summer dresses, a mist of rouge and lipstick, pretty up their silver gray hair, and go shopping like anyone else.

"Sister brought a pretty new dress today in Laurinburg but I didn't see anything I liked," Mrs. Walters mused as she pointed to her puffed ankles. "That comes from walking on the pavement, but it will go down tonight," she said with assurance.

Mrs. Walters was born near Bethel Church, but raised in the Antioch section. She remembers living briefly in the old house (still standing) near the old McPhaul gristmill while her father, H. W. McPhaul, built the family a new home. The mill, also still standing, belonged to her grandfather, Daniel McPhaul. Daniel McPhaul wasn't a

preacher, but was a religious man. His granddaughter remembers that he built the Methodist Church at Raft Swamp.

"Do you remember how we used to go to Sunday School every Sunday and if there was no preaching that day at our church we stopped by the Presbyterian Church on the other side of the swamp and attended there?" Her sister did remember, very clearly. The two also have a brother here in Raeford, F. F. McPhaul, 79, who lives at Anthony Nursing Home.

Did she attend the Raeford Institute?

Heavens no! Mrs. Walters was having babies when the institute was born.

The McPhaul children went to school, first in a log cabin, then in a "nice, new, one-room building to which Mr. Edens taught everything from ABCs to Latin." Pupils from five to 25 studied books and recited individual lessons in the same room.

Mother of the McPhaul children was the former Margaret See MRS. WALTERS. Page 9



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