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## Has Building, Truck

# North Raeford Fire Unit Nearly Ready To Operate

## Volunteers Will Man Equipment

North Raeford Fire District has completed its fire house, bought a fire truck, and in the near future will organize volunteer personnel to operate the rural fire department.

Ralph Barnhart, president of the district fire association, said the new brick building near Burlington Mills on Aberdeen Cutoff is complete except for painting the woodwork, and that job is now being done.

The district has purchased a factory-built fire truck—a second-hand model eight or nine years old—from a firm in Virginia. Cost of the truck was \$5,700, Barnhart said.

"As soon as we get the siren installed and working, we will call for volunteer personnel to operate the department," Barnhart said. "We will welcome volunteers from anywhere in the district."

North Raeford is one of seven districts set up by the county fire commission to provide rural fire protection. The individual districts voted last November to establish a special district fire tax of 10 cents per \$100 property evaluation to establish and maintain departments and equipment. Only Hillcrest District, which has had a volunteer department for several years, chose to operate its department with contributions from property owners rather than to tax them.

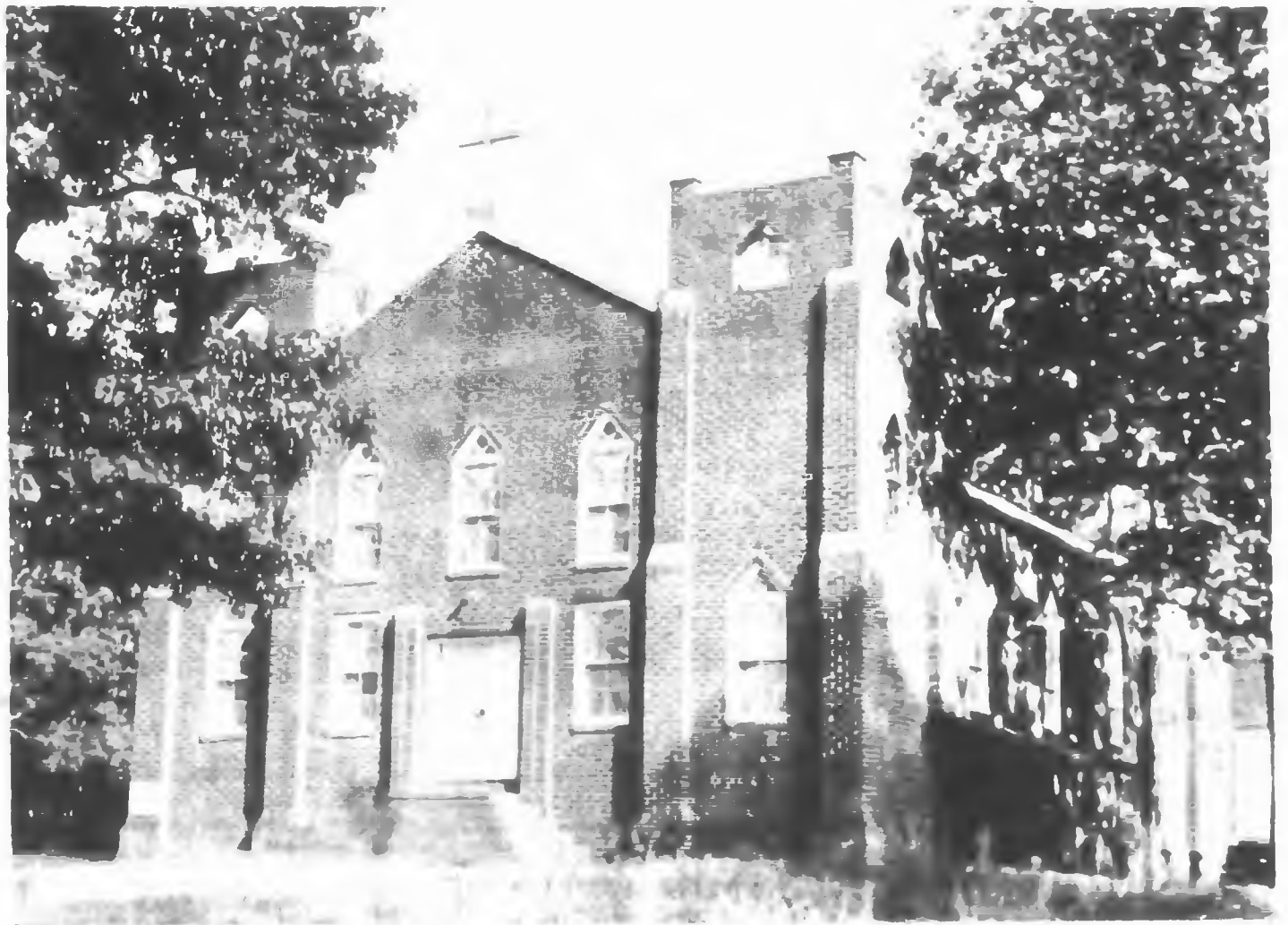
Other rural departments are in operation or being formed at Rockfish, Stoneville and Pappy Creek. Departments still are to be established at Antioch, Blue Springs and in Quenelle township.

Barnhart said property owners in the North Raeford district all have been helpful in getting the program under way. "We expect to have volunteers from throughout the district," he said.

The district includes the residential areas north and west of Raeford—perhaps the most populated rural areas in the county—and goes northward to Timberland, southwestward to Bethel Church and eastward to the William Poole Jr. property, joining the Hillcrest district on that side of town.

Fire protection in the area has been the cause of some concern in recent years. On several occasions, houses burned because they were barely outside the town limits and the Raeford department had no authority to answer the calls.

"We believe the department would prove invaluable in case of serious fire in the 'hill' section, where a high wind and a house fire would endanger the entire area. We might not be able to save the house that was burning, but we would be able to save the contents," he said. (See NORTH RAEFORD, Page 9)



Piney Grove Church 80 Years Old

## Five Bikes Are Stolen At Ballgame

Thieves paid a visit to Armory Park here Friday night during the Raeford-Stedman football game and made off with five bicycles, according to Police Chief L.W. Stanton.

"Everyone of the bikes was less than 30 days old," Stanton said. "One belonged to Cesory Jacobs, 15, who worked all summer to make payments on it."

Chief Stanton said the Jacobs youth, whose father is in Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville, had made the final payment on the bike only a few days before the theft.

"The boy's mother told me they live seven miles out in the county, don't have an automobile, and the boy and the bike were depended upon to go to the store and run other errands," Stanton said.

The bicycle, a Western Flyer, is red with silver fenders, the chief said.

Two of the other bikes have been recovered, he said, and officers are on the lookout for the remaining three.

Also missing are bikes belonging to Leroy Fellow, 13, an English racer, gold colored, and Joe Cothran, 12, a Buzz bike, black and white with chrome fenders.

Stanton said policemen have recovered bikes belonging to Keith Floyd and Daniel Wright.

## Piney Grove Baptist Church Reaches A New Milestone

Organization Day activities October 1 will climax 80 years of hard work and dedication in the life of Piney Grove Baptist Church, two miles south of Raeford.

The church, first of its denomination in Raeford, began in the home of the late Mrs. Eliza Davis in 1887. It will become a station church October 1, having regular worship services each Sunday at 11 a.m. The announcement was made earlier this week by the pastor, the Rev. Thomas D. Walker.

Work for this occasion was begun during the tenure of the late Rev. Dr. C. A. Chick, who was pastor of the church from 1960-66. These efforts were continued when the succeeding pastor was called in July, 1966.

The Rev. Watt Fairly, who died last month at the age of 87, said before his death that Piney Grove began with five known Baptists in the Raeford community. Much of the necessary guidance and inspiration was provided by the late Rev. Oliver Watkins, then a licensed minister living in the Fayetteville area.

The Rev. Mr. Watkins made frequent visits to the Davis home, and from the words, "two or three gathered," Piney Grove was born. Since the first Baptist church was founded here, Hoke County has added 18 ad-

ditional churches of that faith. Piney Grove has since grown to 225 members.

A short while after Piney Grove's beginning, an acre of land was purchased from Tom Covington to construct a small log church. In 1893, the enrolled membership still less than 20, the second church, somewhat larger, was built to accommodate the fast growing

attendance in its Sunday School classes.

Since its inception, Piney Grove has attained credit for being one of the most progressive churches in the Hoke County area. The current building, third in its history, has a seating capacity of 400. Construction on the sanctuary started in 1952 and dedicatory services were held in October, 1965.

## County ASC Voters To Pick Committees

Candidates have been selected for the approaching election of ASC community committees to administer the farm program in Hoke County, according to Ken W. McNeill, ASC county chairman.

The elections will be held the third week in September throughout the nation.

"The farmer-committee system is a unique means of administering national agricultural programs and policies," McNeill said. "The community committees assist the ASC county committee in adminis-

tering the price support, acreage diversion, agricultural conservation, and other farm-act programs in the county.

"They are particularly responsible for keeping their neighbors informed about the programs. The county committee supervises the ASC county office and is responsible for administration of the various programs."

Voting in the upcoming election will be by mail, McNeill said, and ballots are being sent to all known eligible voters. Any eligible voter who does not receive a ballot by mail may get one from the county ASCS office. Generally, a farm owner, tenant or sharecropper is eligible to vote.

Envelopes containing marked ballots must be mailed or returned to the ASCS office before September 18. Ballots will be tabulated September 22.

Following are the slates of nominees for ASC community committees:

ALLENDALE—D.A. Currie, Martin L. Jacobs, David S. Liles, Welton Locklear, Dock Monroe, Laurie McEachern, L. A. McGowan, James McMillan, George C. Wilson.

ANTIOCH—G.B. Bostie, H.A. Boyles, Russell Chavis, A.H. Currie, William Dial, Herbert C. Gillis, J. Leland Goodman, Purcell Henderson, F.C. McPhaul.

BLUE SPRINGS—John Arch Baldwin, Luther W. Clark, C. H. Gentry, T.J. Harris, Earl Hendrix, Joseph Lowery, J.L. Moser, John W. McCall, Richard W. McLaughlin.

MCLAUCHLIN—Luther Cummings, Douglas Monroe, B. A. McDougald, George McNeill.

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MERMAIDS--These two young swimmers were chosen "queens" of Raeford Swimming Pool Association last Wednesday as part of a season-ending outing at the local pool. They are Cindy Averette, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Averette, and Nan Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis.

## No Deaths Or Injuries On Highway School Enrolment Up Only Slightly

There may have been slaughter on the highways of the state and nation during the Labor Day week end, but not in Hoke County.

State highway patrolmen reported that no wrecks occurred outside Raeford during the long week end, which for statistical purposes began Friday afternoon and ended at Monday midnight.

Only one accident was reported here -- a minor collision in front of Hoke County ABC Store on Highway 401 Bypass. It was investigated by town policemen.

North Carolina counted more than 20 highway fatalities during the holiday, which traditionally is one of the worst insofar as traffic accidents are concerned.

Despite a heavy flow of traffic through Hoke County to the beaches and to Darlington, S.C., where a major automobile race was conducted Monday, drivers kept pretty much in line while on Hoke highways.

State Troopers E. W. Coen, E. M. Roberts and J. D. Robinson said they experienced no alarming increase in traffic violations, with nothing more than routine citations being issued.

"We wish to compliment drivers in Hoke County for the (See NO DEATHS, Page 9)

Enrolment at Hoke County schools, collectively and individually, is holding up to about the same number as last year's total for the same time of the year.

As of Tuesday morning, combined records turned in to Supt. W. T. Gibson's office showed that 4,776 students, an increase of only 13 boys and girls had registered.

Although additional students are registering each morning, the count as of Tuesday morning was:

Bethel Road 487; Burlington 290; Hawk Eye 565; Hoke High 589; J. W. McLaughlin 375; Raeford Elementary 452; Scurlock 437; Upchurch 1139; West Hoke 442.

Two of the five buildings at the new Bethel Road School were put to use Monday after several days of classes in the high school gymnasium and other cramped quarters. On Tuesday morning, 10 classes were busy at work at the new school and Gibson reported to county commissioners that contractors have promised other classrooms by October.

Much is yet to be done in the section which will house the cafeteria and gymnasium. Until the cafeteria is completed, Bethel students will cross Bethel Road to be served at Hoke High School cafeteria. Noise of carpenters' tools and muddy, weedy, uneven school grounds

create considerable inconvenience, but a teacher said, "It is better than trying to teach in a gymnasium with three other classes."

Gibson also reported that students are now using the new cafeteria at Upchurch High School. The facility, he said, was enlarged and completely renovated. Through careful planning and use of county-maintained labor, he said the construction work was done for approximately \$20,000. The preliminary estimate was more than \$100,000.

He also noted that plans are to brick veneer the Upchurch High School building, which faces the highway. It will then match the new buildings erected or remodeled during recent years.

## Willie Hodgin Subs For Cole

Willie Hodgin, former school teacher and brother of former sheriff Dave Hodgin, was appointed supervisor of Hoke County's surplus commodities program Tuesday by the board of county commissioners.

Hodgin, whose appointment was termed temporary, will serve until Alfred Cole, former supervisor and Civil Defense director, has recuperated from his present illness and wishes to resume the work.

Hodgin was recommended by Cole and, according to the board of commissioners, Hodgin has agreed to take the job under the temporary circumstances.

Cole suffered a heart attack a month ago and is now recuperating at his home. He will remain the Civil Defense director.

Hodgin will receive the \$150 a month salary previously paid Cole as supervisor of surplus food.

## New Policeman

W.E. Miller, 49, a native of the Antioch community of Hoke County, has been employed by Raeford Police Department, according to Police Chief L.W. Stanton.

Miller has been employed for the past several years as an officer of the Pinehurst police force.

## Knitting Class

There is room for a few more persons to take advantage of the knitting bag workshop being sponsored by the extension department here.

Persons interested in signing up are asked to call the home agents office.

## Funeral Is Held For Dean White

Funeral services for Dean C. White, 58, who died Sunday, were conducted Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Raeford Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Cortez Cooper Jr. and the Rev. Charles W. Worth.

He had lived in Raeford since 1951, was personnel director for Robbins Mills Inc., and had worked for Dixie Container Co. since 1953.

He was ruling elder in Raeford Presbyterian Church. He was a native of South Carolina.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Bishop White of the home; three sons, James D., of Winston-Salem, the Rev. Paul W. White of Goochland, Va., and John C. White of the home; two brothers, John of Southern Pines and W.J. White Jr. of Spartanburg, S. C., and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Robert Gatlin, Neill A. McDonald, Stanley



DEAN C. WHITE  
Koonce, J.D. McMillan, Dr. R.M. Jordan and Garvin Bishop.

## Commissioners Vote To Bond Treasurers Of Rural Fire Districts

Treasurers of Hoke County fire district departments will be bonded, as are most county employees who handle money, county commissioners decided Tuesday.

Meeting after a day's delay because of the Labor Day holiday, commissioners waded through a short agenda and adjourned before lunch time.

They decided to have the treasurer of the North Raeford department bonded in the amount of \$5,000, while other rural department treasurers will be bonded for \$1,000.

Commissioners explained that the North Raeford district will levy more taxes, borrow more money, and handle more cash than other departments; therefore, a larger bond is required.

To date, five rural fire departments have been organized,

including North Raeford, Stoneville, Pappy Creek, Rockfish and Hillcrest. The Hillcrest department operates by public subscription, and no tax money is involved except whatever contribution the county makes.

Several other departments are anticipated in the remaining districts, which are set up for maximum operations of three miles, measured along roadways, from the fire station in each district. Most of the districts approved a special district tax levy to finance establishment and operation of their respective departments. Hillcrest, which was in operation, chose to continue operating with contributions of property owners. Rockfish and Stoneville departments also were in operation before the fire districts were established.

In other business, commissioners discussed the possible rate of pay for the county's three new jury commissioners, but tabled the matter until a later meeting when no agreement was reached.

Jury commissions have been established throughout the state since the recent General Assembly provided for a three-man commission in each county to maintain a list of citizens qualified for jury duty, and to draw the names of citizens to be summoned for jury duty at each term of Superior Court.

The Hoke County commission consists of former sheriff Dave H. Hodgin, William Lamont and B. B. Dobbins.

Commissioners also recommended to the State Highway Department that it add to its