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RESCUE SQUAD--Three of the officers of the Raeford Rescue team pose with their Wagon No. 1. In working uniform, they are, left to right, Eric Allen, commander,

Jim Wade, vice commander and Neil Smith, executive vice commander. Herbie Jackson, secretary, is not shown.

Hoke Rescue Squad Marks Six Years Of Operation

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

As Gov. Dan Moore issued a proclamation declaring this week to be "North Carolina Rescue Squad Week," Hoke County Rescue Squad took stock of its six years of existence and looked back over its uphill but gratifying growth in efficiency and service.

For instance, the past two annual reports reveal a rise from 76 to 127 in numbers of calls answered. This year the number is expected to climb again.

Half a dozen years ago the organization was formed with one piece of rolling equipment--

an ambulance donated by Lentz Funeral Home.

Now, the 16 active members boast a station wagon, which has been converted into a combination ambulance and first aid vehicle, and a panel truck, which carries heavier equipment, such as ladders, ropes, coats, blankets, axes and other tools--and even a broom. "The broom, believe it or not, is used more than any one thing," Eric Allen, commander, said. No matter what the demands are in an accident, there is always glass and other debris to be cleared away for the safety of other motorists. On one occasion, before the squad could complete its job, a driver picked up a flat tire on his car and one on his camper after running over strewn glass.

The aim of the young men is to serve in whatever capacity needed. They must have passed first aid courses before they are eligible to become squad members and must attend training sessions once every month thereafter.

Commercial ambulance services sometimes are critical of rescue squad vehicles taking injured motorists and other victims to a hospital.

Law enforcement officers and rescue squad leaders declare there is no conflict.

"The rescue squad provides ambulance service only when there is an acute medical emergency and commercial ambulances have not reached the scene," a squad member explained. "In fact, we don't pick up the victim until the law enforcement officer at the scene tells us to."

Local state troopers, who investigate practically all accidents in Hoke County, are high

in their praise of the rescue squad, which helps direct traffic and clear the highway of debris after a wreck.

"We summon both the ambulance service and the rescue squad--or have it done by police or sheriff's departments," State Trooper E. W. Coen said recently. "If there is a badly injured victim and the rescue squad arrives ahead of the commercial ambulance, we send the victim toward the hospital in the rescue squad vehicle. If there were no ambulance there, we'd get the victim to the hospital by the quickest means possible, even if it involved placing him in our patrol car and taking him. The object is to save life, and any quibbling about how it is done can come later."

Hoke Rescue Squad's station wagon can double as an ambulance, and by removing supplies and equipment, it can accommodate two stretchers.

The squad recently transported two victims to a Fayetteville hospital after a commercial ambulance sped away with a more seriously injured victim. One of the remaining victims was bleeding badly and required first aid en route to the hospital.

Two men are required to man an ambulance. While one drives, another must administer to the victim in case oxygen is needed or excessive bleeding is to be coped with.

The members take turns in serving. Each is on call one night a week and on every fourth weekend. On each emergency, two of the young men are called by phone by patrolmen, the sheriff's department or the police department. One dashes for



REV. VANCE BAUCOM

Preacher Leaving

The Rev. Vance Baucom has accepted a call to return October to the Midway and Pembroke Presbyterian churches as pastor. He served these same two churches, both in Fayetteville Presbytery, from 1955 to 1958.

He left the Midway and Pembroke churches to become pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church of Davidson, N. C., in Concord Presbytery, where he served from 1958 to 1962. In 1962 the Rev. Mr. Baucom returned to Fayetteville Presbytery to become minister of Bethel and Shiloh Churches near Raeford.

He is a native North Carolinian, born in Unionville, and he attended Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. He is married to the former Elizabeth Thrower of Rockingham. They have one daughter, Mrs. Mary McJunkins of Charlotte, and two sons.

Drive Begins October 23

United Fund Budget, Goal Set At \$22,000

Raeford - Hoke United Fund has set a campaign goal of \$22,027.75 -- an amount equal to next year's budget -- for the United Fund drive here October 23 to November 3.

That action was taken last week at a meeting of United Fund officials at which Palmer Wilcox, local attorney, was named campaign chairman, Bobby Conoly, banker, was named vice chairman.

A budget committee earlier had screened all applications for United Fund assistance. The requests became the basis for the budget.

This year's goal is only slightly higher than last year. The goal has been exceeded in all but two of more than a dozen campaigns.

Officers and directors were re-elected at last week's meeting. Wyatt Upchurch is president, Ed Murray, vice president, Mrs. O. B. Israel, secretary, and Sam C. Morris, treasurer.

Directors whose three-year terms were to have expired this year were re-elected to three-year terms. They included Lewis Oxendine, Wyatt Upchurch, Mrs. O. B. Israel, William Lamont, Ed Murray, Charles Stanford, Leonard Frahm and A. W. Wood Jr. Directors with two years of their term remaining are Sam Homewood, Doug Wallace, Dr. Julius Jordan, W. T. McAllister, Mrs. R. E. Neeley, Sam C. Morris, C. D. Bounds and Allen McDonald.

Directors with only one year of their terms remaining are H. L. Gatlin Jr., Jimmy Conoly, John Balfour, Ralph Dodge, Douglas Monroe, R. B. Lewis, Bobby Gibson and G. A. Page.

Individual items in the new budget are Girl Scouts, \$2,400; Red Cross, \$4,080; 4-H Clubs, \$350; crippled children, \$300; recreation, \$5,800; Boy Scouts, \$4,310.53; Carolinas United (for several functions, including U.S.O., etc.), \$1,779.22; new children, \$2,400; white cane (Lions Club program for the blind), \$200. An item for shrinkage and expenses was put at \$400.

The recreation item includes \$3,000 for "Hoke recreation," \$1,000 for "county" recreation (community recreation centers and programs), \$1,300 for "Upchurch recreation," and \$500 for "Haw Eye recreation."

The Boy Scout appropriation will give \$3,000 to Cape Fear Council and \$1,310.53 to Occaneechee Council.

Wednesday Closings End

Most Raeford stores on October 4, will fall back into regular fourth quarter pattern of remaining open on Wednesday afternoon, Jim Fout, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, announced this week.

The Wednesday afternoon hours will continue through December 31.

The time was set at a recent meeting of chamber members. At the same time, plans were made to have a Christmas parade.

Lumber Bridge Church Marks 90th Anniversary

LUMBER BRIDGE--Homecoming services will be held Sunday, October 15, at historic Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church. The service also will mark the church's 90th anniversary.

A "prominent visiting speaker" will preach at the 11 a.m. worship service, according to Roger F. Hall, clerk of the session. Immediately thereafter, women of the church will serve an old-fashioned "dinner on the ground," but the food will be spread in Stamps Fellowship Center.

The center was dedicated only last year in memory of the late Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stamps, long-time members of the church. The session also announced the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil S. Duman as co-chairman of the homecoming event. He is chairman of

the board of deacons and she is president of the women of the church organization.

The church was founded as a "preaching point" in 1777. The original church building was made of logs and soon was replaced by a framed church building. The second building was burned by Sherman's troops as they marched northward in 1865. Despite the economic hardships following the War Between the States, members rebuilt the church and the framed building was dedicated in 1868.

A new building containing the present sanctuary was dedicated in 1902 and the older building was remodeled to provide classroom space for the church's educational program. It is still used as the education building.

The newest building on the church grounds is Stamps Fellowship Center, which was erected in 1965 and dedicated last year.



FINALLY FAIR--The midway didn't show up when Raeford Jaycees staged their annual Hoke-Scotland Agricultural Fair several weeks ago. The rides and sideshows were stuck in the mud at Elizabeth City at that time, so Jaycees awarded prizes for exhibits and postponed the most exciting part of the fair until this week. The midway is expected to be in full swing tonight through Saturday at the Jaycee Fairgrounds in Hillcrest community.

Hoke Jury Team's Pay Is Approved

The new Hoke County Jury Commission will be paid \$25 for a six-hour day, the Board of Hoke County Commissioners decided Monday afternoon at a called meeting.

That fee is in line with payment in other counties.

The commission has already been at work for several weeks holding at least two meetings a week. William Lamont Jr., vice chairman, said this week that 10 meetings had been held and it had been found that the job was a big one and that there is still a lot of work to be done before the December 1 deadline.

The law says that the list must be complete 30 days before the early January date for drawing the first jury under the new system. He said that the commission had gone through many lists, including the tax list, in trying to compile a roster of eligible jurors. When the roster is complete, it must then be transferred to cards for the jury box. On the list will be approximately 3,600 names.

Making up the jury commission are Dave Hodgins, chairman; Lamont, and Bonzie Dobbin, secretary.

Powell Bill \$\$ Shared

Raeford will receive a total of \$16,364.03 in Powell Bill funds -- state street aid.

J.M. Hunt Jr., State Highway Commission chairman, said the checks will be mailed from Raleigh in late September so they will reach cities and towns October 1.

Funds equal to the amount produced by one-half-cent of the regular six-cent-per-gallon motor fuel tax levied by the state are returned annually to participating towns and cities in shares based on relative non-state system street mileage and on relative population.

This year, almost \$10 million will go to 424 cities and towns in North Carolina.

Raeford's population (3,058) increment qualified it for \$7,937.32 and its certified non-system miles of streets (15.88) for a mileage increment of \$8,426.71.

Total allocations to other nearby cities and towns include Red Springs, \$15,136.44; St. Pauls, \$12,656.33; Aberdeen, \$9,158.29; Southern Pines, \$34,749.70; Laurinburg, \$39,137.78; Wagram, \$2,918.01.

House Sold To Negroes

A Negro family moved quietly into a previously all-white neighborhood here this week in what was believed to be the first such example of non-discrimination in housing in Hoke County.

The house, at 208 Reaves Street, is occupied by the Rev. Thomas Walker and his family.

Reports indicated the house was bought through J. H. Wright, Raeford realtor. Wright was out of town Wednesday morning, but his office said the Rev. Mr. Walker obtained the property from the Federal Housing Authority.

Woman Hurt

A Raeford woman was slightly injured at about midnight last Wednesday when the car she was driving and the car being driven by a Fort Bragg man collided at Bragg Boulevard and Rowan Street in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Patricia Ann Sides was charged by police with failing to decrease speed.

One Up, One Down

A contract was awarded Monday afternoon by Hoke County commissioners for demolition of the old county jail.

Winning the right to raze the building and have any materials salvaged therefrom was Sneed and Hatcher Construction Co., builders of the new jail being constructed less than two feet away.

Sneed and Hatcher's bid was \$4,750 as compared to \$12,204.99, the bid of D. H. Griffin Wrecking Co., and \$6,840 the bid offered by Hercules Demolition Co.

The building will come down within the next 45 days.

In other business, the county board authorized County Manager T. B. Lester to let a contract for a tax meter for the register of deeds office, and set a wage of \$25 per day for jury commission members.

Fire Chief Ballot Set

North Raeford Volunteer Fire Department will hold an organizational meeting Friday night at 7 o'clock at the fire station near Burlington Industries on Aberdeen Cutoff.

At that time, a chief and assistant chief will be chosen and a training program set up.

All persons interested in becoming volunteer fireman in the department have been urged to attend. The operational organization of the department is separate from the administrative branch, of which Ralph Barnhart is president.

"We are still waiting for our fire siren to arrive before we put the department into business," Barnhart said this week. "It will be here, I feel sure, by the time we have our men trained."

The North Raeford department is one of several rural firefighting outfits in Hoke County. Other departments include Hillcrest, Stonevall, Rockfish and Puppy Creek. Other departments are still to be organized in several other rural districts in which a special fire tax is being levied.



THE OLD MILL STREAM--to enjoy the beauty of this Hoke County spot, one must stand on the bridge at Little Raft Swamp on Goose Pond Road and watch the water rush to the edge and then tumble over a grassy slope and turn into foam (right corner). Old millstones still lie nearby, but no framework of the building remains.