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AFTER THE FIRE--Gene Gooden, a floor finisher working at Raeford Hotel, used a fire extinguisher on a mattress after the firemen left Monday, to make sure no sparks were left in the burned hole. Nobody slept in the room, but another worker said a cigarette was suspected as the cause of the fire.

None Hurt In Four Accidents

Minor Mishaps Are Investigated

Four minor wrecks were reported during the weekend, but no serious injuries resulted, according to state highway patrolmen stationed here.

A Hoke High Football player, Mike Prince, was traveling west early Saturday night on N. C. 211 and had stopped for a car in front of him to make a right turn off the road at Raeford Moose Lodge, when a car driven by Roscoe McLaughlin, Raeford Rt. 1, hit Prince's car in the rear, according to State Trooper E. M. Roberts.

Roberts said McLaughlin came to the sheriff's office later that night and reported that he was driver of the car, that he was scared, and therefore did not stop.

He was charged with reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

Saturday night at 11:30 p. m. near Sandy Grove Church on a rural paved road 1140, Thomas Steve Jackson, Red Springs, lost control of his car and overturned, Roberts said.

Jackson, who is only 14 years old, was charged with driving without a license and failing to drive on the right side of the highway, Roberts said.

Sunday morning at 12:15 a. m., a car belonging to E. V. Monroe was wrecked five miles east of Raeford on a rural paved road, injuring Monroe.

Roberts said Monroe told him he was not driving the vehicle, which was abandoned when Roberts and Hoke Rescue Squad arrived.

Monroe went to Moore Memorial Hospital on his own Sunday morning and was admitted for treatment.

Roberts said his investigation indicated the car left the road on the wrong side of the road at a high rate of speed and overturned.

Patrolman J. D. Robinson said he is still looking for the driver of a 1959 Pontiac stationwagon which was wrecked Monday at 10:35 p. m. on Antioch-Bowmore Road.

"Tire marks at the scene indicated the vehicle went out of control, skidded 520 feet, overturned, and traveled another 50 or 60 feet," Robinson See WRECK, Page 9

Radio Operator

Robert (Bob) Morris, Raeford native, has been employed by Raeford Police Department as a night radio operator, Police Chief L. W. Stanton announced this week.

He fills a vacancy created when both Lonnie Hendrix and Frank Brock left the department for other jobs. L. L. Faircloth, a third operator, also left the department several months ago.

\$635,000 Bond Issue

Revised Sewer Plan Is Studied By Town

Expansion Would Be Lessened

Revised estimates of improvements to Raeford's water and sewer facilities indicate a bond issue of about \$635,000 would be needed to solve the existing problems.

Richard Moore, consulting engineer, in a written report to town commissioners and executives of local industrial plants said the capacity of the sewage treatment plant would be more than doubled by the proposed improvements.

Moore made the estimates after town commissioners balked at spending \$1.4 million for more extensive expansion of water and sewer facilities. Such a project would require a bond issue of almost a million dollars.

For more than a year, town officials have pondered means of heading off what Moore predicts will be serious overtake of present sewage treatment facilities.

The present plant, completed in 1963, already is operating far in excess of its designed capacity, Moore contends, and trouble is in the making if industrial use of the facilities increases.

Capacity of the plant is measured by two yardsticks -- hydraulic (1.5 million gallons a day), and B.O.D. (biological oxygen demand, 2,800 per day).

A recent three-team survey of sewer use put the maximum flow into the plant at well above 5,000 B.O.D., or roughly twice the plant's capacity. Trouble has been averted, experts declare, only because the hydraulic capacity has been less than maximum.

At the town board's request, Moore compiled estimates for an increase to 7,500 B.O.D. at the plant and addition of two new outfall water lines--one to Pacific Mills and another around the southern perimeter of town.

Total cost of the 7,500 B.O.D. project would be \$950,000. A federal grant of \$315,000 -- or 30 per cent of the cost -- would lower the local cost to \$635,000.

Moore recommended that the required bond issue be planned for an increase in industrial water rates, plus sewer rate increase to all customers, to retire the bonds over a 30-year period. The higher water rates would affect only the top 10 or 11 industrial customers on the system. A sewer rate increase to 50 per cent of the water bill (it is now 20 per cent) would raise the additional money over the 30-year period.

Actually, the average customer would pay less than \$2 more See SEWER, Page 9



PUP AND PRIZE PUMPKIN--Posing for his master, Ben Faulk, with a 130-pound pumpkin raised by Faulk's father, is the family dog, who himself weighs between 75 and 100 pounds. The other pumpkin dwarfed by the one in the foreground is larger than ordinary, weighing in at 75 pounds. The two vines on which the colorful pumpkins grew can be seen in the background.

Collegians Firemen Douse Blaze May Lose Draft Status At Remodeled Hotel

Hoke County's young men who are currently exempt from the draft because of student classification will face reclassification if they do not make satisfactory progress in their studies, the local draft board warned this week.

College sophomores must have completed 25 per cent of all graduation requirements to retain the Class II-S classification received at the beginning of their freshman year. Juniors must have completed 50 per cent.

Freshmen may enter school and receive Class II-S if appropriate information is furnished to the local board.

If an undergraduate student fails to meet requirements of Class II-S, he will qualify for Class I-S (C) until 12 months and 15 days from the date he entered his particular class. That is, provided he has never had a I-S (C) classification, and provided the institution certifies that he was a satisfactory full-time student on the date he was mailed an order to report for induction, and provided he continues to be a satisfactory full-time student.

Mrs. Mary Donnellan, clerk of the local board, estimated some 50 Hoke County collegians may be affected by re-classification.

There was a lot of smoke but not much fire at Raeford Hotel building Monday when the fire alarm sounded.

Volunteer Firemen Drill, Elect Chief

Thirty-four men have reported for drills at the brand new North Raeford Volunteer Fire Department, where an organizational meeting was held Monday night.

In an election of leaders, firemen chose State Trooper E. W. Coen as their chief and Charles Wilson, assistant chief.

The department, one of several rural firefighting outfits organized during the past 12 months, soon will be ready to go into operation. It already has a brick firehouse on Aberdeen Cutoff near Pacific Mills and a secondhand fire truck has been delivered.

As soon as the department's fire siren arrives, it will be ready for business.

The department will fill a need often subject to contro-

The building is being renovated inside and out by J. H. Wright, Raeford realtor, who purchased it several months ago. Two men, Gene Gooden and A. Wenzell, refinishing floors in that part of the second floor, smelled smoke and called the fire department.

Fire broke out in the hotel in the 1920s and ruined the building and several stores.

versity here. The residential areas in the North Raeford district are outside the town limits. In the past, Raeford Fire Department was without authority to answer calls there and several homes have burned while residents stood helplessly by.

Other rural fire departments include Rockfish, Hillcrest, Stonewall and Puppy Creek. Additional fire districts include those in Allendale, Blue Springs and Quewhiffe townships.

Residents of each of the districts except Hillcrest last fall voted to levy a special tax to organize, equip and operate a fire department in each district.

Hillcrest, residents, whose Department has been in operation several years, decided to continue financing its operations by private subscription.

Tenacious Social Worker Passes Another Milestone

Tenacity and a will to win has paid off several times for a young Raeford man, and this month, he received another dividend.

Ronald M. Huffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huffman, was among the first students to enroll in the Fayetteville branch, University of North Carolina School of Social Work, when it opened last week.

Huffman, a paraplegic, will be working toward a master's degree in social work. He received a bachelor of arts degree two years ago at St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

Most people would have found the feat impossible, but not Huffman. Although he gets about with great difficulty on special crutches, sometimes in pain, he has managed for years a more normal life than most

doctors would think possible. Until he was 14, Huffman was an athletic young lad, fond of sports, and almost addicted to swimming. Then came the accident. Ronald broke his spine diving at White Lake.

For months he was paralyzed, and it took years of intensive treatment, therapy and painful effort to restore locomotion to his body.

His determination paid off. He was graduated from Hoke High School, and later from St. Andrews.

He became a symbol of dogged determination, and his townsmen became interested in the young man who wouldn't give up. Local civic clubs contributed encouragement and financial assistance toward his education. His parents left no stone unturned to help him.

But in the final analysis, it was this tall, thin young man on crutches who made his own way, for without his courage and spirit, rehabilitation would have been impossible.

"It is true that Ron is physically dependent upon his crutches," said Mabel McDonald, Hoke director of public welfare. "But don't forget this -- he depends on nothing and no one to do his thinking for him. He is mentally alert, an avid reader, and has fine use of the English language."

It was no simple attainment to gain admission to the graduate school of social work, according to Miss McDonald. Miller's Anthology Test alone stops many aspirants, but Huffman passed all the initial examinations. See HUFFMAN, Page 9

Doctor's Bag Is Returned

A medicine bag lost by Dr. Harry McLean was returned to him Saturday from a place he has been nowhere about. But the medicine was missing.

According to Police Chief L. W. Stanton, Dr. McLean lost the bag from his car on September 13. On September 23, Sgt. Thomas K. Tarpley of Fayetteville brought it to Fayetteville telling police that he, his wife and some friends were walking in Cumberland Park when the bag was found. It contained a letter addressed to the Raeford doctor.

Everything was intact with the exception of narcotics and medicines containing narcotics. They were missing.

The doctor told police that the bag was taken from his car sometime during the afternoon or early evening.

Siege On House Blamed On Gang

Seven teenage boys were to be tried here yesterday in District Court on charges of breaking all the windowpanes from an occupied dwelling on Red Springs Rt. 1, allegedly when they tried to "flush" another lad with whom they had trouble earlier Saturday night.

Sheriff Dave Barrington said an eighth boy, a 15-year-old Indian, was involved in the affair and will be tried in juvenile court.

The sheriff identified the seven defendants, all Indian, as Marvin Lee Woods, Hubert Lowery Jr., Talmadge Hunt, William McMillan, Robert Oxendine, Irvin Dean Oxendine and Ernest Lee Woods.

Barrington said officers of his department rounded up the eight youths after Ethel Locklear complained that the siege took place shortly after midnight Saturday.

Barrington said the Locklear woman told him the eight youngsters, ranging in age from 15 to 17 years, took bricks and a hoe handle and smashed the panes in all the house's windows. Several persons were inside the dwelling at the time. As of noon Wednesday, the case had not been disposed of in District Court.

Cole Is Back In Hospital

Former Mayor Alfred Cole, who suffered a heart attack several weeks ago, is back in the hospital, this time at Pinehurst.

Cole was visiting his son, Alfred Jr., in Roxboro when he became ill last week. He was admitted to Moore Memorial Hospital.

His first attack came while he visited relatives in Lumberton. He was confined to Southeastern General Hospital for several weeks and had been recuperating at home only a short time before going to Roxboro.

Meanwhile, Barrington reported that warrants have been issued against two Cumberland County men charging them with using someone else's credit card to purchase three tires and a battery here.

The sheriff said the duo obtained the tires and battery from Graham Clark's service station with a credit card issued to Willard P. Smith of Hope Mills.

After turning the merchandise over to the two men, Clark became suspicious, Barrington said, and followed their car downtown. He found the two men at Arch Graham's service station, apparently making another purchase.

Barrington said Clark told him he went to Conoly's service station nearby, telephoned See SIEGE, Page 9

Jurors Are Listed For District Court

Forty-eight prospective jurors have been chosen for a civil term of District Court here October 16, according to E. E. Smith, clerk of court.

The session will be devoted to hearing claims involving no more than \$5,000. District Court has no jurisdiction in cases involving larger amounts.

Summoned for jury duty are the following (township abbreviations -- Rae., Raeford; McL., McLaughlin; Ant., Antioch S.W., Stonewall; Que., Quewhiffe; B.S., Blue Springs; All., Allendale):

Lobby Jane Wilson, McL.; John W. Blue, McL.; Spencer Singletary, Rae.; Catherine N. McNeill, All.; Mrs. Walter Maxwell, Rae.; Lawrence Jones Jr., Ant.; Eston Crouch, McL.; Mrs. Cornelia R. McInnis, SW; Mrs. W. H. Brown, Rae.; Mrs. Lawrence E. Wilkes, Rae.; Fred Dew, McL.; Walter K. Beasley, Rae.

Junior M. Leach, Rae.; Dewey Hendrix, S. W.; Mrs. Thomas

J. Upchurch, Rae.; Mrs. Oscar L. Wood, McL.; Mrs. Jessie Belle Murchison, Que.; Howard Lunford, McL.; Mrs. L. R. Irion, S.W.; Mrs. William B. Davis, Ant.; William Nash Smith S. W.; Harry Epstein, Rae.; James Kelly, Rae.; Winford J. T. Epps, Rae.

Mrs. Walter Reid Purcell, Que.; Reuben Jacobs, S.W.; Frank M. Miller, Rae.; Mrs. Marion Lee Wade, Rae.; Mrs. Richard Cobb, B.S.; Mrs. Willie E. Kelly, Rae.; Franklin Crumpler, Rae.; Mrs. Grady Ellis, Rae.; Nola McLaughlin, Que.; Armond Black, S.W.; Charles Hedgepeth, Ant.; Mrs. Albert Kellis, Que.

Mrs. J. A. Farmer, B.S.; Belton Stephens, McL.; Mrs. R. Franklin Bundy, McL.; Mrs. George Maynor, Rae.; Slim D. Peterkin, Rae.; James Henry Johnson, Rae.; Mrs. Leonard Baldwin, S.W.; Mrs. Bobby McBryde, Rae.; Clyde Hough, McL.; D. Wicker, Que.; Mrs. John J. Virgil, Rae.; D. T. Harbison, Rae.

