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## Eight World Champs

# Leading Quarter Horses Will Show Here Friday

BY JIM TAYLOR

Some of the best horseflesh in the nation will arrive in Raeford tomorrow for the second annual Raeford Quarter Horse Show, being staged this year at the Hoke Saddle Club arena in Robbins Heights.

The Raeford show is one of six on the brand new "Circuit of Champions," a series

of Class A shows being held within 10 days in six different towns.

The expected high rating of the shows (it takes 225 entries to rank as Class A, highest rating of the American Quarter Horse Association) is credited with attracting at least eight leading contenders for world and AQHA champions to the area.

Exhibitors are nearing the end of the 1967 showing season, and the points up for grabs in the six North Carolina shows could mean the difference between producing a champion and a runnerup, according to Sonny Minges of Fayetteville, secretary of North Carolina Quarter Horse Association.

Minges is individually responsible for the Raeford show,

as he was last year.

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Homecoming Queen Sarah Quick



VANCE WIGGINS

## Stalled Car Slows Homecoming Parade

Hoke High School's homecoming parade kept a heavy downtown crowd waiting about a half-hour Friday afternoon, and some spectators were about ready to believe it wasn't "coming home."

The trouble occurred when one of the cars pulling a float knocked out between the high school and downtown. In fact, two cars had to give way to substitutes.

The cantankerous car was being used to pull the senior class float, which was decorated with homecoming queen candidates and three large balloons. It had three, that is, before it left the high school.

One of the balloons was punctured before the float got downtown. Then, after the cars were switched, another went "POW!" as Batman says.

Some kid standing alongside the parade route shot it, according to girls on the float. Finally, the parade reached the downtown area just before dark. It was worth the wait, spectators said.

In the meantime, a car and a truck had provided some interim excitement by crashing at the corner of Main Street and Edinborough Avenue. Policemen completed their investigation and moved the vehicles just in time to make way for the parade.

Later, announcement of winning floats -- which were judged during the parade -- was made at Armory Park.

The freshman class float took first place. The seniors were second, the sophomores third, and the juniors fourth.

Sarah Quick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Quick of Hillcrest community, was crowned homecoming queen during halftime ceremonies at the ballgame. Principal G. R. Autry placed the crown.

Runnersup in the balloting were Ann Black, daughter of Mrs. W. A. Black of Arabia, and Ginger Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Walters, Raeford Rt. 3.

The celebration, among other things, fired up Hoke High School's football team, which came within a whisker of beating or tying Dunn. A last minute field goal gave the visitors a 3-0 victory, however.

High school students continued the celebration Saturday night with a dance.

Dozens of college students returned to Raeford for the homecoming weekend.

## Bill Sellars Takes Over Town Job

W. C. Sellars, Raeford water superintendent, will take over temporarily the work of sanitation department superintendent until a replacement for the late C. Vance Wiggins can be made, according to Ed Williams, town manager.

Williams said Sellars and Wiggins had often combined the two jobs for short periods when one or the other was out in times of sickness or vacation. Wiggins had been an employee of the town for 21 years when he entered the hospital two weeks ago.

The town manager also announced that a street improvement program was completed a few days ago in which 3,500 square yards of new street paving was laid and 35,000 square yards of existing streets had been repaired.

The planning board, to meet today at 1 p. m., is expected to attend to only routine business. Rezoning of property on Highway 401 West will be discussed and passed upon unless there are dissenters who object to property being rezoned from residential to business which has already been used as business property for several years.

## Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens Club will meet Tuesday at 3:15 p. m. at Raeford Methodist Church. Mrs. L. R. Cothran will tell her experiences of sights on her recent trip to California.



AT BOARD MEET--Mrs. Peter McCain, wife of the doctor for whom McCain, N. C. was named, chats with J. L. McNeill, left, and Laurie McEachern of Raeford following a luncheon held last Wednesday when the board of the North Carolina Sanatorium System held its annual meeting there. Mrs. McCain, now of Wilson, and McNeill are board members. McEachern is a former board member.

## Sanatorium Shows New 300-Bed Brooks Wing

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

Rep. Neil McFadyen was commended Wednesday for the part he played in bringing to realization the newly renovated section of the North Carolina Sanatorium at McCain.

The State Board of Sanatorium System, meeting there for the annual McCain session, toured the remodeled facility Wednesday for the first time. Joseph S. Lennon, associate administrator, said that with the \$300,000 expenditure, the 300 bed, two story Brooks Wing is now equivalent to a new building which cost millions. The original building was erected in 1928.

The administrator said it would not have been possible had not such legislators as McFadyen enacted a bill appropriating the needed funds. He explained that all of the spacious rooms contain three or four

beds with the exception of four private rooms on the second floor. A section for very sick patients has been situated next to the nurses' station for the sake of convenience. He also noted that played, terrazzo baseboards had been installed for protection of newly refinished wall against protruding parts of wheel chairs and carts.

In the newly renovated section are a barbershop and a beauty parlor. "After all, these people are here for long periods of time," Lennon reminded the visitors.

Prior to the tour, Dr. W. H. Gentry, associate superintendent and medical director

at the hospital, showed film and discussed rare diseases detected at McCain after symptoms and tests had indicated there was respiratory trouble.

Introduced during the luncheon which followed were special guests for the day who included Mr. and Mrs. McFadyen, William P. Saunders, former director of the State Department of Conservation and Development and a former state senator; Sen. John T. Henley of Hope Mills, and Laurie McEachern of Raeford, former member of the North Carolina Sanatorium System and Mrs. McEachern of Raeford.

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## Club Will Mail Cards Overseas

A move is under way to identify and obtain the addresses of Hoke County servicemen in Vietnam and to send them Christmas cards.

Mrs. Richard Neeley, of Wayside Homemakers Club, said that organization is particularly interested in obtaining addresses of servicemen from the Wayside area.

"Perhaps other clubs in the county will want to send cards to boys from their communities," Mrs. Neeley said.

Parents or next-of-kin of boys in Vietnam may send their names and addresses to The News-Journal, which will publish them. Early action is necessary. Mrs. Neeley pointed out, because of the difficulty in getting fast delivery overseas during the Christmas rush.



CLAN GATHERS--The McPhaul clan gathered Sunday at Antioch Presbyterian Church and an estimated 200 kinfolks turned up from as far away as Florida for the occasion. There was more than enough food to "feed a thrashing," and after lunch, a clan meeting was held in the church auditorium. Shown here are F.F. McPhaul, 79, left, a patriarch of the Hoke County McPhauls, and his sister, Mrs. Evaline Walters, 90.

## Death Takes Employe Of Town

Funeral services were held here Monday afternoon for Charlie Vance Wiggins, 47, veteran superintendent of the street and sanitation departments of Raeford.

Wiggins died Friday night at Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst, where he had been confined for more than a week after suffering a heart attack. Relatives said he had expected to return home Friday, but was kept at the hospital. He suffered another attack Friday evening and succumbed at about 10 p. m.

Wiggins, a native of Fayetteville, had been employed by the Town of Raeford for the past 21 years. In addition to his primary duties with the street and sanitation departments, he was a relief policeman and often was pressed into service.

Funeral services were held at Evangelical Methodist Church and were conducted by the Rev. David Wilson and the Rev. P. O. Lee. Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary M. Wiggins; one daughter, Miss Darlene Wiggins of St. Pauls, Minn.; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Brenda Townsend of Raeford, Mrs. See WIGGINS, Page 9

## Bloodmobile To Visit Hoke

The Red Cross bloodmobile will visit Hoke County next Wednesday November 8, according to Phil Hart, bloodmobile chairman of Raeford Jaycees.

Collections will be made at Raeford Methodist Church from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. Volunteer workers and nurses will conduct the collection, the goal of which is 100 pints of blood.

Hoke County has dropped behind in its blood program, bloodmobile officials declare. Blood used by Hoke patients is supposed to be replaced through public contributions, they said.



SAY 'CHEESE'--Two-year-old Vicki Hedgpeh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vardell Hedgpeh, holds for the photographer, who coaxed that exaggerated grin when he said, "smile." Holding Vicki is her uncle, Steve Hedgpeh.