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HAPPY PAIR--W.S. Young, county farm agent, and Mrs. Edwin B. Newton, president of Wayside Community Development Club, rejoice over the triumph of Monday night. Coming as a surprise to both of them, Wayside was first place winner in the farm division of Sandhills Area Development Association.

In Sandhills Area Rockfish, Wayside Claim Top Development Awards

For the second year in a row, Rockfish has won the rural non-farm division of Sandhills Area Development Association, and Wayside has been declared winner of the farm community SADA area.

The awards were made Monday night at Samarand in Moore County, where some 350 to 400 people gathered for the annual meeting.

Raeform, a former first place winner, came in third in the towns division. Hoke County

did not have an entry in the village competition.

The SADA area is composed of Hoke, Moore, Montgomery, Lee and Richmond counties. Rockfish and Wayside each received \$125 cash awards, in addition to bronze plaques, and Raeform received a \$50 prize.

Other winners included: Town--Sanford, first; Troy, second.

Farm--Beaver Creek (Lee), second; Mt. Pleasant (Richmond), third; Juniper (Moore)

and Little River (Montgomery), honorable mention.

Rural non-farm --Dimus (Lee), second; Westmore (Moore), third; Juniper (Moore) honorable mention.

Village--Vass, first; Broadway (Lee), second; Ledbetter (Richmond), third; Wadeville (Montgomery), honorable mention.

Gilbert Ray, president of the Rockfish club, praised citizens of the community for their continued support of the club's

program.

"I have heard it said for several years that you couldn't win twice in a row, and I am happy that this year's judging disproved that accusation," Ray said.

The Wayside club is the youngest of the seven in Hoke County. Mrs. Edwin Newton is president.

Rockfish's principal project during the past year was remodeling and building an addition to the community club-

house.

The renovation included moving a bathroom from the old kitchen; remodeled the kitchen; added sheetrock, ceiling, and painted building; installed cabinets and a water heater; put linoleum on floor; added a room to the building; added storage room and two bathrooms; re-finished floors; installed new drapes; painted the new exterior and all of the roof; succeeded

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Lumbee Co-Op Board To Rule On Protest

A hearing was set for yesterday afternoon by Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation to hear a complaint by a member that he was "counted out" in a recent election of directors.

Elias Rogers, who lives between Raeform and Antioch, leveled the charge following the co-op's annual meeting two weeks ago.

At that time, Rogers was nominated from the floor as a candidate for director from his service area.

Although it was announced at the meeting that members should vote for one candidate, it was apparent that these instructions were not understood by some of the voters. The ballots used in the election also were clearly marked, "Vote For Three."

Rogers said most of the 175 to 200 voided ballots had marks beside the names of Watson and Dunn, and then had Rogers' name written in under that of Mrs. Andrews, on a line apparently intended to accommodate write-in voters. The square opposite Rogers' name was checked, along with those applying to Watson and Dunn, Rogers claims.

Mrs. J. M. Andrews, also a resident of the Antioch section, had been put on the ballot, along with Cecil S. Dunn of Area V and Neil A. Watson of Area I. Mrs. Andrews is the incumbent director in Area VI.

The official ballot, containing the names of Mrs. Andrews, Dunn and Watson, had been printed prior to the meeting. They were the choices of a nominating committee.

Rogers was the only candidate nominated from the floor. His candidacy was for Area VI, opposing Mrs. Andrews. The other two candidates were unopposed.

After the election, when the elections committee declared that Mrs. Andrews had been re-elected to a three-year term, reportedly by about 25 votes, Rogers and his supporters claimed that 175 to 200 ballots clearly marked for Rogers had been declared invalid.

The elections committee apparently used a by-law ostensibly intended to prevent single shot voting; as a basis of voiding the large number of Rogers ballots.

-- OFFICIAL BALLOT --

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
LUMBEE RIVER ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOV. 1, 1967
VOTE FOR THREE

Mark (X) in the square opposite the name you wish to vote for

Area I	Neil A. Watson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Area V	Cecil S. Dunn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Area VI	Mrs. Junius M. Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

COPY OF BALLOT--This is a copy of an official ballot used in the November 1 election of directors at the annual meeting of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation. Despite the fact that the ballot reads "Vote For Three," ballots allegedly marked that way (as this one is) were declared void by an elections committee. The co-op's board of directors was scheduled to meet yesterday afternoon to hear a complaint filed by Elias Rogers, the write-in candidate.

Wayside Folks Pitch In, Win Community Award

The plainspoken person who first made the statement, "The country is overorganized," must have lived in a small town or rural community. One only has to take note of such localities as the community of Wayside, winner of this year's community development award, to agree that more people here belong to more organizations than most anybody residing in an urban area.

Wayside won the \$125 top Sandhills Area award in the farm division after taking first place in the district for another \$100 in cash.

In such lively sections, the willing and able workers in one club are the only ones there are to carry on the labors of another club. So, as a religious group, they keep the ball rolling even if it means building a church or buying pews.

As community leaders, they work in the Grange, the Homemakers Club, the Community Development Club, the Fire Department Association, and they keep tabs on the PTA and their children's organizations. It's time consuming, to say the least, but one citizen strongly commented, "We would rather wear out than rust out," and the results are overwhelming.

Mrs. Edwin Newton, president of Wayside Community Development Club, didn't know whether to be sad or glad over the outcome of Monday night's district competition.

After a year of the hardest work she has done in all her bouts with community service, she found that getting ready to be judged in both county and district competitions was a big job and "it seems the more you win the harder you have to work," she sighed while waiting for the two men and one woman to arrive and look them over last Thursday.

She added that she had been told, unofficially, that the Sandhills Area winner would have

to prepare a state fair booth next fall. For the moment she was all worn out with the completion of projects on which to report and with compiling material and rounding up capable persons to appear before judges and she was far too tired to even think of a fair booth. With judges coming from Greensboro and Raleigh, one had to be on her toes.

The club won the county award partially because of a home-improvement program. The president recounted a number of homes that were painted and storm windows and decorative blinds added. One family had installed a swimming pool and had shared it with friends and neighbors.

She told the judges that the women had attended workshops and learned how to refinish furniture and are now using attractive and useful pieces, which had once been stored away in the barn or attic by their ancestors.

She explained how the men and women had worked together in establishing a fire department and said, although the department is now in operation, meetings are held regularly.

"We have the community department," she said.

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High School Tour Lauded

An "open house" program in which parents went through an abbreviated round of classes their children make daily at Hoke High School was termed "a tremendous success" last Thursday night.

Raz Autry, who began his first year as principal of the school in September, conceived the idea so he and other members of the faculty could meet parents of the school's some 600 students. At the same time, Autry wanted the parents to become acquainted with their children's subjects, teachers, and classroom procedures.

Several hundred parents turned out for the affair, and after a general briefing, each parent visited his child's classrooms, met the teachers, and heard them explain courses and methods of study.

They also were invited to inquire into their child's progress, examine his classroom records, and evaluate his program of study.

"We sent letters to each parent, and we were amazed at the response," Autry said. "It was clear indication of how vitally concerned Hoke County parents are in the education of their children."

Yule Lights Going Up

Installation will begin this week on Christmas decorations for the streets of Raeform. Ed Williams, town manager, said the job will be completed sometime next week and the colorful lights will be turned on the day after Thanksgiving.

Jim Fout, Chamber of Commerce manager, said a committee meeting will be held Friday at 4 p.m. to make final plans for the Christmas parade. Parade date has been set for Friday, December 1.

Young Driver Is Charged With Assault On Officer

A 20-year-old Hoke County youth has been charged with drunk driving, assault on an officer and resisting arrest as a result of an accident Friday at 6:40 p. m. near Upchurch School.

Willie Lee McLean, Negro, who lives on Raeform Rt. 1, is in jail in lieu bond, following his arrest Sunday night. State Highway Patrolman E. M. Roberts said McLean fled from the scene of the accident after scuffling with the officer and getting into a patch of woods.

The patrolman indicated McLean also has been charged with hit-run in a warrant issued by Raeform Police Department involving an accident inside the town limits shortly before the Upchurch incident.

Roberts said McLean's car was involved in a collision with another vehicle operated by Dorothy Currie Irby of Raeform. Mrs. Irby was injured and was taken to Raeform Medical Group, where she was treated and released.

Roberts said both the Irby and McLean cars were traveling west on Aberdeen Cutoff and that the McLean vehicle struck the other car in the rear. The officer said he placed McLean under arrest and put him in his patrol car. He said McLean left the car and

walked to a nearby store. He said he drove up to McLean and told him, "Let's go." At that point, McLean fled.

Roberts pursued him on foot and overtook him after a 50-yard chase. McLean came up kicking and swinging, Roberts said, and after a brief scuffle, McLean broke away and dashed into a patch of woods.

He was arrested some 48 hours later at his home, where he was found hiding in tall weeds at the rear of the residence. Mrs. Irby's car was damaged an estimated \$800, and McLean's about \$350.

Roberts said he investigated four other accidents between Friday evening and Sunday morning.

Saturday at 6:20 p. m., a car operated by Samuel Massey, Wagram, 27, left the road and overturned near West Hoke School on a rural paved road. Roberts said Massey told him he overtook a farm tractor driving without lights, and when he swerved to avoid collision, he lost control of the car. It left the road on the right side and overturned.

Massey was not injured. Damage to his car was estimated at \$330. No charges were filed.

Friday at 9:30 p. m., a car driven by John Monroe Platt, Raeform Rt. 1, was traveling

toward Fayetteville on Highway 401 when it left the road and overturned.

Roberts said Platt told him he was trying to dodge a dog when the vehicle went out of control. Platt and a passenger, Dan Rae, 19, of Raeform, were taken to a hospital with injuries to be not serious, Roberts said.

Two trucks collided in front of the school bus garage at the intersection of 401 Bypass and Aberdeen Cutoff at 3:30 p. m. Friday.

Drivers of the vehicles were identified as Robert McNair, Wagram Rt. 1, and Leon Hensley, Columbia, S. C.

Roberts said McNair was traveling south on the bypass. Hensley stopped before entering the intersection from the direction of Burlington Industries.

Indications were that Hensley pulled into the highway, making a left turn toward Fayetteville, and drove into the path of the oncoming truck. Hensley was charged with failing to yield right of way and driving without an operator's license. Damage to the two vehicles was estimated at a total of \$1,500.

At about 1 a. m. Saturday, a car and a pick up truck were involved in a collision. See WRECKS, Page 11

Hoke CAP Head Quits

The head of Hoke County Community Action Program has handed in his resignation, effective November 27.

James R. Attaway was the first person hired by Hoke CAP and will be the first to leave. All other personnel in the county will remain the same.

His resignation went to G. A. Page Jr., chairman of the board of directors, last Thursday, stating that he was moving into a Civil Service position, but he did not make known its nature or where he would be stationed.

The office was opened here on March 27, 1966, with Attaway, a retired army major, as coordinator of the Hoke County unit. He worked under Frank Kivett, executive director of Sandhills Community Action Program, whose office is in Carthage. Kivett commended him for the service he has rendered at a recent gathering here.

"Making the decision to change was a difficult one but I feel that I would be doing an injustice to my family and myself were I to decline this position," Attaway said.

Bloodmobile Visit Re-Set

The Red Cross Bloodmobile visit scheduled for Raeform on November 8 was postponed because flu shots had been given to many workers at Pacific Mills, rendering them ineligible to donate blood at that time.

Clyde Upchurch Jr., an official of the local blood program, said the bloodmobile visit will be held next Wednesday, November 22, at Raeform Methodist Church, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Hoke County has a deficit between the amount of blood it has drawn from the Red Cross blood bank and the amount collected in bloodmobile drive-ins during the past year, Upchurch said. The two are supposed to balance.

United Fund Boosted Near \$22,000 Goal

Raeform-Hoke United Fund skyrocketed to \$18,619.04, less than \$3,500 short of its campaign goal this week when solicitation was completed at Raeform Worst Plant and Pacific Mills Dyeing Plant.

Contributions from the two Burlington Industries plants, which employ some 1,700 people, totaled \$14,790.64, or two-thirds of the campaign goal of slightly more than \$22,000.

With the drive already a week older than planned, contributions continued to lag on most fronts.

Less than 50 per cent of the commercial division had turned in reports. Only 20 per cent of rural areas had been heard from. The N.C. Sanatorium at McCain had not made its report, nor had Raeform Turkey Farms, UniRoyal, and several other usually generous contributors.

Participation at Burlington Industries plants amounted to more than \$8 a person, believed to be the highest per capita contribution at the plants since United Fund was established here some 15 years ago.

It appeared likely that the goal would be reached, but United Fund officials pointed out that "a little extra money would be used wisely."

"There were no provisions in the budget for an emergency fund," said Palmer Wilcox, campaign chairman. "Last year, United Fund gave a total of \$1,500 to victims of fires and other disaster. Any receipts in excess of the budget requirements will be put into the emergency fund."

Total contributions from the industrial division now stand at \$15,071.74, and likely will reach close to \$18,000 after the turkey plant, UniRoyal,

Hoke Concrete Company and Raeform Lumber Company are heard from.

Employees of The Bank of Raeform contributed \$198 and at Belk-Hensdale, donations were \$232.

Other totals included: Teachers, \$1,341.80; rural communities, \$42; public employees, \$176; individuals, \$20; special gifts, \$350; professions, \$233; commercial division, \$1,384.04.

A last-minute report from Hoke Board of Education indicated contributions of teachers and other school employees had risen to \$2,110.80.

Wilcox and other fund officials praised Burlington workers, who each year contribute a major portion of budget requirements. Their enthusiasm is matched by workers at the

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Dr. H.H. McLean Takes Post As Regional Health Consultant

Dr. Harry H. McLean, Raeform physician and director of public health for Hoke County, announced this week he has accepted a post as regional consultant, N. C. Board of Health, and will cease private practice here January 1.

Dr. McLean is associated with Dr. R. M. Jordan and Dr. Robert G. Townsend in Raeform Medical Group, a Raeform clinic.

"I wish to emphasize that I am taking the state post only after carefully weighing many considerations," McLean said. "It actually will be a continuation of the state service."

Dr. McLean indicated that he will resign as director of health in Hoke County as

Dr. McLean will become the first such regional consultant in North Carolina. He will be based in Fayetteville and his office will provide consultant service in public health, public health nursing, sanitation, and all other disciplines of the State Board of Health.

"The office will provide consultation only," Dr. McLean said. "It will be neither administrative nor supervisory. The district office is a pilot project and will serve as a model for other counties, including Hoke. It actually will be a continuation of the state service."

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