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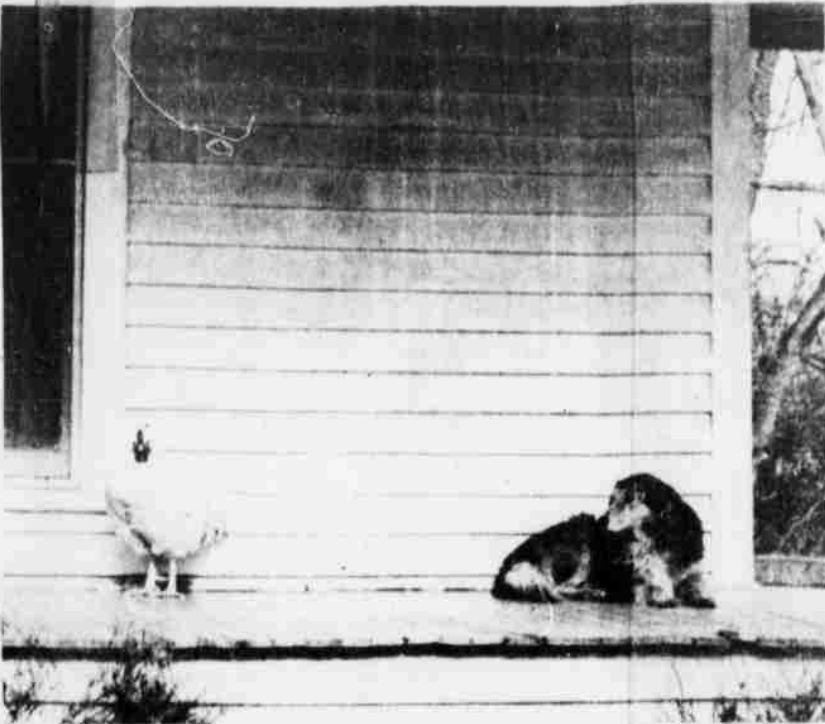
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AT EASE -- Dogs can fight the chickens over in the Raeford Turkey Plant area if they want but this compatible canine apparently thinks it is too much trouble when otherwise all one has to do is bask in the sunshine on the front porch. The rooster and dog live on the other side of town on Fifth Avenue, and they appear to like it that way.

## Young Pursesnatcher Hits Third Time At Post Office

A young pursesnatcher who has plagued the Raeford post office area since before Christmas struck again Tuesday, but failed to make a haul. The youngster, apparently about 12 years old, entered a parked car in front of Lamont

Furniture Company, across the street from the post office. He was rifling a purse in the car when detected by Mrs. Harry Greene, who was coming out of Hoke Public Library. Mrs. Greene grabbed the youngster, who hung her aside

and fled. Mrs. Greene sounded the alarm, and the youth was observed fleeing around the post office, where he recovered his parked bicycle and made his getaway. Police Chief L. W. Stanton earlier had warned motorists, particularly women, not to leave valuables in their cars when parking, if only for a moment. That's the way the youngster operates, the chief said. He singles out cars driven by women -- first, because women do not carry billfolds on their person, but in a handbag, which they are apt to leave in the car; second, because if surprised in the act of his theft by a woman, the youngster is strong enough to break their grip and flee, and women are not apt to give chase. Chief Stanton today warned drivers again not to leave purses or valuables in their cars. If parking for more than a minute or two, the car also should be locked, he said. Tuesday's incident was the third time such a theft was committed or attempted in the post office area. Just before Christmas, a young culprit, apparently the same as Tuesday's villain, took \$80 from a car.

## Post Office Venders Change Stamp Price

Nearly 10,000 postage vending machines, including those at months to reflect the new postage rates, Postmaster Charlie Morrison said today. New postage rates go into effect Sunday. The new rates raise first class postage to six cents an ounce, air mail to ten cents an ounce, and postal cards to five cents. The job of converting the thousands of vending machines found in post office lobbies from coast to coast is so massive that it will take several months to complete. Five different types of machines are involved, Morrison noted. Most of the machines now provide five cent and four cent stamps for a nickel, quarter

or dime. After the conversion, the machines will provide five cent and six cent stamps. A new model will offer one cent, five cent and six cent stamps. Morrison said vending machines in the lobbies of post offices are not to be confused with commercial stamp vending devices found in many stores. Such commercial machines provide a margin for profit and are not controlled by the Post Office Department, he said. "Post office vending machines can be a big convenience to postal patrons," Morrison said. "The devices permit mailers to ignore waiting lines at stamp sales windows or to buy stamps to mail letters after the windows have closed."

## Death Took Several Prominent Citizens In Hoke During Last Half Of The Year

The old year went out this week much as it came in 12 months ago -- cold and uneventful, from the standpoint of news. Hoke County drivers -- indeed, operators throughout North Carolina -- compiled the best holiday weekend highway safety record in years during the long New Year's break. No traffic fatalities were registered in Hoke during either the Christmas or New Year's periods. In North Carolina, only 13 persons were killed during the New Year's period -- 6 p. m. Friday to 6 p. m. Monday. The traffic toll in Hoke County for the entire year was only 11 -- lowest in recent years. The second half of 1967 was one of progress in Hoke County. Despite a failure in the cotton crop for the second consecutive year, the economy remained strong. Week by week, here are the most noteworthy happenings during the final half of the year, as reflected in The News-Journal. DECEMBER 28 -- A group of Negro citizens headed by the Rev. Thomas F. Walker and Jimmy Morrissey announced plans to educate and register voters in the county. Only half of the Negro citizens otherwise eligible to vote are registered, and only half of those registered take the time to vote. Thus, only one-fourth of their voting potential is realized. Weathermen predicted a winter storm would blow across North Carolina during 11 New

Year's weekend. The storm did not materialize, however, and the precipitation that was supposed to have been snow turned into rain. On the heels of the rain came brisk, cold weather, however, and by mid-week, Hoke citizens were gazing at gray skies and thinking that maybe the snow would show up a week late. DECEMBER 21 -- Louise Blue, Hoke County ASC office manager, formally retired after 33 years of service with the federal-state-county agricultural agency. She began working with the agency in the 1930s when it was called AAA (Agricultural Adjustment Act). Court officials drew the first jury under the new system of selecting prospective jurors. Formerly a job performed by county commissioners, jurors are now selected from a list (by number) compiled and kept current by a jury commission. Dr. Marcus Smith, who had practiced dentistry here for some 30 years, closed his office and donated his equipment to a children's home after ill health brought an end to his private practice. Burlington Industries held its annual Christmas party for children of employees at the two local plants. Some 2,500 youngsters trooped through the factories, greeting Santa Claus and receiving a bag of toys and other goodies from the Industries. DECEMBER 14 -- Mayor H. R. McLean led his neighbors in protest of a chicken-dog situation which had developed on Lamont Street and other

areas near Raeford Turkey Farms processing plant. The mayor said dogs were chasing and killing chickens which had escaped while being unloaded at the plant. Half-eaten chickens were being deposited almost daily in several front yards in the neighborhood. The Rev. John Mason Glenn, pastor of First Baptist Church in Raeford for the past 11 years, announced to his congregation that he had accepted a call to Baptist Chapel in Sampson County and would assume the new pastorate January 1. Matthew Thompson, 49, of Raeford, was charged with murder in the pistol death of his nephew, James Oscar (Frog) Leslie. DECEMBER 7 -- Death came unexpectedly to W. T. (Hoot) Gibson Jr., superintendent of Hoke County schools, on Saturday, December 2, Gibson, an avid outdoorsman, died of a heart attack at his home after returning from an all-day hunting outing. He had been in Raeford since 1946, having come here as principal of Raeford High School, and had been superintendent for the past eight years. Donald D. Abernethy, a former principal of Hoke High School, was named to succeed Gibson as superintendent. Second Lieutenant Samuel Warlick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warlick of Raeford, was killed in action in Vietnam while leading a platoon of infantry. He was the second Hoke serviceman killed in the Vietnam conflict. Raeford-Hoke United Fund

exceeded its \$22,027 goal by a comfortable margin. The fund only twice has failed to reach its goal in some 15 years of operation here. NOVEMBER 30 -- Hoke High School Band won first place in the Monroe Christmas parade and was acclaimed for its performance in the annual Carolinas Carousels in Charlotte. A Hoke County native, Mrs. Vivian Reid, was named South Carolina "Teacher of the Year." She once lived in Dundarrach and is a graduate of Hoke High School. George Caddell of Raeford was charged with manslaughter as a result of an accident involving the truck he was driving and a pickup truck occupied by five men. Killed in the wreck, which occurred near Hope Mills, was Roland Gilmore, 54, of St. Pauls. NOVEMBER 23 -- A knocked-down stop sign, which some motorist carelessly failed to report, was blamed with Hoke County's eleventh traffic death of the year. Charles Henry Sanders, 17, of Raeford Rt. 1, was the victim. He was riding in a car which was struck at an intersection near Hoke High School when the other driver, unfamiliar with the road, ran through the crossing, which was supposed to have been marked with a stop sign. Elias Rogers, a resident of the Antioch community, was declared winner of a director's post in Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation after a recount of ballots. The first count gave the post to

Mrs. J. M. Andrews, also of the Antioch section, but Rogers and his supporters claimed some 200 write-in ballots cast for him were invalidated and should have been counted. James Evander Gillis, 71, a native of Hoke County, former automobile salesman, and last year's winner of the "Lion of the Year" award, died at Moore Memorial Hospital after extended illness. NOVEMBER 16 -- Rockfish and Wayside communities both won first place awards in the annual Sandhills Area Development Association competition. Rockfish was the top rural non-farm community in the five-county association, and Wayside won first place among rural farm entries. Raeford, which was first place winner in the towns division, placed third in that competition. Dr. H.H. McLean, local physician and director of Hoke Department of Health, quit private practice and resigned from the county post to become a regional consultant for N.C. Department of Public Health. Although his office will be in Fayetteville, Dr. and Mrs. McLean have chosen to continue residing in Raeford. James H. Ataway, a retired army major, resigned as director of Hoke Community Action Program, the anti-poverty program he had headed since it was organized here. NOVEMBER 9 -- Raeford Town Board gave the go-ahead signal for a \$650,000 water-sewer bond issue. The referendum was approved by a 5-2 vote. See ROUNDUP, Page 3

## Beginning March 30

# Every Voter In County Must Register In '68

## Books Open One Extra Saturday

All Hoke County voters must register again this year, according to John Scott Poole, chairman of the Hoke board of elections, and the county must pay the bill.

State law requires that the slate be wiped clean and a new registration effected immediately. Poole told county commissioners this week. The new regulations require that each county establish and maintain a "looseleaf" registration system (that is, one in which the voter's registration is contained on a single page which can be added or removed from the binder), and that a complete new registration be accomplished before the May primaries.

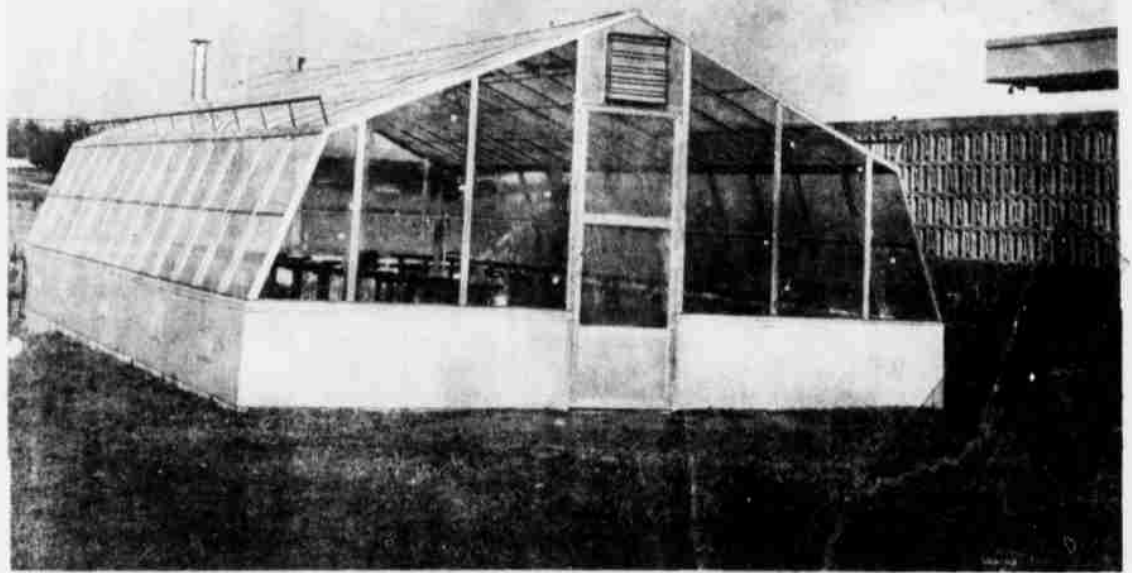
In Hoke County, registration books will be open on March 30 and will be at polling places in each of the county's precincts for four successive Saturdays. The fifth Saturday will be challenge day.

An extra week of registration is set up because it is a new registration, Poole said. While books are open at the polling places only on Saturdays, a voter may register any day of the week in the registration period by going to the registrar's home, or wherever he may be found.

Poole said the county registration books now contain the names of some 3,900 eligible voters. A new registration has not been held here since about 1956, although the books have been "purged" several times. (Removing the names of citizens who had died or moved away).

The new registration will entail a lot of work, and there will be little time in which to accomplish it, Poole declared. It also will cost the county \$1,230 just to buy the 14 permanent binders and storage files for each precinct.

Poole said Hoke County has a potential of 6,500 voters -- a little more than half of which See VOTERS, Page 9



HIGH SCHOOL HOthouse--A Hoke High School greenhouse will be ready to sprout its first seed within the next two weeks. The \$3,500 glass building is all set up with heat and water pipes. Prior to the beginning of the next semester, topsoil will go into the trays and the seed and cutting will be planted by agriculture students who are

learning to do many things in addition to growing cotton, corn and tobacco. The horticulture class will grow annuals for sale in the spring and root cuttings which will someday become beautifying evergreens at the school campus. This is the school's first attempt at such a project.

## McFadyen Will Seek Seat In '69 State Legislature

Neill L. McFadyen, Hoke farmer and veteran state legislator, announced here this week he will be a candidate for re-nomination in the May Democratic primary in the 24th House District, composed of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties. His early announcement was unusual in that during the last House election, he practically had to be pushed into running. His position at that time was that he already had served three terms, and it was time for an-

other Hoke Countian to go to Raleigh. In the meantime, however, the state was redistricted. Hoke, which formerly had a represen-

tative of its own, was included with Robeson and Scotland in a single district which was to have four seats in the State House of Representatives. With Hoke vastly outnumbered by voters in the other two counties, the only chance Hoke had to gain one of the four seats was to field a strong candidate, acceptable to the strongest candidates in the other two counties, and McFadyen filled the bill.

The political situation continues, and Hoke has no hope of electing a representative on the basis of his vote-getting power in Hoke alone.

Last election, McFadyen, David Britt and R. D. McMillan of Robeson and Roger Klaser of Scotland were the Democratic nominees, having disposed of a fifth Democratic candidate in the primary. They won a shoo-in victory in the general election.

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REP. NEILL McFADYEN

## Al Lennon Is Visitor To County

Rep. Alton A. Lennon of Wilmington, who represents the Seventh Congressional District of North Carolina in Washington, paid a visit to Hoke County yesterday.

Lennon arrived at the county courthouse in mid-morning and immediately began receiving citizens who had complaints, or other business with the federal government, or who just dropped in to pay their respects.

The veteran legislator each year makes a tour of counties in his district after Congress adjourns. Because it stayed in session into December last year, and will reconvene later this month, his trips had to be hurried.

Nevertheless, he found time to spend at least one day in the county courthouse of each county in the district. From Raeford, he will move on to Robeson, Bladen and Columbus counties.

Lennon was the guest of several local people for lunch here yesterday.

## Jones Off Ailing List; Hoke Board Meets Again

After an extended illness and hospitalization, T. C. Jones, chairman of Hoke County Board of Commissioners, was on hand Monday to preside over the monthly session.

During the two-hour meeting, the board welcomed D. D. Abernethy as the new county schools superintendent, appointed some board and commission members, heard reports and appeals, and made several appropriations.

Appointed to the planning and zoning board were J. D. McAllister, who takes the place vacated by Stanley Koonce, A. K. Leach, who replaces Bernard Bray, Hallie Blythe, who replaces Truman Austin and Smith McJohns, who replaces James Wood.

Appointed to the Hoke County Fire Commission to serve until the first Monday in December, 1968, were Eugene W. Coen, to fill the expired term of D. R. Huff Jr., and Robert Jones, to take the place of Clyde Leach. The board voted to buy a radio for the fire



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at a cost of \$553.50. It heard reports from the farm and home agent's offices given by Mrs. Ellen Willis and W. S. Young.

The following 1968 holidays were approved for county offices: New Year's Day, January 1; Easter Monday, April

15; Confederate Memorial Day, May 10; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, September 2; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, November 28; Christmas, December 24, 25, 26.

The board also passed a resolution to appropriate \$534,777 for Southeastern Economic Development Association. The request was made by Jim Fout, chairman of the association's board of directors.

The association's budget for the year is \$48,000, of which the federal government pays \$35,851. Other counties helping to make up the local portion of the budget are Cumberland, \$4,159; Brunswick \$713; Columbus \$1,425.

The project standing at the top of the association's priority list is the dredging of Cape Fear River.

The \$48,000 in funds will go to pay a director's salary of \$12,000, plus salaries of other hired office help, office supplies, and travel.