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GET SON'S MEDALS -- Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warlick, left, are shown here with Major L. R. Stargel, Marine Corps Inspector-Instructor of Raleigh, who displays the four medals presented posthumously to their son, 2nd Lt. Sam D. Warlick, who was killed in action November 30 in Vietnam.

Marine Corps Awards Medals To Lt. Warlick

Four medals were presented here Tuesday to the parents of Marine Second Lieutenant Sam D. Warlick, who was killed in action November 30 in Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warlick received the medals from Major L. R. Stargel, Marine Inspector-Instructor of Raleigh, at the Warlick residence here.

Presented posthumously to Lieutenant Warlick were the Purple Heart Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with star (signifying two awards of the medal). The Vietnam Service Medal was presented by the government of Vietnam.

Lieutenant Warlick, 22, was a football star at Hoke High School, where he was graduated in 1962. He entered the Marine

Corps after two-and-one-half years of study at N. C. State University.

According to Marine Corps officials, Warlick was killed while serving as an infantry platoon commander.

He was graduated from of-

ficer candidate school at Quantico Marine Base, Va., in March, 1967. He arrived in Vietnam in October, 1967, and was killed about a month later.

Funeral services for Lieutenant Warlick were held here December 9.

Horace Stogner Jr. Wins Three Medals

Sp4 Horace N. Stogner Jr., a 1966 graduate of Hoke High School, has been awarded the Air Medal and two Purple Hearts as a result of his combat experiences in Vietnam.

The Air Medal is awarded to the 20-year-old Hoke soldier for "meritorious service while participating in aerial flight" from April to September 1967. Stogner, an infantryman in Company C, First Battalion, Seventh Cavalry, First Cavalry Division, won the two Purple Heart Awards for wounds received "in connection with military operations against a hostile force."

The first award was made after Stogner's helmet was hit by an enemy rifle bullet May 27, 1967, in the central highlands of Vietnam.

The second was awarded after a U. S. Army phosphorus shell fell too close to American forces. Stogner was among the injured.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Stogner, live at 112 Wright St. in Raeford.

Stogner entered the Army in August, 1966, after enlisting for a three-year tour of duty. He received basic training at Fort Bragg and then attended preparatory school for poten-

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HORACE N. STOGNER JR.

Two Held In Knife Slaying

Two Hoke County men have been charged in the knife-slaying Saturday night of Robert Melvin, 29, of Raeford Rt. 1.

In jail without privilege of bond is Colon Purcell, 24, also of Raeford Rt. 1, who faces a murder charge. Melvin was his first cousin's husband. Hoke Sheriff Dave Barrington's office also revealed this week that a second man, Boyd Stevens, Raeford Rt. 1, has been charged with being an accessory before the fact in murder.

Chief Deputy Jessie Lee, who with Deputy James Adams investigated the slaying, said Melvin was knifed to death in the yard of the house where Melvin and Purcell lived.

Melvin sustained knife wounds on his head, throat and upper torso, Lee said, and was dead on arrival at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville. Lee said witnesses told him Melvin and Purcell got into an argument over Melvin's wife, and that Melvin pulled out a knife. Purcell reportedly then left the house. Melvin went out after him and the fatal knifing allegedly followed.

Purcell remained at the scene until officers arrived, Lee said. Stevens was charged with being an accessory after eyewitness reports involved him in the fracas.

Two Directors Left Off List

The names of two directors of Raeford Savings and Loan Association were inadvertently omitted last week in a news story about the election of new officers and directors of the association. They are Graham Monroe and H. D. Harrison Jr.



SHARE COUNSEL -- Local bankers have been generous in supporting farm programs in Hoke County over the years, especially where children and young adults are concerned. Here, at left, C. D. Bonds, vice president of Southern National Bank, and R. B. Lewis, right, president of the Bank of Raeford, go over plans for a Farm Management Short Course with Richard McMillan, a young farmer. McMillan and David Warren Jr., who was not present due to illness, will attend the mid-week short course with the financial help of the two banks.

Slowed To Standstill

Hoke Countians Thaw From Two-Day Freeze

BY JIM TAYLOR

A mixture of sleet, rain and freezing rain -- and a light sprinkle of snow -- converted Hoke County into a giant refrigerator Thursday and Friday before a warmer rain washed the ice away on Saturday.

It was the worst winter storm in generations in some nearby parts of the state, where many areas were without electric power for three days or more.

In Hoke County, scores of families huddled in heatless houses and carried water from wells and springs while emergency utility crews struggled to restore telephone and electric service.

A spokesman for Carolina Power and Light Company -- which with Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation supplies electric power to Hoke customers -- said damage to power lines and other facilities was the worst in the company's history.

Hoke County was at the southernmost edge of the heavy storm damage, which was heaviest in the county at Ashley Heights and other portions of Quewhille township.

At N.C. Sanatorium at McCain -- highest elevation in the county -- trees and power lines snapped under the weight of ice. Wooded areas in the neighborhood reminded some viewers of a tobacco field hit by a hailstorm. Tall pines bent to the ground under the burden of a two-day accumulation of ice, and some finally snapped halfway up the trunk. Hardwood trees split as major branches were overcome by ice. The ground was covered with broken branches.

Traffic was brought to a standstill throughout much of the area as citizens stayed home from work and school. In Raeford, traffic was slowed to a crawl. Most stores remained open, but business was only a trickle of normal.

Remarkably, there were few major accidents in the county. Indeed, there were only a few minor fender smashings and not many vehicles skidded off the roads.

State Highway Patrolmen credited the low accident rate to sensible operation of vehicles, or more important, to no operation at all.

The freeze -- in began late Wednesday afternoon as residents were beginning to thaw from an earlier avalanche of

ice.

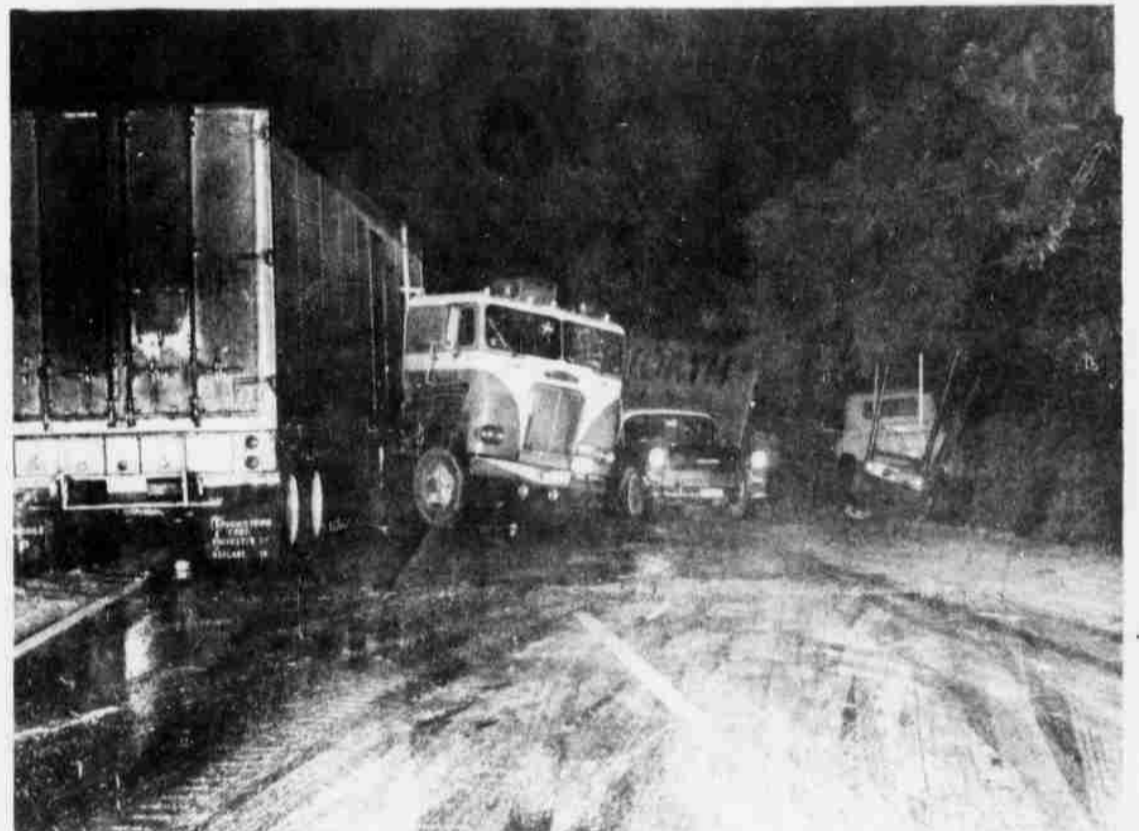
Weathermen had predicted on Wednesday that precipitation would begin in late afternoon, but was expected to occur as rain along the coast, with ice and sleet beginning in the mountains.

A Wednesday morning report recounted in last week's edition of The News-Journal warned that a slight drop in the expected temperature could result in a heavy sleet storm. The unexpected happened.

Temperatures plunged below freezing Wednesday afternoon, and when rain began to fall, it froze as it hit trees, pavement, and ground already iced by the previous sleet storm. On Thursday morning, a half-

inch of ice glazed over everything out of doors. As freezing rain, sleet, snow and a small amount of hail continued to fall, the ice kept building up. By Friday morning, the tem-

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WORST WRECK -- Few accidents occurred in Hoke County during last week's ice storm. This one was Friday night at Antioch. The tractor-trailer in the foreground jackknifed and hit the logging truck at right and a compact car not shown. The van in the background was not involved.

It had slipped into the sideditch earlier. Drivers of the logging truck and the compact car had stopped to render assistance. Automobile with headlights burning is driving past wreckage, which blocked the road for about three hours.

Hoke High's Bill Senter Among Morehead Finalists

Bill Senter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Senter of Raeford, has been named a finalist in the annual scholarship competition of the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

Senter, a senior star on the Hoke High School basketball team, was chosen from some 60-65 semifinalists in the competition. His advancement is the highest ever by a Hoke County student in the competition. Notification of the selection

was announced by Roy Armstrong, executive director, John Motley Morehead Foundation.

Senter and other finalists will be interviewed by the Morehead Scholarship Central Committee at the University of North Carolina during the first weekend in March.

"I am sure your parents and your school are happy over this signal honor," Armstrong wrote to Senter.

Senter, a scholastic, campus and sports leader, has a superlative academic record. He was one of three Hoke seniors originally nominated for consideration in the Morehead competition.

A Morehead scholarship pays all expenses of a recipient for four years of study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Morehead scholars come from all parts of the United States.



BILL SENTER

McMillan, Campbell Enter Race For 24th District House Seats

Two more candidates have entered the race for state representative in the 24th District, bringing to three the aspirants for nomination in the May primary.

They are incumbent Rep. R. D. McMillan of Red Springs, a veteran of four sessions of the General Assembly, and R. L. Campbell, of Rowland, who was appointed by Gov. Dan K. Moore to fill the unexpired term of Rep. David Britt when he was named to the new state court of appeals.

McMillan, a Red Springs auto and farm equipment dealer, was among the four representatives elected in the 24th District after it was formed by the 1965 General Assembly in a special session. The district includes Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties.

Also elected were Rep. Neil McFadyen of Raeford, Rep. Roger Kiser of Laurinburg, and Britt.

McFadyen announced two weeks ago that he will be a candidate for re-election. Kiser has made no formal announcement, but sources close to Democratic officials in the district have said Kiser has indicated he will run.



REP. R. L. CAMPBELL

McFadyen paid his filing fee Tuesday at the Hoke County Board of Elections office, becoming the first candidate to officially enter a race in Hoke County.

Most prominently mentioned among other possible candidates is Gus Spers, Maxton contractor, and Tommie Dale of Fentons, who was an unsuccessful candidate for the House nomination in 1966.

McMillan made his announcement Monday at a meeting of the Robeson County Democratic Executive Committee and paid his filing fee immediately afterward.

"I appreciate the confidence placed in me in previous sessions of the Legislature by the voters of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties," McMillan said. "I pledge to continue to represent all the people of the district to the very best of my ability."

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