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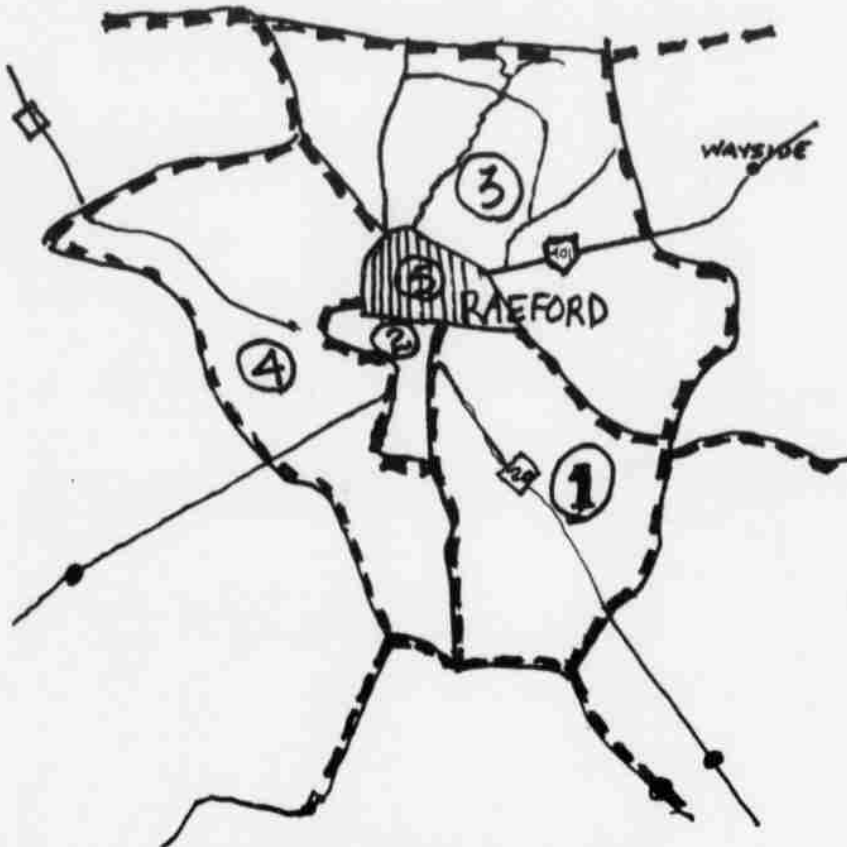
RAEFORD, HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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North Of Town

New Voting Precinct Established In Hoke



Shaded Area Indicates New Precinct

A new voting precinct has been established in Hoke County, bringing to 13 the electoral subdivision.

The new precinct, Raeford No. 5, was formed from the northern portions of Raeford No. 1 and No. 2.

J. Scott Poole, chairman of the board of elections, said the new precinct contains a potential registration of 600.

"The additional precinct was required because Raeford No. 1 and Raeford No. 2 were getting so large, from the standpoint of registration, that it was hard to vote and tabulate returns," Poole said.

The new precinct lopped off 250 to 300 possible registered voters in the two older pre-

As a general rule, Raeford No. 1 and Raeford No. 2 are the last precincts to report. In addition to regular count, which is more cumbersome, rechecks are complicated when large numbers of ballots are involved.

No special action outside Hoke County was required to establish the new precinct, Poole said. The board of elections has the responsibility of regulating precinct size.

Officials for the new precinct will be selected within the next week or so, Poole said. To be named are a registrar and three judges, two by the Democratic Party and one by the Republicans. Poll holders will be se-

lected later on the basis of registration.

Establishment of the precinct was advantageous at this particular time, Poole said, because a complete new registration of all voters in the county is being required this year.

Since everybody has to register anyway, it will be no additional burden on voters in the new precinct.

Polling place for the new precinct will be at Upchurch High School.

In terms of potential registration, Raeford's five precincts are fairly close to equal, Poole said. Heretofore, Raeford 1 and 2 were substantially the largest precincts in the county.

The new registration in Hoke County will begin March 30 and continue for four weeks. Instead of the customary three, Poole said. The fifth Saturday will be challenge day.

In Hoke County and throughout North Carolina, voter registration is being changed, where necessary, to provide a uniform "looseleaf" registration system. Until this year, many counties, including Hoke, still maintained registration "books," with a number of voters on the same page.

Under the looseleaf system, there is an individual page for each registrant. The page can be removed without disturbing See VOTING, Page 11

McDuffie Is Named Inspector

Edwin McDuffie, Raeford contractor, has been named building inspector for the town of Raeford following the resignation of Robert Gatlin.

Gatlin, who teaches a drafting class at Hoke High School, submitted his resignation by letter to the town board when it met here Monday night. Gatlin, who has been a surveyor and building inspector for many years, explained to the board that his duties as a teacher no longer leave him time to fulfill the duties of the building inspector's job.

The board accepted his resignation "with regret" and directed that a letter of appreciation for his services be written.

Meanwhile, the board Monday night formally adopted an ordinance setting forth provisions of the upcoming \$700,000 water-sewer bond referendum. The vote will be conducted April 20.

Town registration books will be opened four consecutive Saturdays immediately preceding the election. The first day of registration will be March 22, and on two succeeding Saturdays. The fourth Saturday will be challenge day.

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Driver Loses Contest After Drinking Beer

They swear on the Bible, but it's still hard to believe some witnesses who appear before the courts of the state.

So in last week's District Court in Fayetteville, doubtful Judge Joe Dupree decided he would give a defendant a chance to prove his argument.

At the close of the testimony Tuesday afternoon, Dupree announced that he would delay judgment for 48 hours in the drunken driving charge against Capt. Ward Stanley Thomas, 25. The delay, he disclosed, was to give the defendant a chance to prove three beers, which is all he claimed he had drunk before being arrested, would cause him to have a breathalyzer reading of .16.

The law presumes that a person recording .10 or more is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or beverage.

Under supervision of the court and State Highway Patrolman B. H. LaRocca, the arresting officer, Thomas was treated to lunch and then allowed to consume not three, but six beers. Dupree said that if after that Thomas blew .16 on the breathalyzer, he would find him not guilty. But if he blew less than that he would find him guilty as charged.

After taking food and drink (not three beers but six) Thomas registered only .02 on the device for detection alcohol content of human blood.

Two Hurt In Auto Wreck

Two men were hurt and several other persons escaped serious injury Thursday afternoon in a three-car crash three miles south of Raeford on N.C. 21.

State Highway Patrolman E.W. Coen listed the victims as Richard O'Henry Holland, 25, Shannon Rt. 1, and Elbert Randleman, 20, Shannon Rt. 1.

Holland was driver of one of three cars involved in the accident, which occurred at about 4:40 p.m. The highway had been wet from rain and snow began to fall soon after the wreck.

Coen said the car driven by Holland was going southward behind another vehicle operated by Delores Chavis, 19, of Pembroke. When the Chavis vehicle stopped behind a school bus, the Holland car swerved into the left lane to avoid a collision, Coen said Holland told him.

When he moved into the opposite lane, he met a vehicle operated by Jerry Johnson, 18, of Raeford, Coen said. The Holland car attempted to fall back into the right lane, and in doing so, skidded into the Chavis vehicle. The Holland and Johnson vehicles then crashed almost head-on.

Holland was charged with passing in the face of oncoming traffic, Coen said. Injury to the two victims was not serious. They were taken to Scotland Memorial Hospital.

Earlier Thursday, a car operated by Henry Gazelle Monroe, Red Springs Rt. 3, was involved in a collision on the Antioch - Wagram road, Coen said.

He said investigation revealed that a pickup truck operated by Fletcher Cecil McPhaul, 57, Red Springs Rt. 3, had run out of gas and was parked partially on the highway because the shoulder was too narrow to accommodate it.

McPhaul was in the truck, which was parked on a straight stretch of Road, Coen said, and the vehicle operated by Monroe See WRECKS, Page 11



Wrecked Cars Block N.C. 20 South Of Town

Ken And Betsy McNeill Parents Of Baby Girl

No question about it, Ken McNeill is the happiest man in Hoke County this week.

McNeill, a Raeford native, is married to the former Betsy Ann Cole, daughter of former mayor Alfred Cole.

Ken and Betsy Ann have been married 18 years. This week, Betsy Ann gave birth of a bouncing baby girl at Moore Memorial Hospital.

It is their first child.

Hoke Budget Requests Must Be In March 28

BY LUCY GRAY FEEBLES

The Board of Hoke County Commissioners set March 28 as budget request day at its regular March meeting Monday morning and selected April 8 at the day to sit as a board of equalization and review.

That action means that by March 28 all agencies supported by the county must present a tentative budget to the board for study.

Tom McBryde, vice chairman, presided at Monday's session in the absence of chairman T.C. Jones.

The board voted to purchase two filing cabinets for the welfare department at \$95 each, an electric typewriter for the tax collector's office at \$235, and 48 chairs, a desk and bookcase for the courtroom and jury room.

The board also authorized Sheriff Dave Harrington to trade his 60-watt office base radio station for a 100 watt unit in order to have better reception. The equipment will be acquired along with a couple

of two-way car radios at a cost to the county of \$850 a year, plus \$25 a month maintenance fee. After four years, however, the county will be eligible to purchase the unit and the money spent in rental fee may be applied to the principle.

It was reported that four recommendations of the grand jury in February had been completed with. They included the installation of a rail behind the jury box, repairs to the floors and windows of the county office building, and extermination of roaches therein.

At the request of County Attorney Charles Hostetler, the board gave approval to a special term of Superior Court. Hostetler declared there is a stockpile of cases which should be disposed of. Only three of 10 cases on last week's civil docket were disposed of, he said, and they had been on the docket since 1964.

Bonds were approved as follows: M. A. Maxwell, county electrical inspector, \$500; Harvey S. Warrick, treasurer, North

Raeford Fire Department, \$5,000; Mrs. Lucille Fosey, treasurer, Fugate Creek Fire Department, \$1,000; Kenneth Ritter, treasurer, Rockfish Fire Department, \$1,000.

Maxwell requested and was given permission to set the fee for inspection of a normal house at \$7.50 with an additional fee of \$5 for inspection of a sealed heating system. The former fee was \$5 plus 5 cents each for outlets exceeding a certain number.

He also asked that Donald Burrow be named assistant county inspector because of the need for help in periodic inspection of schools. His request was also granted.

During a short recess, board members J.A. Webb, McBryde, John Balfour and Ralph Barnhart went next door to inspect progress on the new jail. They determined that the structure will not be completed by June 1, as was recently reported by the architect. The delay has been caused by slow arrival of steel men.

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Bill Senter Gets Morehead Award

William Leon (Bill) Senter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil L. Senter of Raeford, has received a Morehead Award to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A senior basketball star at Hoke County High School, young Senter is the first Hoke County student to win the award, established by the late John Motley Morehead, industrialist, philanthropist, and benefactor of UNC.

The award is worth \$6,000 (See SENTER, Page 11)



BILL SENTER

Six Sent To Hospital

Six people reportedly were taken to the hospital for emergency treatment Tuesday at 2:30 a. m. when an ammonia pipe burst and overcame a number of workers at the Raeford Turkey Farms, Inc. plant here according to a Hoke Rescue Squad report.

The rescue squad gave oxygen to several others at the plant and carried four women to Scotland Memorial hospital, where they were treated and released.

Bruton's Ambulance Service transferred two others to Moore Memorial hospital, where they were kept over night and released.

Hoke Elections Board Named

John Scott Poole, Raeford, T.W. Jones, Shannon Rt. 1, both Democrats, and Charles Strother, Aberdeen Rt. 1, Republican, were re-appointed to the Hoke County Board of Elections this week.

Names of county elections board members for each of the state's 100 counties were released by the North Carolina Elections Board last week. Poole is Hoke County chairman.

Registration books are now being set in order under the new set-up established by the General Assembly last year and first registrations will be taken Saturday, March 30.

A rash of break-ins here Saturday night resulted in the arrest of three Michigan men, all white, by local law enforcement officers.

A routine check of Hoke High School just before midnight Saturday brought Officers Leonard (Zeke) Wiggins and James West to the scene as one man allegedly was coming out of the building.

When officers suspected that he had one or more accomplices on the roof, Police Chief L. W. Stanton alerted state highway patrolmen, sheriff's officers, and Hoke Rescue Squad. These officers and men converged on the scene, went to the roof, but failed to find anybody.

A short time later, State Highway Patrolmen E. W. Coen and E. M. Roberts picked up

two men suspected of involvement in the high school break-in. The men were afoot just east of Rockfish Creek on the road leading to Hillcrest.

Jailed in lieu of \$3,000 bond were Robert Nichols, 23, and Edwin Cribb, 23, both of Lake City, Mich., and Jerome Kevin Green, 17, of Cadillac, Mich.

Chief Stanton said Green was arrested at the high school by Officers Wiggins and West. They recovered several items allegedly taken in the raid, including two cameras, a radio, and a stopwatch. Stanton said a drink machine had been broken open and some \$9 to \$10 taken.

While officers were investigating the high school break-in, another burglary was discovered at Mack's 5 & 10 when Charles Barham, manager, en-

Officers Nab Burglary Suspect

tered the store about 11:15 p. m. He found that the office had been ransacked and a rear door's lock smashed.

A check revealed nothing missing, Chief Stanton said, leading him to believe the thieves were scared off.

About 5 a. m. Sunday, Officers Wiggins and West were checking doors in the business district when they discovered someone had broken into Western Auto Associate Store on Main Street.

Taken in that burglary were several guns and watches, Stanton said.

Entry to Western Auto was gained through a ventilator, Stanton said; at Mack's, through a roof ventilator, and to Hoke High School, through a window after an air conditioning unit

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