

Hoke Woman, 89, Perishes In Fire

Husband Goes For Help, Returns To Find Body

An 89-year-old Hoke County woman burned to death in a pre-dawn fire which destroyed the four-room home she shared with her 90-year-old husband. They had been married 68 years.

The victim, Mrs. Belle McPhatter, apparently was trapped in the bedroom of the home after her husband, Lother McPhatter, went to a daughter's house some 100 yards away to get help.

Mrs. McPhatter's charred body was found lying crosswise on a bed, visitors to the scene said. It could not be determined whether she was fully clothed.

Reports indicated that her husband awoke earlier in the night and discovered something, not identified in the reports, burning. He put out the blaze,

the reports indicated, and went back to sleep.

Neighbors who had talked with him said, said he informed them he then was awakened sometime around 5 a.m. to discover the flames had flared up.

He went to the home of a daughter, Mrs. Nora McLean, who lived about 100 yards away, and sounded the alarm. When the two got back to the McPhatter house, it was engulfed in flames, the reports indicated.

Funeral services for Mrs. McPhatter will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at Mountain Grove A.M.E. Zion Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Moore, officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.



McAllister Named Upchurch Principal

John D. McAllister has been named principal of Upchurch High School to succeed the late G.A. Page Jr.

McAllister was elected Wednesday by the Board of Education on recommendation of Supt. D.D. Abernethy.

He has been connected with the board of education for the past two years as project director of federal programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Prior to that, he was principal of Seurlock School for six years.

A native of Hoke County, McAllister received his college education at Fayetteville State College and did graduate work at A & T University and N.C. College. He taught in Hoke County for several years before becoming principal at Seurlock, where his wife, Mrs. Juanita McAllister is librarian. The McAllister family consists of



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four children, two of college age and two in high school. Page died March 20 following a lengthy illness.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: How different our way of life after Christ transforms us! Wilfred Easton (England)

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Revival Begins

At Local Church

Revival services began last night at Raeford Pentecostal Holiness Church, Prospect Avenue and Weaver, and will continue daily at 7:30 o'clock.

There will be special singing each night and singing service Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:30.

Sister Susan of South Carolina will be guest speaker. Mrs. L.A. Phillips is pastor.

Veterans Booklet Ready For Orders

The 1968 edition of "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" is now available from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. W.R. Phillips, manager of the Winston-Salem Veterans Administration regional office, announced today.

Published by the Veterans Administration, the new booklet reflects new legislative changes including the Veterans' Pension and Readjustment Assistance Act of 1967. This Act gives Viet Nam era veterans the same benefits available to other wartime veterans.

--Expands and increases a variety of benefits, including various types of educational assistance, for all qualified veterans who served after January 31, 1955.

--Expands and increases certain benefits to older veterans and dependents.

--In addition to explaining these new benefits, the 1968 edition of this annual VA publication reviews all existing benefits available to America's more than 26 million living veterans -- from the Spanish-American War to the Viet Nam era -- and to their dependents and survivors.

Today, these veterans and their families make up almost half of the population of the United States, Phillips said.

Also, the booklet gives the address and phone number of more than 170 VA installations scattered throughout the 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone and the Philippine Islands.

In North Carolina, VA installations include the regional office in Winston-Salem and VA Hospitals in Durham, Salisbury, Fayetteville and Oteen.

Single copies may be obtained for 20 cents each from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Discount rates are available for quantity purchases.

To All Hoke County Voters NEW REGISTRATION

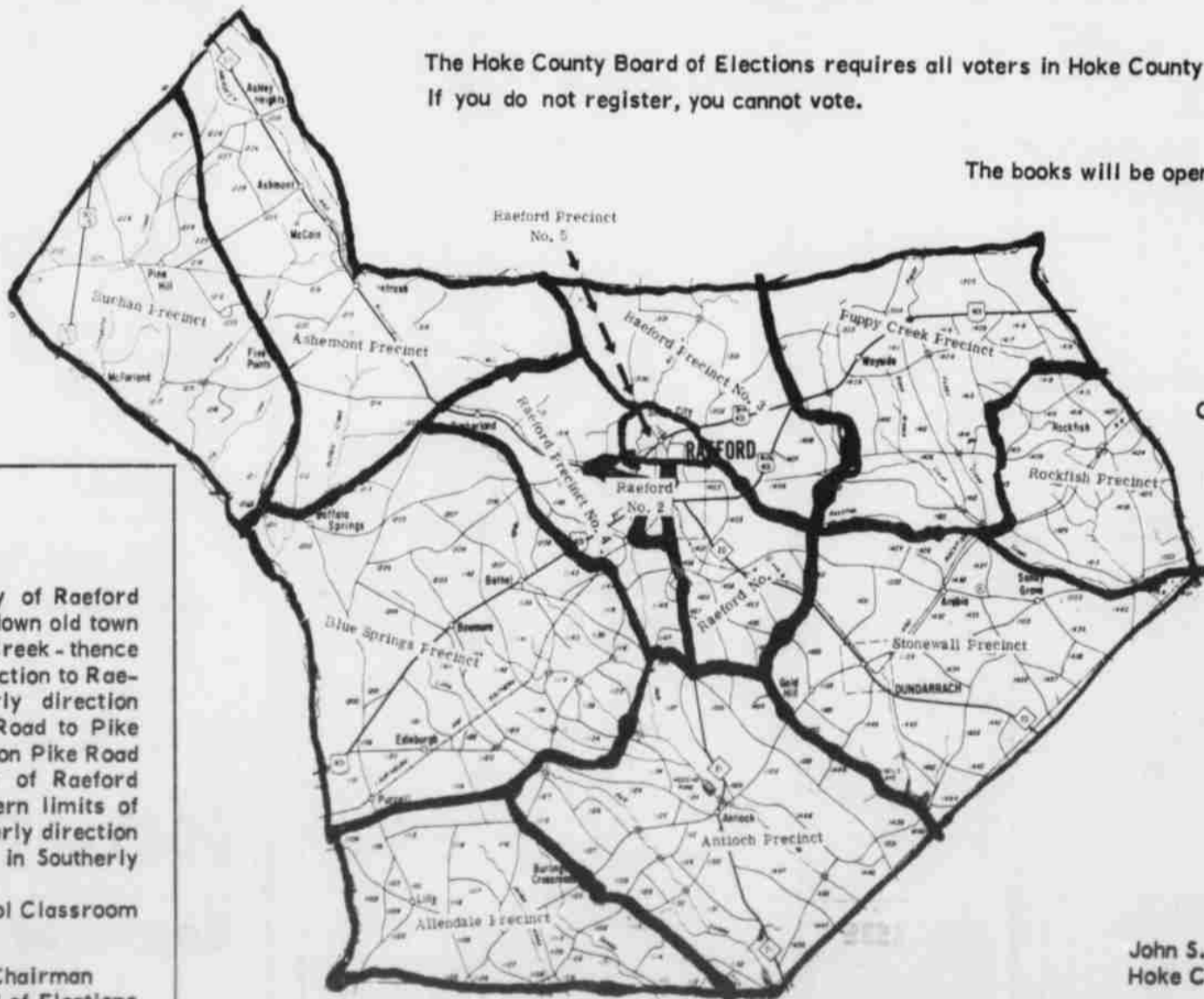
The Hoke County Board of Elections requires all voters in Hoke County to register. If you do not register, you cannot vote.

The books will be open at the polling places on:

March 30,
April 6,
April 13,
April 20;

Challenge Day - April 27;

Primary Election May 4



NOTICE NEW PRECINCT RAEFORD No. 5

Beginning at Eastern Boundary of Raeford City Limits and in NE direction down old town swimming hole road to Rockfish Creek - thence along Rockfish Creek in a NW direction to Raeford - Vass Road, thence a Southerly direction to Baker Road and along Baker Road to Pike Road at Upchurch School, thence E on Pike Road to Underpass Road to NW corner of Raeford City Limits, thence along Northern limits of Raeford City Limits and in Easterly direction thence down Raeford City Limits in Southerly direction to the beginning.

Polling Place - Upchurch School Classroom Building.

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