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## Bloodmobile Ready For Large Turnout

Preparations are being made to take care of a large number of donors when the bloodmobile comes here Friday. Clyde Upchurch, chairman, said. Last February, manpower was not sufficient to take care of the overflow crowd and long waiting lines resulted. The situation should be different this time, Upchurch said. Faced with a loss of credit at the Regional Blood Bank in Charlotte, the local Red Cross chapter staged a concerted drive for the last visit and a record crowd came to the rescue. Many became donors for the first time. Prior to Hoke County had failed to meet its quota time and again. As a result of the large num-

ber of wrecks in addition to the usual number of hospital patients requiring blood transfusions, the supply collected in February, as large as it was, is already nearly exhausted, Upchurch said. Families whose relatives have received blood transfusions in any hospital during the past three months are asked to recruit donors for this mobile visit if possible. It is easier to do it this way, Upchurch said. If the county were to be forced out of the program for lack of contributions, families would have to search for donors with matching blood while the desperate patient waited at the hospital.



J. ED WILLIAMS

## Ed Williams Takes Job In Erwin

J. Ed Williams, town manager here for the past five years will go back to his home county of Harnett to work when he leaves here May 31.

Williams will become town manager of Erwin which is near the town of Dunn where his family lived for some 30 years and where he served as town clerk.

The formal resignation of the town manager was turned in to the Raeford Town board of Commissioners at last week's regular May meeting.

Williams said that with some property he and Mrs. Williams holds in the area, he plans to become involved in some real estate development business on the side.

Erwin is a newly incorporated town now operating under a board of aldermen and mayor system. Before incorporation a year ago, it was operated by Erwin Mills. The mills now belong to Burlington Industries.

## Four Are Convicted Of Armed Robbery

Four young men were convicted this week in Hoke Superior Court in the January 25 armed robbery of the L. F. West store in Antioch and received sentences ranging from eight to 30 years.

Roger Jacobs, 18, was given not less than 25 years nor more than 30 years. At the time of the crime, he was living at Rt. 1, Red Springs, but has since moved to Hoke County.

Fred Jacobs, 23, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, received not less than 20 nor more than 25 years.

Ernest Jacobs, 16, and David Jacobs, 18, both of Lumber Bridge Rt. 1, got eight to 10 years and were expected to be put on probation Wednesday.

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn is presiding at the one-week ses-

sion, which was delayed somewhat on Monday. Solicitor Doran J. Berry is prosecuting the docket.

Other decisions handed down Monday and Tuesday included: Delton Bullard pleaded guilty to common law robbery and had not been sentenced as of Wednesday morning.

Johnny Scott was adjudged not guilty on a charge of armed robbery.

Both Scott and Bullard are of Hoke County.

## New Pastor At Baptist Church

A minister has been called by the Raeford Baptist Church to fill the vacancy which has existed there for several months.

The Rev. Jack Mansfield will move his family of five here on June 10, C. D. Bounds, chairman of the pulpit committee, announced this week.

The new minister succeeds the Rev. John Glenn who resigned last December.

## Methodist Men's Club To Meet

The Methodist Men's Club of the Raeford Methodist Church will meet Tuesday evening, May 21, at 7 p. m. It will be in the form of a supper meeting and will be the last meeting before the summer vacation. It is hoped that a large crowd will be present.

Tickets can be obtained from: Danny Hales, Clyde Teal, Joe Upchurch, Bobby Carter and Talmadge Baker.

# County Precinct Meetings See Record Attendance

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## Ernest Sutton Named Asst. Superintendent

The Hoke County Board of Education last Monday night named a Hamlet man to take the newly created position of assistant superintendent of schools.

Ernest Sutton will take over duties on June 1, and will handle the federal programs of Hoke schools. He also will assume other school duties as designated by Supt. D. D. Abernethy.

Sutton is a native of Columbia, (N. C.) he is married and has three children, Ernest Sutton Jr., 12; Blaine 6 and Neal 3. They belong to the Methodist Church.

He received his education after graduating at Columbia High School, at Atlantic Christian College, Western Carolina where he received his Master's Degree and the University of North Carolina where he received an advanced certificate in Gifted Child Fellowship.

He has served as teacher, principal and assistant superintendent. He comes here from Richmond County Schools where he was director of Federal Projects.



ERNEST SUTTON

## Cotton Vote Under Way

A cotton referendum for transfer of upland cotton allotments for 1969 will be held May 13 through 17, Thomas R. Burgess, Hoke County ASCS officer manager, has announced.

The referendum will give cotton growers the opportunity to decide whether they want to transfer allotments across county lines by sale or lease.

Ballots have been mailed to all cotton producers on record. All ballots must be returned to the office by May 17 or be postmarked by midnight, May 17. The Hoke ASCS county committee will publicly tabulate the ballots May 22 at 9:30 a. m. in the ASCS office.

## Cpl. Branch Is Wounded In Vietnam

The phone bell rang Sunday and gave Mrs. Rick's Branch the "best Mother's Day present anybody ever had."

The call was from far away, Yokohama, Japan, and her wounded son was on the other end of the line. Cpl. Ricky Branch was critically wounded during combat in Vietnam on May 5. Mr. and Mrs. Branch live in the Hillcrest section of Hoke County.

His mother said she felt better after having talked with her son even though she learned that besides his wounds, he was fighting a battle with pneumonia. The good part was that he would be out of the war zone for 60 to 90 days and may even get to come to the United States.

The Marine corporal was hit by a hostile bullet which entered his side, struck the ribs and left lung and made an exit through the left shoulder. For the time being, he has lost use of his left arm.

Ricky was point man on a patrol. Only 13 of his platoon of 40 men survived the attack. He lay wounded in a rice paddy for five hours, his mother said, before he was discovered and removed to a hospital in Da Nang. In Yokohama, he is at 106 General Hospital.

"He will make it now," Mrs. Branch said, following the long distance conversation, "his voice was weak and husky, but I know he's going to be all right."

## Indian Charged With Rape

Held in jail without privilege of bond is Ardell Sturdivant, who is accused of turning a bad deed for a good one.

The 25-year-old Indian is charged with kidnapping and rape. According to officers, he was given a ride home by Silas Love and Gracie Love. Details of the occurrence which allegedly followed were not disclosed.

Sturdivant was arrested Sunday morning by sheriff's deputies. A hearing is set for May 22.

## Presbyterian Men To Meet

The May meeting of the Men of the Raeford Presbyterian Church will be held Tuesday evening, May 21, in the church's Fellowship Hall, with supper being served at 7:00 P. M.

Following supper those attending will be privileged to hear the Rev. Robert Henderson of Durham, the director of the Evangelical Churchmen's Conference Center. He will tell the inspiring story of the development and growth of this interdenominational conference center for laymen and ministers. The men of the community are invited to join the Presbyterian men for this inspiring program.

## Booster Club Banquet Tonight At School

The annual athletic banquet of the Hoke High Booster Club will be held in the Hoke High cafeteria Thursday (tonight) May 16 at 7 o'clock. The banquet has been held after football season in years past but was changed this year because the boosters felt all sports at the school should have the same recognition.

The speaker for the event will be Jack MacCloskey, head basketball coach at Wake Forest University. McCloskey replaced Bones McKinney as coach several years ago and recruited Gilbert McGregor, a local star, who will begin his varsity play at Wake Forest next season.

C. D. Bounds, club president, said that awards for all sports for the entire year would be presented at the banquet.

Tickets for the affair may be purchased from any booster member or at the door that night. Bounds urges all boost-

ers and wives and friends of the school athletic program to come out to give the players a "thank you" for the year's work.

## Picture, No Fish, Gets Away

The big one got away, after all.

The Rev. Joe Lowery caught a big bass (10 1/4 lbs.) in Drowning Creek last week. He brought it to The News-Journal to prove that it is the little ones that get away from him and not the big ones.

Well, the big fish really didn't get away. The preacher left the newspaper office and continued on his way to give it to Israel Mann. It was the picture taken by a N-J photographer that got away! Something happened in the darkroom and the negative went black. Lost was not only the whopping fish but several other pictures, also.

## Changes Made As Committees Enlarged

Hoke County's Democratic Executive Committee became more integrated at the precinct meetings in Hoke County last Saturday when six Negroes and an Indian were elected either chairman or vice-chairman in five of the 13 precincts in the county. They will begin serving Saturday, May 25 when the committee will meet to organize after the county convention.

Precinct meetings were held at the voting places in the county's 13 precincts Saturday with record breaking attendance. A committee of 10, instead of five as in the past, according to party rules were elected, with the chairman and vice-chairman becoming members of the county executive committee.

In Raeford 1 precinct, largest in the county, over 40 were present, somewhat better than usual attendance at this precinct. Marion Hollingsworth was elected chairman and Lillie Bratcher vice chairman. Both Hollingsworth and Mrs. Bratcher are negroes.

Precinct committees for all 13 precincts are as follows:

Allendale: L. A. McGugan, Chmn; Mrs. Alex McCormick, V. Chmn; W. L. Roper, Arch Locklear, Charlie Bullard, George Wilson, Miss Maggie McNeill, Miss Wilia McLaughlin, Artie Mae McPhatter, Miss Willie Mae Liles.

Antioch: Dave Currie; Chmn; Mrs. Peter Dial; V. Chmn; Mrs. J. M. Andrews, Henry Dial, Mary Miller, Robert Bullard, H. C. Gillis, The Rev. Ben Ferguson, Willie McNair, Mrs. Dave Currie.

Blue Springs: Willie McPhaul; Chmn; Margaret Gainey; V. Chmn; Gloria McLaughlin, L. B. Seals, T. J. Harris, Willie Davis, Roy Locklear, Shirley Leggett, Mrs. Julian Love, Mrs. Clydia Locklear.

Buchan: C. G. 'Joe' Odom; Chmn; Lucille Hazelwood; V. Chmn; Helen Odom, W. H. Ruffell, Marcus Thompson, Harry Hazelwood, Mattie Peck, Lallen Ruffell, Leroy Scott, Ruby Thompson.

McCain: O. B. Israel; Chmn; Mrs. D. R. Huff Jr.; V. Chmn; Mrs. Tom Sinclair, N. F. Sinclair, D. R. Huff Jr., Mrs. Mamie Devan, Nell McFadyen, Mrs. N. F. Sinclair, M. A. Robertson, Mrs. W. L. McFadyen.

Puppy Creek: Ralph Plummer; Chmn; Mrs. R. E. Nealey; V. Chmn; Mrs. Joyce Monroe, Douglas Monroe, Kerr Stevens, Mrs. Marshall Newton, John Parker, Paul Johnson, Robert Graham, Luther Cummings, Raeford 1: Marion Hollings-

worth; Chmn; Lillie Bratcher; V. Chmn; Mary Farmer, William Hollingsworth, James Tillman, Clyde Campbell, Ivery McNair, Mrs. Ivery McNair, Mrs. Graham Clark, Frances Ward Greene.

Raeford 2: William Lamont; Chmn; Mrs. Charles Hostetler; V. Chmn; N. J. Blue, Mrs. Joe Dugree, Mrs. Julius Jordan, Mrs. James Adams, Mrs. Alvis Dickson, Benny McLeod, Hinton McPhaul, James Adams.

Raeford 3: Mrs. J. K. Riley; Chmn; Raymond Hawkins; V. Chmn; Mrs. B. B. Cole, Herbert Davis, Ed McNeill, Chester Wade, Linda Scott, Mrs. Sam Hendrix, Mrs. Carl Matherson, Smith McNeal.

Raeford 4: Clayton Buoyers; Chmn; Vance Houston; V. Chmn; Bobby Cox, Bruce Conoly, Avery Connell, Joe Huffman, Mrs. Clayton Buoyers, Mrs. Bruce Conoly, Mrs. Frances Anderson, Mrs. Harry O. Pamplin.

Raeford 5: G. A. Robinson; Chmn; Mrs. Bobby Doby; V. Chmn; Mrs. Naomi Simmons, Hilton Villines, Russell McAllister Jr., Mrs. Annie Farmer, James Thomas, Robert Doby, Mable L. Robinson, Mrs. Colheidia Lyons.

Rockfish: Gilbert M. Ray; Chmn; Mrs. Herman Koonce; V. Chmn; Mrs. Betsy C. Foster, William Willis, Mrs. Ellen Willis, Mrs. Grace C. Kelton, Mrs. K. P. Ritter, Clarence M. Koonce, T. C. Jones, Clyde Huff.

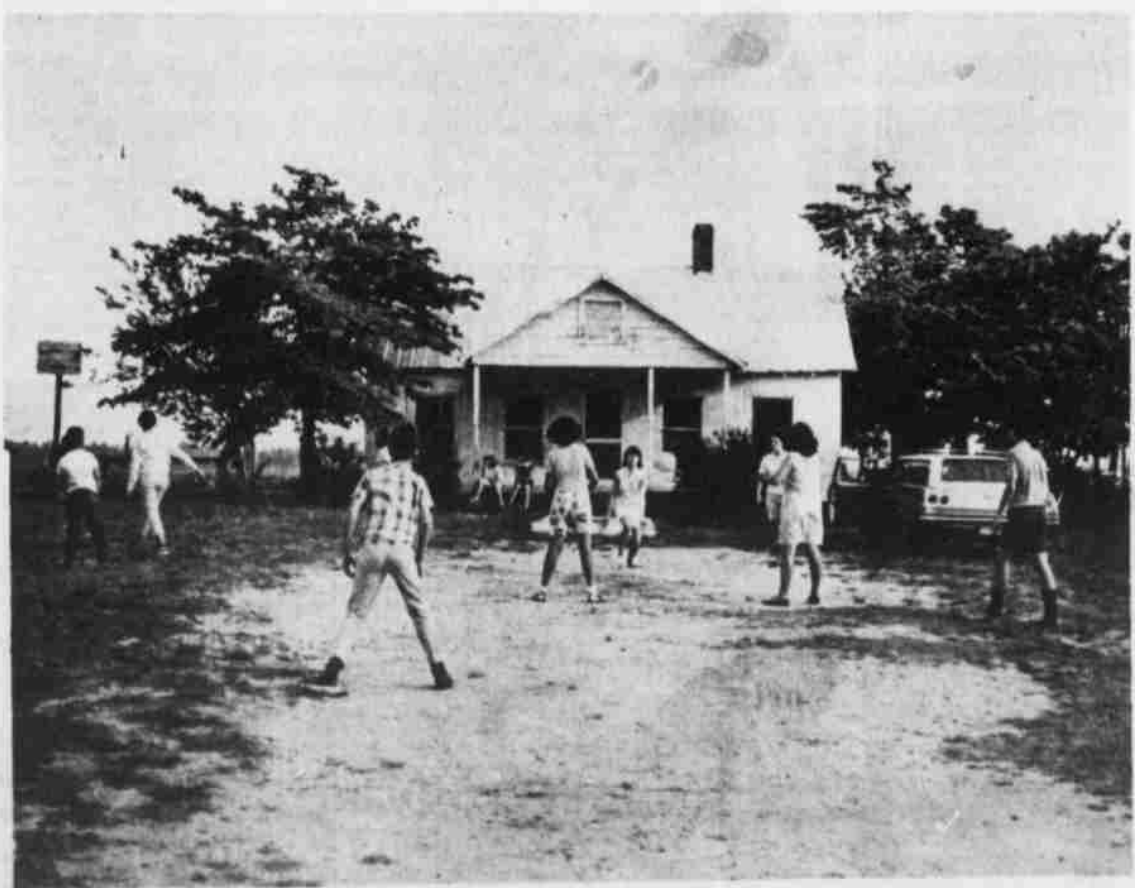
Stonewall: Clifford Bostic; Chmn; Mrs. David Hendrix; V. Chmn; Bernice Williamson, Weldon Bishop, Eli Shankle, Walter Parks, Mrs. Mary Adams, Mrs. Elizabeth Tolar, Mrs. E. Brewer, Mrs. Jimmy McGowan.

## Chamber Meet Set Tuesday

Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21, with H. F. (Chub) Seawell as the speaker.

The dinner meeting will be conducted at the new W. T. Gibson School. Reservations should be made as soon as possible, because facilities are limited, according to Jim Fout, Chamber manager.

Officers for the coming year will be installed by R. B. Lewis. They are Wyatt Upchurch, re-elected president; Ralph Barnhart and Alfred K. Leach, vice presidents; Younger Snead Jr., secretary, and Charles Hottel, treasurer.



FOR COMMUNITY FUN--The Dandarrach Community House needs repair and civic-minded adults hope to get a coat of paint and some new window shades soon. Here, a 4-H Club group enjoys games prior to a Monday night cookout. Mrs.

Woodrow Hayes directs them. All such community buildings in the county are property of Hoke County and are under the jurisdiction of the board of commissioners.

## Cpl. Kenneth Floyd Killed In Vietnam

Raeford gave up another son to the woes of war in Vietnam last week when word was received here that Cpl. Kenneth Wayne Floyd died May 7 as a result of wounds received while on combat operation when hit by fragments from a hostile mine.

This was the third such message received here by parents, the other two announcing the death of Jerome McCormick, the first to be killed, and Lt. Samuel Warlick, who was buried here last December.

Cpl. Floyd, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Heddie Johnson Floyd of Saunders Street, is a 1965 graduate of Hoke County High School and attended Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst before entering the service in September, 1967. He trained at Ft. Bragg and at the U. S. Army Medical Training Center at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He left for Vietnam March 7 and seemed pleased with his work as a medic in the war zone from all reports.

Industrious, even as a lad, Floyd was employed by Lipscomb's Grocery and Service Station for many years before entering college.

The message of the 22-year-old boy's death was brought here by two Army sergeants last Thursday at 7:30 a. m. His father had arisen early and gone fishing. One sergeant remained with the family while the other accompanied a son-in-law to the fish pond. A commissioned officer arrived later to offer condolences.

Numerous telegrams have been received but no definite date has been designated for the arrival of the body. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Survivors, besides his parents, are, one brother, Denny, of the home; three sisters, Miss Linda Floyd of the home, Mrs. Sandra Wiggins and Mrs. Jackie Williams and a maternal grandfather, James McGinnis, of Wintboro, S. C.



CPL. KENNETH FLOYD