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Chamber Hears 'Cousin' Chub, Installs Officers At Banquet

Some 200 Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce members and their guests were treated to a rollicking half hour of witticisms when H.F. (Chub) Seawell appeared here Tuesday night at the annual chamber banquet.

Seawell, a well-known Carthage lawyer, lay preacher, television and radio entertainer, and an after dinner speaker growing in demand, was in top form for the occasion. He poked fun at politics, foreign policy, and divers other subjects in a hilarious monolog, then capped it off with a short sermon.

The meeting was held in the gym of the new W.T. Gibson School, and despite several delays in serving, the dinner and subsequent functions went well enough.

The first order of business was the installation of new officers and directors, a chore performed by R.B. Lewis.

Phil Diehl, Raeford attorney, introduced

Seawell, and the evening from that point was devoted to merriment.

Anecdote after anecdote poured from the glib Mr. Seawell, who can enliven almost any situation with his homespun manner, and can blister the plaster, sometimes, with his assessment of government.

Wyatt Upchurch, Chamber president, presided at the session, which was devoid of business, except for the installation ceremony.

Taking their places as officers for the forthcoming year were Upchurch, who was reelected president; Ralph Barnhart and Alfred K. Leach, vice presidents; Younger Snead Jr., secretary, and Charlie Hottel, treasurer.

It was a bit unusual, perhaps, but there was very little horn blowing, except by The Soul Sept, which tooted awhile before dinner then went away.

Lewis took long enough to define the cham-

ber as "a great melting pot where the best ideas for our community are rendered," and to read a poem, "Give Me A Man."

Upchurch spoke only briefly about the chamber's activities during the past 12 months. He said the office was upgraded, in his opinion, when it was moved to its present Edinborough Avenue address. The chamber's first annual Christmas tree—lighted by some 500 bulbs which donors had paid \$2 each to have turned on — provided Christmas for 26 needy children and hopefully will provide three times that much this year.

Lewis also praised Jim Fout, Chamber manager, whom he said was completely devoted to the task. "It is his whole life," Lewis declared.

After insulting every president, in chronological order, from Wilson to Johnson, Seawell attacked "intellectualism" The Read-

er's Digest, and a few other cherished institutions before he finally got around to sin. With all that's wrong with the world, he said, if every man would return to God, if for but a few minutes, peace would again be abroad in the land.

Four directors bowed out after having served three-year terms and were replaced by as many with a fresh three-year start.

Outgoing directors were Bobby Conoly, Bill Rowell, Neill McDonald and Dr. Robert Townsend.

New directors were Jimmy Conoly, Ashwell Harward, Ed Manning and Homer McGinn.

Directors with one more year of three-year terms remaining are Bernard Bray, Paul Dickson, Alfred K. Leach, Bobby McNeill and Wyatt Upchurch.

Directors with two-year terms remaining include Ralph Barnhart, Younger Snead Jr., and Franklin Teal.



Chub Seawell Looks Pained After Supper



Balcony View Of Installation Of Chamber Officers

Rape Case Awaits Hearing

A kidnap-rape charge against Ardell Sturdivant, 28, of Aberdeen Rt. 1, awaited preliminary hearing here Wednesday morning at the opening of the weekly session of District Court, Judge Joe Dupree presiding.

Sturdivant, an Indian, is charged with criminally assaulting Gracie Niven, 18, of Raeford Rt. 3, after he allegedly drove away two of her companions with a .22 rifle.

The attack is alleged to have occurred shortly after midnight May 11 at Sturdivant's home, to which he had been taken by Gracie Niven's escort, Silas Love Jr., 32, Raeford Rt. 1, and Raymond McLaughlin, 48, Raeford Rt. 1.

Accounts of one of the witnesses indicated Sturdivant arrived at the house where Gracie Niven lives shortly before the alleged attack. He had been beaten and showed other signs of having been in a fracas.

Love is alleged to have persuaded McLaughlin to take the four persons in his car and to take Sturdivant to his home. When they arrived, the witness said, Sturdivant asked McLaughlin to accompany him into the house.

Later, Sturdivant is alleged to have come from inside the house, marching McLaughlin in front of him, with a gun trained on McLaughlin's back. He then is supposed to have ordered

Gracie Niven out of the car and made the other two men (McLaughlin and Love) drive away.

The attack is alleged to have occurred while the two men were gone. When they returned, they brought law enforcement officers with them.

It was not expected the case actually would be heard yesterday, but that Judge Dupree would appoint counsel for Sturdivant. Both charges are punishable by death in North Carolina.

Sturdivant has been in jail without privilege of bond ever since the warrants were issued against him.

Hoke School Closing Set

Hoke County students headed into the home stretch this week, with the end of the current school term clearly in sight.

From now to Tuesday, June 4, when most closings are scheduled, they will cram for exams and pore over faintly remembered lessons, hoping for final marks which will send them ahead another peg up the ladder of education.

Next week, The News-Journal will feature its annual graduation edition, complete with graduation schedules, photographs of graduating seniors, and programs of the various schools.

If you have material suitable for the edition, please get it to us by the first of the week, at the very latest, for inclusion in this edition.

Democrats Will Meet

Hoke County Democrats will gather at the county courthouse Saturday afternoon for their annual convention, beginning at 2 p. m.

First order of business in a post-convention committee session will be election of a chairman and other officers. Incumbent Sam C. Morris is seeking re-election as the party head.

Voting power at the convention is limited to two delegates from each precinct, which will give a total of 26 ballots to representatives of 13 precincts.

During the convention proper, in the county courthouse, various orders of business will be considered from the agenda. Business may originate on the floor and be presented properly to the convention.

It is at this meeting that local Democrats establish rules for the county wide organization, which functions effectively in welding the local party together.

The chairman and vice chairman of each precinct shall be members of the Democratic Committee. Under rules adopted this year, each precinct committee consists of 10 instead of five members.

Following is a list of chairmen and vice chairmen:

Allendale -- L. A. McGowan, chairman, Mrs. Alex McCormick.

Antioch -- Dave Currie, chairman; Mrs. D. R. Huff Jr., Blue Springs -- Willie McPhail, chairman, Margaret Galtney.

Buchan -- C. G. (Joe) Odom, chairman, Lucille Hazelwood, McCain -- O. B. Israel, chairman, Mrs. D. R. Huff Jr. Puppy Creek -- Ralph Plummer, chairman, Mrs. R. E. Nealey.

Raeford No. 1 -- Marion Hollingsworth, chairman, Lillie Bratcher. Raeford No. 2 -- William Lamont, chairman, Mrs. Char-

les Hostetter.

Raeford No. 3 -- Mrs. J. K. Riley, chairman, Raymond Hawkins, vice chairman.

Raeford No. 4 -- Clayton Bouyer, chairman, Mrs. Vance Houston.

Raeford No. 5 -- G. A. Robinson, chairman, Mrs. Robert Doby.

Rockfish -- Gilbert M. Ray, chairman, Mrs. Herman Koonce.

Stonewall -- Clifford Bostic,

chairman, Mrs. David Hendrix.

The meeting will precede by one week the Democratic convention in Raleigh, where the major planks of the election year platform will be shifted out next week.

Sunday Night Accident Claims Seventh Fatality

An 8-month-old child was killed Sunday night in a two-car collision seven miles east of Raeford on N. C. 211. This is the seventh fatality in Hoke County this year compared with only 11 for the entire year of 1967.

State Trooper E. M. Roberts identified the victim as Rhonda Cagle of Lumberton, a passenger in a car driven by her father, Lindley Melton Cagle, 40, also of Lumberton.

The Cagle car was struck by a second auto driven by Pauline Bodiford of Raeford.

Roberts said the accident occurred when a tire on the Bodiford blew out, causing it to veer across the center line and strike the Cagle car head-on.

The Cagle car was headed towards Red Springs, while the Bodiford car was traveling to-

wards Raeford. Four persons were injured in the Cagle car. The were Mrs. Alleen Cagle, mother of the dead child; Janice Cagle, 18; Danny Cagle, 9; and Patricia Kaylor, 17.

Melvin Douglas Bodiford, husband of the driver of the other auto and the four Bodiford children - Velvet Melinda, Melvin Douglas Jr., Johnny and Herry - were also injured.

All were admitted to Southeastern General Hospital at Lumberton.

SCAP Directors Named

Twelve new directors were elected to one-year terms May 18 for Sandhills Community Action Program (SCAP) in election held in Hoke County. Two directors were named in each of six communities.

They are: McCain Community -- Ben Davis, Walter Green.

McLaughlin Chapel -- Mrs. Ruth McNair, Mrs. Willie McNeill.

West Hoke -- Paul Hurst, Mrs. Nina Davis.

Burlington and Dial -- Mrs. Joel Dial, Mrs. Marie McCormick.

Silver City and Upchurch -- Everette Hollingsworth, Mrs.

Jeanette Morrison.

Hawk Eye -- Louis Oxendine, Rev. Joseph Lowery.

Hoke County Community Action, the local division of SCAP, recently added to its staff vocational counselor's aide, who will work in the area of employment.

He is James M. McGregor, who lives in Raeford. He will be working closely with the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina in assisting the county's unemployed to find jobs.

McGregor will occupy an office in Room 219 of the new federal building.

Tuesday morning, cars driven by Harold Robert Nixon, 16, Aberdeen Rt. 1, and Robert Lewis Graham, 30, Box 291, Raeford, collided four miles west of Raeford on NC 211.

State Trooper E. M. Roberts said his investigation revealed that Nixon pulled into the left lane to pass a vehicle he was trailing, and in so doing, pulled into the side of Graham's car, which was in the process of passing Nixon.

Damage to the Graham car was \$150 and to the Nixon vehicle about \$25. There were no injuries. Nixon was charged with pulling from a direct line of traffic without first seeing the move could be made in safety. Graham was charged with failure to give an audible signal before passing.

New Burlington President Visits Pacific Mills Plants In Raeford

Ely Reeves Callaway, new president of Burlington Industries, visited the local plants of Pacific Mills, with which he was associated before he became president of the parent firm, Thursday.

Arriving here by plane from Greensboro, Callaway's party was unable to land at the fog shrouded local airport. The plane flew to Fayetteville, and the party returned to Raeford by car.

At the end of his visit here, Callaway returned to Greensboro after boarding the plane at Raeford. While he was here, the fog lifted and the pilot brought the plane to its intended landing spot.

While here, the new president talked at length with management personnel and visited many workers at their places throughout the mill, asking their views of operations and company policies.

Born in LaGrange, Ga., in June, 1919, Callaway was graduated from Emory, Ga., University, where he received an A.B. degree in 1940. During World War II, he served in the grades of second lieutenant to major in the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps and was purchasing and contracting officer for cotton clothing at the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot. He later organized and directed Deering, Milliken and Co., Inc.

and was responsible for setting up a southeastern sales office. He later organized and directed a men's wear fabric plant for the marketing of 100 per cent synthetic fabrics, woolsens, and worsted and the original blends of polyester fabrics.

Callaway left Milliken in October, 1954, to join the Amertron Division of Texttron, Inc., as vice president in charge of the company's Raeford Worsted operation.

In 1956, when Burlington acquired Raeford, Callaway was appointed executive vice president in charge of merchandising for Raeford Worsted Co. He was named president of Raeford and the Pacific Mills

Worsted Company divisions in 1958.

In 1960, Callaway was elected a vice president of Burlington Industries and president of its Pacific Mills Division. In 1961, he was elected an executive vice president of Burlington Industries, Inc. and was appointed a member of the management committee. In these capacities he had broad management supervision of Burlington's worsted divisions. Burlington's men's wear division, and the company's corporate advertising. In 1965, he was named a member of Burlington's board of directors. He is also a director of Amer-

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Pearl McDougald, Cloth Department, And Callaway