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ON HIS DAY--Wearing the new suit given to him by Town Manager Ed Williams, Cliff McMillan, left front, accepts a billfold from Mayor H.R. McLean during ceremonies paying homage to his 42 years of service to the town. Also shown are, left to right, town commissioners J.D. McMillan, Franklin Teal and John K. McNeill.

Hoke High Town Honors Picks No 'Oldest' Employee One, Two

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

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theless, seemed to keep plans for any special occasion pushed into the background. This unfulfilled desire haunted Williams recently as he made his own plans for leaving his post as town manager on June 1. So last week he started the ball rolling. He fitted the older employee with a new suit, shirt and tie. Other town officials wanted to show appreciation, too. So a "Cliff McMillan Day" was declared and he was given the day off with pay, but was told to appear at town hall at 3 o'clock.

Other Hoke High students making the honor roll were Owen Anderson, Wanda Clark, Barbara Creech, Jackie Bray, Debra Dixon, Joe Dupree, Jackie Frahm, Romie Huff, Pam Hesse, Julian Johnson, Benny Gasque, Linda Hendrix, John Morris, Vincent McAllister, Pam McMillan, Pattie Postel, Mary Ann Seaford, Patricia Thornberg, Diane Upchurch and Mike Jordan.

McMillan has been working for the Town of Raeford for the past 42 years and Town Manager Ed Williams has wanted to publicly recognize the fact ever since the 40th anniversary. Pressing matters, never-

These students make up the Beta Club of the school.



SPEAKERS--Eddie Green, left, and the Rev. Douglas Kelly, right, will be commencement speakers at Hoke High School. Green will deliver the graduation address at 8 p.m., June 4, and the minister will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on June 2, at 8 p.m. Both events will take place in the high school gymnasium.

Cotton Vote Is Negative

Hoke County farmers have rejected by a narrow margin a plan which would have permitted transfer to cotton allotments to other counties in 1969 by sale or lease. With 398 ballots cast, 51 per cent of the farmers voted "no" and 49 per cent voted "yes" vote by at least two-thirds of the county's cotton producers would have been required to permit the transfers.

Heads VFW

Ralph A. Pandure has been reelected commander of Raeford VFW Post 9160 and Graham M. Clark has been reelected senior vice commander.

Judge Sends Clemmie Miller To Prison Hospital For Year

Superior Court Judge W.H.S. Burgwyn sentenced Clemmie Miller (well-known for her V.P.L. appearances in court) to six months in state prison hospital after he declared following her recent trial that she was "ill of body if not of mind." The Miller woman was found guilty of violation of the prohibition law--possessing liquor for purpose of sale.

house of Raeford Salvage Company, four to eight years; appeal noted, bond set at \$3,000. Charlie Jackson King, Durham, driving drunk, six months, or \$100 and costs, not drive for one year; appeal noted, bond \$100. Neil McGeachy, Raeford, receiving goods stolen from Raeford Salvage Company, six months suspended, \$300 to Raeford Salvage Company and court costs, probation two years, stay sober and on good behavior for two years.

Lake, driving drunk, six months or \$100 and costs, not drive for one year. Henry Woods, Red Springs Rt. 4, assault on female, not pros. James Thomas Leach, Raeford Rt. 1, assault with deadly weapon on James Philip McLauchlin, six months, suspended on payment of \$50 hospital bill of prosecuting witness and court costs. Must not visit honky-tonk, must remain on good behavior, and support wife and children and pay prosecuting witness \$50. Doris Goins, Red Springs, driving drunk, \$100 and costs, not drive for one year.

MAY LOSE \$500,000

Federal Action Taken Against Hoke Schools

Must Plan Integration By Fall

Hoke County School Board was informed yesterday the federal government is initiating administrative action against it for failure to comply with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. D.D. Abernethy, superintendent of schools, said the government, through the regional civil rights division office in Charlottesville, Va., has declared Hoke County has failed to adequately plan for elimination of its dual school system.

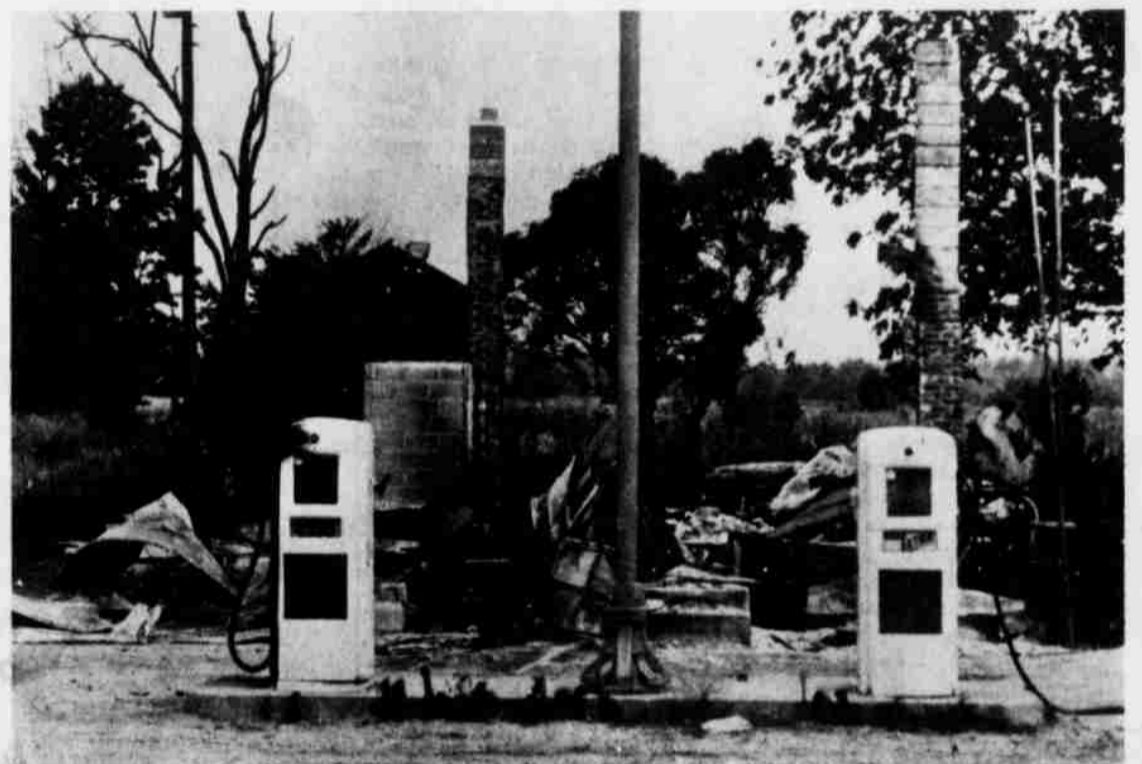
"This means, I am quite sure, that the school board must now submit a desegregation plan satisfactory to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, before the conclusion of presently approved programs, or stand to lose all federal aid to its schools," Abernethy said. In January, the board was warned that its desegregation program was probably not adequate to comply with the law, and at that time was told the next step against it would be the administrative action initiated this week.

The federal action could eventually result in a hearing on the matter, Abernethy said, and federal assistance could be withheld. Even then, further action could be brought against the school board for failure to comply with the law, he said.

A school district may even choose to decline federal aid, but still is held responsible for compliance with civil rights and other laws.

Federal aid to Hoke County schools amounts to some \$500,000 per year, Abernethy said. The January warning declared specifically that desegregation of faculty and student bodies in the county's nine schools has not proceeded at a satisfactory pace.

Following is the text of the letter received here Wednesday. "This office has not received a response to the letter of January 30 addressed to you by Dr. Lloyd R. Henderson, Education Branch Chief of the Office for Civil Rights in which he defined your responsibility to prepare and submit an adequate desegregation plan to eliminate the dual school system by opening of school in 1968.



ARSON CHARGED--Richard Ellis, 24, has been charged with the malicious burning of a store building as a result of the blaze which destroyed Ellis' Store, above, Saturday afternoon near Bowmore. Ellis allegedly occupied a room

in the rear of the store building, which was on US 401. The building was unoccupied at the time of the fire. Ellis is being held in jail in lieu of \$1,000 bond, according to Sheriff Dave Barrington.

They Went Hoke Democrats Name Whichaway? Officers, Delegates ...Thataway

Hoke's annual wagon train excursion has been forced to change destinations, but some wagoners figure the revision an advantage to both men and animals.

Simpson's Lake, in Moore County's Little River township, has been the western terminal of the excursion for the past four years. This year, because Simpson suffered a serious heart attack, the lake area will not be available for campers.

The new destination for the estimated 150 wagons and 200 horsemen will be Waldo's Beach near Hope Mills -- a considerably shorter route than the 25 miles from Raeford to Simpson's Lake.

It also is estimated that the trek will not be as hard on livestock as the dusty ride across the Fort Bragg reservation to Little River.

"For the most part, the route will be paved," a spokesman for the wagon train said. "The Little River trip was mostly through sand, uphill at least part of the way, and extremely hard on horses, some of which were not in shape."

Other plans for the wagon train outing remain as previously announced. Wagoners and other persons planning to make the trip will gather here Thursday night, June 20, and will camp overnight at the National Guard armory.

Early Friday morning, the wagoners will break camp and head out on the 14-mile trip to Waldo's Beach.

This Is Our Annual Commencement Edition

Some 222 Hoke County youngsters will be graduated during the next few days from the county's three high schools, and scores of others will pass from the eighth grade into high school.

The second section of this issue of The News-Journal is devoted to commencement activities, including pictures of most of the graduating seniors and congratulatory ads from local merchants and businessmen.

Honor students and other class leaders also are pictured in both sections of the paper. Take time to read the stories and ads and to view the photographs. This is a proud moment in the lives of these youngsters, and it is fitting that we should share their pride.

Sam C. Morris, veteran Democratic party official, was reelected chairman of the Hoke County Democratic Executive Committee at the party's semi annual county convention here Saturday.

Morris, who now begins a sixth two-year term, and other officers were elected during a brief meeting of the executive committee following the convention proper, which was held in the county courthouse.

Named to serve with Morris were Mrs. T. J. Harris, first vice chairman; J.D. McMillan, second vice chairman; Bernice Williamson, third vice chair-

man; Mrs. Clayton Bouyer, secretary, and Wyatt Upchurch, treasurer. More than 100 persons turned out for the convention, at which delegates to next week's state Democratic convention in Raleigh. They include J.E. Dupree, Mrs. A. D. Gore, Jeff Harris, Mrs. Jeff Harris, G. A. Robinson, Marion Hollingsworth, J. D. McMillan, Hinton McPhaul, Gilbert Ray, Bobby Doby, Clarence Koonce, T. C. Jones, N.L. McFadyen, Sam C. Morris, Robert Bullard and Laurie McEachern.

The convention also endorsed a number of Hoke Democrats for nomination to various state

committees. The selections will be made at the state convention June 6. Endorsements went to Palmer Wilcox for the state Democratic executive committee; to J. D. McMillan for the senatorial committee; to J. E. Dupree and Phil Diehl for the judicial committee; to G. A. Robinson and Clifford Bostic for the solicitorial committee, and to N. L. McFadyen and Laurie McEachern for the congressional committee.

Despite the endorsements, the local delegation will go to the state convention unopposed, as in the past, party officials said.

Raeford Lions Planning Glaucoma Clinic June 4

Raeford Lion Club, as part of its effort to promote better sight and prevent blindness, will conduct a free glaucoma screening clinic here June 4.

The clinic will be held at Raeford Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be open to people of all races and everyone over 35 that is not now being treated for glaucoma is urged to attend.

Serving as district director for glaucoma clinics is Shaw Brown of Mooresville. Tommy Weldon of Raeford Lions Club is local chairman.

North Carolina Lions, as exemplified here in Hoke County, have logged amazing mileage in a long road to provide a new world for the blind. Not only do they give aid to the blind in many ways, but they support eye research, sponsor the glaucoma clinics and do many other things to prevent blindness, declaring that 50 per cent of blindness is preventable.

"One out of every 50 Hoke County residents over 35 years of age may become glaucoma victims. Of all blindness, 15 per cent is caused by glaucoma (pronounced law-koma). Glaucoma is the second largest cause of blindness. One out of every 8 blind persons is a victim of glaucoma. It is estimated there are 1,500,000 Americans now going blind from glaucoma. Half of these people do not know that they have the disease, which can blind without pain or warning," Weldon said.

These statistics, released by North Carolina Lions, indicate

that 2 per cent of all people nationwide over 35 will be victims of the dreaded eye disease.

"The accomplishments of Lions in the field of the blind distinguishes the organization as of the service nature rather than social or prestige," Weldon said.

Early detection and treatment of glaucoma is mandatory, he said, for vision once lost can never be restored. Glaucoma, when caught in time, can generally be arrested and the remaining vision a person has can be saved.

Sometimes, the victim of glaucoma are only vaguely disturbed by the symptoms which come and go as a result, he postpones visiting his doctor. Previous eyesight, which can never be restored, is lost. Some of the symptoms of glaucoma are: Frequent changes of glasses, none of which is satisfactory; inability to adjust the eyes to darkened rooms, such as in theaters; loss of side vision; blurred or foggy vision, and rainbow colored rings around lights.

These symptoms do not necessarily mean GLAUCOMA, Page 11