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Murder, Kidnapping, Arrests Made

Union Service Thanksgiving

On Thursday, Nov. 28, at 9 a.m. the annual Union Thanksgiving Day service will be held at the Raeford United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Cortez Cooper, pastor of Raeford Presbyterian Church will deliver the sermon.

The Rev. Jack Mansfield, pastor of First Baptist Church and the Rev. R.C. Mooney, pastor of Raeford United Methodist Church, will participate in the service.

Congregations of the Raeford United Methodist Church, the First Baptist Church of Raeford, the Raeford Presbyterian Church and members of other churches in Raeford community are invited to participate in the service.

The choir of the Methodist Church, under the direction of Bryan Miller, will provide special music.

Further details of the service will be announced next week.

Hoke Chamber Honors Lennon

Congressman Alton A. Lennon will be honor guest at a luncheon today at the Family Restaurant at 1 p.m.

Harold Gillis, manager of the Chamber of Commerce which is sponsoring the event, said that some 40 to 50 men in the area are expected to attend and hear what the congressman will project for the coming session of the U.S. Congress.

Lennon arrived in Hoke County Wednesday. This will be his last trip to the area before the 91st Congress convenes in January.

Other visits in this section of the state will include those to Cumberland County, Robeson County, Columbus County and Bladen. He will not go to Scotland since that county will be no longer in the Seventh District after Jan. 3.

North Raeford Water Money May Be Lost

The Northwest Water Supply, Inc., is in danger of losing the \$221,700 which has been allotted for installation of water and sewer, Wayne Ware, of Shelby, supervisor designated to work on this project, said Wednesday.

Ware explained that the funds have been approved and set aside for the local project which involves a Negro residential section beyond the north borderline of Raeford. But loan closing requirements call for a sign-up of 275 members. At present only 235 have signed. The quota must be met within the coming week.

Before the engineer can complete his lay-out he must know exactly who is going to be using the water lines, Ware and Jake Vincent, local FHA office supervisor, pointed out. He will not begin until the 275 members of the corporation have signed.

A property owner can sign up by contacting the FHA office, phone 875-2645, or by seeing the Rev. Robt. E. Fisher, president or R.E. Kemp, secretary of the corporation.



"I WON MAMA" - This is what Mickey Beasley is very likely telling her mother after winning in the dress revue held in Raleigh last Saturday. She competed with more than 250 girls. Mickey made the dress she is wearing for the "Make It With Wood" contest.

In Superior Court

Johnny Scott Found Not Guilty

Johnny Ray Scott went free yesterday when a jury of 12 men and women returned with a verdict of not guilty on charges of attempted rape.

Scott was charged with assaulting Vivky Zeman last June 20, by her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Zeman.

The 15-year-old girl and Scott, 20, were attending a party. According to witnesses in Superior Court being held here this week by Judge Maurice Braswell, the event (party) took place at a secluded, abandoned farm house near the Ft. Bragg reservation about five miles from Raeford.

Scott, who said he met the girl for the first time that night, denied taking her against her will to a secret spot away from the crowd and attempting to remove her clothing.

Defense witnesses declared that they were in his presence the entire evening. They admitted, however, seeing Miss Zeman crying or "snubbing," and heard

her ask to be taken home.

Prosecution witnesses, including the girl's mother, who said she was quoting her daughter, said that Scott took the girl away from the other boys and girls, all of whom had gone outside the house after drinking two more rounds of beer, and that she returned later crying saying she wanted to go home.

Presented in evidence were a pair of torn red shorts said to have been worn to the party by the girl and an

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Bethel Ingathering

The annual ingathering for Bethel Presbyterian Church will be held today (Thursday) from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The Co-Chairmen for the dinner Mrs. Julian Wright, Mrs. Homer Tuttle and Wilson Clark invite everyone to come out for Bar-B-Q and chicken salad and to enjoy the fellowship.

Harrell Suspect Nabbed In Court

Officer Sam Motley of the Raeford police force arrested Henry McRae, Jr., Monday for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the alleged kidnapping of Robert Lee Harrell, Jr., here earlier this month. Motley made the arrest in the courtroom at the Hoke County courthouse, where McRae was sitting as a spectator.

McRae, a 23-year-old Negro of Raeford, Route two, was turned over to FBI agents here yesterday. The FBI is in this case because the Harrell youth alleges that he was kidnapped and taken into South Carolina, which would constitute a Federal offense.

Robert (Bobby) Harrell Jr., 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell of Edinborough avenue, has told officers that he was using a pay telephone booth at the bus station in Raeford on Monday, Nov. 4 when the door was pushed open and a strange man thrust a gun in his side and ordered him to hang up the receiver.

The high school boy said he was then told to get into his car and drive the gunman to Red Springs. Orders were dashed out from town to town until the two were in Latta, S. C.

After reaching there, young Harrell said his alleged kidnapper snatched the keys from the car and fled, leaving the young boy stranded.

Harrell made his way to a phone booth to relate his frightful experience to his parents. They picked him up as soon as possible. The family car was kept in Latta for some time for examination.

FBI Makes Charge In Bobbitt Case

Preparations were under way this week to bring a fugitive back to Hoke County for trial on charges of slaying a McCain storekeeper.

Sheriff Dave Barrington said that 19-year-old Willie James Watson, alias James Willie Watson, was arrested by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents in New York and is being held on a fugitive warrant. He is a former resident of Raeford, R. I.

The sheriff said that Hoke County officers will leave for New York as soon

as extradition papers are ready.

Warrants have already been issued charging Watson with murder and armed robbery in connection with the fatal shooting of 69-year-old Adolphus T. Bobbitt of Southern Pines, who commuted daily to his store near McCain.

Bobbitt's body was discovered on the floor of the store early on the morning of Saturday, April 13, by a passing truck driver. He had been shot in the head.

An undetermined amount of money was taken according to the sheriff.

News-Journal To Publish Early For Thanksgiving

Your Thanksgiving edition of The News-Journal will reach your home before the Thanksgiving turkey emits his last gobble.

The newspaper will be printed Tuesday morning and will be in the mail Tuesday afternoon. The early publication is being made to give subscribers full advantage of advertiser's wares.

The newspaper office will be closed Thanksgiving, along with county and town offices, banks, schools, most businesses, federal offices, including the post office.

Correspondents and other persons with news or advertising for the edition are asked to turn them in as soon as possible.

Campaign Successful

Fund Drive Over \$20,000

Hoke County Fund passed its \$20,000 goal this week and contributions continued to trickle in.

Bobby Conoly, campaign chairman, said donations as of Tuesday totaled \$20,012.54 or \$12.54 more than required by next year's budget. Any excess will be used to bolster the emergency fund, which is used to assist fire victims and the like and which was not budgeted last year.

Contributions from the two Burlington Industries plants, which employs some 1,700 people totaled \$13,736.09 or two-thirds of the campaign goal.

Pushing the fund past the goal with contributions of \$1,418.65 from workers at Raeford Turkey Farms, Inc. and \$233 from Belk-Hensdale.

The totals by divisions are as follows:
Industrial \$15,652.44
Commercial 1,692.30
Teachers 1,834.50
Community Areas 257.25
Individuals 242.55
Public Employees 178.50
Professional 155.00
\$20,012.54

Ed Murray, United Fund president, praised volunteer workers and contributors for their response to the drive, which only twice in its some 16 years of operation has failed to reach the campaign goal. That, said Murray, is a testimonial to the generosity of local citizens and to realistic budgets and goals of the organization. Murray also had high praise for Bobby Conoly, the campaign chairman, whose untiring effort brought the drive to a successful conclusion only

two weeks after the announced dates.

Conoly urged citizens who have not contributed or firms who have not turned in their cards to do so at once so that the

book work can be completed. The place you turn in your cards, Conoly said, is either at The Bank of Raeford or The News-Journal office.

Boy Badly Burned In Fire Tuesday

A home on Philippi road was destroyed by fire and a 14-year-old boy was critically burned late Tuesday afternoon when the lad tried to build a fire. Details of the cause of the outburst of flames could not be determined Wednesday morning.

The boy's blind mother and an 18-year-old sister were outside the home when they saw James Alton Oxendine run from the house with his clothing on fire. A local doctor said that more than 50 per cent of his body had been burned. He was sent directly to Moore Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. James Hendrix, said Wednesday that the child was later sent to Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill. The house was on the Hendrix farm between Seacroft School and Philippi Church.

The family lost everything they had.

Mrs. Hendrix said, except for a washing machine which was taken from the porch.

Mrs. Nell Branch Critically Injured In Wreck Wed.

A Raeford woman was critically injured and her car was termed a total loss Wednesday morning following an accident which occurred on Highway 401.

Mrs. Frances Nell Branch, a nurse at Ft. Bragg, was rushed to Cape Fear Valley Hospital by the Raeford Rescue Squad ambulance.

Trooper Joe Stanley, investigating officer, said that Mrs. Branch, headed north, was driving on the left hand side of

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Modern Trends In Education Explained

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

Modern trends in education are expected to bring about great changes for North Carolina Schools. One of the proposals, if it materializes, will for the first time, give town and city children a privilege which has been enjoyed by rural students for more than 40 years.

The proposal is for bus transportation to be provided for every school child who does not live within reasonable walking distance at the school. Another idea projected by the Governor's Commission on Education after an extensive study is a state-supported kindergarten for every pre-school child.

Funds for both of these

programs must be provided through the General Assembly and both issues are to be brought for legislature next year.

Mrs. Agnes Page explained the fast developing modernization program to members of a local club last week. She said that she believes the kindergarten program will be launched within the next two years. A pilot kindergarten is being carried on in Fairmont and some other places in the state this year. There are 7,200 five-year-olds already enrolled in N. C. Schools at the expense of the state.

She also has high hopes of the new school bus program coming into realization in the near future. She pointed out, however, that the buses which began transporting town

children to Upchurch School last week has no connection with this program. These 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are being favored because the school they attend is not within the city limits and is therefore termed a rural school.

"In schools of the future, we see more intensive education of teachers and administrators both at the pre-service and in-service levels. In service workshops held in this and other pilot counties have proven to be subsequently invaluable to both the teacher and the child," the supervisor said.

"We see implementation of more teachers for year around service and for more student voluntary attendance on a year around basis," she went on. It

is expected that the regular teacher's pupil load will be lightened and that there will be more individual instruction in lieu of the lock-step conformity that in the past has stood in the way of the individual pupil growth and development.

There is expected to be a continuation of mergers of school administration units and consolidation. Hoke County has already merged schools to form a 1,400-pupil high school and a school for all 6th, 7th and 8th grades with 1,300 students.

In addition to this, some administration units are grouping themselves for services of special education teachers. In some cases there are county-wide special education supervisors.

Seen in the future is more teaching in the field of special education. Already there is one such teacher at McLaughlin, one at South Hoke and two at Upchurch. Another is already hired for the county and is waiting to be assigned. Specially trained teachers will work with the gifted and talented as well as the slow pupil.

Application has been filed for a special education teacher at Hoke High but none has been approved as yet.

Special education teachers are made available through a federal ESEA allotment. Hoke County's allotment for this year is \$390,000. "It is being spent productively and beneficially for personnel and school equipment," Mrs. Page recounted.

Vocational education is to be expanded to include home economics on the junior high level.

Another idea which has already been introduced to many classrooms is multiple basal textbooks. This means that a teacher or child may have a choice of textbooks on a given subject for accomplishing better pupil adjustment.

Comparatively new in the field of education is the Comprehensive School Improvement Program which was introduced at McLaughlin School some three years ago and was started this year at Upchurch. It involves team teaching giving the child the advantage of working with

more than one teacher.

In the future, an increase is expected in the number of full-time librarians. There are already two at Upchurch and at Hoke High and one at all other Hoke County schools.

Each student is an individual with his own needs, motives and problems and tomorrow's education will be implemented with this in mind, Mrs. Page emphasized.

In conclusion she declared that in spite of all educational improvements from the state level, there is an ever-increasing need to bridge the gap between school and community-between education personnel and citizens at large.



MRS. AGNES PAGE