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I. Mann's Sold To Red Springs Firm

Israel Mann's Store has been sold to a Red Springs man.

The recent sale has been brought to a close and the store is no longer open.

Mann said Tuesday that the owner of Ankens Dept. Store of Red Springs had purchased the business and would continue to operate a department store there. They will stock ladies' wear along with children's and men's clothing and shoes.

A manager has been hired for the store but he will not arrive here until after two weeks when new merchandise will be arriving.

Israel Mann, a native of Lithuania, came here 43½ years ago. He began operating a store in the old Thomas and Gore building. In 1925, he moved to the present location.

In 1926, he married Miss Ruth Brooks of Warsaw. Since that time both have been closely associated with the store.

"Our more than four decades in Raeford have been happy ones and I wouldn't give up now but for my health," Mann said. He has suffered several heart attacks and has had set-backs during the past year.

Sewer Project Needs Funds

Contracts for the improvement of the sewage system and disposal plant here have not been let and there is a reason! The lowest bid is higher than the amount appropriated by the town and the federal government for the project.

It has been disclosed that the low bid was \$85,000 less than the next lowest bid submitted. But the town lacks more than \$150,000 having enough to sign with the low man. Prices submitted by other firms were much nearer the same.

The problem is the same as was experienced a few years ago when Fayetteville was trying to erect its Memorial Auditorium. Prices on materials advanced while the ground work, which sometimes takes as much as two years, was being laid.

Mayor H.R. McLean and Town Manager John Gaddy said that the only alternative is to try to find some free money somewhere. The bond issue calling for \$700,000 plus a federal loan of \$300,000 is as much as the Local Government Commission will allow the town to borrow at this time.

If all efforts at finding a grant of some \$100,000 fails, we could re-hash the thing and call for a new set of bids, Gaddy said. There is a chance, however, that all bids will be higher next time than they were in December, 1968, he continued.

Money Allotted For Job Trainees

Funds have been authorized to be spent in Hoke County for the training of persons wishing jobs or better jobs, James Small, job developer for SECAP advised the county board, Monday.

Persons to be helped are the hard core unemployed (persons in areas where there are no regular jobs), the under employed (those who could do better if they have the chance, and the chronically employed (one who moves from job to job because of lack of training).

Small said that federal government money will pay \$1.60 per hour to a worker if employers will take and train him or her in their places of business. Cost to the business will be only the time spent in training the employee, he said. The training period is 20 or more weeks, after which time the trainee can be hired by the firm which trained him or at some other place with similar work to offer.

The firm does not have to be a non-profit organization in order to participate in the program, Small noted.

People to be helped will be non high school graduates. "What we want to do is to take the man who washes cars at the service station and develop him into a mechanic if he is so inclined. Then the man who is not capable of becoming a mechanic can be moved into the job at the service station. This made sense but Small was confronted with numerous doubtful questions when he suggested that early high school dropouts be put into offices at the welfare or health departments and trained in 20 or 30 weeks to become a typist or filing clerk by an employee who already has a full schedule.

The board, nevertheless, agreed to sanction the program if any department under the county's jurisdiction expressed a desire to participate.



TOTAL LOSS - This car is being hauled in to a Raeford repair shop but as anyone can plainly see, it is beyond repair. It was being driven by Charles Clyde Hard of Starr when it went out of control and hit a pine tree. Both he and Mrs. Hard were seriously but not critically injured.

City Board Leases Building For Office Space

The Raeford City Board voted at its January meeting Monday night to accept a lease purchase for the building adjacent to the town hall.

The property includes the former Raeford post office and the former Rod and Rifle Shop. Some of the town offices will be moved into the section adjoining the Police Department immediately.

Definite plans for the remainder of the moving program have not been developed yet but separate water bill and complaint departments are to be maintained.

In other business the board endorsed Sam C. Morris as a nominee for state highway commissioner. The town manager was instructed to write Governor Scott and advise him of this action.

The board granted a request by Chamber Manager Harold Gillis for help on expenses for Christmas street decorations. The board agreed to pay \$125 for electric wiring used.

Town manager John Gaddy was instructed to purchase materials and begin preliminary work on installation of sewer work to the McLaughlin area as soon as practical.

The board approved acceptance of easements for streets on the Laurinburg and Southern Railroad property. One will facilitate extension of Magnolia Street and the other of Fulton Street.

A request of the school superintendent

and the Hoke County Board of Education, for the town of Raeford to accept a portion of the state highway on Bethel Road was considered. The road separates Gibson School and Hoke High School. High school students cross the road for classes and the school men propose closing it during school hours. The board, after much discussion and being reminded that the street was in the town's overall future plan, tabled the request.

The town manager expressed appreciation on behalf of the town employees for Christmas bonuses and holidays.

Family In Need Of Clothing Household Items

The James McRae home located between NC 211 and NC 20 was burned last Thursday morning while McRae and his wife were at work.

All of the family's belongings including clothing for 11 children, were lost. Three mattresses have been contributed and some chairs but many other household items and much in the way of clothing is still needed, according to Eli Shankle, an acquaintance of the family.

Influenza On Increase This Week In Hoke

Influenza continued to rage and there is more than one kind going around, according to a report from the Raeford Medical Group.

Dr. R. M. Jordan said that some people had been plagued with one kind only to get better of that and come down with another.

Adults are primarily afflicted, although some children have been hit. Supt. D. D. Abernethy said that only about 10 per cent more school children than usual were absent early this week.

The doctor said that on Monday morning, he thought the situation had eased up some. But in the afternoon, the number of office patients began to climb again. Many went to work in the morning but had to leave early in the day.

Downtown businesses and offices have been short of help because of the bug. A report in this paper last week erroneously stated that one extension office worker was out sick. It should have said that three were out at that time. The situation has improved there with two of the three returning, but other offices are being similarly hit this week.

Because of the impending influenza epidemic, visiting is being temporarily limited at Moore Memorial Hospital, Duncan McGowan, administrator announced this week.

Until further notice, visiting will be limited to members of the patient's immediate family, and only one person may visit at a time. Visiting hours will continue to be from 2:30 p. m. to 4 p. m. and from 7 p. m. to 8:30 p. m., but this

Vehicle Demolished Sunday

Another weekend, another wreck, another injury! It has been six weeks since The News-Journal has been without the picture of a wrecked car. This week is no exception.

At 1 a. m. Sunday, 4½ miles south on 211, Charles Clyde Hard, 33, and his wife, Karol, 29, of Starr, were injured when the 1966 Plymouth in which they were riding went out of control.

The car ran off the right side of the road, skidded 265 feet and rammed into a tree, according to J. D. Robinson and C. A. Bennett, investigating patrolmen. No charges have been made pending further investigation.

Six weeks, causing extensive damage occurred in Hoke County during the four and one-half weeks in December. Three persons died in one of them.

Savings And Investments Class Starts

Plans are in the making for a class in investments which will begin in the near future. Miss Josephine Hall, chairman of the Hoke County Library Committee on projects and programs announces.

Adults interested in the subject should call Mrs. Lee Cameron immediately.

Savings and investments mean different things to different people, Miss Hall said. What constitutes a savings to one may be looked upon as an investment to another. The difference is of little consequence. The important thing is establishing clear-cut objectives which you would like to achieve, she added.

Equally important is knowing where your money should be placed to accomplish your objectives. Saving money and investing it intelligently is important to both personal and family security. Outlets for savings and investments should be a basic part of everyone's education.

The class will be taught at the library. Students will learn to understand the characteristics and classifications for investment and about income producing assets. You will be investing in yourself by gaining knowledge.

Hoke Receives Only \$344,795 For Road Contracts 1965-68

Relocation of NC 211 at McCain during the past year cost the state nearly \$200,000, eating a big hole in the \$344,795 spent under contracts let for Hoke County projects during the past 3½-year period.

Even with the high cost of this project, Hoke was low man on the totum pole in Division Eight of the State Highway Commission, according to a comprehensive report made by John F. McNair, III, of Laurinburg, Highway Commissioner.

Contract for the McCain road called

for construction of a road bed and paving a new route which would move NC 211 from the front of McCain Sanatorium to the rear of it. Contract figures were \$197,291.

Contracts let for work done entirely in the seven individual counties during the period were: Hoke \$344,795; Lee \$389,198; Scotland \$1,476,370; Montgomery \$1,137,814; Moore \$2,074,772; Randolph \$2,494,883; and Richmond \$2,874,146.

Scotland, which appears to be ranking in third place, is linked in several

County Board Asks Change Of Court Day

A change in the day of the week on which District Court is held is not only inconvenient to the prisoner, but is costing the county money, according to Sheriff Dave Barrington.

In making both monthly and annual reports Monday morning when the Board of Hoke County Commissioners held its first meeting of 1969, the sheriff disclosed the information.

Since the beginning of the new court system in 1966, weekly District Court has been held in Hoke County on Wednesday until last November. At that time, Judge D. S. Carter, chief district judge, announced that court would be held here on Friday.

Sheriff Barrington told the commissioners that the change is running up the grocery bill at the jail.

In the first place, most arrests are made over the weekend. This causes prisoners to have to be fed two extra days under the new set-up. Secondly, a defendant convicted on Friday often must be picked up by the state prisons truck three days later because the weekend is at hand when court is over and the truck is harder to obtain for obvious reasons.

The sheriff asked the governing body to go on record as favoring the change of court day to a day earlier in the week. This, they did.

The commissioners, even on the season's coldest morning when the thermometer rested on 14 at 8 o'clock, talked about airconditioning.

County Manager T.B. Lester was authorized to pave the way for bids for a central unit for the courtroom and for means of cooling other chambers connected with the courtroom.

Commissioner Ralph Barnhart broached the idea of having the whole courthouse centrally airconditioned. "It a shame," he contended, "to buy a big unit for just the courtroom." Lester said that there is no feasible way to eliminate the individual coolers on the first floor because piping the air through the extremely thick concrete walls and upper floor which are a foot or more thick would be out of reason, financially. "We don't have the money to carry out the court orders, not to mention additional work," he pointed out.

Judge Maurice Braswell, at the end of a hot week of court last summer gave the county until next May to get the courtroom and the jury and Grand Jury rooms airconditioned.

In addition, the county office building on Elwood Avenue is to be centrally airconditioned because it is needed in a mid-building conference room and there is no other way to get it there.

There is no money for the projects because the orders came after all money in the budget was already ear-marked.

Other reports were heard during the day. Harold Gillis, chamber of commerce manager advised that the water and sewer survey for the county had been completed and a comprehensive document had been completed. Disclosed is information on economics, population analysis, physical condition, soil and topographic conditions plus material on many other subjects which will be of endless value whether or not a water system is laid throughout the county.

Matter which was compiled through the survey fills a 92-page book. Copies of the book were passed out to board members. Gillis said that there were other copies at the Chamber office which could be obtained by those who may need one.

The Rev. David Wilson, who receives financial aid from the county for operating an ambulance business, reported that his vehicle has hauled 194 patients in the past six months. The total charges amounted to \$6,062, less than half of which has been paid by the debtor. He said that even though his son who operates the ambulance has had only two hours off in the six-months period for recreation, the firm had netted less than \$800 not counting what the county had contributed. Calls answered had averaged seven a week during the period.

No one has been denied a request day or night, he said. He pointed out, however, that another vehicle for transporting patients is needed and that an airconditioner is needed for the one now in use.

Miss Josephine Hall, county home agent and Talmadge Baker, in the absence of Agricultural Director Wendell Young, reported on the month's activities of the extension office.

After making her report, Miss Hall passed out to the commissioners cookbooks clubwomen had compiled. Baker made note of the fact that farmers are concerned over the fact that stock is being injured by some type of wild animal. Wild dogs were ruled out because of the nature of the attack. Wildcats, or bobcats have not been ruled out because rips and tears in the flesh of hogs or other animals could easily have been made by this small but vicious animal.

In other business, during the half day session presided over by Chairman T.C. Jones, the board said yes to a request from Dr. R.G. Townsend for the county to host a meeting of the Southern Economic Development Commission at the Little Whale Restaurant, to cost around \$30.

Voted to purchase 22 venetian blinds for the courtroom at a cost of \$432.

Authorized payment of County Member Service Fee to National Association of Counties.

Notice

It is tax listing time and all property owners who do not list during the month of January will be subject to a penalty.

Stonewall Township residents are asked to take note that Eli Shankle, list taker, is listing at his home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays with the exception of Thursday afternoons when he will be at Jackson's Store at Arabia.

All other schedules are listed elsewhere in this paper.



NEW PATROLMAN - Trooper C. A. Bennett, 25, has been assigned to Hoke County to fill the place vacated by J. D. Robinson, who has been transferred to Fayetteville. Bennett will be serving his first assignment since graduating from patrol school Dec. 13, 1968. He, his wife and two children are residing on Reeves Street. He is a native of Aurora (Beaufort County) and has attended Atlantic Christian College, Wilson.