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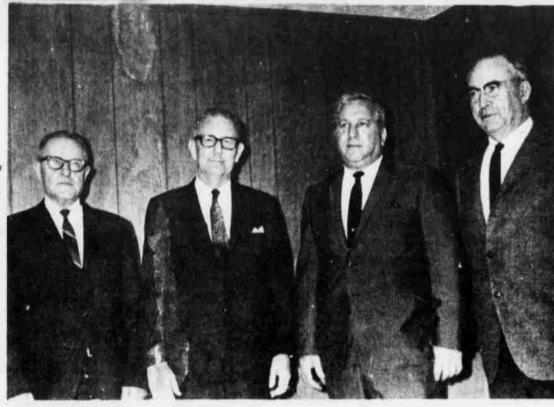
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THEY REPRESENT US - Leaving specifies the 1969 session of the General Assembly will be these four district legislators who were honored last week at a funche in consored by the Chamber of Commerce. They are, left to right, Judge R.L. Campbell, Rowland, R.D. McMillan, Red Springs, Gus Speros, Maxton and Neill McFadyen of Raeford.

## Chamber Luncheon Local Lawyers **Honors Legislators**

Hoke County Commissioners won't have to write to their state representatives. They got their message across last Wednesday when the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a luncheon honoring the district legislators.

Rep. Neill McFadyen, in explaining the local sales tax issue which is expected to come before the legislature this year, said that under the proposal, the state would collect an extra 1 per cent tax on sales in addition to the existing 3 per cent tax. The 1 per cent, less something like 10 per cent, would be returned to the respective county for governmental spending

T.B. Lester, county manager, asked to explain Hoke County's position on the proposal, said that the commissioners had taken a stand for state-wide taxing, but against local option. He pointed out that the board would rather have a state-wide tax which would be divided among the counties because citizens of small counties like Hoke spend so much of their income in neighboring counties where there are larger cities.

McFadyen replied that there are some who also oppose the tax because North

Carolina is enjoying and has enjoyed a sound financial condition since the 3 per

"Some others think local governments don't have enough money," McFadyen noted, "and not many governments do, from the federal operation on down Towns are growing so fast that they have to keep spending up to the hilt all the time. But regardless of how the taxes go. it won't be enough."

He admitted that he couldn't predict

the outcome, and said that he would not form an opinion on the proposal until he had heard some arguments on the subject from other members of the General Assembly. There are 120 House members and 50 in the Senate.

Other members of the State Legislature attending the function from the district were Judge R.L. Campbell of Rowland, Gus Speros of Maxton and R.D. McMillan

of Red Springs. All four men expressed appreciation for the good vote they received in Hoke County and for the luncheon and Judge

Campbell and Gus Speros said they, as See LUNCHEON, Page 9 

# Change Offices

A sort of fruit basket turn-over is taking place among Raeford attorneys with changes taking place in two of the local law firms.

And Partnerships

Palmer Willcox, who has been a part of the firm of Hostetler, McNeill and Willcox since 1962, will on February 1, move his shingle from the Campus Avenue location to offices which have formerly been occupied by Harrison and Diehl. He will operate there as an independent attorney.

Phil A. Diehl has announced that he and William L. Moses will form a partnership and will set up offices in the Dixie Peace home on Edinborough Avenue.

Harry Harrison, who was a partner of Diehl for several years, left for a position in Raleigh last summer

Willox came to Raeford as a young attorney six years ago after having been employed by the FBI for two years.

Moses is a native of Huke County and

Diehl came here in 1964. He and Moses will move into their new suite of offices across the street from the Presbyterian Church around March 1

## **Three Communities Receive Grants For Improvements**

Three communities working under the "Community Organization" program of CAP have received grants with which to

finance improvement projects.

The total amount adds up to \$2,500. W.T. Altman, Community Action Program coordinator, announced this week that West Hoke community where a group of citizens is making an effort to erect a fire station and get a fire department into operation. This week received \$842. A check was presented to Paul Hurst, chairman of the Community Committee this week.

Other committee members at West Hoke are, James Bratcher, vice president; Mrs. Nina Davis, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Gertrude Bratcher, Willie Davis, M.B. Hayes, Mrs. C.M. Lyons and Mrs. B.B. Dobbins.

Another grant for \$1,500 has gone to Cameron Heights Community Committee Building being put into service there. The structure was donated by the owner.

There are six such committees organized in low income sections and others are about to come into being, Altman said. Space will be provided in the McCain Sanatorium for meetings of the new committee in that area. South Hoke has a community building and West Hoke meets in the school building.

The concept of the Community

Organization program is to organize the communities for the purpose of improving conditions in the area. "We

cannot encourage them by saying there is money available," Altman explained, "because in most instances there is not." But, he added that there are many rewarding things they can do without spending money.

Scurlock Community had seen the Scurlock Community had seen the need for a traffice sign to protect school children. As a group, they asked for and received it. Cameron Heights needed a traffice signal on Highway 401 and North Main Street, Ext. As a committee representing the community, they were able to secure one, according to the coordinator. Both make for safer living in the community but neither cost the community anything but effort.

#### Public School Survey

## **Drop-outs Record Shows** Improvement In County

Hoke County is at the top of the list where drop-outs in North Carolina counties are concerned but its record has improved along with that of others during the past year.

The 13th annual fall Public School

Survey, just completed by the State Department of Public Instruction and based on figures reported by the state's 157 county and city school superintendents at the end of the first month of school, indicates that the "holding power" of the high schools is increasing and that fewer pupils are

dropping out.
This is true in Hoke, in spite of the fact that some patrons predicted that it would be worse this year after changes in the school system were made. This county, nevertheless, is still on the bottom in the state with less than 44 per cent of the students remaining in school until they have been graduated.

Hoke is above average in elementary school enrollment. While statistics show that the average across the state is less, this year than last. Hoke has shown a slight gain, Supt. D. D. Abernethy reported.

For the third straight year, enrollment increases across the state at the high school level have been far greater than at the elementary level, the office of the State Dept. of Public Instruction says. The past year's state-wide survey reveals a marked reduction in elementary enrollment; 5,339 fewer elementary pupils, primarily due to a decreased enrollment in the first grade - 110,418 in

1968, as compared to 112,292 in 1967. Meanwhile this year's high school enrollment increased by 7,655 pupils.

Overall increase for the year totals 21,316 and the number of public school pupils has increased 18.4 per cent (from 1,009,382 in 1956 to 1,195,583 in 1968) during the past 13 years.

A "plus" pointed out by outgoing State Supt. Charles F. Carroll was the fact

that 31,405 of the state's 54,225 professional school personnel (57.9) are receiving local salary supplements. This statistic includes Hoke where teachers get an extra \$200 per year.

The number of "brand new" teachers this year (teaching for the first time) is the largest for any one year in the public school history of the state-jumping from 3,823 to 4,343, last year.

Salaries have evidently been boosted enough to attract more males to the profession. The number of men in the state's system is now 12,863 an increase

The number of personnel holding less than a class "A" certificate increased from 2,441 to 2,740 in a year's time.

Hoke County had 4,948 pupils in 1968-69. On the teaching staff were four who held less than an A certificate. This was a better percentage than was experienced by many other counties. Montgomery with 4,869 pupils had 21 teachers with less than an A certificate. Lee has 2,270 with 14; Moore, 9,846 with 32 and Scotland, 7,736 with 15.

New classrooms made available during the past year were 2,008 with 1,130

classrooms. Hoke County, in 1968, had nine new

obsolete and inadequate classrooms being abandoned for a net gain of only 878

classrooms, making a total of 200. While some pupils in other counties are experiencing a shortage of classrooms and 1,250 are attending school on a double-shift or less than a full-time basis, Hoke has only 420 in temporary or portable classrooms and is actually in need of only two new or additional

#### Bank Of Raeford Has Successful Year President Reports

The Bank of Raeford, now entering it's 66th year of operation, enjoyed one of its best years of all time in 1968 according to President R. B. Lewis.

Stockholders of the bank held a meeting Thursday morning and heard the year's report from President Lewis.

Stockholders elected to serve as directors the coming year, or until properly relieved are, J. H. Austin Jr., T. F. McBryde, Bernard Bray, Tom U. Cameron, Neill A. McDonald, III, H. L. Gatlin Jr., W. L. Howell Jr., D. R. Huff, Jr., James B. McLeod, W. L. Moses, J. L. McNeill, Edwin D. Newton, J. W. McPhaul, T. B. Upchurch Jr. and R. B.

At a meeting of the board of directors held following the stockholders meeting the following officers were elected to serve for this year or until properly relieved: J. L. McNeill, chairman; R. B. Lewis, president; T. F. McBryde, vice president; Miss Jesse B. Ferguson, cashier; and Robert L. Conoly, assistant cashier.

## Two Men Bound Over On Charge Of Murder

bound over to Superior Court last week on charges connected with the death of A. T. Bobbitt, who was allegedly slain last April at his McCain

James Willie Watson, charged with shooting Bobbitt, a 69-year-old Southern Pines resident, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over without privilege of bond.

Wilburt Lee Jones, Raeford Rt. 3, charged with accessory after the fact of murder, also waived preliminary hearing and was bound over for action by the Grand Jury. His bond was set at \$1,000.

Jones is accused of "confederating and associating with and giving comfort to said defendant by furnishing transportation to take him out of the county to Sanford, from where he was able to get transportation to New York." James Lee Harris, 19, a

material witness was released under bond. Bobbitt's body was

discovered by a passer by who stopped to make a purchase shortly after the shooting apparently had taken place.

The case will come up in Superior Court here, Jan. 27 Other judgments in district and magistrate's court last

Raiph Saunders, Red Springs Rt. 1, assault on a female,

prayer for judgment continued for two years, costs, David Byron Crouch,

Aberdeen Rt. 1, driving under the influence, six months, suspended for one year. Must not operate a vehicle for one Must pay \$100 and costs. Fyans Lambert Jr., Shannon Rt. 1, trespassing, 90 days

suspended for two years, costs. Jerry Lambert, Shannon Rt. trespassing, 90 days suspended for two years, costs. Clyde Little Lippard,

Raeford, failure to yield right of way, not guilty.

John Wayne Burke, St.
Pauls, exceeding safe speed,
improper brakes, not guilty of

speeding, guilty of improper brakes, \$10 and costs. Mary Ann Melvin, Elizabethtown, Rt. I, unsafe

movement, \$10 and costs. Willie Edward Carter, Laurinburg, driving 70 in 60 mile zone, prayer for judgment

continued, costs. Marion James Curry, driving under the influence, six months, capias and, or, committment to issue on motion of solicitor. Must not drive for one year, \$100 and

Rubert Jerrell Mitchell, Charlotte, improper passing, prayer for judgment continued,

Lt. Phillip Stephen Murphy III. Ft. Bragg, driving 75 in 60 mile costs.

Seavy Eric Barefoot, Raeford, driving under the influence and careless and reckless driving. Not guilty first count, guilty, second count, six months, suspended

> Stafford Junior Locklear, address unknown, non support of four children, six months suspended for three years. Must pay 520 a week from October to April and 530 a week in summer months for

for two years on payment of

upkeen of children. Leroy Edward Ward, Fairfax, Va., drunk in public place, bond forfeited.

Harold David McNair, Lumberton, inspection certificate violation, nol pros. George Moore, Raeford Rt. larceny, not pros with leave. Bobby Lee Edwards, Raeford, assault, not prox with

James (Jim) Edwards, Raeford, injury to personal property, nol pros with leave. Bobby Edwards, address unknown, assault on female.

not pros with leave. Preston Robinson, Raeford. forcible trespassing, nol pros with leave.

John Harrison McArn. Shannon Rt. 1, assault on female, not pros with leave.
Lloyd Moore, Raeford Rt. 2, reckless driving, 60 days or \$50

and costs. James Daniel Robinson,

Racford, inadequate brakes and driving under the influence. First charge, nol prossed. Second charge, months, suspended for three years. Must not operate a vehicle for three years, \$200 Thomas Monroe Jr.,

Rockfish, worthless check, 30 days or restitution of \$36,36 check and costs.

John Artis McLaurin, Raeford, assault on female, prayer for judgment continued, Bobby Jefferson Davis.

Lumber Bridge Rt. 1, reckless driving, not pros with leave.

Billy Earl Turner, Fayetteville, stop sign violation, costs.

Carl Larry Sullivan, Spring Lake, driving 75 in 60 mile zone, \$15 and costs. Robert Lee Blue, Raeford

2, worthless check, costs. Check previously paid off. William Bryant Turner Je

Moore, S. C., driving 70 in 60 mile zone, \$5 and costs. James Patterson Hamilton Laurinburg, driving 70 in 60 mile gone. \$25 and costs.

William Clarence Brown,

Raeford, inspection law violation, costs. Jerry Talbert, Aberdeen expired inspection certificate, costs.

William Steven Thomas, Raeford, stop sign violation. Carolina students from 60 coileges and Ser COURT . Page 9 universities, working in 758 different

#### Community Action Program Signup Time For Seniors

It is nearing time for high school seniors to sign up if they wish to work this summer under a Program of CAP which will help send them to college next

Last summer, 15 college students from Hoke County worked in local public or private non-profit agencies or organizations under the PACE-I.N.C.

PACE is an acronym for Plan Assuring College Education in North Carolina. The program is administered by the Division of Special Services of the State Department of Public Welfare.

It is a coordinating effort between the local high school guidance counselor, the local student's individual college, the local agency working the student, and the local volunteer PACE coordinating committee which places the student. Through PACE, these young men and women were able to work and perform a service to this county in local agencies and earn a large portion of their expenses to begin or continue their higher education.

During the summer of 1968, through PACE, students of Hoke County earned approximately \$8,130 toward their education. Tom Cadell, Sandhills Community Action Program, Carthage, is serving as the local county coordinator.

Inquiries from agencies interested in having students work with them duri the summer should contact the local CAP office for further information. Application blanks for PACF may be obtained through this office from the local high school guidance counselor, the college financial officer or the local County Department of Public Welfare.

Places which have used such students are the Hoke County Public Library, the Extension Office, the courthouse, McCain Sanatorium and others. During the past summer, 1,999 North

agencies, earned over 1.2 million dollars



BANKS PAY - R.B. Lewis, left, representing The Bank of Raeford, and C.D. Bounds of Southern National, discuss a short course on Modern Farming which Bill R. Boyles, center, will attend. The two banks will finance the wholership. Boyles is a young Hoke County dairy farmer. The course is open to a selected group of young North Carolinans moderal in agriculture, who because of their interest, have been chosen to