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RECEIVES AWARD -- U.S. Air Force Captain Thomas J. Harris Jr. (right), whose wife, Michal, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Maunsel, 4210 Brush Hill Rd., Nashville, Tenn., receives the Distinguished Flying Cross at Mather AFB, Calif., from Colonel James A. Wilson, base commander. (U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO)

Capt. T.J. Harris, Jr. Receives DFC Award

U. S. Air Force Captain Thomas J. Harris Jr., whose wife, Michal, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Maunsel, 4210 Brush Hill Rd., Nashville, Tenn., has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross at Mather AFB, Calif., for heroism in military operations in Southeast Asia.

Captain Harris distinguished himself as a navigator on March 24, 1968, when his aircraft sustained severe damage while flying over hostile territory. Disregarding his own personal safety, the captain remained at his duties and with unswerving calmness and courage

assisted the pilot in flying the burning plane to a safe landing.

Captain Harris, who recently completed a tour of duty at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, also holds seven awards of the Air Medal.

He is presently assigned at Mather with the Air Training Command.

The captain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris of Blue Springs, is a 1956 graduate of Hoke County High School. He received his B.S. degree in accounting from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was commissioned there in 1960 through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Old Burlington School Sold To McCormick

On again-off again. The Burlington School came back to the buyers who purchased from the Hoke County Board of Education last week, but it's gone again.

Early last fall, the building was reportedly sold first to Glenn Wood. It was immediately sold to the Rev. Claude Dial for \$30,000. Dial made a deposit and promised to come up with the balance by a certain date in January.

It was Dial's plans, he said, to use the

sprawling structure for a Bible camp for boys with the help of the Southeastern Evangelistic Fellowship.

Wood said this week that Dial gave up the building through default and that it had been sold to Alex McCormick, a store owner in the area for \$25,000.

When the people in the community surrounding the former Negro school heard that the building was going to be used for a boys' school for Indians, they complained to the county commissioners.

Children Learning To Read With

Teacher's Aid Program

It caught on with the parents and it's catching up -- the kids'.

This is the new Volunteer Teacher's Aid program under way at J. W. McLaughlin School. Volunteers are mothers who are taking time from their home duties and using it to help small school children. Their only reward is the glow on the little face of a six-year-old who has learned a word he was unable to grasp the day his playmate learned it.

Thomas J. Fleming, a magazine writer, told of a little boy who had fallen farther

and farther behind his classmates in reading. He could learn but most of the other 26 in his room were learning faster and they were leaving him behind.

Fianly a soft-spoken woman named Lillian Forsch greeted the youngster with a smile. She was a VTA. She began patiently helping him unravel the difficult words. Little Edward's confidence began to grow. He was getting the individual boost he needed. He smiled for the first time that month as he exclaimed, "Mrs. Forsch, I can read, can't I?"

At the beginning of last fall, there were

Tax Listing Moving At A Slow Pace

There are two weeks of time left for listing taxes. Many holders of property have listed all things, real and personal that they owned as of the first of January but there are more than that who still must come in and tell the painful truth.

The amount of property to be listed in Raeford runs into the millions and so does that in the rural areas.

The tax base, or assessed valuation, for Raeford is \$10,763,883. This is 65 per

cent of the value of all the taxable real property within the city.

The tax rate is set at 11.7 million (\$1.17 per \$100 valuation) producing an income from ad valorem taxes of \$117,748. Total bonded indebtedness in early 1967 was \$559,000, of which \$551,000 was for water and sewer bonds. Since that time another \$700,000 worth of bonds have been sold to enlarge the sewage plant.

In addition to the income from ad valorem taxes, the city received \$8,486.59 from franchise and intangible taxes, and \$137,437 from the sale of water and \$20,000 from other sources.

Hoke County has a tax base of \$42,059,132 which is also based on 65 per cent of the actual value. The county tax rate is 13.8 mills. It produces an income of \$535,592.45.

The county has bonds outstanding for \$1,385,000 of which \$1,290,000 are school bonds and \$95,000 is for the jail. The county had an additional income from franchise and intangible taxes of \$18,418.35 and from other sources, \$516,454.26.

many such children among the 187 in the McLaughlin School first grade. If the teacher's school day could be divided into individual teaching time for each child, each would get only six minutes of tutoring a day, Principal J. B. Bowles pointed out.

"These hasn't been a hitch since we started," Mrs. Townsend said as she entered the school Thursday morning at 10:15 a. m. to begin her hour of work. Most of the workers are willing to put in more time if necessary.

Mothers pool or swap baby-sitting services with each other. "Enthusiasm and dedication of the women have made the program successful," Mrs. Townsend and the principal agreed. Not one has called to say they could not be in school that day because they must bake a birthday cake for Johnny or go to the beauty parlor.

The teacher decides on the children who would benefit most by the extra amount of attention and she instructs the volunteer as to the area of work needed. Children, eager to learn, rush forward to take their appointed seats. When they are dismissed, they are one step closer to a classmate who got ahead through no fault of their own.

The program has been endorsed by the Raeford Woman's Club and most of the volunteers are members of the club.

Making up the volunteer staff, besides Mrs. Townsend, are Mrs. Frank Blue, Mrs. Grover Owens, Mrs. J. R. Hendrix, Mrs. C. R. Parsley, Mrs. Mito Postel, Mrs. Robert Hughes, Mrs. Ed Manning, Mrs. John Riddle, Mrs. Lauchlin Mac Donald, Mrs. Graham Pope, Mrs. Sam Hendrix, Mrs. Leonard Frahm, Mrs. Phil Diehl, Mrs. Richard Rush, Mrs. Ronald Osborne, Mrs. Harry McLean, Mrs. H. W. Knott, Mrs. Jim Best, Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Mrs. J. W. Gibson, Mrs. Eugene Parsons, Mrs. Bill Moses, Mrs. David Ryan, Mrs. Dale Ormsby, Mrs. Cordez Cooper, Mrs. Irvin Hubbard, Mrs. Wilton Wood.



TWO AND TWO ARE FOUR - These first-graders think they are learning to read but they are really learning arithmetic - in the situation vice versa. The rewarding factor in this case, however, is that - they are learning! Mrs. R.G. Townsend Jr., is one of the volunteer mothers who are aiding teachers daily at McLaughlin School by tutoring children in small groups so they can have the advantage of individual help.

\$120,000 Advanced As

Burlington Industries To Aid Town Board

Bad Check For Fifty Cents Costs Defendant \$15.50

A young man was hauled into court last week for writing a worthless check for half a dollar. By the time the local 20-year-old construction worker paid off the check and the costs of court was added, the incident cost him \$15.50.

Another Hoke County man was sent to prison for five months for writing bad checks. Numerous other worthless check cases came before Judge Joe Dupree and Magistrates H.L. Gatlin and Mrs. Helen Barrington. The complete list was as follows:

James Thomas, Raeford, worthless check, restitution of 50 cent check to Lewis Lipscomb (C. & L. Grocery) and costs of court.

Willie E. McLean, Hoke County, worthless check for \$7; worthless check \$22.50; worthless check \$5; worthless

check \$5. Each check was a separate warrant and 30 days was handed down for each offense. Holder of all the checks was Billy Parks.

Russell McAllister, Raeford worthless check, restitution of \$8 check to Lewis Lipscomb. Roderick Graham, Raeford, worthless check, restitution of \$81.80 check to Nellie McBryde, and costs.

James Pick, Aberdeen, worthless check, six months or restitution of \$200 check to C.H. Odum, and costs.

Joe Billinger, Raeford, worthless check, 30 days or restitution of \$5.53 check to Billy Parks and costs.

James McLaughlin, Raeford, worthless check, 12 months or restitution of \$62.95 check to Nellie McBryde, and costs.

Henry W. McMillan, Parkton Rt. 2, worthless check,

restitution of \$70.71 check to Freddie Breeden, not guilty.

Cleo Bullard, Aberdeen, worthless check, 30 days or restitution of \$15 check to C.S. Odum, and costs.

Cases of other types dealt with last week were: John Willie Lowery, Raeford Rt. 3, drunk in public place, \$2 and costs.

Bobby Gene Locklear, Red Springs Rt. 1, drunk in public place, \$4 and costs.

Ether Henderson, Aberdeen, drunk in public place, \$10 and costs.

Fletcher Charles Ownes, Asheboro, no valid inspection certificate, costs.

Alfred William Phillips, Sanford Rt. 1, expired inspection certificate, costs.

Margaret Priest, Raeford Rt. 1, driving 75 in 60 mile zone, \$15 and costs.

Ray Wallace, Red Springs Rt. 3, driving 75 in 60 mile zone, \$15 and costs.

Samuel Richard Harrell, Fayetteville, failure to decrease speed, \$10 and costs.

Johnnie Watson, assault on female, prayer for judgment continued, costs.

Earley B. Locklear, Raeford, assault by pointing gun. Judge ordered that defendant plea of guilty be changed to not guilty and that the court find frivolous and malicious prosecution on the part of the prosecution witness who was taxed with costs of court.

George Nicholson, Raeford, inadequate brakes, \$10 and costs.

Leonard Ray Jr., Kannapolis, non support, 12 months suspended for five years, must pay \$75 each two

Burlington Industries, Inc., has come to the rescue and will pull the Town Commissioners of Raeford out of a pit of despair by supplying the necessary \$120,000 needed to make the expansion of the Raeford Sewage Disposal Plant possible.

The town was on the spot. Raised had been \$1,000,000 which engineers had thought would easily pay for a program needed to ease a bad situation at the disposal plant. But on Dec. 5, when bids from 22 firms were opened, the least of the prices submitted was far more than the amount of funds on hand.

Burlington, in answer to an appeal for help of some note or nature, offered to prepay \$120,000 of their annual water and sewage bills. The average sum paid by the firm annually is approximately \$80,000 a year.

The town cannot, however, do without such a large income. And it cannot borrow more money without securing special permission from the Local Government Commission since it has just added \$700,000 through the sale of bonds to its indebtedness.

But they can come up to a plan submitted by Burlington, Town Manager John Gaddy said Tuesday.

Through this plan, the town will credit Burlington with \$8,000 a year and give them 5 per cent discount in consideration of the prepayment.

The plan is set up to be continued over a period of years until the prepayment will have been absorbed by the company.

The million-dollar-plus project was launched more than two years ago when a study of the plant was made by engineers and an estimate of the cost of enlargement was prepared. During the time consumed in planning for a bond election to raise \$700, and for an application to be processed for a \$300,000 loan from the federal government, some two years had lapsed and prices on materials needed for the work had advanced until the money on hand did not match the cost set forth by bidders.

As the enterprise stands now, bids still cannot be let until an appeal for a grant of \$42,000 from the federal government comes through. "We have reasonable assurance that this will be forthcoming in time for us to meet the Feb. 10, deadline on the bids which have been submitted," Gaddy said.

Superior Court Starts Monday

The Grand Jury will review three murder warrants when Hoke County Superior Criminal Court opens here Monday morning.

Outstanding among them is the case against James Willie Watson, who is charged with the slaying of Adolphus T. Bobbitt at a McCain store last April. Watson was recently jailed here after being arrested in New York.

The case of Wilbert Lee Jones, Raeford Rt. 3, charged with accessory after the fact in connection with the same murder will also come before the Grand Jury.

Watson's court appointed attorney is Palmer Wilcox and Jones' is Phil Diehl.

Other felonious warrants to be examined by the Grand Jury are: James Robert West, Raeford, charged with hit and run on November 12, resulting in injury to Mrs. Arthur Edwards and Mrs. Mary Parks.

Henry Woods, Red Springs Rt. 4, assault with deadly weapon on Emma Woods with a rifle on Aug. 4, 1968, resulting in serious bodily injury. Court appointed attorney is Palmer Wilcox.

Henry Woods, assault with deadly weapon resulting in serious bodily injury on Joyce Locklear.

Thomas Lorenza Daniels, Aberdeen, murder of James McCrimmon on Dec. 28, 1968. Attorney, W. D. Sabiston.

James Frederick Handon, Raeford Rt. 1, murder of Robert (Bob) Stewart, Aug. 11, 1968. Attorney, Phil Diehl.

These and a number of other defendants charged with felonies will come before Judge William Y. B. next week.

Others include: Roderick Graham, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, causing injuries not resulting in death.

Martine Locklear, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill.

John Wayne Locklear, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Alamander Lowery, felonious receiving.

Lacy McMillan, felonious receiving.

In addition, on the docket are 23 traffic cases, and three of non-support, two of conspiracy, one of affray and one of public drunkenness.

Catos To Open Women's Shop In Hotel Bldg.

A new women's wear shop is expected to open in Raeford this spring.

Julian Wright, owner of the Raeford Hotel Building, said Tuesday that he had leased a section of the building fronting Main Street to Catos of Charlotte.

Wright said that the dress shop which would be coming in here around March 1, would occupy what is now the record shop and the Hotel Barber Shop. Both of these firms will move into new locations.

The two sections of the hotel building will be thrown together by tearing out partitions and encompassing the front portion of the Main Street entrance hall leading to the lobby.