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Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The last day for filing brought forth eight candidates for town commissioners. J. D. McMillan and Franklin Teal are the only incumbents seeking re-election. John K. McNeill, Jr. has entered the race for mayor against incumbent H. R. McLean. The other members are Jimmy Sinclair and Palmer Wilcox who did not file.

Mrs. Margaret Lamater, who will replace Mrs. Lucy Gray Peebles, told me Monday after interviewing five of the candidates that from talking to them it would seem no one wanted the job. Pressure from friends and neighbors to serve the town is their reason for filing. I told her that when you held public office the only time you heard from citizens was when something was wrong. A good cussing, but no praise.

Who will be the winners or losers, only time will tell.

The storm Friday could have been worse after reading reports from nearby counties. It seems that the water stood the longest in front of the office than ever before. The drainage on this avenue is too slow when it rains as hard as it did last Friday. We were thankful for the small ledge at our door or we would have been flooded. It seems that some buildings on this avenue were flooded. This could become a problem for our Town fathers in the near future.

The Raeford Kiwanis Club members will go to Sanford by bus tonight for their annual district meeting. I didn't get to the meeting last week so it is impossible for me to tell about the program. Will report on the Sanford trip next week.

The Jefferson-Jackson dinner meeting in Raleigh last Saturday night was well attended, both from the statewide level and from Hoke County. We had eight at the dinner.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dickson, T. Jeff Harris, Rep. N. L. McFadyen, Judge Joe Dupree, Clerk of Court E. E. Smith, Palmer Wilcox and yours truly.

The affair is held each year to finance the treasury of the State Democratic Party.

Charles Stanford of Uniroyal came in Monday and said he was leaving to take a job with Burlington Industries. I hate to see him leave Raeford, not only because of his friendship, but because of his faithful work with the United Fund. He



Joe Davis



Horace Davis



Sgt. Pandure



J. D. McMillan



Franklin Teal



Crawford Thomas, Jr.



Hestel E. Garrison



Graham Clark

Car Found In Goose Pond; No Driver?

How did a Studebaker get into Goose Pond at Antioch?

This is only one of the unanswered questions surrounding the discovery of an automobile which was found Friday nearly submerged by water. Patrolman E. W. Coen reported that the car is the property of Clinton Oxendine who declares he was not driving it when it made the splash-down.

The trooper determined that as the driver lost control while rounding a curve, the car struck a stump which sent it bounding toward the pond. For some unexplained reason before the vehicle took its downward spin, the hood flew open and the motor popped out. It was later brought up separate from the car body.

The Raeford Rescue Squad scouted the floor of the man-made lake in search of the body of a possible driver but found none. Both the battered car and the motor were brought to Raeford.

Oxendine told the patrolman that the car had stalled with him during the rain storm and he had left it on the road.

Charles Stanford Leaves Uniroyal

Charles Stanford, who has been manager of Uniroyal, Inc., will leave the company the first of May to become affiliated with Burlington Industries, Inc.

Stanford has lived in Raeford for the past four years and was here two years on a previous term of duty with Uniroyal. He will move to Fayetteville soon where he will be employed at a Burlington plant. While here, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford and their two children attended the Raeford Presbyterian Church. They resided at 303 W. Edinborough St.

Three Charged With Break-In At Farm Service

Three Hoke County men have been apprehended in connection with a robbery at Farm Service Company Sunday morning. According to Sheriff David Barrington, 14 batteries were stolen from the company which is owned by Alfred Leach.

Ronnie McVicker, Robert West and James West will be tried for larceny in District Court in Raeford Friday. Two of the men, James West and McVicker are out on bond. Investigating officer in the case was Jessie Lee.

New Stadium Funds, Work Goes Forward

As another \$1,000 rolls in from a host of contributors, work begins on the athletic field at W. T. Gibson School.

This brings the total bank balance for the new stadium to more than \$21,000.

Portable bleachers are now being installed across the field from the location of the stadium and the football field has been graded and seeded.

Around the middle of May, a Wilmington firm will begin installing the new, permanent, concrete bleachers. They are expected to be finished in time for commencement exercises.

Four Wrecks In Raeford Last Week

A number of auto accidents occurred in Raeford last week. One was caused by the heavy downpour which flooded streets around town during mid afternoon.

Kathleen S. Hamock of Raeford, driving down Main Street, applied her brakes at a corner. One wet lining grabbed, the other did not, directing her Rambler into the side of another being driven by Mrs. Lonnie Bledsoe. Damages to the Rambler were estimated to be \$300 and damage to the Bledsoe car, \$200.

Another Main Street accident occurred last Saturday in front of Hoke Drug Co. when John Liles of Raeford was struck by John McKimmon, also of Raeford, who was backing out of a parking space.

On Friday, Jimmie Maynor, Raeford Rt. 3, operating a 1960 Chevrolet heading south at Prospect Avenue and Main Street, was charged with failing to yield right of way when his car collided with a Rambler operated by W. E. Beck of Winston-Salem. Beck's wife, Mrs. Cora Beck, suffered a broken collar bone.

On Thursday, Palmer Wilcox, Raeford, driving down Fulton Street was struck in the side by Mrs. Thelma Mooneyham McPhaul, who, according to police reports, had stopped at Fifth Avenue and Fulton Street but then pulled out as the Wilcox car was passing. Damages to his car were estimated to be \$1,000 and to the McPhaul car an approximate \$300. Mrs. McPhaul was charged with failure to yield right of way.

In Superior Court

Four Murder Cases Scheduled For Trial

Judge Harry E. Canaday will preside over Superior Court here next week. Working with him will be Doran J. Berry, 9th District Solicitor.

Four murder cases are scheduled to come up during this session of court. Three are brought over from 1968. They are, James Frederick Handon, charged with killing Robert Stewart on Aug. 15. James Willie Watson, charged with the murder of A. T. Bobbitt, April 18, and Thomas Lorenzo Daniels, charged with the pistol slaying of James McCrimmon. Leslie Lee McMillan is charged with the shotgun slaying of his wife as she was about to climb into a deputy's car on March 9, this year.

Prez Woods is listed as a defendant with nine charges including, multiple charges of assault with deadly weapon, damage to personal property, driving while license was suspended and larceny.

Other cases listed include: Lacy McMillan, felonious larceny; Wilbert Lee Jones, accessory after the fact of murder; L. Z. Ellerby, larceny of automobile; George Moore, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill; James B. Jones, breaking and entering; George T. Walker, larceny; Pete Brunson Jr., non-support; Roscoe Griffin, breaking,

entering, larceny and receiving; John Wayne Locklear, Nick Hunt, Jimmy Locklear, Lloyd Merritt, Alamander Lowery.

Delton Lowery, conspiracy; Jack Clark, escape; William Marcellus Shellum, driving under the influence, Ronald William Cochran, Sr., driving under the influence, second offense; James Scott, carnal knowledge of a minor; Jack Carrie Jackson, driving drunk, Isabel Bethune Dombkowski, driving under influence; Henry Woods, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; William Edward Baxley, driving under influence, inspection violation, improper registration.

Sgt. Walter Vernon Rowe, driving under the influence; Alamander Lowery, felonious receiving; Bell Love Baldwin, failed to yield right of way; Daniel Ferguson, driving under the influence; Brantly Oxendine, driving under the influence; Willie Martin McCain, driving under the influence; Marcellus Bohm, driving under the influence; Ashby Sherwood Tomlin, Sr., driving under the influence; Tracy Locklear, driving under the influence; James Pearly Wall Jr., driving under the influence; Thaddeus Ezell Jones, reckless driving, no license plate; James Edward Locklear, driving under the influence.

William David Lunsford, driving under the influence; Dennie Eugene David, driving under the influence and failure to display license; Clyde Thompson, driving under the influence and failure to drive on right half of highway; James Tillman Long, driving under the influence; Robert Wayne Mins, driving under the influence.

Registration Books Close Friday P.M.

Registration books will close tomorrow at 5 p. m., John Gaddy, town manager, reminded Tuesday.

Mrs. Kate Blue Covington, registrar, said that in order to make it more convenient for citizens, she will hold the books open at the town office from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. Friday. After that day, the books will be closed and no additional registration may be taken this year.

Challenge day will be Saturday. Gaddy said that persons who are not sure they are registered should check. "Your eligibility to vote last fall in the general election does not mean that you are on the town registration books," he cautioned.

James Patterson, non-support; Kenneth Earl Harrell, speeding; Roscoe D. McMillan, driving under the influence; Jim Hollingsworth, speeding; Thomas Monroe, driving under the influence; Ernest Murchison, breaking, entering, larceny; James Robert West Jr., hit and run; Ernest White, driving under the influence; Tate Council Soles, speeding; William H. Mercer, larceny; Lewis Lanham, fornication and adultery; Ernest White, careless and reckless driving.

James Long, worthless checks; James B. Bryant, worthless checks; John Wayne Locklear, assault with deadly weapon; Armond D. Black, assault on a female.

Selective Service Office To Close

The Hoke County Selective Service office will be closed May 1, through May 9, Sam C. Morris, board chairman, announced Monday.

Mrs. Carol P. Clark, secretary will be taking annual vacation. Mrs. Clark will also attend a conference for Selective Service personnel during the time.

Doe Found Dead

The law protects a doe but it does not always save her life.

Monday morning a dead doe was found at the town office and Mrs. M. V. Hedgepeth on 503 North Main St.

How did she get there? Nobody knows. The animal had not been shot but, according to Chief of Police L. W. Stanton, she had bruises as if she had been struck by a car.

There have been guesses that the doe was struck by a car on the highway and aimlessly wandered into town. Mrs. Hedgepeth said that her son found the animal in the back yard which was fenced in with the exception of a small section.

Police viewed the nearly grown deer but notified Linwood Kington, game warden before allowing her to be removed.

On Last Day

Eight File For Town Commissioner

Eight men are in the running for the five openings on the Town Board and two are vying for the mayor's position in the May 6 Raeford municipal election.

A flurry of last minute filing occurred Friday afternoon putting these men on the list for positions on the Town Board: Franklin Teal, J. D. McMillan, Crawford L. Thomas Jr., Graham Clark, Ralph A. Pandure, Horace T. Davis, Joseph P. Davis and Hestel E. Garrison.

H. R. McLean and John K. McNeill Jr., are the two candidates for mayor.

Incumbent commissioners in the race include:

Franklin Teal, a native of Raeford, who is a graduate of Pembroke State College and

manager of Raeford Savings and Loan Association. He is completing his second term as a commissioner. He is married and has a son.

When asked why he decided to run again he said, "I decided early last week to run for re-election because of my interest in the town government."

J. D. McMillan, another Raeford native, owns the City Cleaners. He has served six terms on the board and by continuing his stay he hopes to "see some of the necessary programs continued in Raeford." He is married and has two children.

Those running for their first term are:

Joe Davis, who has lived in Raeford since 1950. He operates Joe's Amoco Station.

He is married and has three children. His comment on campaigning was: "I wanted to see if I could do anything to help the town."

Graham Clark owns and operates Clark's Gulf Service Station. He has lived in Raeford since 1951 and is married. Clark said, "I was requested by friends to run for commissioner. They felt the board needed someone with some business experience."

Crawford Thomas, a native of Raeford, is engaged in farming. He is married. Thomas said, "I've decided to give it a try and see what I could do to help the town."

Ralph Pandure, a retired military man, has lived in Raeford since 1961. He has had some town government

experience as a member of a New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars housing board in 1945. He is married and has three children. Pandure says, "The town needs improvement and some fresh blood on the board."

Horace Davis is a supervisor at the Burlington Worsted Raeford Plant and has lived here for two years. He is married and has five children. Davis filed for commissioner because he feels "there is a lack of interest of other citizens in the town government."

Hestel Garrison, an 18-year resident of Raeford, works for Burlington Industries. He is married and has four children. Garrison thinks Raeford "needs some diversification of representation on the board."