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## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The woes of a newspaper man are many at times. I know that the editor of the newspaper that sent out the following correction on a post card had a terrible day last Thursday. The message on the card is as follows:

### CORRECTION:

In the Thursday, May 8, 1969 issue of The Robbins Record, an error was made in the headline under the picture of Miss Marsha LaVonne Kennedy. The erroneous headline read:

**MISS MARSHA LAVONNE KENNEDY WILL MARRY BILLY V. KISER**

Mr. Kiser is the step-father of Miss Marsha LaVonne Kennedy. The Robbins Record regrets the error very much.

The headline should have read:

**MISS MARSHA LAVONNE KENNEDY WILL MARRY CLEO RAY VERNON**

In the write-up it was stated that Miss Kennedy was the step-daughter of Mr. Clayton Kiser of Seagrove, Rt. 1. This was an error. She is the step-granddaughter of Mr. Clayton Kiser of Seagrove, Route 1.

Again, we regret the error and are glad to make the correction.

THE ROBBINS RECORD

I was at my desk Saturday morning reading the mail and looked out through the front glass and saw a girl come down the sidewalk riding a pony. Now bicycles are a nuisance on the sidewalks, but ponies are worse. It is almost taking your life in your hands driving a car in Raeford on Saturday and kids on horses or ponies just add to the traffic problem.

The article last week under the heading with our College Students brings forth a congratulations to the students. Gwen McNeill and Winborne Howell bestow honors on Hoke County by being named Chief Marshal and Senior Marshal at Queens College. It also speaks high of our school system here in Hoke County. Both students went to the public schools in Hoke County and graduated at Hoke High. We also congratulate the teachers, principals and other school authorities for offering the education to our students that gives them this type of foundation.

## Wallace Named Personnel Mgr. At Dye Plant

Douglas Wallace has been named personnel manager of the Burlington Worsteds Dyeing Plant in Raeford, it was announced this week. Mr. Wallace comes to Raeford from Clarksville, Va., where he was personnel manager of the Burlington Worsteds Combing Plant.

He is a native of Mullins, West Virginia, and a graduate of the University of Richmond, with a degree in sociology. He was a teacher-coach in the Virginia school system before joining Burlington in June, 1965, as training manager at Raeford. He transferred to Clarksville in January, 1968.

In Clarksville he has been active in the Baptist Church and the Jaycees. He is married to the former Sandra Nunn, who is a native of Clarksville.

## Sp4 John M. Pratt Killed In Vietnam

The fourth Raeford youth to be killed in action in Vietnam was struck down by United States Forces on May 6. He was Sp4 John Monroe Pratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woodard, Raeford.

Pratt was accidentally shot late last Tuesday night returning from an 11 p. m.



IN APPRECIATION OF 39 YEARS OF SERVICE - Mrs. Belton Wright, on behalf of the Hoke County NCEA, presented Mrs. J. C. McLean with a silver bowl for her 39 years of dedicated service to the Hoke County School District. Mrs. McLean retired in June 1968 after 39 years of teaching English and French at Hoke High School.

## Charles Strother Drowns At Whispering Pines Sat.

Charles Strother, 39, of Ashley Heights, was drowned in Thagards Lake Saturday when he swam from shore to catch an empty boat which was floating downstream, some 125 feet away.

Strother sank about 75 feet out before the horrified eyes of his wife, his brother, Lee Strother, and friends he had been cooking a picnic supper at a beach recreation area.

After Lee Strother and a friend, Robert M. Leland of Whispering Pines were unable to locate Strother in the water, the Vass, Carthage and Sandhills Rescue units were called and recovered the body at 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

Charlie Strother, head bookkeeper for Whispering Pines Inc., had been fishing with his wife, his brother, and Mr. and Mrs. Leland and their young daughter. The group began cooking fish they had caught when the empty boat drifted by.

After trying to catch the boat with his rod and reel, Strother plunged into the water after it.

Moore Coroner W.K. Carpenter said that Strother had a minor heart ailment and it was possible he died of a heart

### Bicycles At Town Hall

The Police Dept. has accumulated several bicycles which have been abandoned over the last several months and wishes the owners to identify and reclaim them.

## Band Concert Tuesday Night

The Hoke High and Upchurch Bands will give their Spring Concert Tuesday night, May 20, at 8:00 P. M. in the Hoke High School Gym. There is no admission to the concert and the public is cordially invited.

attack. The Coroner ruled the drowning was accidental.

The lake, two miles long and a half-mile wide, is one of five lakes on the Whispering Pines property.

He was the Republican member of the Hoke County Board of Elections.

Funeral services were held Monday at 4 p.m. at Ashley Heights Baptist Church in Hoke County by the Revs. Zeb Moss and John Petty. Burial was in the Ashley Heights Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elcete Moss Strother; a daughter, Mrs. Richard McGill of Rt. 1, Aberdeen; five sisters, Mrs. M.L. Sides, Mrs. Harry Teal and Mrs. M. C. Almond of Rt. 1, Aberdeen, Mrs. C. C. Stator of Albemarle and Mrs. J.K. Melvin, Jr. of Aberdeen; three brothers, R.D. and A.A. of Rt. 1, Aberdeen and Robert L. Strother of Rt. 2, Wake Forest.

## Jim Beatty To Speak At Banquet

The Hoke High Booster's Club will sponsor the annual spring Booster Banquet to honor Hoke High athletes and cheerleaders on May 23, at 7 p.m. in the High School Gym. Tickets for the affair can be bought through high school athletes, members of the Booster's Club or merchants in Raeford for \$1.50.

Jim Beatty, former Olympic and University of North Carolina track star, who is presently a member of the State Legislature will be the guest speaker.

Other business at the Booster's meeting was the election of officers for the coming year. They are Charlie Hottel, president; Richard "Doc" Ivey, vice president and C.D. Bounds, secretary-treasurer. Horace Davis was elected to the board of directors.

The next Booster's Club meeting is scheduled for June 16, at 8 p.m. in the W.T. Gibson School cafeteria.

Lieutenant General John J. Tolson, commanding General of the 18th Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg addressed the regular meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club Thursday night.

General Tolson's speech dealt with the calibre of the young soldier in Viet Nam, the AUSA, and the importance of Fort Bragg and the services it renders to the civilian community.

Tolson asserted that the present threat to this country has led to the "emergence of a new generation of patriots here on the contemporary scene."

After assuring his audience that the fighting encountered by our boys in Viet Nam is just as fierce as that undergone on Tarawa, the Bulge, or the

beaches of Normandy, Tolson declared that the modern soldier "is better educated than before, is better informed, uses more ingenuity and initiative, is a better physical specimen, has high morals, and really understands what this war is all about."

He said that a recent survey showed that the Viet Nam veteran returns home "more matured, more confident, and more appreciative of the blessings of America."

Tolson stated that our young soldiers in Viet Nam are performing the role of "diplomat, missionary and social worker with much skill and enthusiasm, impervious to the feeling that a great portion of the world and a highly vocal

minority back home either condemns what they are doing or really doesn't care."

After raising the issue of what the average citizen can do to support the Army, Tolson said "Obviously, every citizen cannot lay aside his business and family and go directly to the fighting. This is not required anyway. We can find the young men we need. What they, in turn, need from you is your support." Tolson added that a good way to support them would be to join the AUSA (the Association of the United States Army) "a nonprofit organization of American citizens who manifest their interest in a strong United States Army by

actively supporting an organization established to contribute its full resources and capabilities to advance the security of the United States."

After explaining that Fort Bragg has a total monthly disbursement of approximately \$25 million, Tolson closed by saying, "Never have we needed a stronger, more determined and effective army. Certainly, with all the prevailing dissent and disregard of traditional values and institutions, your army has never needed the civilian support that it does today."

James R. Attaway had charge of the program and Gen. Tolson was introduced by Paul Dickson.



## Special Superior Court Session

# 55 Cases Docketed Three For Murder

Three murder cases, 19 driving while intoxicated charges and 12 worthless check offenses are some of the 55 cases that are on the Hoke County Superior Court Special Session docket which will begin May 19.

The Honorable Fate J. Beal will be presiding Judge during the special session which was called due to the back log of

the Superior Court docket.

Two of the three murder charges were filed in 1968 and the third murder occurred this March.

James Frederick Handon is charged with the killing of Robert Stewart. Thomas Lorenzo Daniels is accused of the pistol slaying of James McCrimmon and Leslie Lee McMillan is charged with the

shotgun slaying of his wife on March 9, 1969.

Other offenses on the docket include five assault with intent to kill, three armed robbery, an accessory after the fact of murder, conspiracy charges, felonious larceny, breaking and entering, speeding offenses, two non-support and an assault on a female.



AT DINNER MEETING of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce are Paul Dickson, Younger Snead - incoming President, Wyatt Upchurch - outgoing President, and Tom Broughton - guest speaker for the evening.

## Snead Installed As President; Broughton Speaks

### At Chamber Dinner

Tom Broughton was guest speaker Tuesday night at the twenty-second annual dinner meeting of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce.

Broughton is Assistant Administrator of the Commerce and Industry Division of the Department of Conservation and Development. Before Broughton took the podium, the formal presentation of new officers took place with incumbent president Younger Snead taking the gavel. Other new officers to be introduced were Vice President Ashwell Harward, Vice President Homer McGuinn and

Secretary-Treasurer Franklin R. Teal. New directors are John Balfour, Jack Bray, Walter Coley, J. D. McMillan, R. Palmer Wilcox. New officers were installed by Tom U. Cameron.

In his address, Broughton touched on several aspects of the community's role in the attraction of industry to areas as well as its role in general economic development. He said that a community must always be mindful of the "Three B's" of community planning, that a community must always be ready to

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## James Wood Purchases Western Auto

Homer McGuinn, owner of Western Auto has announced that his business has been purchased by James Wood, owner of Wood's Grocery. He says that final settlement of the transaction will have taken place by July 1.

Meanwhile McGuinn has completed construction of a new building on East Elwood Ave. where he contemplates housing auto parts.

## Hoke High School Chorus And Chorale In Concert Tonight

The Hoke County High School Chorus and Chorale under the direction of Mrs. Neill A. McNeill will present its spring concert tonight (Thursday) May 15 at 8 o'clock in the Hoke High gymnasium. The program will include contemporary as well as sacred music.

Admission is \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Allteluis, Luening; Gloria Patri, Palestrina; Evensong, Haydn; The Last Words of David, Thompson; and Three Quatrains, Bright.

Sunrise Alleluia, Jerry Cribbs, Student Director, Bright; The Stars Are With The

Voyager, Bright; People (from "Funny Girl"), Diane Upchurch, Soprano, Styne; Tommy's Gone To Ho, Deguire; Selections from "West Side Story", Tonight - Sheri Sawyer, Mezzo Soprano, Bernstein; Somewhere, Arr. by McNeill; Weep, O Willow, Diane Upchurch, Soloist, Arr. by Lekberg, Pam McMillan, Accompanist.

The program for the Chorus is as follows:

Praise To The Living God, Arr. by Vree; Let Down The Bars O Death, Barber; What The World Needs Now, Bacharach; Go Way From My Window, Arr. by Zaninelli; I Hear A Voice

A-Prayin', Bright; Moon River, Mancini; Good, Good, Good, Roberts. Accompanists for the Chorus are Missy Upchurch, Barbara Plummer and Beth Jordan.

Pam McMillan, Kathy Davis, Barbara Plummer and Missy Upchurch will be accompanist for the Combined Chorus. The program for the Combined Chorus is as follows:

Let All The Nations Praise The Lord, Arr. by Hoggard; You'll Never Walk Alone, Rodgers; This Guy's In Love With You, Bacharach; and Battle Hymn of the Republic, Stepp.