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Around Town

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Mrs. R. B. McRacken, head of the business department at Hoke High School, stated this week that a 3-week typing class would be held at the school beginning June 16 if enough would sign up for the course. It will be a non-credit course and will be Monday thru Friday from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. She said the class would start if as many as 10 signed up. She said if anyone was interested to call either Diane Upchurch - 875-2742 or Sarah Morris - 875-2056.

One of the nicest affairs that I have ever attended was the Senior Class Breakfast given Tuesday morning by the Future Teachers and the Faculty of Hoke High. The feeding of the seniors, teachers and guests went off in clocklike fashion. The decorations were very unique and displayed to the best advantage. There was something about the affair that gave you a feeling that everyone was working together, that the big moment was just ahead for all.

The program started off with smiles from each one as he or she went to the mike. The skit about the teachers given by some of the seniors was very humorous. The two songs by the senior chorus were well received.

Then the atmosphere seemed to change. The talk by the principal was straight from the heart and the seniors, as they listened, showed in their faces that the respect for authority is understood, advice from someone they trusted would be taken and that they would go out into the world to uphold his trust in them.

The gifts to the principal and to a teacher were received through tears from the recipient and the givers. The poems to the boys and girls left only the Farewell from the Senior Class president.

Everything went like clockwork, yes, all speeches and speakers, singers and actors and actresses that came were well prepared to make this one of the outstanding affairs for the seniors in many a year.

Embarrassing Moments: Having someone introduce you to present an award and the man next to you say, "He is talking about you!"

Winning an award you didn't have any idea of receiving and having to face the principal in clothing not permitted in his school.

The parents of the graduating class are convinced that a stadium is needed for commencement. Some had to stand at the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night and others were so far away from the speaker they didn't hear all the message. As this article is being written the sun is shining and maybe the graduating exercises can be held outside.

E. E. Smith came by the other day and told me a joke that will be repeated below:

A mother was cleaning out the slacks of her teen-age son one day and came across a burlesque show ticket. Immediately she went to his bedroom and aroused her son. She gave him a piece of her mind and stated, "Don't you know you might see things that would surprise you?"

He said, "I did."
She replied, "What?"
He said, "Pa!"

School Principals

At All Schools

Through June 17

Grade school principals will be at the schools until June 17 to help with pre-school registration. Parents living in the eastern area of the county are asked to go to Scurlock school, in the central area to McLaughlin school and to West Hoke school in the western area. Presence of the children is not necessary.

Two Burned To Death In Fire Near Antioch

Two Hoke County residences were burned to death last Friday night in a fire that consumed a house near Red Springs, just inside the Hoke County line.

Hoke Coroner Frank Crumpler said the two were identified as Lucy Belle Scott and Carson Locklear. Both were burned beyond recognition, he said.

According to Crumpler, Edward Smith,



FIVE BOARD MEMBERS INSTALLED - Raeford Town Board members were inducted into office by Ed Smith, County Clerk of Courts. From left to right are: Ed Smith, Hestel Garrison, Graham Clark, J.D. McMillan, Franklin Teal and Crawford Thomas, Jr.

New Board, Mayor Sworn In Monday

County Clerk of Courts, Ed Smith, administered the oath of office Monday night to the new Raeford town board and mayor, J.K. McNeill, Jr. New board members are Franklin Teal, J.D. McMillan, Graham Clark, Crawford Thomas, Jr., and Hestel Garrison.

Tom Walker, representing the citizens in the McLaughlin Chapel area, came before the board to ask what the new board would do about improving the road in that area. The Board decided to have the town attorney condemn property where they owners would not give the town permission to use their land for the needed road improvements. If property is condemned a Court appointed committee would decide the outcome.

A \$300 offer was made to the heirs of James Quick for the right to cross land at the Vass Road for the city sewer main. If the \$300 offer is not accepted condemnation proceedings will be started.

The new board re-appointed the zoning, planning and airport committees. Members of the zoning committee are (inside town) R.B. Lewis, Neill McFadyen, T.B. Upchurch, Dan McInnis, J.H. Blue; (outside town) Alfred Leach, J.H. Blythe, Avery Connell, D.C. Cox, A.S. McInnis.

The planning board is composed of

who lived at the house with Locklear, returned home about 11 p. m. Friday to find the house in flames. Firemen from Hillcrest and Red Springs units were called to put out the blaze.

Firemen and Hoke County Rescue Squad members found the bodies about 2 a. m. Saturday, Crumpler said.

(inside town) W.L. Howell, Jr., Stanly Koonce, J.H. Austin, Ken McNeill, James Davis; (outside town) Jim Williamson, J.B. McLead, H.L. Gatlin, Jr., Younger

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At Hoke High School

Large Crowd Attends As Seniors Graduate

An overflow audience jammed the new stadium site at Hoke High School Tuesday night for the first combined graduation exercises of Hoke High School. Principal G.R. Autry presented 220 seniors with their diplomas.

Addressing the graduates, the Rev. Cortez A. Cooper, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, said he was going to "tell it like it is."

"This world you are going into," Mr. Cooper said, "has some unpleasant aspects which you must face and overcome. It is angry, it is violent and it is loose."

The speaker developed each of these conditions and their possible effect on the lives of the graduates, and concluded by pointing out that, though it is a somewhat tough and unpleasant society they are entering, that theirs is probably

the best opportunity a generation has had to do something about it by meeting the anger with love, the violence with an attitude of peace and the looseness with diligence and self discipline. Their personal opportunity and the tools at hand for personal accomplishment and satisfaction are the greatest ever, he said.

A large crowd also attended Sunday's baccalaureate service at the stadium site. The Rev. Thomas Walker, pastor of the Piney Grove Baptist Church, talked to the graduates about their responsibilities as the nation's future leaders. He emphasized that although most people today want authority it had to be earned through hard work and dedication.

Tuesday morning a breakfast in honor of the seniors was given by the faculty and future teachers of Hoke County High. The seniors presented a skit entitled

"Teachers Meeting" which was followed by an address by G.R. Autry, principal.

Later that morning the school held its awards program. Scholarships, medals and certificates of excellence were given out during the morning program.

Following is a list of awards presented: Kiwanis, Ronnie Huff; Lions, Jackie Frahm (\$200); American Legion, Benny Gasque and Margaret Shaw; Howell Drug, Lilly Blue (\$100); Anonymous, Brenda Davis (\$100); Farm Bureau, Pat Thornberg; Gibson Scholarship, Sharron Strickland (\$300); Danforth, Linda Hendrix and Teddy Flowers; Woodman, Belinda Daniels and Allen Wood; Page Scholarship, Delmon McKinnon (\$500); Lumber River, Pam Heath (\$500); Education Department, Gwen Anderson (\$100); Education Department, Linda Turbyville (\$100); Home Life, Pam Heath (\$100); Physics, Benny Gasque; Physical Science, Stephen Ellis; chemistry, David Lent;

Business, Pat Cothran; Typing I, Anna Jordan; Typing II, Cynthia Tew; Bookkeeping, Patricia Thornberg; Shorthand, Jackie Smith; French, Mike Jordan and Edward McPhatter; Math, Jackie Frahm; Home Ec. 2, Kathy Saunders; Home Ec. 3, Julia Augustoni; L.E. McLaughlin, Jr., Agriculture (one pig give to each recipient) Henry Dockery and Richard Locklear;

Annual Awards, Benny Gasque, Sylvia Sellers, Joyce Willis, Mary Jo Duggs, Sharon Currie, John Morris, Pam McMillan, Mary Nell Howard, Gwen Anderson, Allen Wood, Linda Hendrix, Sharon Ashburn and Cindy Smith;

Literature Awards, Eddie Webb, Julian Johnson, Martha Jane Harrison, Patricia Murphy, Diane King, Pattie Postel, Jerald Townsend and Wanda Clark;

Ashmont Home Demonstration Club, Ronnie Huff (\$50); Raeford Home Demonstration Club, Mary Ann Seaford (\$50); three awards to Philippe Marcel Piere Bertheau (exchange student);

Principal Awards, Wanda Clark, Ronnie Huff, Nancy Lipsomb, John Morris, Mike Jordan, Dianne Upchurch, Edith Galberth, Vernice Thomas, Gwen Anderson, Joe Dupree, George McFadyen, Larry Brewer, Benny Gasque, Sammy Prince, Donnie Rose, Earl Leslie, Van Gibson, Bunny Crowder;

Athlete's Award by Principal, Donnie Rose, Sammy Prince and Earl Leslie;

Bus Driving Awards, Billy Jacobs, Margaret Thomas, William Kershaw, Bob Knight, Don Norton, Anthony Oxendine, Obie Smith, George Dudley, Avery Hough, Henry McLaughlin, Delores Gevan, Harrison Southerland, Earl Leslie, Mary Mack, Ronda Tanner, Mary Parker, Vernice Thomas, Nancy Evans, Martha Reynolds, Lenwood McNeill, Shirley Daniels, Roy L. Murchison, Dorene Day, Henry Lloyd, Charles Blue, Becky Ray, Kenneth Dew.

Wagon Train Moves Friday

The Hoke Wagon Train will move out this Friday to make the 14 mile journey to Waldo's Beach. Thursday night at 8 p. m. in the armory the Saddle Club will host an old fashion "hoe down" for all those interested in letting their hair down for the evening.

The train will roll out of Raeford about 8:30 a. m. on Friday and hopefully reach its destination six hours later.

Saturday night the group will hold another square dance party at Waldo's Beach. Anyone interested in becoming part of the wagon train must pre-register in Raeford at Howell's Drug or Conoly's Esso.

Registration On June 16 At Library

The Hoke County Library will hold registration for its summer reading program for students in grades 1-5 on June 16. The program will last through August 14 with every Thursday morning from 10 to 12 set aside for special films or stories at the library.

After reading five books a club member is given a pin. Students in grades one and two are required to read 30 fiction books to have their name placed on a poster. Grade three, four and five students must read 15 fiction and 15 non-fiction books to have their name placed on the poster.

Last summer as many as 100 children attended the Thursday morning meetings at the Library. The Raeford Women's Club is helping to sponsor the program.

2-Car Accident Occurs Monday

A two car accident occurred Monday at the intersection of Bethel Road and College Drive.

A car driven by Kenneth Dockery, Raeford, ran into the side of a car driven by Louise Walker. Estimated damage to Dockery's car was \$150 and \$250 to Mrs. Walker's car. Dockery was charged with improper turning according to Police Chief L. W. Stanton.

Routine Business Meeting By County Commissioners

A self-appointed committee of three attended the County Commissioners meeting Monday to find out why the road through their neighborhood, which houses 23 families, has not been paved. Robert Bullard was spokesman for the group.

Bullard said that over a year ago the Commissioners had put the road on the county system and still nothing had been done.

The Commissioners pointed out that they can recommend to the State but that it was the State who decided what roads would be paved and when. They assured the group that they would investigate the matter as soon as the new county highway commissioner was appointed.

The county electrical inspector, James W. Baxter, asked the Commissioners to write a letter to the Rural Electrical Association and ask their cooperation with the meter inspection laws. He said

that seven meters were installed last week in a local trailer court with no inspection. The Commissioners agreed to look into the matter.

The chairman of the Town Housing Authority, Joe Upchurch, asked the Commissioners if they would like to appoint anyone to the Housing Authority or approve the present group the Housing Authority for the entire County. The reason for this, according to Upchurch, was to allow them to look into housing that could possibly be built outside the city limits. The Board unanimously approved the appointment of the present Town Housing Authority for the entire County.

Also at the meeting the Commissioners unanimously decided to give Dave Jones, Court House janitor, a month paid vacation before his retirement on July 1. Jones has worked continuously at the Court House since 1951. After the decision the Commissioners called Jones into the meeting and congratulated him

on his many years of excellent service.

The Commissioners agreed to leave the decision as to where to move the Civil Defense Emergency Hospital up to the local Civil Defense director. William Lamont, Jr., County Civil Defense director, attended the meeting along with Col. Wallace Dawson, Civil Defense area "D" director; Col. Victor Harris, Civil Defense area "C" director; Herbert Batemen, head of the North Carolina State Board of Health and Ralph Dodge, assistant administrator of the N.C. State Sanatorium.

The hospital is now being stored at the Sanatorium but because of the need to rotate certain medical items that the Sanatorium does not use the Civil Defense Department felt that the county should either make some agreement with another hospital to transfer the perishable goods or move the emergency hospital to a general hospital.

There was some discussion about possibly moving the equipment to the

Laurinburg hospital.

A letter from Dr. Harry McLean, regional medical consultant, asking Hoke County to start a food by prescription program was tabled until the Commissioners could work out a reasonable plan for using this program.

The Commissioners unanimously approved the appointment of Brenda Abrams as the new assistant Home Agent. She will begin working with Mrs. Ellen Willis, County Home Agent, July 1. Wendell Young, County Farm Agent, reported that there still were a few cases of hog cholera in the county. He said the crops, especially tobacco and corn are looking very good.

The Commissioners appointed John Balfour to the Welfare Board.

Sheriff Dave Barrington was given permission to collect bids on one or two new cars for the Sheriff's Office. Permission for a fan for the jail kitchen was also given by the Commissioners.