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Around Town

SAM C. MORRIS

The parade last Friday afternoon shows what the people of Hoke County can do when they work together. Everyone that made a comment within earshot of me had something good to say about the parade. We think that bouquets should be given to Younger Snead, Jr., Chamber of Commerce president, and Harold Gillis, manager. These two put many hours into the preparation for the parade and the fine turnout and beautiful floats, of course, make them feel rewarded for their efforts, but a kind word from everyone in Hoke County wouldn't hurt.

Now they can start in January preparing for the parade next year!

The Christmas season always brings out the good in most of us. We think about the needy families and most of us in organizations make this a project. We would like to remind people that you should work through the Social Services offices in Hoke County if you have such a project. By so doing this will be a clearing house and then all families will be aided and not the same families receiving from two or three different organizations.

We checked with Miss Mabel McDonald and she stated they had a master list and kept it up to date. So before selecting the family for your project, check with Miss McDonald or her staff workers at Phone 875 - 3772. In this way maybe everyone will have a Merry Christmas.

A release from the N. C. State Highway Commission Public Information office last Thursday really has us puzzled. We will not go into the roads mentioned in the article but we were concerned about the name in the first paragraph of the article: "Raleigh - The State Highway ..., State Highway Commissioner W. B. (Bill) Joyce of Sanford announced today."

The name of Joyce had been placed in the article over an erasure of the name of Charles Dawkins of Fayetteville. Now we haven't received any notice of Hoke County being transferred from the district of Cumberland and Bladen or Joyce and Dawkins swapping districts. The only other conclusion is that the information section for the commission doesn't know what district Hoke County is in or maybe doesn't give a hoot!

The old saying, "Don't close the gate after the horse is out" could be changed to read - "Lock your car at Christmas time when you put packages there and continue shopping." It has already been brought to our attention that articles were taken from cars last week in town. The cost of presents and food is too high to have to purchase the same thing twice. So if you shop and place articles in your car be sure to lock all doors. Better still lock them in the trunk and they can't be seen and tempt someone to take the articles.

The crackdown by the City Council on the two hour parking in Raeford will work a hardship on some but we think in the long run more will be inconvenienced by the action than hurt. We also think that this should bring to the minds of our City Council that the parking problem is in Raeford as well as other places in the nation. Plans should be formulated right away to start working on this project. We know that a solution can be found if someone will just take the time to study the problem.

As chairman of the Selective Service Board for Hoke County let me state that as soon as I know anything different concerning classification of men it will be published. At present the lottery doesn't have any effect on the classification status of any individual.

If you haven't made a donation to the Hoke County United Fund the campaign workers would appreciate it if you would do so. If you haven't been contacted, don't be mad, because it was certainly an oversight and your contribution will bring the goal nearer. So donate today.

Below is a letter received from the Guidance Department at the high school which is self explanatory:

TO THE PARENTS OF HOKE HIGH STUDENTS:

Dear Parents,

Many times during the year you will have questions concerning your son or daughter's academic achievement, ability, course selection etc. The Guidance Department is set up, not only to help the students, but to help the parents understand the school system and the students adjustment to it. Please feel free to call the Guidance Office and arrange for a parent - counselor conference.

Rose H. Brown
Bobby D. Locklear
Gerald D. Maynor

Burlington Sets Christmas Party, Holiday Closing

Burlington Industries will observe the upcoming holiday season with plant and office vacations and its traditional Christmas parties for employees and their families.

According to A. D. Borrelli, manager of the Burlington Worsteds Raeford Plant, and Graham Pope, manager of the Burlington Worsteds Dyeing Plant, operations will cease at the end of the second shift, Tuesday, December 23, and will resume with third shift at 12:01 AM, Monday, December 29. Children of employees will be treated to a Christmas party on December 14 from 1:30 - 4:00 PM.

More than \$4½ million in bonuses is being paid to wage employees of Burlington during this holiday season. The December payments, plus vacation pay Burlington employees received last summer, total approximately \$9 million during this calendar year.

Burlington employees will receive bonuses to coincide with scheduled manufacturing plant closings for the holidays. Individual amounts are based on length of service. Employees at Burlington plants in 15 states receive the bonus payments.

More than 68,000 traditional Christmas treat bags will be given children of Burlington employees.

\$1250 Donation Of Tex-Elastic Boosts UF Drive

Hoke County's United Fund Drive got a healthy boost this week when Avery Connell was presented a \$1,250 check from the employees of Tex - Elastic Corporation. The contribution brought the total thus far collected to \$20,095.30.

In its sixth week, the United Fund campaign is still about \$3,000 short of its budgeted goal of \$23,075. According to Connell the drive for funds will continue for another week or two until the goal can be reached, hopefully.

Connell said Tuesday that he wanted to thank those people who have worked hard on the campaign especially Mrs. O. B. Israel of McCain. Mrs. Israel has turned in more than \$300 in collections and pledges from people living in her area of Hoke County.

Connell again urged everyone who has not yet given to the United Fund to turn in a contribution either to his office on Edinborough Avenue or to Sam Morris at The News - Journal.

"I hate to think that we'll get this close to our goal, and then fail to reach it," said the Drive Chairman.

Dupree Has Long Session In Hoke District Court

Henry A. Dukes, Spring Lake, public drunk, \$6 jail fee and costs.

John Bratcher, Raeford, public drunk, \$6 jail fee and costs.

Janet Harrison Scott, Rt. 1, Raeford, speeding 70/60, \$5 and costs.

John Henry King, Rt. 3, Raeford, speeding 75/60, \$5 and costs.

John Henry King, Rt. 3, Raeford, speeding 76/60, \$15 and costs.

Paul M. Heath, Rt. 2, Raeford, possession of a protected bird, \$10 and costs.

Roy N. Wright, Rt. 2, Raeford, possession of a protected bird, \$5 fine and costs.

CPT Montey Kennedy, Spring Lake, speeding 70/60, \$5 and costs.

James Robert Hendrix, Rt. 1, Raeford, failure to yield the right of way, costs.

Norton Sellers, Conway, S. C., misdemeanor of breaking and entering, 18 months in the county jail, assigned to work under the supervision of the North Carolina Department of Correction.

James Willie Leach, Raeford, drunk in a public place, prison for the term of not less than 30 days nor more than six months. It was Leach's second offense in less than three months.

E - 4 David Vance Mullins, Ft. Bragg, speeding 70/60, \$10 fine and costs of court. Costs were remitted for good cause shown.

Ronald Charles Stone, Raeford, traveling at a speed greater than was reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the costs of court.

Norton Sellers, Conway, S. C., burglary, no probably cause found. The State offered no evidence.

Jerry Ray Oxendine, Rt. 1, Raeford, failure to yield to a vehicle on a public highway; being a pedestrian on a bicycle. State takes a nol pros.

Jerry Ray Oxendine, Rt. 1, Raeford, driving on the wrong side of the road, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the costs of court.

Lorenzo Blue, Wagram, leaving the scene of an accident, 12 months in the county jail, suspended for three years, three years probation, and costs of court.

Russell Eugene Mason, Jr., Fayetteville, speeding 70/60, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the costs of court.

Hoke County Has 13th Fatality As McLauchlin Dies Sunday



ON DONNER, ON BLITZEN! - Santa Claus delighted scores of kids Friday night by driving his sleigh and eight reindeer in the parade. Only Rudolph was absent. Santa later explained that he saves the famous Red Nosed Reindeer for foggy weather.

Good Time Had By Everyone At Raeford Christmas Parade

Raeford's first big Christmas Parade was considered to be "very successful" by Chamber of Commerce President Younger Snead and Chamber Manager Harold Gillis.

Most of the large crowd that braved the chilly weather Friday evening and lined Raeford's Main Street to enjoy the Christmas Season kickoff in Hoke County heartily agreed with them.

Snead and Gillis have been the principal organizers of the parade this

year. Both expressed their appreciation to everyone who participated in the parade and helped make it so successful. They agreed that the list of people they wished to thank for their help was too long for individual recognition.

They were still very enthusiastic about the parade Monday afternoon and were already thinking ahead to Raeford's next Christmas Parade.

According to the parade organizers, at least one firm that helped sponsor a float

this year has already informed the Chamber of Commerce of their plans to sponsor an entire float in the parade next year.

Raeford Police said this week there were no traffic accidents in the City after the parade, although every parking space close to the downtown area of Raeford was filled and many people were in a hurry to get to their homes to warm up after the parade.

Hoke County recorded its thirteenth highway fatality Sunday when S.M. "Tip" McLauchlin, Sr. died in Scotland Memorial Hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on N.C. highway 211 east of Antioch Thursday afternoon.

Investigating Trooper Frank Davenport termed the mishap a "freak accident."

According to Trooper Davenport, McLauchlin was driving east on N.C. 211 toward Red Springs when he collided on a bridge with a tractor owned by F.C. McPhaul of Antioch and driven by Fred Henderson of Antioch.

McLauchlin was apparently operating his car left of the center line on the bridge. His vehicle first struck the tractor's left tire and then hit the disc being pulled by the tractor.

McLauchlin received injuries to his head and shoulders. He was taken to the hospital in Laurinburg by an ambulance from Red Springs. Henderson was not injured in the wreck.

Damage to the late model car driven by McLauchlin was estimated by Trooper Davenport at approximately \$1,000. The tractor received an estimated \$250 in damages.

McLauchlin's death Sunday brought Hoke County's highway fatality count to 13 for this year, as compared with the same number this time last year.

Funeral services for Tip McLauchlin were held Tuesday afternoon at the Mount Calvary Church of God in Raeford with Eldress Louise K. Thomas, Pastor, officiating. He was buried with Masonic Rites in the S. M. McLauchlin Family Cemetery in Bowmore.

Born in Hoke County in 1894, McLauchlin was a life long resident. He farmed in the Bowmore Community of Hoke County.

He was a Master Degree Mason of East Freedom Lodge 328, Prince Hall F. and A.M. of Raeford.

S.M. McLauchlin, Sr. is survived by his wife Mrs. Stella Graham McLauchlin; six sons, Thomas McLauchlin of Buffalo, N.Y., Clyde, Sim, Jr., Henry, Richard and Johnny McLauchlin all of Brooklyn, N.Y.; eight daughters, Mrs. Mildred Clayton, Mrs. Sally McPhaul, Mrs. Lucille McIntyre, Mrs. Doris McLean, Mrs. Ozella White, Mrs. Thelma McLauchlin, all of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Mrs. Marie Owens of Nashville, Tenn.

Pallbearers were James Dixon, Benjamin Davis, Jr., Gillis Haley, Lester Flowers, Dock Mottsey, Spencer Morrison, Willie J. McKinnon, and C.C. Steele.

Education Board Gets Report On Students And Teachers

At the regular December meeting, the Hoke County Board of Education heard a report, compiled and presented by a outside team of consultants, showing that the Hoke County Schools are doing a good job of educating their students.

Dr. William G. Katzenmeyer, Associate Professor of Education at Duke University, and Walter Maynor, Educational Researcher for the Advancement School of North Carolina, presented their findings with a series of charts and graphs.

Data was procured by studying student records and from the results of a series of tests given during the last school year to all students in grades 6 - 12.

The report revealed that students in the Hoke County Schools, whose raw test scores were corrected for ability (IQ), performed at or above the national average in the areas of mathematics, reading and language.

The study also shows that the students in the grades studied acquired the expected amount of knowledge in the course of the school year, that boys and girls learned essentially the same, and the race of the teachers made no significant difference in the learning of the students.

This study project was financed by a special grant from ESEA, under Title V.

Since schools in Hoke County have been re - organized over the past several years, the Board of Education has been carefully watching the effects of the re - organization on the quality of education. Superintendent D. D. Abernethy has been instructed by the Hoke Board of Education to continue the study begun last year. Application for a research grant was submitted to the Title V headquarters.

The Board of Education was pleased with the results of the study revealed in the Monday night meeting. The comprehensive study indicated no negative results.

Dr. Katzenmeyer concluded that the

Hoke County school system is doing a very good job in educating the children of Hoke County.

Hoke High School counselors, Gerald Maynor, Robert Locklear, and Mrs. Rose Brown, attended the Board of Education meeting and heard the report.

Highway Projects Announced Last Week For Hoke

The State Highway Commission Thursday allocated \$50,145 to construct secondary roads in Hoke County. The announcement was by District Highway Commissioner W. B. (Bill) Joyce of Sanford.

Hoke belongs to the Highway District composed of Cumberland, Bladen, and Hoke Counties. The Highway Commissioner of the district is Charles R. Dawkins of Fayetteville.

Seven roads in this county are slated to be graded, drained, and paved. The seven roads total 1.64 miles in length.

Hoke County, according to Commissioner Dawkins, has the lowest number of unpaved roads of any county in North Carolina.

The roads scheduled for grading, draining, and paving are: State Road 1308, Silver City Street, 0.19 mile; State Road 1307, Cockman Hill Road, 0.18 mile; State Road 1306, another section of Silver City Street, 0.25 mile; State Road 1462, North Lake Road, 0.40 mile; State Road 1423, Fayetteville Road, 0.15 mile; State Road 1234, Center Street, 0.17 mile; St. Matthews Church Road, 0.30 mile.

13.30 miles of secondary roads are scheduled for grading and stabilizing. The cost of the grading and stabilizing work in Hoke County is expected to cost \$27,200.

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