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## Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

The Key Club at Hoke County High School cleaned the roadsides on the main highways leading into the city Monday. According to Raz Autry, school principal and a worker also, the club collected 10 truck loads of trash during the morning work. This was a fine project for the boys and they are to be commended for their work.

J.W. Turlington was in the office last week and was singing high praise for the crewmen of Carolina Power & Light Co. who fixed the chain on the flag pole at the Raeford Elementary School. He said that James Baker of Hoke Oil was instrumental in getting the job done.

The Christmas decorations that are up in Raeford this year are the best ever. Numerous citizens have commented to this newspaper about them. We think that a bouquet should be given to the Chamber of Commerce for the project. Younger Snead, Jr., president, stated Tuesday that anyone who hadn't and would like to give a donation on the decorations could send it to the chamber office. So get into the spirit and donate to the decoration fund.

The candles that are in the medians on Main Street came about from a letter sent to the people that live there. It was sent out by Talmadge Baker, farm agent, and a resident of Raeford and who lives on N. Main Street. Baker purchased the candles and part of the letter to his neighbors follows:

Dear Neighbor:  
While visiting in a neighboring town recently I learned of a most exciting activity which is done at Christmas. The residents of the area light their street by placing candles in paper bags which are partially filled with sand to keep them in place. This is a custom of lighting the streets of a neighborhood with candlelight to symbolize the bonfires the Shepherds built to light their way to the manger in Bethlehem on the first Christmas Eve. This custom of "Lighting the Candles" is called LUMINARIA which comes from the Spanish word meaning light.

I have discussed with some of you the possibility of lighting our street on Christmas Eve. Since time is of essence and every project must have a beginning point, I want to call on you to help light the medians on N. Main Street. We will begin this year by placing one line of candles down the middle of the median. I feel that everyone will enjoy this project and especially the fellowship during the lighting of the candles.

The spirit of Christmas moved into my home last Friday after the family doubled in size. The tree was decorated and gifts wrapped and displayed. So to all that have asked me about the hustle and bustle this is the answer of course, it is not as easy for Mary A. and myself to get a car as it was before.

## Holiday Closings Vary With Stores

Most businesses in Raeford will close two days this week to observe Christmas. Most of the businesses will re-open on Saturday morning.

Chamber of Commerce Manager Harold Gillis indicated that there was no uniform closing policy among the Raeford Merchants. Some, he said, would be closed only Christmas Day, re-opening on Friday, while others would not be open for business until Monday morning.

It looks as if everyone will just have to check on each individual store.

The News - Journal will close at noon Wednesday and open its doors on Monday. The paper will be published early again next week. All advertisers and correspondents are asked to have their copy ready one day earlier than the normal deadline.



PHILIPPI HOMEMAKERS PRESENT CHECK - Members of the Philippi Homemakers Extension Club present a \$75 check to Rescue Squad Executive Vice-President Billy Posey during the squad's regular Thursday night meeting. Making the presentation is Mrs. Vera May Attaway, President of the Philippi Club. The club ladies held a bake sale to raise the funds for additional rescue equipment. Watching the ceremony are, from left to right, Charles Tew, Mrs. A.J. Lundy, Mrs. Neida Baucum, Mrs. Levenia Patterson, Mrs. J.L. Conoly and Mrs. Chester Wade.

## Holt Gets Fifth Conviction; Dupree Gives Stiff Sentence

Walter James Holt was found guilty in Hoke County District Court Friday of driving under the influence, his fifth conviction on that offense, and was given a stiff sentence by Judge Joseph E. Dupree.

Holt was charged by Trooper J. E. Stanley after investigating a head-on automobile wreck on US 401 at northern limit of Raeford. Four members of a family from Clinton were hospitalized as a result of injuries received in the collision.

Judge Dupree sentenced Holt to two years in the Hoke County jail, suspended for five years and five years on probation. Under the express conditions of the probation sentence, Holt is not to operate a motor vehicle within the territorial limits of the United States for a period of five years. He is to pay through the Clerk of Superior Court's office the sum of \$1,500 for the use and benefit of Mitzi Allen King, an eight year old girl who received extensive facial lacerations in the wreck. This amount is to be paid in addition to any and all monies that this child might recover as a result of a civil action and is not to be considered by any court as a partial settlement of any civil action.

Holt is specifically prohibited from consuming any alcoholic beverage or having the odor of alcoholic beverages on his breath for five years. In addition, Holt was fined \$1,000 and the costs of Court.

### APPEALS SENTENCE

Holt appealed the decision of the Court and appeal bond was set at \$1,000. His case will be docketed for the January 26, 1970 term of Hoke County Superior Court. Judge Henry McKinnon is scheduled to be the presiding judge.

In other District Court action this week:

Johnny Lee Scott, Rt. 1, Shannon, injury to personal property, State takes a nol pros.  
Charles Parry, Fayetteville, hunting squirrels with an unplugged gun, fined \$10 and costs of court.  
Johnny Lee Scott, Rt. 1, Shannon, trespass, State takes a nol pros.  
Robert Cornell Virgil, Rt. 2, Raeford, invalid operator's license, State takes a nol pros.  
Wilbert Oxendine, Rt. 4, Red Springs, non-support, prayer for judgment continued until January 2, 1970.  
Patricia McCorn Smith, Fayetteville, innocent of unsafe movement charges.  
Deborah Paunce Norris, Chapel Hill, invalid operator's license, State takes a nol pros.  
Pvt. Monte Anthony Kemper, Ft. Bragg, speeding 55/45, State takes a nol pros.  
David Ethelard King, Lexington, no valid operator or chauffeur's license, State takes a nol pros.  
Ledger Jacobs, Fairmont, improper passing, State takes a nol pros.  
Joseph Maxwell Gilmore, Goldsboro, speeding 80/60, defendant called and failed to appear. The court ordered his bail bond of \$50 forfeited with judgment final.  
Deputy Sheriff Harvey Young, Raeford, assault, not guilty.  
State Trooper J. E. Stanley, Raeford, assault, not guilty.  
Deputy Sheriff Robert Locklear, RFD Red Springs, assault, not guilty.  
Freddie Revels, Rt. 2, Red Springs, non-support, six months in the Hoke County Jail, suspended for three years, three years probation, sentence suspended on condition that the defendant pay \$25 each week for the support of his children. Pay the costs of court.  
Robert Leland Tompkins,

Fayetteville, failure to drive on the right half of the highway, State takes a nol pros.  
Pvt. Robert Dean Miller, Ft. Bragg, speeding 75/60, State takes a nol pros.  
Robert Boswell Lavan, Cary, speeding 75/60, State takes a nol pros.  
Jack Burgess Pressley, Jr., Gastonia, improper passing, State takes a nol pros.  
Francis Roy Harloff, Bradenton, Fla., speeding, 60/50, State takes a nol pros.  
Archie Melvin, Rt. 3, Raeford, improper equipment, State takes a nol pros.  
John Willie McNeill, RFD Red Springs, trespass, State takes a nol pros.  
Thomas McLaughlin, Raeford, public drunk (second offense), five days in the Hoke County Jail, suspended upon payment of \$5 fine and costs of court.  
John Archie Clark, Raeford, non-support of an illegitimate child, six months in the Hoke County Jail, suspended for five years upon condition that defendant pay \$12 each week for the support of the child and pay costs of court.  
Will H. Hunt, Rt. 4, Red Springs, worthless check of \$55.69 to Robert Bullard, 60 days in the Hoke County Jail, suspended upon condition defendant pay \$55.69 for the use and benefit of Robert Bullard and the costs of court.  
Tracy Locklear, Jr., Shannon, improper registration, 30 days in the Hoke County Jail, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and the costs of court.  
Larry W. Pittman, Rockfish worthless check of \$5 to Lewis Lipscomb, 30 days in the Hoke County Jail, suspended upon restitution and costs of court.  
Sp/4 William Earl Bryant, Ft. Bragg, guilty of driving under the influence, not guilty of no valid operator's license, six months in the Hoke County Jail, suspended for one year on

condition that defendant surrender his operators license and not drive a motor vehicle in North Carolina for one year. Pay a fine of \$100 and the costs of court.  
Thomas Dial, Pembroke worthless check of \$77.00 to J. W. Canaday, Jr., State takes a nol pros with leave.  
Wayne Franklin Wright, Charlotte, speeding 70/60, \$5 and costs of court.  
CPT. Fred Wyeth Walker, Ft. Bragg, speeding 70/60, \$5 and costs of Court.  
Benjamin Lee Powell, Rt. 1, Raeford, driving at a speed greater than was reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions, \$10 fine and costs of Court.  
Arnold Bryce Gibson, Charlotte, speeding 70/60, prayer for judgment continued upon condition that defendant pay the costs of court.  
Lonnie Ray, Jr., Raeford, non-support, six months in the Hoke County Jail, suspended for five years upon condition that defendant pays \$12 each week for the support of the child and the costs of Court.  
Aubrey Raspers Pierce, Fayetteville, speeding 70/60, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the costs of Court.  
Carson Phillip Ellis, Charlotte, unsafe movement, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the costs of Court.  
Joe David Stephens, Raeford, driving under the influence, six months in the Hoke County Jail, suspended for one year, upon condition that defendant surrender his operator's license and not operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina for one year, and pay a fine of \$100 and the costs of court. Stephens was granted limited driving

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## Hoke Has Large Deficit

### Bloodmobile Here All Day Monday

The Piedmont Carolinas Bloodmobile will make its final 1969 visit in Raeford the first Monday after Christmas, December 29.

The Bloodmobile is scheduled for operation at the Raeford United Methodist Church on Main Street between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. With the medical staffing and the volunteer ladies of Raeford, the bloodmobile operation can fully process 150 blood donors during the one day operation in Raeford.

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., Chairman of the Red Cross in Hoke County, said Monday that Hoke County is currently at a deficit with the Regional Blood Center in Charlotte. Reasons for the deficit cited by Upchurch were the unusually poor donor turnout September 24 when the Bloodmobile was last in Raeford, and the abnormally high blood usage by Hoke citizens during this month.

Only 68 pints of blood were donated on September 24. At that time, Hoke County had a blood shortage at the bloodbank of 51 pints, leaving the county with the small balance of 18 pints to last for three months.

Residents of Hoke County, while in hospitals in surrounding towns, last year required 362 pints of whole blood. An average of almost one pint per day.

Upchurch indicated that due to an unusually large number of surgical patients from Hoke in area hospitals, the first 22 days of the month of December have really put a drain on the Hoke County blood account.

The local Red Cross Chairman expressed hope that citizens of Raeford and Hoke County would contribute about 125 pints of blood on Monday. "It would really put us in good shape for the next three months."

Employees of Burlington Industries and people from the Sanatorium at McCain have historically been the strongest supporters of the local bloodmobile. It is hoped by Upchurch that their donations will be matched by others in Hoke County.

Upchurch urges everyone in this area to "Give the gift of Life" by donating a pint of blood Monday, December 29, at the Raeford United Methodist Church between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## United Fund Hits 90 Percent Mark

Hoke County's United Fund Campaign neared the 90 per cent completion mark this week as an additional \$700 in pledges and contributions was received by Avery Connell, UF Drive Chairman.

To date, pledges and contributions totaling \$20,709.40 have been collected toward this year's goal of \$23,075.45. The \$20,709 represents 89.7% of the budgeted goal.

The United Fund Campaign began in Hoke County in late October and is now

in its ninth week. Connell indicated that the drive would continue until sometime shortly after the beginning of the new year and then would be ended, "win, lose, or draw."

"If you haven't given your fair share - contribute to the United Fund today," urged Connell.

Connell said that about 90% of the pledge cards distributed to the downtown area of Raeford have been turned in and

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## Hoke Civil Court Finishes Session

The December term of the Hoke County District Civil Court was completed last week. The presiding judge was D.B. Herring of Fayetteville.

Nan Wilbert Tillman of Hamilton, New Jersey was granted an absolute divorce from Laura Flowers Tillman of Hoke County.

Harry D. Martin of Hoke County was granted an absolute divorce from Ethel Martin of Fayetteville.

Ben Alston and Annie Alston were ordered to pay an overdue promissory note of \$765.69 to the Hoke-Scotland Tractor Company.

Bobby Leroy Wiggins of Hoke County was granted an absolute divorce from Martha Ann Wiggins of High Point.

Bernard Bray was ordered to pay Clayton Bouyer \$125 in payment for work done by Bouyer for Bray.



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# Season's Greetings

From the Editor, Society Editor, Gen. Manager and Employees of The News-Journal