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Around Town

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The Christmas season has come once again and we hope that it was the best you ever had. We didn't receive everything we wanted but then, we don't expect to get everything. Two of my close friends did surprise me this year. The first was Talmadge Baker who gave me 12 nice pecans in a large box, wrapped in red paper and tied with a bow. The other was fudge and cookies from the teacher of the typing school next door, Mrs. Alfred K. Leach.

Of course after thinking back over the year just past, maybe it was Debbie that made the cookies for me! Thanks to both of you folks.

During the hustle and bustle here the day before closing for Christmas we must have had the Christmas spirit rather than business on our minds because a couple of errors were made that we hate, but we take this way to correct them.

The ad for Caddell Grocery had the name spelled 'Cadell'. We regret this mistake.

The other was in The Bank of Raeford ad. The error was in the listing of the staff employees at the bank. The correct list is as follows: Mrs. Clara Mewharter, Mrs. Sarah M. Maxwell, Mrs. Joyce Monroe, Mrs. Barbara Jones, Mrs. Peggy W. Peterson, Mrs. Carrie Posey, Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, David Hayes, William C. Jones, Ernest Bratcher and Mrs. Alice Glisson.

We regret the error and feel sure all these employees will continue at the bank.

An article in Sunday's News and Observer by Kite Turmell written to Teen - Ager concerning dancing gave suggestions from Dick Perkins of Pasadena, Calif. Dick Perkins is a native of Raeford and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clark of 115 East Prospect Avenue.

He left Raeford a number of years ago with his brother and they worked with a number of combo bands. Since that time Dick has taken to giving dancing lessons. He now owns five "Dance Time Studios" and has franchises on all Fred Astaire Studios in California.

Before starting in the dance chain studios Dick taught dancing classes at five high schools.

Congratulations to a Raeford native that has made good in California.

The candles on Main Street placed in bags in the median were lit Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. According to Talmadge Baker, the man behind this project, they burned until 2 a.m.

The project was a success from all reports and should grow from year to year.

We think this is a wonderful way for neighbors to spend Christmas Eve.

The New Year is just around the corner as we write this column. The old year and decade has had many problems, but it has also had many things that were good. So try to remember what the 1960's did good for you and compare it against the bad. You may be surprised!

Now, let's all of us try to make the 70's a better place to live for all mankind. We will have problems, but work for the good. Happy New Year!



BLOOD DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS - Mrs. Peggy Currie lends a helping hand Monday afternoon to the Bloodmobile. Local volunteers assist the Red Cross and donors in the blood donation process. Citizens of Raeford and Hoke County donated 65 pints of blood to the Piedmont Carolinas Bloodmobile Monday.

Berry Appoints Two Assistants

Superior Court Solicitor Doran J. Berry Tuesday announced the appointment of two full-time assistant Superior Court solicitors.

According to Berry, the appointment of Daniel Thaddeus Perry III and Robert Foster Page will greatly increase the efficiency of the court system in Cumberland and Hoke Counties. He expects the two appointees to be helpful in reducing the large number of old cases on the Superior Court docket in Cumberland County.

Perry is a graduate of Terry Sanford High School and the University of North Carolina. He graduated from the University of South Carolina Law School this year.

He is the son of Mrs. Davis Laffite and the late Mr. Perry of Fayetteville. Perry is a member of the North Carolina Bar, the North Carolina Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

He is currently a member of the legal staff of the Forsyth County Legal Aid Society in Winston-Salem. He will begin his duties as assistant to Solicitor Berry on January 15.

Page is also a graduate of Fayetteville's Terry Sanford High School. He did his undergraduate work at Duke University and finished Duke Law School this year.

He is a member of the North Carolina Bar and currently an associate of Tally, Tally & Lewis. Page will begin his new work on January 1, 1970.

He is the son of the Reverend and Mrs. J. W. e of Raleigh.



Angus M. McBryde Stricken Monday

Angus Madison McBryde, one of Hoke County's oldest citizens, died early Tuesday morning at the home of his son, Wilson McBryde, in Dundarrach. He was 92 years old.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of his son, Alonzo McBryde, from Princeton, N.J.

"Gus" McBryde was a native of Hoke County, living most of his 92 years in the Antioch Community. A retired farmer, he had been in good health until Easter of this year. He was a member of the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by three sons, Wilson McBryde of Raeford, Alonzo McBryde of Princeton, N.J., and Duncan B. McBryde of Fayetteville; two daughters, Mrs. Colvert Kinlaw and Mrs. Evelyn McKeithan, both of Fayetteville; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Bloodmobile Gets 65 Pints On Monday

The Piedmont Carolinas Bloodmobile had another, in a succession of disappointing days in Raeford Monday as only 65 pints of blood were donated.

The 65 pints collected were three pints below the number donated by the people of Raeford and Hoke County last September 24, when the Bloodmobile made its last visit.

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., chairman of the Hoke County Red Cross, said he was "disappointed in the turnout." We were completely staffed, with everything except donors.

The blood donation operation opened at 11 a.m. in the basement of the Raeford United Methodist Church. By 2 p.m., the halfway point in the day, only 14 pints had been donated.

Donations began to increase around 4 p.m. when employees of Burlington Industries began to filter into the church basement to give blood.

Upchurch felt the poor turnout was partially due to the Bloodmobile being in Raeford on a Monday, and the day being the first day many people returned to work after the Christmas holidays.

According to Upchurch the 65 pints will keep Hoke County going for the next two months - if we're fortunate - then the County will be behind again when the Bloodmobile comes back to Raeford next March.

Group To Discuss New Water System

Excessive Speed Causes Accident

A 1968 Mustang Mach I was totally destroyed Friday afternoon on N.C. 211 ten miles east of Raeford when the driver could not hold a curve at a high rate of speed.

Albert William Kasilevich of Red Springs wrecked his car shortly after noon when the car left the road and overturned several times.

According to investigating patrolman, Trooper Frank Davenport, Kasilevich was driving at a high rate of speed, estimated to be in excess of 90 miles per hour when the single car accident occurred.

Kasilevich was not seriously injured but another occupant of the vehicle, James Bullard, was hospitalized with lacerations of the head and an injured back.

The late model Ford owned by Kasilevich was a total loss.

According to Trooper Davenport, Kasilevich will be charged with careless and reckless driving.

Citizens living in the Hillcrest and Scurlock communities of Hoke County are urged to attend a meeting Tuesday night, January 6, at the Hillcrest Fire Department at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting has been called by a group of interested persons to discuss the formation of a central cooperative water system for the area, similar to the water system presently under construction in Northwest Raeford.

Some of the Hoke residents from the area spearheading the investigation into a water system are Smith McInnis, Earl Conoly, Leon Patterson, Bobby Conoly and Jimmy Morrissy.

According to McInnis, this group would like all residents of the Hillcrest and Scurlock areas to attend the meeting at the Hillcrest Fire Department. Jake Vinson of the Farm Home Administration has been invited to be the featured speaker. Vinson will talk about services of the FHA, relative to a cooperative water system project. He will discuss costs, aids, and other details of a water system for the area.

The FHA is presently assisting the Northwest Water Supply, Inc. get its cooperative water system constructed, and has helped people in the Rockfish Community in applying for a loan for a system in Rockfish.

McInnis emphasized that this meeting is the first step in the procedure for building a water system. "We really need everyone who is interested in a water system for the community to be at the meeting on January 6," he concluded.

Christmas Shooting Mars Quiet Holiday

A soldier from Fort Bragg was hospitalized Christmas Day after being shot in the back at a home several miles south of Raeford.

According to Sheriff Dave Barrington, Sgt. Freddie Williamson, a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, was shot in the back by Stafford Junior Locklear at the home of Locklear's wife, Mrs. Eva Mae Locklear.

Locklear and his wife have been separated and he has been living in Baltimore, Maryland.

Williamson arrived at the home of Mrs. Locklear on Christmas Day when her husband was there from Baltimore to give presents to the couple's three children. Williamson entered the house followed by Locklear. Shortly thereafter, Locklear pulled a pistol on Williamson.

Williamson ran out of the house with Locklear in pursuit. After firing the pistol twice while on the run, Locklear apparently stopped, took aim and shot Williamson in the back.

A companion of Williamson Sgt. William L. Seeley, put him into his car and drove him to Raeford. Williamson was then put into an ambulance and transported to Womack Army Hospital at Fort Bragg. There have been no reports on his condition.

Stafford Locklear is wanted by the Hoke County Sheriff's Department for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for interstate flight to avoid prosecution.



NEW TROOPER - Law enforcement forces in Hoke County were bolstered last week when Kenneth W. Weston was assigned by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol to duties in Hoke County.

Weston is a recent graduate of the State Highway Patrol School in Chapel Hill. Hoke County is his first assignment since his graduation on December 12. He will replace Trooper E. W. Coen who recently resigned from the Highway Patrol to work with the Safety Inspection Division of the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles.

The addition of new patrolmen temporarily puts five state troopers in Hoke County. That number will be reduced to four shortly after the first of the year when Trooper M.R. Beaman returns to duty in Cumberland County. Beaman is permanently assigned to Cumberland, but has been working in Hoke County since Coen left Raeford.

Weston is originally from Jacksonville. He attended Lenoir Community College before joining the Highway Patrol. Along with his young son, Tracy, Weston and his wife, Cecelia, will make their home in Raeford at 620 Last Donaldson Avenue.

End Of The 'Sizzling Sixties' In Review

"The old order changeth" and 1969 gives way to 1970 and the "Sizzling Sixties" yield to the new decade.

These are some of the events that made the news in Hoke County in the last six months of 1969. The remainder of 1969 will be recapped next week.

DECEMBER 25
The Hoke County United Fund Campaign finally hit the 90% completion mark with a total of \$20,709 of the goal of \$23,075. United Fund Drive Chairman Avery Connell doubts seriously the campaign will reach the goal this year.

District Court Judge Joseph E. Dupree continued to give stiff sentences to drunk driving offenders.

DECEMBER 18
The annual Christmas Concert staged by the Hoke High School Chorus and Chorale was enjoyed by a large crowd Thursday night. The musical groups sang songs of Christmas and other popular tunes.

Allen W. Wood, III was one of two high school seniors in North Carolina selected to participate in the 1970 United States Senate Youth Program. Wood is a nominee for a Morehead Scholarship at UNC in addition to many other school activities.

DECEMBER 11
Raeford's Christmas Parade has more than 50 units and several thousand Hoke County and Raeford residents ignore very

chilly weather to line the downtown streets of Raeford to witness the procession.

Sim "Tip" McLaughlin died this week of injuries sustained in an automobile accident with a tractor. The accident on N.C. 211, was the 13th fatality of the year in Hoke County.

Hoke County received \$53,145 for construction of secondary roads in the county from the office of District Highway Commissioner W.B. Joyce in Sanford. The funds were slated to be used to grade, drain, and pave 1.64 miles of roads and to grade and stabilize an additional 13.30 miles.

The Hoke County Board of Education received a report this week from a team of outside consultants that showed the local schools were doing a fine job of educating the students of Hoke County.

DECEMBER 4
In its regular first of the month meeting, the Raeford City Council voted overwhelmingly to instruct the Raeford Police to strictly enforce parking regulations on the streets in downtown Raeford. Two hour parking regulations had been on the books for many years, but had not been enforced for several years.

Mrs. J.A. Baucom, widow of Jesse Baucom, was buried this week. She died at age 70, following a lingering illness. The Hoke County Board of

Commissioners mulled over details and problems concerning the acquisition of a new bookmobile for the County Library. A new bookmobile is expected to cost the county almost \$10,000 after the necessary custom work has been completed.

In sports, the Bucks basketball team opened their 1969-70 season with a 66-49 victory over Red Springs, State 2-A Champions last season.

NOVEMBER 27
Gilbert Ray, civic leader in Rockfish and Hoke County, died at his home, apparently of a heart attack. A retired Army major, Ray won the Silver Star during World War II, a fact known by few of his close friends.

NOVEMBER 20
The Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce announced plans for an expanded Christmas Parade this year. Chamber Manager Harold Gillis and President Younger Snead, Jr. stated the parade would be the "biggest and best in the history of Raeford."

United Fund is in serious trouble. Prospects are that the Fund will not meet its budgeted goal of \$23,000.

Sol Cherry, assistant Superior Court solicitor, was named this week by Gov. Bob Scott as Public Defender for the 14th Judicial District. Cherry was the first to be named to a defender's post in the state.

NOVEMBER 13
Wayside and Stonewall Communities of Hoke County Monday night won awards for community development at the Sandhills Area Development Association Banquet held at Samarchand Manor.

Wade McDougald accepted the award for second place in the Large Rural Division on behalf of Wayside Community.

Stonewall was judged the third place winner in the Small Rural Division.

Five people were injured Sunday evening when two cars were involved in a head-on collision on US 401, at its intersection with North Main Street.

A late model car driven by Walter Holt, of Raeford, turned into the path of a vehicle operated by Jesse B. King.

Holt was charged with driving under the influence. It was the fifth time he had been charged with the drinking and driving offense.

Members of the Girl Scout Troop 169 spent Saturday morning selling cakes and cookies to raise money for the Hurricane Camille Relief Fund.

The Hoke High Bucks played the Sanford Yellow Jackets to a 6-6 to end their season with a 6-3-1 record.

NOVEMBER 6
In a very tight vote, voters rejected the proposed One Cent Local Option Sales Tax by an overwhelming margin. Less

than 27% of Hoke's 5445 registered voters cast ballots in the election.

The tax issue was passed in only 25 of North Carolina's 100 counties.

OCTOBER 30
The North Carolina State Highway Commission this week released a new priority list for construction of highways in North Carolina during the administration of Governor Bob Scott.

Neighboring Cumberland County was on the list for nine projects costing an estimated \$16.3 million. Bladen County, the third member of Commissioner Charles Dawkins' District, shared one for the smaller projects with Cumberland for their only part of the projected highway funds.

Funeral services were held for Kenneth Angus MacDonald Wednesday at the Raeford Presbyterian Church. MacDonald died of a heart attack. He was 76.

He was the Superintendent of Hoke County Schools almost a quarter of a century.

The 1970 United Fund Campaign got underway this week toward a goal of more than \$23,000. Campaign Chairman this year is local businessman Avery Connell.

Leroy Cothran, of Rt. 1, Red Springs was sentenced to 22 months in the Hoke County Jail for assaulting a Raeford businesswoman with a deadly weapon. Mrs. Lawrence Fields, owner and

operator of The Record Room, was found innocent on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

OCTOBER 23
Final rites for Mrs. Lucy Wilkes Smith were held Friday afternoon at Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Smith, who was well known in Hoke County and surrounding areas, was a native of the Blue Springs Community, having been born there in 1893.

She was a tireless worker for her community and her church. Mrs. Smith was a charter member of the Lumbee River REA and served that organization as secretary for 26 years.

OCTOBER 16
Wayside and Stonewall Communities took top honors in their respective categories for community development Tuesday night at the Hoke County Community Development Banquet.

Community Development officers were elected for the coming year. Mrs. Walter Parks will serve as president and assisted by Vice-President William McDonald. Mrs. J. W. Hayes was elected treasurer and Mrs. Edwin Newton will take care of the duties of reporter.

OCTOBER 9
Three men from Niagara were killed instantly Monday night where they failed to stop for a stop sign and were struck by a tractor-trailer truck. The tragedy
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