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Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

Charlie Woodell was by the office last Friday and requested that we make the following announcement.

The Hoke County Chapter No. 17 of the Disabled American Veterans will hold their monthly meeting Friday, January 16th at the Family Restaurant at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to be present. The first 25 men to join will be charter members. There is a free membership to be given to a Vietnam Veteran.

The picture that was in the advertisement run last week by The Bank of Raeford has brought forth much comment. The four cars in the picture have caused the most talk.

Mrs. R.O. Cothran called and stated that her husband was telling her about the picture, but when she stated that she was going to call the paper he clammed up. Anyway she did get the following information from her husband.

Mr. Cothran does remember four cars that were in Raeford in 1912. There were three Fords owned by A. T. Johnson, B. B. Sanders and A. Gales Johnson. Also there was a Hupmobile (Hup) owned by Bennie Blue and the other Blue brothers, Bonnie, Frank and John McKay. Now this is as far as Mr. Cothran would go with his story.

We were talking this week to E.B. (Ernest) Campbell and he seemed to think one of the cars in the picture was a 1912 Hudson owned by J.W. McLaughlin. Ernest recalled the cars mentioned by Mr. Cothran, but seemed to think that two other cars were here during 1912. They were owned by J.W. Johnson and T.B. Upchurch. The Johnson car was a Cadillac and the Upchurch car was a Hudson with a rumble seat. He recalled going riding for the first time in a car with C.E. (Clyde) Upchurch. Ernest has mailed a clipping of the picture to an authority on old cars and hopes they can be identified.

If you know something about the cars in Hoke County in 1912, let us know, so that we can set the record straight.

Most folks don't want to go to Vietnam, but M.A. Maxwell, former Hoke County electrician, has just returned after 23 months there and stated that after a month's leave will return for six more months. Alex (as most of us know him) is working in Saigon with a construction company. He was by the office Monday and related many interesting experiences that has happened during his 23 months overseas.

Alex said that it took 14 hours to fly from Saigon to Travis AFB in California with a refueling stop in Okinawa. The plane he was on had 270 passengers, besides much cargo. He stated that the airport at Saigon was one of the busiest in the world as it was used by passenger, cargo, fighter and bomber planes. There are usually 20 planes circling the airport at all times awaiting the control tower signal to land. He also stated that the lift off was quick because if you went too far before gaining altitude, you were engaged from the ground by rifle fire.

We will not quote what Alex had to say about the massacre incident, but we hope you will get his view of it, if you have an opinion on the subject.

Alex said that they were constructing all types of buildings from barracks, warehouses, homes and hospitals. It seems that a general is the top priority for the VCs. Generals have two or three different places to stay in Saigon, so that no one knows where they will be staying at any given time. It seems if the Viet Cong can kill a high ranking officer, the publicity is good for their morale.

We can't recall all Alex said, but we hope to talk with him again before he returns to Saigon.

Mrs. Brown Hendrix said this week that the Trainable Class at McLaughlin School could still use an upright piano if anyone has one and would let the class use it. The class opened last Friday, and 10 of the 12 were present the first day. With the weather like it is, that was a good turnout. The association should be commended for the hard work they have done to get this class started, and of course their reward will be the putting of one of these students into life, capable of helping himself.

Bob Riddle Comes To Manage Macks

Macks Stores in Raeford changed managers last week. Jim Turner, who had been manager of the store in Raeford since July of 1968, moved to Barnwell, S.C. to manage the Macks Store there.

The position of manager of the Raeford store has been filled by Bob Riddle. Riddle moved to Raeford from Sanford.

Riddle, his wife Laura, and the couple's young son, Bob are still busy getting settled in their new home in Raeford.



LOCAL ICE CAPEDES - Two unidentified kids were caught by the roving camera last Friday while they were frolicking on a frozen puddle in the Tex-Elastic parking lot. The low temperatures caused ice far throughout Hoke and surrounding counties.

Savings & Loan Association Pays Stockholders Record Dividends

Raeford Savings and Loan stockholders held their annual meeting Tuesday morning to hear the report of the condition of the institution and to elect members to the Board of Directors.

Stockholders re-elected H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Younger Snead, Franklin Teal, Dr. Julius Jordan, Fred Culbreth, Jack Bray, T. F. McBryde, J. D. McMillian, Graham Monroe, and Sam Morris to the Board of Directors for 1970.

After the meeting of stockholders, the directors met to elect officers. Re-elected were: H. L. Gatlin, Jr. as President, Younger Snead as Vice President, Franklin R. Teal as Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Graham Monroe, Asst. Sec. & Treas.

In giving the annual report to the stockholders, Manager Frank Teal said "The outlook for the savings and housing markets in 1970 is, at best, uncertain."

"In this connection, he said, much depends on the progress made in the fight against inflation, and all of us hope the anti-inflation measures prove much more effective in 1970 than they did in 1969."

Teal reported that as of December 31, 1969, the total savings of the local association amounted to \$2,384,000, and mortgage loans on the books totaled \$2,464,000. Assets of the institution stood at \$2,727,000.

Savings account holders at the association received a total of \$107,277 in dividend payments during the year, making this the largest yearly dividend payment to customers in the history of the Raeford Savings and Loan Association.



Balfour Named SNB Chairman

John G. Balfour was elected by the Board of Directors of Raeford's Southern National Bank to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors during the year of 1970.

Balfour is a native of Hoke County and is presently serving in his sixth year on the Hoke County Board of Commissioners. He has been an Assistant Director of the Production Credit Association for three years. In 1966 he was chosen to enter the Outstanding Young Man of America Biography.

Balfour attended Presbyterian Junior College and High Point College.

He is married to the former Joan Harlow of New Bern. The couple has one son, John G. Balfour, Jr., age 10.

Leonard Frahm is elected to serve as Vice Chairman. Frahm is Vice-President of Raeford Turkey Farms.

The annual report pointed out that in general the operations of the local association and other thrift institutions were dominated by the so-called "tight money" policies of the Federal Reserve Board, designed to fight inflation.

"As a result of these policies, stated Teal, and the heavy demand for credit, 1969 was characterized by a shortage of mortgage credit, and unusually high interest rates."

"However, he said, if we start to quell the inflation to a great extent this year, then savings flows should improve. In turn, this will help us finance the housing needs of the community."

Two youths from Red Springs were bound over to the January term of Hoke County Superior Court for action by the Grand Jury Friday when District Court Judge Joseph E. Dupree found probable cause on charges of assault with intent to commit rape.

Steve Nobles, 17, and Randy K. Williams, 19, were arrested by Red Springs police on the night of November 26, and charged with assault with intent to commit rape on Miss Martha Ann Cribb also of Red Springs. The incident allegedly occurred on November 26.

Nobles is a 17 year old senior at Red Springs, while Williams dropped out of school in the ninth grade. Williams has been employed in a poolroom in Red Springs.

It was revealed in court Friday that the case had been thrown out of court in Robeson County because the alleged attempted rape took place in the Duffy section of Hoke County, one or two miles inside the Hoke - Robeson county line.

Bank Of Raeford Stockholders Meet

The stockholders of the Bank of Raeford held their annual meeting at the bank last Thursday, January 8th.

Fifteen men from the Raeford - Hoke Community were elected for this year to the bank's Board of Directors. Elected were: J. H. Austin, Jr., T. F. McBryde, Bernard Bray, Tom U. Cameron, Neill McDonald, III, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., W. L. Howell Jr., D. R. Huff, Jr., James B. McLeod, W. L. Moses, J. L. McNeill, Edwin D. Newton, J. W. McPhaul, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., and R. B. Lewis.

The annual report to the stockholders showed the bank had enjoyed a very good year in 1969. The annual dividend, this year \$2.50 per share, was paid to all stockholders on January 1, 1970.

Following the meeting of stockholders, the Board of Directors met and elected officers for this year. J. L. McNeill was elected Chairman of the Board, R. B. Lewis, President; T. F. McBryde, Vice-President; Tom U. Cameron, Vice-President; Miss Jessie B. Ferguson, Cashier; and Robert L. Conoly, Assistant Cashier.

The Bank of Raeford is now entering into its sixty-seventh year of service to Raeford and Hoke County. Deposits in the Bank of Raeford are insured up to \$20,000.

First In The Nation

Southern Assoc. Accredits Leonard Training School

Phillips Retires From Belks After 25 Years As Manager

Two well known members of the Raeford business community are retiring this month from the Belk - Hensdale Company Department Store. W. C. Phillips, manager of the local store, is retiring from the Belk - Hensdale organization after some 35 years of service to that organization. Also retiring is Miss Annie McKeithan, manager of the store's fabrics and notions department. She retires after working with the local store for 25 years.

Phillips began his career with Belk - Hensdale Company in 1934, in the men's department of the Belk - Hensdale store in Rockingham. In 1935, he became assistant manager.

When the Belk - Hensdale Company purchased the stock of the J. A. Baucom Store of Raeford in April of 1945, Phillips was appointed as Manager to the new store and moved his family to Raeford from Rockingham.

He quickly identified himself with the civic life of Raeford, serving several terms as Chairman of the Merchants Division of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce and continued to serve rotating terms on the Board of Directors of this organization. He is also a charter member of the Raeford Lions Club. While he was serving as President of the Men of the Church and as a Deacon in the Raeford Presbyterian Church, its building program was successfully completed.

In 1958, the Belk - Hensdale Store in Raeford was awarded the certificate for the Most Sales Increase in its class during Founders Days.

One of the highlights of Phillips' career



W. C. PHILLIPS

came in 1967 while under his management the local store received a Certificate of Grateful Recognition by President Lyndon B. Johnson for the store's contribution to the Council on Opportunities For Helping Young Americans to Help Themselves.

On August 22, 1928, Phillips married the former Nancy Leigh Davis of Darlington, South Carolina. They have three sons: Larry, who is Head Basketball Coach at Hoke High School; Bill who owns a small business in Raeford; and Bruce, who is Sports Editor of the Raleigh Times.

The accreditation of Leonard Training School by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was announced this week by North Carolina Governor Bob Scott.

William R. Windley, Director of Leonard Training School, said Tuesday afternoon that the correctional institution at McCam is the only correctional school in the entire nation accredited by a regional accrediting body such as the Southern Association.

The certificate of accreditation was presented to Windley in a meeting of the Southern Association in Dallas, Texas in early December of last year.

"We are extremely proud of this achievement and are really pleased to know that our educational program has advanced to such a high level," stated Windley.

Leonard Training School was established in McCam in September of 1959, by the North Carolina Department of Corrections. When it opened its doors, it had 11 students and a staff of ten. It has grown in the past ten years to 260 students (under age 14) from throughout North Carolina and 84 staff members. The school was accredited by the North Carolina Department of Instruction in 1963.

The correctional institution at McCam is one of eight correctional schools in this state for the correction of juveniles.

Windley stated that Dr. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will speak at a dinner meeting to be held in recognition of the recent accreditation of the school on Monday evening, February 2. Windley said that educators from Hoke and Moore Counties would be invited.

It is the goal of all correctional institutions operated by the State of North Carolina to be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, but thus far Leonard Training School is the only one in North Carolina and the nation to receive the award.

Funeral Today For Mrs. Graham

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Lee Patton Graham will be held at the Raeford Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Thursday afternoon, with the Reverend Douglas Kelly conducting. Interment will follow in the Raeford Cemetery.

Mrs. Graham, who was 68, died Tuesday about mid-morning at her home on South Highland Street, apparently of a heart attack. She was the widow of the late Archie A. Graham.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. William Poole, Jr., of Raeford, Mrs. Robert S. Wilson of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Larry Marty of Raeford; one sister, Miss Annie May Patton of Brevard; two brothers, Walker Patton of Panama City, Fla. and Joseph McLeod of Brevard; and ten grandchildren.

Palbearers for the service will be Douglas Nixon, John Nicholson, Graham Clark, Joe Dupree, Scottie Ash and Charles Patton.

Red Springs Pair Bound Over For Attempted Rape

Bond for appearance in Hoke County Superior Court was set by Judge Dupree at \$2,500 for each of the young men.

In other cases in District Court Friday:

Vernie Melvin, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, charged with driving while license revoked, no liability insurance, no registration plates, and no operator's license. He was found not guilty of driving while his operator's license was revoked. He was found guilty of the latter three charges. He was sentenced to six months in the Hoke County Jail, suspended for three years, three years

probation. Defendant is expressly prohibited from operating a motor vehicle in North Carolina for the next three years, unless and until properly licensed to do so. Fined \$50 and the costs of court.

Wilbert Oxendine, Route 4, Red Springs, non-support, six months in the Hoke County Jail, suspended for three years, three years probation on condition that defendant pay \$30 each week for the support of his children and pay the costs of court.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER - Raeford bankers C.D. Bounds, left, and R.B. Lewis go together Monday afternoon to congratulate Bob Strother on being selected to attend the Modern Farming Short Course at N.C. State University in Raleigh next week. The two banks annually help defray the expenses of one young Hoke County farmer at the course. Bob is a 1963 graduate of Hoke High and attended Sandhills Community College, F.T.I. and Worth's Business College. He is married to the former Jane Wood of Raeford.