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Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

We have received some calls concerning the phone call Paul received from Rome, Italy. The best lead is that it was for a doctor at the Sanatorium. There is a doctor from India at McCain whose name sounds somewhat like the name mentioned in this column. We appreciate everyone who tried to aid us in the puzzle.

The annual Bar-B-Q feed put on by the Hoke High School Key Club will be held Thursday night April 9th at the W.T. Gibson School cafeteria. Eugene Monroe, club president, states that tickets can be purchased from any Key Club member. The proceeds go to the club's project fund. So mark the date on your calendar and help the boys with their civic projects.

The program last week at the Raeford Kiwanis Club was put on by students from Upchurch Junior High on 'Drug Abuse'. It was very interesting and well received by the Kiwanians. The thing that impressed me most was that the program on drugs being taught at the school will bring to the students all sides of the subject. Most of the time we try to hide things from kids rather than show them all sides of a problem. Educate them on problems and most times the kids will find the solution to our problems.

The picture on page 3 of this issue was brought into the office by Robert Gatlin and shows an appraisal group at work during 1919 when the government took over 92,000 acres in Hoke County for the Ft. Bragg reservation. The picture was of interest to me because my grandparents on my mother's side came to Raeford from this portion of the county. We know that many other families who have relatives surviving here also came out of the reservation.

The picture was taken in 1919, but the best we can find out is that the last families moved out of the reservation during 1923. I can remember going to my grandfather's home, so this date is very near correct.

Four of the men named in the picture were from the county and we will connect them with their relatives. B.R. Gatlin, chairman, is the grandfather of H.L. Robert, and Marion Gatlin and Mrs. Neil Senter. He lived in the house now standing at the corner of Stewart Street and Central Avenue. W.P. Lester is the father of L.M. Lester and the grandfather of T.B. Lester and Billy Lester. He lived in a home, now torn down, where Jim Williamson now lives. A.B. McFadyen is the father of Mrs. Chandler Roberts and came to Raeford from the Longstreet Church section of the reservation. He lived at the corner of Stewart St. and Elwood Avenue. The other man is Hector Smith, surveyor, who was from Little River Township on the other side of the reservation. He, with J.W. McLaughlin, planned and laid out the Town of Raeford.

Some of the families now in Raeford that moved here from the reservation are: Blue, Cameron, McKeithan, McFadyen, Culbreth, Monroe, McVicker, Gillis, and McLeod. This names some that I recall. Others moved to Southern Pines, Aberdeen and other nearby towns.

The reservation was again before Hoke citizens in 1952 - 53. The Army wanted more land to place a corridor across the county. Hard work by the late Harry Greene, Crawford Thomas, and N.H.G. Balfour, along with Robert Gatlin, J.L. McNeill, Paul Dickson, R.B. Lewis and others, along with the help of the late Senator Willis Smith and Congressman C.B. Deane stopped the annexation of the corridor. We hope that this will end the taking of Hoke County land, but we will say that the citizens were together 100% to halt the Army's effort.

If anyone can add to the 1919 - 1923 version, please let us hear from you.

The Rockfish Fire Department is sponsoring a fish fry at the Rockfish fire station all day Saturday, April 4. Plates will be served during the middle of the day and in the evening. You are invited to come and help in a good cause.

Blue Replaces McNair On Jury Commission

Henry Lee Blue was sworn to the Jury Commission Monday to replace Ivery McNair, who resigned to accept an appointment to the ABC board.

Blue was appointed to the commission by Superior Court Judge Maurice Braswell.

Other members of the commission are A.H. McPhaul, chairman, and James G. Davis.

The oath was administered by clerk of the court E.E. Smith.



SEE THE EASTER EGG, DUCK? - Kimberly Ann McNeill, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McNeill, gets ready for Easter with a practice session of Easter egg hunting. Many Raeford youngsters will be waiting Sunday morning to search for the colored eggs hidden among the Spring flowers in yards all over town.

Seven New Candidates Beat Filing Deadline

Seven candidates for the county commission, coroner, and the board of education beat the filing deadline last Friday and announced for election, subject to the Democratic primary May 2.

Neill W. McPhatter and G. A. Robinson filed for the county commission; James C. "Jim" Lentz filed for coroner and Roy D. Jackson, Mrs. Viola K. Davis, W. T. McAllister and McKinley Maynor filed for the board of education.

Neill McPhatter, a masonry contractor, is a lifelong resident of Hoke County. He graduated from Upchurch High School and attended Sandhills Community College. On Sundays, he is pastor of the St. Andrews Holiness Church. He is married to the former Arty Mae Carthens and they have four children.

G. A. Robinson, a school teacher in Richmond County, has lived in Hoke County for the past 15 years. He is a member of the East Freedom Lodge, the Ouda Temple Shriners and Piney Grove Baptist Church. He is married to Mabel L. Robinson.

James C. "Jim" Lentz is a native of Hoke County and was coroner here for several terms during the 40's and 50's. He is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College and of Eckels College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia.

Roy D. Jackson, age 37, has lived in Hoke County for the past 4 years, and is woodyard manager at Timberland for South Carolina Industries, Inc. He was born and raised in Haywood County and graduated from Clyde High School.

He is married to Shirley Norris Jackson and they have four children, all in Hoke County schools. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, the VFW, the Woodmen of the World and the American Legion.

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Science in Philadelphia. He is a licensed funeral director and embalmer and has owned and operated Lentz Mortuary for the past 23 years.

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Hoke Merchants Warned

Judge Dupree Says Court Won't Collect Bad Checks

Drug Abuse Meeting Monday At Raeford Elementary School

A program on drug abuse, sponsored by the Home Extension Clubs and the County Minister's Association, will be presented April 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Raeford Elementary School.

Ed McCarthy, counselor at Sandhills Mental Health Center, will give a talk on drugs. A question and answer session with Mrs. Rosa Brown, guidance counselor at Hoke High School; Dr. Robert Townsend; the Rev. Tom Walker, pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church and Walter Coley, Raeford pharmacist, will follow.

A color film, "LSD- Insight or Insanity", will also be shown.

Allan Smythe, Presbyterian minister, discussed the problem with drugs:

"What makes teenagers do crazy things like smoking pot? Questions like this often reveal parents' uneasiness about our youth. On the other hand, we hear our young men and women say, 'Well there's nothing for us to do around here.' The truth is, that in former generations, many youth did have more vital roles in their teen years - helping raise the food and feed the livestock and care for younger children in the home. The decline of

cooperative family living and the rapid development of a separate youth world of language, ideas and values lies behind much of our tension between the generations today. If we were not unsure what our children think and feel, the issue of drugs would not be so emotionally charged. The drug issue is a sort of red flag warning of a lack of communication and trust between generations in our country today," he said.

"We have been very fortunate in Hoke County not to have a major problem with actual drug abuse - other than alcohol, which costs more in money and lives than all other drugs combined," Smythe said.

"Our schools are doing a splendid job of factual teaching on the subject of drug abuse. We anticipate that our youth themselves will take the lead in keeping a constructive attitude toward illegal drugs, as dangerous and unnecessary escapes from the problems and opportunities of this decade."

"However, parents need to be at least as informed on the subject as our youth are. Marijuana 'pep pills', heroin, glue sniffing - these and other drugs are being discussed at many meetings in the county currently. Accurate facts about the drug abuse problem can be a strong guard against needless hysteria, and at the same time, are necessary information for a concerned parent in today's world."

Court Docket Set For Civil Session

The docket for the April 6 session of District Civil Court was announced this week from the office of the Clerk of Courts, Judge D.B. Herring, Jr., will preside at the session.

For motion are: Doris S. Rindfus vs. Edwin L. Rindfus and Woodrow Wilson and wife Annie J. Wilson vs. Elvinia Elaine Meekins;

For divorce are: Pauline McRae Wilson vs. Willie Henry Wilson; Nellie Margaret West vs. William James West; Belva Gayle Altman Wright vs. David Harold Wright and Geraldine Smith English vs. James G. English.

None of the cases will be heard by a jury.

Five Teenagers Arrested For Numerous Break-ins

Four teenagers were arrested over the weekend in Cumberland County in connection with the recent break-ins in Raeford, Police Chief L.W. Stanton said.

A fifth teenager was arrested Tuesday and charged with receiving stolen goods.

A 14-year-old was turned over to juvenile authorities in Cumberland County, Stanton said. The other youths, all 17-year-olds, are being held on \$1500 bond.

They are Gary Williams, Fred Dwinells and Howard Allen Headden, all of Cumberland County. Two are in jail in Fayetteville and one is in Hoke County Jail.

Joseph M. Davis, 17, of Fayetteville was charged with receiving stolen goods and is being held under \$300 bond.

Chief Stanton said the arrests were

made Friday after the chief of the detective department in Cumberland County, Maj. Kiser, called the Raeford police to pick up one of the guns taken in the robberies.

Assistant Police Chief Sam Motley and Chief Stanton went to Fayetteville and, assisted by Cumberland detectives N.A. Monroe and Sgt. Poole, recovered about \$500 worth of goods that had been taken and arrested the four suspects.

About \$150 in cash was not recovered, Chief Stanton said.

The break-ins occurred on Saturday of Feb. 21, Feb. 28 and March 7. Eight homes were entered and goods were taken from five houses.

The three 17-year-olds are charged with breaking and entering and larceny. A hearing is set in Hoke County District Court on April 10, Chief Stanton said.



RECOVERED LOOT - Raeford Police Chief L. W. Stanton and Assistant Police Chief Sam Motley recovered most of the items taken from Raeford homes in the recent weekend break-ins. Another gun was picked up after this photo was made. Five Fayetteville teenagers are charged in connection with the robberies.

"This court will not be used as a collection agency," Judge Joseph Dupree told two Hoke County merchants, serving notice that worthless checks would no longer be collected in District Court.

Judge Dupree told Bobby Locklear and Billy Parks in District Court Friday that he would not order any more checks paid that are brought to court by them.

"It is the intent of this court to protect the local business establishments in this jurisdiction as best I can, but at the same time it is apparent that we have a few businesses in this jurisdiction who are using this court as a collection agency," Judge Dupree said.

"Parks, I don't say you come in this category, but I do say this, you have a unusually large number of worthless checks. I suggest you get a phone and call the banks to see if John Doe has enough money to cover the check before you take it. From now on, if the defendant is found guilty, I'm going to tax him with cost of court and fines, but you are going to collect your check by civil means," he told Parks.

"You might take a lesson from some of the merchants who don't have all these cases," Judge Dupree said.

This was the second week of a crackdown by Dupree against excessive numbers of worthless check charges on the court docket.

Last Friday worthless check cases made up 22 per cent of the docket, outnumbering all other kinds of cases. The number and percentage of worthless check cases will vary, however, from week to week. However, E. E. Smith, clerk of the court, said that there were rarely less than eight or ten cases on a docket.

On March 13, charges totaling \$703.19 were on the court docket. Six of the cases, totaling \$183.42, were brought by Bobby Locklear.

Ten cases totaling \$275.50, were slated for trial last Friday. Many of them were continued to another court session, however.

Two weeks ago, Judge Dupree refused to collect a \$2.08 check to Bobby Locklear, fining the defendant James Sanders for cost of court only. James E. Henegan was sentenced to 90 days in jail for issuing worthless checks at the same court session.

Judgment records kept by the clerk of court's office on payments of worthless check through the clerks office since July 1, 1969 show almost 100 different people or businesses have been paid for worthless checks through the court.

Most of these have brought only one or two worthless check charges. Only ten are recorded as being paid through the court for five or more checks. Bobby Locklear is recorded as receiving only 3 payments since July 1.

Of the ten, Walter Parks was paid through the court for 26 checks; Robert Harrell for 22; Lewis Lipscomb for 15; Billy Parks for 14; Bernard Bray 12; Raeford Medical Group 9; Thad Marks 9; Leslie Irion 7; Donald Wood 6, and Mae Bell Morrison 6.

Bad checks can be a problem to merchants. Billy Parks, for example, estimates that a large part of his bank deposits each week are made up of personal checks he has received.

R. B. Lewits at the Bank of Raeford estimated that on some days the bank returns from 35 to 50 checks, mostly for insufficient funds.

"We are handling more bad checks than we ever have before," he said. "There are two kinds of bad check writers: the mistakes and the repeaters."

Poor record keeping as when a husband and wife both write on a joint account without keeping track of the checks, is the cause of most mistakes that result in a check being returned for insufficient funds, he said.

He blamed the court as being too lenient with worthless check offenders for the large number of persons who repeatedly write worthless checks.

He listed a number of causes other than insufficient funds for returning checks: Some other reasons are lack of signature or incorrect signature; post dated check; a check more than three months old; or a check that is signed by one person and has the amount filled in by another.

The Raeford merchants interviewed all outlined the same procedure for collecting bad checks. They first contacted the check writer. Howell's Drugs and McNeill's Grocery personell said they usually wrote to the person from whom they received the check, told them it had been returned and asked that they come pay it.

Irvin Hubbard at Collins also would write the check casher and allow a certain number of days to pay the check. Then he would take out a warrant if the check was not paid.

One merchant said he would sometimes send the check back to the