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## Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

The program on drug abuse, sponsored by the Home Extension Clubs and the County Ministers' Association, will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Raeford Elementary School.

A film will be shown and several speakers will be on the program. This program will be worth your time to attend.

The old picture we ran in the paper last week has caused some comment and brought forth a telephone call or two.

Bill Andrews called and said the driver in the picture we identified as 'Red' was Red Brooks and lived at Hope Mills during the time the picture was taken. Bill stated that he ran around with him during the time Red was driving for the appraisal committee. Mac Lester said that the landowner had been identified as a Ray. We do know that the family name, Ray, was among those that lived in the reservation. Some other family names were Chappell and McDuffie.

It has also been called to our attention that a daughter of B.R. Gatlin is also living in Raeford. She is Mrs. W.E. Freeman, who has two daughters living here. They are Mrs. Crawford Thomas and Mrs. Duncan McFadyen.

Maybe others will send more information concerning the picture or the time.

We received a letter this week from Julian B. McKeithan, Raeford native, who now lives at Leland. The letter follows:

Two weeks ago I read in the paper that H.R. McLean was talking about a former resident of Raeford having to move his trucks from his home, which was on Elwood Avenue. I do not know the truck driver in question, but they made me move my trucks and the way I feel is, what is good for the goose is good for the gander, so I agree with Mr. McLean that the truck should be made to move out of the residential area.

Also to the Editor:

We look forward to getting The News-Journal each week. In a way it is like getting a letter, as we know all the people.

The most I miss about Raeford is the bull session that we had at 6 a.m. at the Elk Restaurant. The members were Robert Gatlin, Mitchell Epstein, Sam Morris, J.D. McMillan, Clayton Buoy, James Baker, John T. Haire and Bill and Joe Upchurch, and if he didn't oversleep, the editor Paul Dickson would attend.

In those sessions these men were an authority on everything.

We have a bull session down here and they thought I was a greenhorn, but with lessons I learned from my former teachers, I was a Veteran.

Sincerely,  
Julian McKeithan

We would say that Julian made some of us veterans of a bull session. He did omit two of the finest bull artists in Hoke County. They are Clyde Teal and Basil Boyles, also from Jackson Street.

Don't forget the Fish Fry at the Fire House in Rockfish, this coming Saturday, April 4th. Plates will be served for dinner and supper to eat there or take away. Come and help the Rockfish Fire Department and they will help you.

## Home Furniture Sold To Heilig-Meyers Co.

Heilig-Meyers Furniture Company, with home offices in Richmond, Va., has recently bought the Home Furniture stores in Raeford and Red Springs.

The sale was completed March 16.

Elmer R. Parnell, who has managed the Raeford Home Furniture Store for the past 18 years, will continue as manager for Heilig-Meyers. He is an elder at Centre Presbyterian Church. Parnell is married to the former Virginia Livingston of Red Springs and they have one daughter.

## CP&L Reports Theft Of Wire

Two thefts of copper wire were reported to the Hoke County Sheriff's department by Carolina Power and Light Company.

During the past week, the power company has lost 6,000 feet of copper cable wire in night-time thefts in the Antioch section of Hoke County. Sheriff D.M. Barrington said.

The first theft, of 3,000 feet, happened March 27 and the second 3,000 feet of wire was stolen Monday night or early Tuesday morning, he said.

The company is restringing the power lines in that section of the county. Sheriff Barrington said. The wire was cut from the poles after workmen left for the night.



**CLEARING OUT** - The old Laurinburg and Southern depot is coming down to clean up the area around the tracks near South Main and the old Laurinburg Highway. The railroad is tearing down two old buildings that have not been used in recent years.

## Judge Eyes Check Holding In Worthless Check Case

Judge Joseph Dupree made good his promise to Hoke County grocery and service station operator Bobby Locklear not to collect the amount on worthless checks brought to District Court and instead began a crackdown on the practice of holding blank signed checks for credit.

"I'm going to put a stop to something that's going on in this community if I have to put two or three people out of business," Judge Dupree said.

Last week in District Court, Judge Dupree told Locklear and his partner, Billy Parks, that they would have to collect their checks by civil means.

Bobby Locklear was the prosecuting witness in a worthless check case against Robert M. Graham, who was charged with giving a worthless check for \$50.87 to Locklear and one for \$100 to Floyd Delaney.

Judge Dupree had Locklear take an oath and then he asked him, "Have you ever taken in a check signed but blank to hold over somebody's head for payment?"

"No sir," Locklear answered. Graham was also sworn in.

"Did you sign this check in blank during the period you bought groceries from this man?" Judge Dupree asked.

## Break-in Occurs During Funeral

Jennie, who will graduate from Pembroke State University this year.

The Red Springs manager is Harry L. Boyd, who has been with Heilig-Meyers for the past 8 years. He is married to the former Janie Harrell of Tarboro and they have three children.

Hyman Meyers, president of Heilig-Meyers, said that new lines of famous name merchandise will be added to the two stores and that all departments will be enlarged with a wide selection in all styles and periods of furniture.

Heilig-Meyers, which recently merged with Thornton Stores of Suffolk, Va., now operates 30 stores in North Carolina and Virginia.

The house and store belonging to Roy Long were broken into Sunday afternoon while the family was attending the funeral of Long's brother, Paul Long.

About \$75 in cash and two pistols - a .32 Smith and Wesson and a .22 Harrison and Richards - were taken in the burglary.

The break-in was investigated by officers from the Raeford Police and Hoke County Sheriff's departments.

"Yes sir," he said.

Solicitor Lacy Hair then told the court that the writing on the check indicated that it was not filled in by the maker. Locklear said that he fills in the amount

## April Named Poultry Month

April has been named North Carolina Poultry Products Month and Mayor John K. McNeill Jr. issued a proclamation Friday to make it official in Raeford.

Poultry industry leaders Leonard Frahm, of House of Raeford Turkey Plant; Wyatt Upchurch, of Upchurch Turkey Farm and Tom Cameron of Upchurch Milling Company were on hand for the signing of the proclamation.

In income by commodities, the production of commercial broilers in North Carolina is second only to tobacco. North Carolina is fourth in the nation in commercial broiler production.

An estimated three fourths of a million turkeys a year are raised in this area. House of Raeford processes from 75 to 80 million pounds of turkey a year, Frahm said.

A new processing plant being built by Upchurch Milling in Robeson County will provide about 200 new jobs, Cameron said. House of Raeford now employs approximately 800 people.

Mayor McNeill issued the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the poultry industry is an extremely worthwhile industry in the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREIN, eggs are being laid, broilers are being processed, the turkey industry is expanding, and thousands of people are employed in the poultry industry; and

WHEREAS, commercial broiler production is second only to tobacco in North Carolina income by commodities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina ranks fourth among the states in production of commercial broilers; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina ranks fourth among the states in egg production, and egg production in 1968 amounted to over 3,032,000,000; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina ranks third among the states in production of turkeys as production in 1968 totaled over 8,276,000; and

WHEREAS, chickens, turkeys, and eggs are of great importance to the State's economy and its people; and

WHEREAS, the poultry industry in Raeford, and the surrounding community is of great importance to our economy and our people.

IT IS, NOW, THEREFORE, proclaimed that the month of April, 1970, be known as Poultry Products Month in City of Raeford in honor of this important, vital, and fantastic business known as the "Poultry Industry."

## Polls Open Three Weeks To Register New Voters

### Clean-Up Campaign Plans Announced

A Yard - of - the - Week will be selected during each week of the April clean-up campaign, Miss Josephine Hall, campaign chairman, announced.

The campaign will be concentrated each in a different area of Raeford, with the dividing lines at Main Street and Edinborough Street.

The areas are:

Northwest Raeford - April 6 - 11  
Northeast Raeford - April 13 - 18  
Southeast Raeford - April 20 - 25  
Southwest Raeford - April 27 - 30

The campaign committee mailed out 500 letters this week asking for cooperation in the clean-up effort. Also Miss Hall will distribute 500 large paper bags to the school children at Raeford Elementary, John W. McLaughlin, West Hoke, Scurlock and South Hoke schools to use for collection of trash on the school grounds.

Jerry Goza, chairman of the Raeford Jaycees, has arranged with merchants in town to feature a paint sale during the campaign.

Two old railroad buildings, including the Laurinburg and Southern Railroad depot, are being torn down now to clean up that area around the tracks, city manager John Gaddy said. The Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad depot was painted last week.

The city will concentrate on garbage and trash collection each week in the different areas.

### Dates Set

### To Register

### First Graders

The J.W. McLaughlin, Scurlock and West Hoke schools will hold pre-school registration on Wednesday, April 8, Thursday, April 9 and Wednesday, April 15, 1970. Parents, who have children entering the first grade next year are asked to go by the school in their attendance zone and register their child on one of these dates, between 9:00 and 2:00. It is not necessary to bring the child to school for this registration.

All children in North Carolina are required to be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, smallpox and poliomyelitis before the child enrolls in school. Children entitled to enrollment in school for the 1970-71 school year must have reached their sixth birthday before October 16, 1970. Parents are requested to bring a birth certificate and a complete record of immunization to pre-school registration.

A complete physical examination is required before a child enters school in September. Physical examination blanks may be secured at the school on registration day and returned to the school when the examination is completed.

The principals of each of these schools urgently request that all children be completely registered on one of the above dates. This pre-school registration is the only way they can determine the anticipated enrollment and the need for teachers, classrooms and equipment for next year first grade enrollment.

## Water System Meeting Held

The Hillcrest-Scurlock water distribution system moved a step closer to realization Monday night when area residents voted to apply for an FHA loan for construction and employed the Lumberton engineering firm of Koonce and Nobles to make a feasibility study of the area.

A meeting at the Hillcrest Fire Station Monday night drew about 40 residents of the area in spite of the cold, wet weather,

The voter registration books will be open Saturday at the polling place in each Hoke County precinct for registration in the primaries May 2. John S. Poole, chairman of the board of elections, said.

The books will be open each Saturday April 4, 11 and 18 for registration and challenge day will be held April 25, he said.

Voters in the May 2 election must be registered. Those who have registered to vote in Hoke County in the last few years are still carried on the books, he said, and do not need to register again.

There will be both a Democratic and a Republican primary this year. Voters must register as a member of a party and may vote in the primary of that party only, he said.

The only candidates on the Republican ballot will be for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Listed on the Democratic ballot will be candidates for the offices of board of education, county commissioners, sheriff, coroner, clerk of the court, District Court Judge, Solicitor of Superior Court, Superior Court Judge, N.C. House of Representatives, N.C. Senate, and U.S. House of Representatives.

Voters may register at the following places: Precinct, Polling Places and Registrars follow:

Allendale, Allendale Community House, W.L. Roper; Antioch, Antioch Community House, Mrs. Thanie B. Gillis; Blue Springs, South Hoke School, J.R. Hendrix; Buchan, Odom's Store, Mrs. C.G. Odom; McCain, Ashmont Community House, James Nixon; Puppy Creek, Puppy Creek Community House, (Wayside) Mrs. Almeta C. Parker.

Raeford No. 1, Hoke County Courthouse, Mary Lee Matherly; Raeford No. 2, Hoke County Office Building, Mrs. R.A. Matheson; Raeford No. 3, Hillcrest Fire Station, Mrs. Earl Conoly; Raeford No. 4, Hoke Civic Center, Mrs. Letitia Coffey; Raeford No. 5, Upchurch School, Miss Doris McAllister.

Rockfish, Rockfish Community House, B.B. Bostie; Stonewall, Stonewall Community House, Mrs. Kathleen Jones.

## Horse Show Draws Entries From Coast To Mid-West

The Raeford Woman's Club chalked up another successful horse show Saturday, with a good crowd out to see the 194 entries that came from as far away as Missouri, Ohio and New Jersey.

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chairman Smith McInnis said.

An application for a Farmer's Home Administration loan of \$100,000 will be made, based on an estimated 100 water users. However, the final amount of the loan will be determined by the actual number of users and construction costs, he said.

McInnis urged those at the meeting to continue to solicit support of the water system from the residents in that area.

The Quarter Horse show attracted entries from the farthest distance, but horses from North and South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia competed in the English and Western show.

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Nine cases were paid in Magistrate's Court this week.

In other worthless check cases in District Court, Judge Dupree declared a nol pros on a case against David McAllister for a worthless check to Florence Peterson as having the warrant issued for the wrong person.

A case against Leon Carter for issuing a worthless check to L.F. West was continued until April 3 and subpoenas were ordered for West and a cashier from a Lumberton bank with deposit records for Carter during 1969.

**Benefit Ball Game At Upchurch Friday**

A basketball game between the Rescue Squad and the Upchurch School faculty will be played Friday night at 8 p.m. in the Upchurch gym.

Proceeds will be used by the Rescue Squad toward the purchase of another vehicle. Admission will be 35 cents and 75 cents.

Playing for the Rescue Squad will be Billy Scott, Bobby Baker, Bill Parker, Johnny Melton, Jimmy Riley, "Red" Hubert Davis, Terry Bullock, Johnny Smith, Charles Tew, Rudolph Hendrix, Earl Conoly, and Herbie Jackson.

Upchurch players will be W.K. Morgan, Matt Gwynne, J.B. Dees, Jeff Campbell, Steve Loibner, George McNeill and Louis Bledsoe.



WINNING ARAB Lewisfield Nizso, owned by Jennings Brown, Jr. of Raleigh, proudly after winning the Arabian halter class