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## Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

The Rev. James Mattox of Rutherfordton, who held a revival last week at the First Baptist Church, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club last Thursday night. He talked about events that had happened during his ministry. He stated that most people think a minister doesn't enjoy life. After listening to his talk we will say that his life is filled with unexpected events. We enjoyed his talk very much as did the entire group.

We will not call names, but a lady told us of the following incident that happened recently. It seems that a local mother was on a church committee and the committee was meeting about every night one week. The youngest member of the family was getting tired of his mother being away and said to her, "Mother, why can't you be a Sunday christian like the other women in town?"

A letter received recently by City Commissioner J.D. McMillian was a masterpiece. The reason the letter was written was to sell J.D. a wig. We would publish the letter but some names called in the letter concerning the wearing of wigs would give away the secret of Raeford men. We believe McMillian would let most of the readers glance at the letter. So go by and request a peek at the letter.

We have written in this column on many occasions of the great work being done by Jimmy James with the Hoke High band. Also we have praised many performances of the band. Maybe the 'Concerned Graduate' missed the paper those weeks.

Anyway this letter from a college student is self explanatory:

Dear Mr. Morris:  
I have been planning to write you for a long time, but somehow I never seem to have time. I would like to express an opinion of mine.

As a former student of Hoke High School I would like to express my congratulations to the football team, the cheerleaders, the Pep Club, and most of all to the HHS Marching Band on a great season. As everyone knows the football team has been great this year, but then so has the band. They work so hard and get so little praise. I don't believe anybody realizes how hard the members of the band work. Not only do they practice everyday during school, but they also have extra practices every Wednesday night during football season. Learning the music is quite a job, but have you ever tried to remember an intricate routine and play correctly at the same time? It is not an easy job.

The football team has extra help with their financial needs, but the band does not. They pay a fee every year in order to have music to learn. The majorettes, the lettergirls, the flagbearers all are required to buy their own expensive uniforms. They do it because they love HHS and want to use their talents for it.

The Band is the best example I have ever seen of unappreciated effort. HHS has one of the best bands in the state. Everyone I have met at school that has heard of Raeford has heard about it through its music department. Give a little praise where it is so greatly needed and deserved.

Thank you for listening to an old student's opinion.

Sincerely,  
A Concerned Graduate



**HAPPY Thanksgiving**

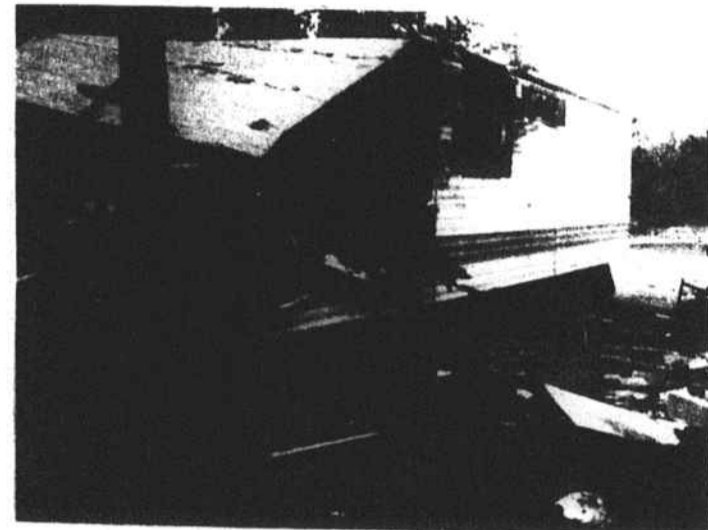
**MAY YOUR HOLIDAY TABLE BE BLESSED WITH ABUNDANCE**

As we gather around the Thanksgiving table with our loved ones, we pray that every home in America may be blessed with the good things in life: the enjoyment of material needs, the warmth of family affection, and faith in the Creator from Whom all good things come.

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We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day

## Baptists Host Annual Thanksgiving Service



LOSS - An explosion ripped away the front portion of this mobile home and a fire gutted the interior Saturday afternoon. The cause has not been determined.

The annual unified Thanksgiving church service will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 at the First Baptist Church.

The service is sponsored by the downtown Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

The Rev. Herman Winberry will be the guest pastor. The Revs. John Ropp and Jack Mansfield will also participate in the service.

Special music for the service will be provided by the First Baptist Church choir.

The hours of the traditional service have been changed this year from Thanksgiving morning because of the poor attendance in recent years, the Rev. Mr. Mansfield said. It is hoped that more people will be able to participate in the Wednesday night service.

## Pancake Supper Planned Dec. 3

The Kiwanis Club's 16th annual pancake Supper will be held Dec. 3 from 4:40 to 7:30 p.m. at the Gibson School cafeteria.

Tickets are on sale for \$1.00 from any Kiwanis member. Key Club members at Hoke High will also participate in the ticket sale with a share of the proceeds going to the club for projects.

Funds raised at the supper are used by the Kiwanis club to provide a one year scholarship for a Hoke High senior and to sponsor the Kiwanis youth activities program. This includes support for Girl and Boy Scouts, a Little League team and a Christmas project to help needy children.

Clyde Upchurch, Jr. is chairman of the supper this year. He is assisted by Israel Mann.

The menu will include pancakes, sausage, coffee and milk. The sausage was donated by the Jesse Jones Company. Coble Dairies donated the milk and Staley Company donated the syrup.

## Fire, Blast Rip Trailer

A mobile home in Ponderosa Trailer Park was destroyed late Saturday afternoon by a fire and explosion.

The trailer belonging to D.F. Truelove was a total loss from the fire and smoke damage. An explosion tore open the front half of the mobile home, ripping out both sides and the end.

Mrs. Truelove was in the yard at the time the blast occurred. Fire was seen coming from the trailer before it exploded, Ed McNeill, chief of Hillcrest Fire Department said he was told. The cause of the fire and explosion has not been determined.

Hillcrest Fire Department answered the fire alarm. McNeill estimated the value of the loss at \$15,000.

## Christmas Parade Is Next Friday

Jingle bells and ho - ho - ho. The Christmas Parade will be swinging down Main Street next week on Dec. 4 at 4:15.

Chamber of Commerce officials say the parade this year should equal that of 1969, which was Raeford's most successful Christmas celebration.

Nearly a dozen commercial floats are expected. Harold Gillis, Chamber manager said. A first - time attraction will be the Cumberland County Bobcats, a rhythm group.

The parade will get started 45 minutes earlier than last year in hopes that the spectators will be able to see better and

will not get so cold, Gillis said. The 4:15 p.m. time should still allow most of the industrial traffic to clear the area, he said. The parade this year will begin at Raeford Elementary School and will end at the Armory.

## United Fund Adds \$100

Approximately \$100 in contributions was added this week to the United Fund campaign chest as the drive entered the fourth week.

The Antioch community donated \$82 to the fund, Wendell Young, who is charge of rural collections, reported.

Individuals contributed about \$20 this week, Fund treasurer Sam C. Morris reported.

Total collections this year amount to approximately \$1,280. The goal for the county is \$19,181.19.

The solicitation at Burlington Mills is nearing completion. Larry Allgood reported, and is expected to be concluded next week. Fund officials also hope to have reports soon from other industries and downtown merchants.

Individual contributions this year have increased over previous years, fund officials report.

## Council Lets Water Contract

A Sanford construction company submitted the low bid to construct the new city water lines.

In a special meeting Friday afternoon, the city council awarded the contract to Blue Construction Company of Sanford.

A bid of \$20,657.60 for asbestos cement pipe was submitted by the company. Six contractors bid on the distribution system.

The council also approved a resolution creating a regional council.

## Several Old Cases Cleared From Superior Court Docket

Twenty - one cases, including some that had been continued since 1968 and 1969, were cleared from the docket during the November session of Superior Court.

Another 19 that were scheduled for trial this session were continued. Judge Thomas D. Cooper, Jr. presided at the session which ended Thursday. The following cases were heard on Wednesday and Thursday.

### Days Set For Leaf Pick-up

A new schedule for collecting leaves and trash was announced this week by city manager John D. Gaddy.

Leaves will be picked up on Mondays and Thursdays during the remainder of the fall. This is intended to benefit residents who rake their lawns on the weekend and on Wednesday afternoon, he said.

The two-day a week schedule was put into effect to reduce time spent by the city in collecting leaves. Picking leaves up throughout the week was interfering with normal city maintenance and was too time consuming, Gaddy said. Leaves may have to be collected on other days of the week but Gaddy said the city will try to do most of the collection according to the schedule.

He also asked that residents not put leaves in the street gutters. In addition to being a violation of a city ordinance against placing leaves or trash in the street or on public property, it also causes extra work for city personnel, he said. Leaves placed in the gutter wash into the catch basin of the storm sewers and must be cleaned out.

A jury found L.C. Cunningham not guilty of failing to comply with provisions of a special permit for excessive size and weight.

The state took a nol proes on several cases. These included Luke Sturdivant, who was charged with driving while his license was revoked and resisting and delaying an officer; Warnell Jacobs, Jr., charged with aiding and abetting, driving under the influence; Elton Buffkin, driving under the influence; and Delton Monroe, Jr., assault.

Henry Howard Hollingsworth, who gave notice of appeal after being sentenced to six months for driving under the influence, withdrew his appeal. He was given a four months active sentence and recommended for the work release program.

Eugene Slate was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and was sentenced to not less than seven or more than ten years.

The court heard an appeal by James Tillman Long on the revocation of his probation which had been ordered by District Court Judge George Stuhl. The revocation was upheld by Superior Court and Long was ordered to serve two consecutive six months sentences.

Julius Dockery pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and was given a four to seven year sentence suspended for five years. Dockery was placed on five years probation and was ordered to pay the hospital bills and \$300 restitution to the prosecuting witness and to pay court costs. In addition, he was forbidden to have in his possession any firearms, knife or weapon of any kind while away from his own premises. The pistol in evidence was ordered disposed of by the court. James Alford was sentenced to six

months and recommended for the work release program after being convicted of assault with a deadly weapon.

The court passed judgment in several cases that had been tried in previous sessions.

Robert M. Graham, convicted of issuing a worthless check for \$100, was given until the January term to pay restitution for the check.

Mrs. Mary M. Jones, who was convicted of issuing a worthless check for \$225, was allowed to make restitution for the check.

Judgment was passed on James Jones, Thomas Dial, Lock Craig Dial and Freddie Revels, Jr., who had been convicted of larceny of hogs. They were each sentenced to not less than six or more than ten years suspended for five years with five years probation. They were also each ordered to pay court costs and were each charged \$950 restitution to Earl and James Hendrix. The court ordered each of the four defendants not to associate with any of the other defendants.

Freddie Revels, Jr. was ordered to remain in jail until the full restitution was made. The other defendants were allowed to pay a portion of the amount, with provisions for paying the remainder under the supervision of the probation officer.

## Three Wrecks Reported

Three wrecks were reported in the city this week.

A runaway truck rolled across Elwood Avenue last Thursday and crashed into the front of Wood Furniture Store, just missing the large plate-glass window.

Charles Eugene Barker, a Warsaw truck driver, left his large delivery truck parked behind Cole's Feed and Seed Store. Although police officers said the hand brake was set, the truck rolled into the building across the street. No charges were filed against the driver.

Another wreck occurred Thursday at the corner of Bethel and Harris Avenue, a frequent scene of accidents.

A car driven by Gary Stephen Orem, 16, struck the automobile driven by Mrs. Mabel Adcox Barnes of Lumber Bridge. Mrs. Barnes was traveling east on Harris Avenue, police officers said, when the Orem car hit her. He had stopped at the stop sign and then pulled into her left rear fender, the investigating officer said.

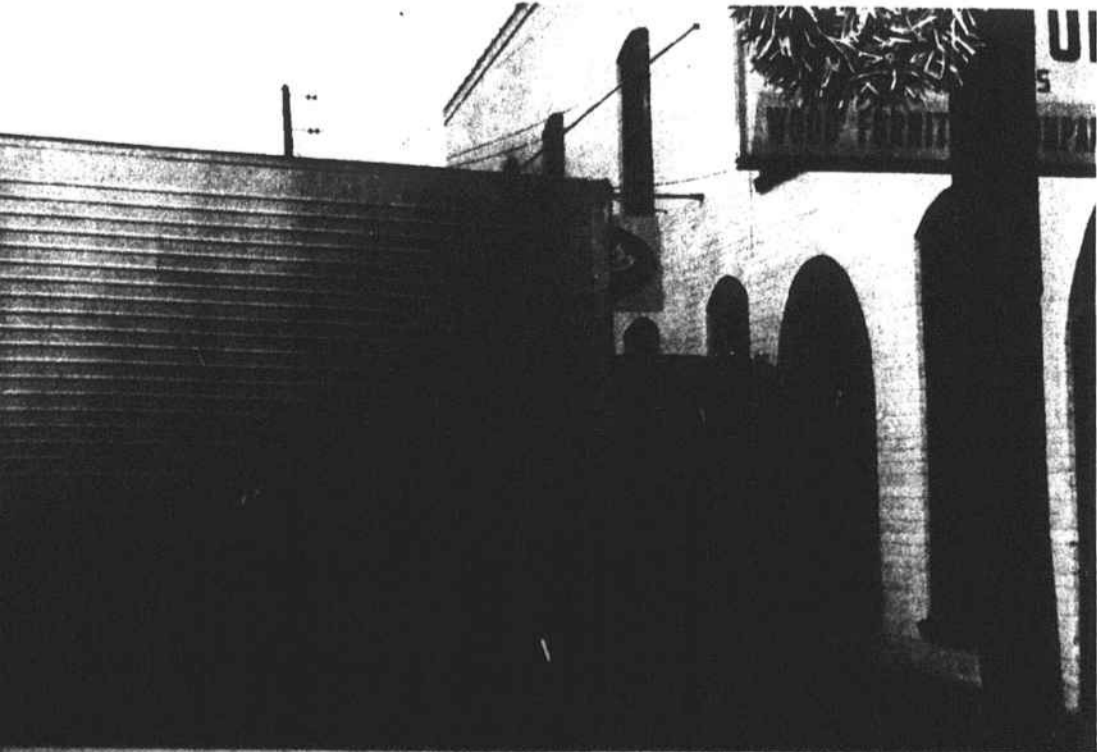
Orem was charged with failure to yield right - of - way. Approximately \$400 damage was done to the two cars. Mrs. Barnes was slightly injured with a cut on her forehead.

A wreck was reported Monday morning on Central Avenue. Cars driven by James Ervin Truelove, Rt. 5 Fayetteville, and Mrs. Annie Johnson Williams of Fayetteville, collided in front of Southern Restaurant. Truelove was backing out of the restaurant parking area when his car was hit by the Williams car, which had just turned out of Conoly's service station.

Approximately \$300 damage was reported in the two cars. No charges were



NEW POLICEMAN - James D. Barnes, 29, has joined the Raeford City Police Department. Barnes, who is originally from Wilson, has lived in Hoke County two years and is presently living in Cumberland County near the county line.



TRUCK STOP - The building got in the path of a runaway truck last Thursday when the brakes on a delivery truck parked behind Cole's Feed and Seed store failed. The delivery vehicle rolled across Elwood Avenue and into Wood Furniture Company's store.