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Around Town

By SAM MORRIS

The Raeford Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper was a success. A line was formed early and it reminded some of us of the old army days, when you stood in a chow line. We don't know exactly how much was cleared on the supper, but we know all Kiwanians express appreciation for the patronage of local people.

Also Israel Mann said that even if Jesse Jones did slap back at him, he got the sausage anyway.

About two months ago, Raeford lost one of its best ambassadors when Charlie Pierce moved to Jacksonville, Fla. We knew Charlie as a fellow Kiwanian and he was tops. He died last week at the age of 80 and was buried here Monday. His wife will return to Jacksonville to live and for those who have requested her address, it is as follows:

Mrs. Charlie I. Pierce
5138 Damascus Rd., North
Jacksonville, Fla. 32207

The golf tournament held at Arabia Golf Club over the past weekend shows the following winners: Championship flight: Bill Lentz and Robert Lentz, 1st Flight: Ruz Autry and Clyde Upchurch, Jr. 2nd Flight: Jack Morgan and Earl Oxendine.

Last week a notice was run in the paper to request toys that were not being used or needed repair to be turned in at the First Baptist Church. These toys will be repaired and given to needy children at Christmas. The Rev. Jack Mansfield said this week that they had received many toys, but they could use many more. Look around the house and see if you have something that would put a smile on some child's face this Christmas. The toys can be turned in through Monday, December 21.

We were all proud of our Bucks and the fine record they made during the past year. We are proud of the boys that played so well and to the ones that made all - star teams. But we want to congratulate John Pecora, Coach of the Bucks, who has been named "Coach of the Year" by the Southeastern 3A conference. John has done an outstanding job and we feel that he deserves all honors that he can receive.

We notice in other papers that two former Raeford youths have been outstanding on the football field this year. They are Rick McKenzie of Elizabethtown and Mark Manuel of Robbinsville. Rick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. McKenzie who lived in Raeford until several years ago and worked for the City of Raeford. Rick was named to the Eastern All - Star 2A team. He played end.

Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Manuel who lived here a number of years ago and worked for Burlington Worsted. John will be remembered as starting slow - pitch softball here. Mark was named as a quarterback on the N.C. team in the Shrine Bowl.

Congratulations to these two young men.

We read the following recently. It appeared in the Bloomsburg Pa. Press: "Just in case you find any mistakes, please remember they were put there for a purpose. We try to offer something for everyone. Some people are always looking for mistakes."

Capt Branch Awarded Bronze Star

For heroism in action, Army Captain Charles H. Branch Jr., whose parents live at 510 W. Edinborough Ave., Raeford, receives his second award of the Bronze Star Medal in recent ceremonies near Sa Dec, Vietnam.

Presenting the award is Lieutenant Colonel James W. Vance, Deputy Senior Advisor, 9th Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

Capt. Branch was cited for action last July 10 while serving as Senior Advisor to a battalion of Vietnamese Infantry on a Reconnaissance - In - Force mission in Vinh Binh Province. When the unit came under intense enemy fire, he immediately moved to a forward position to assess the situation.

"With complete disregard for his personal safety," reads the citation, "he moved several times under withering fire to better direct gunship strikes and plot coordinates for artillery support. He directed medivac helicopters into a landing zone to evacuate wounded. His competence resulted in fewer casualties and the repulsion of the tenacious enemy force."

Capt. Branch is now serving as a Senior Advisor at the Basic Training Center of

Commissioners Approve

New Penny Sales Tax Referendum To Be Submitted To Voters Feb. 9



FAREWELL - Judge Joseph Dupree commends District Court assistant prosecutor Mrs. Sylvia X. Allen and chief prosecutor Charles G. Rose III during their last day in court here before the expiration of their terms Dec. 1.

Judge Commends Court Prosecutors

Outgoing District Court prosecutors Charles G. Rose III, chief prosecutor, and Mrs. Sylvia X. Allen, assistant, were publically commended by Judge Joseph Dupree in District Court last Friday.

Sugar's Store Burglarized

A burglar entered Joe Sugar's Men's Store through a skylight Monday night and stole an undetermined amount of merchandise.

The theft was discovered Tuesday morning by manager Paul Solomon. City police are investigating.

Man Killed In Wreck

A St. Pauls man was killed early Sunday morning in a one car crash six miles south of Raeford on SR 1443 near Dundarrach.

Dead is James Douglas Johnson, 20, of Rt. 2, St. Pauls. He was a passenger in the car driven by Anthony J. Harris, 18, of St. Pauls.

Five other persons were injured in the wreck, which occurred at 12:45 a.m. Sunday. They are Harris; James Frank Johnson, 21 of Rt. 2, St. Pauls; Rodyeers Williams of Lumber Bridge; John Wayne McRae, 17, of Lumber Bridge and Glenn Miller, 19, of Lumber Bridge.

McRae and Miller were hospitalized. Harris's car left the road at a high rate of speed, traveled across a field where it jumped a canal and struck several trees, Highway Patrol Trooper C.A. Bennett said.

The car was a total loss. Harris was

charged with manslaughter.

The death fatality was the ninth traffic fatality in the county this year.

Sheriff's deputies Harvey Young and Robert Locklear and the Hoke County Rescue Squad assisted the Highway Patrol at the scene of the accident.

Another one car accident was reported over the weekend.

Three persons were injured in a wreck at 3 a.m. Saturday eight miles south of Raeford on SR 1436.

A car driven by James Wells, 20, of Shannon left the road at a high rate of speed, according to Trooper Bennett, and overturned several times, striking a fence.

The injured were taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital. They are Wells, his wife, Mrs. Regina Wells, 20, and his brother Frank Wells of Lumber Bridge.

Charges against Wells are pending.

Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

He is a 1969 graduate of Hoke County High School, Raeford. His wife, Mae, lives on Route 1, Roseboro.

Irregularities Charged In Co-Op Election

A lawsuit charging irregularities in a recent election to the board of directors of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation was filed Tuesday on behalf of Elias Rogers, a defeated candidate for the board.

Judge Maurice Braswell, resident judge of the 12th Judicial District, issued an order Tuesday for the Robeson County sheriff to impound all the election material and ordered the defendants to appear in court in Lumberton on Dec. 17 to show cause why the election should not be set aside.

Named in the suit are the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation; D.J. Dalton; Neill A. Watson; Cecil Dunn and W.B. McDiarmid.

Rogers alleges that there was a conspiracy on the part of the employees of the corporation, including D.J. Dalton, general manager, to defeat Rogers and T.W. Bethea in their candidacy for election to the board of directors.

This conspiracy was accomplished, the plaintiff alleges in his suit, by the "improper gathering of proxies, improper registration of proxies, improper use of proxies, by causing more than the allowable votes to be cast and by refusing to recognize the protest of Elias Rogers to the election procedure."

W.B. McDiarmid, Neill A. Watson and Cecil Dunn were declared winners in an election held Nov. 4 at the Red Springs Armory. McDiarmid received 806 votes, defeating Rogers who received 333. Watson received 836 votes to Bethea's 265. Dunn was unopposed.

Rogers alleges in the suit that the proxies were solicited by employee linemen, service personnel and other

More Than 300 Acres Burned Over Weekend

At least 17 fires, most of them deliberately set, were reported in the county over the weekend, Robert Jones, county Forest Ranger, said.

A ban on all brush pile burning was announced by the State Forest Service effective Dec. 6 and continuing until weather conditions indicate a return to normal forest fire hazard.

All brush pile burning permits are cancelled under the order and all burning within 500 feet of wooded areas is prohibited by action of the State Forester under authority of G.S. 14-139.

This emergency measure has been taken, Jones said, because of forecasted continuation of the severe forest fire conditions which have caused over 400 fires in the state to burn 30,000 acres during the weekend.

A total of 319 acres were burned in fires reported in Hoke County during Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jones said. There were undoubtedly more fires in the

County Health Nurses Resign

Two public health nurses have resigned effective Jan. 1 from the county health center.

Mrs. Flora Crowder and Mrs. Otis McLamb submitted their resignations to the county health board on Nov. 30, Walter Coley, board chairman said.

Mrs. McLamb, who has worked at the health center over 17 years, is leaving to take other employment.

Mrs. Crowder, who was chosen county Nurse - of - the - Year last year, will return to McCain Sanatorium where she was employed for 9 1/2 years. She has worked at the health center for the past 4 1/2 years and was also a county health nurse during the 1940's.

"I am certainly sorry to see us lose them," Dr. H.H. McLean, regional director of the State Board of Health said. "Both of them are absolutely dedicated public health nurses and have rendered a great service to the people of Hoke County."

City Appoints Appeals Board

A board of appeals to help implement the new city housing code was appointed by the city council Monday night during the regular council meeting.

Named to the board were J.W. McPhaul, Ivery McNair and Sam C. Morris.

The board will hear appeals on condemnation orders and repair orders issued by the city housing administrator.

A Christmas bonus of three per cent of annual salary for city employees was approved by the council.

In other business, the council accepted an agreement with Rorie Construction Company to allow connection of water lines to the city system on Business 401 for a new subdivision under construction on state road 1403. A zoning of 401 Sales Company from residential to commercial was also approved.

persons for the purpose of aiding the candidacy of McDiarmid, Watson and Dunn. Procedures for registering the proxies violated corporation by-laws, Rogers contends, and were not filed properly or within the required time limit with the secretary of the corporation.

At the time of the election, the suit alleges, all proxies were held by D.J. Dalton, who refused to disclose the number of proxies or allow inspection of them or the proxy books.

The suit further alleges "that the annual meeting was attended by 97 voting white members and 340 voting non-white members. Upon registration of a white voting member, either Mr. Dalton or Mr. Dunn would then take the said registered white voting member into a separate room away from the general membership, wherein a Mr. Miller, who

county during that period, he explained, that were not reported or investigated by the Forest Service. Many of the fire calls were answered by rural fire departments, he said.

The State Forest Service crews are heavily committed on fires that are contained but still dangerous and their capability to control new fires has been reduced seriously, Jones said.

Eleven of the fires reported by Jones were deliberately set incendiary fires, Jones said. Five of the fires resulted from brush fires that got out of control.

The city fire department and personnel from the street department have been fighting an incendiary fire at the old city dump since last Wednesday, Bill Sellars reported.

The fire, which was started in four places, was discovered Wednesday afternoon. The blaze was put out on Wednesday but flared up again Friday during the high wind that day. The fire crossed Rockfish Creek and burned along the highway. Small fires were still being extinguished there Monday.

The old dump is used by the city to dump leaves and limbs collected by the sanitation department. Sellars said fire fighters had difficulty reaching the fire because the fire lanes had become clogged with piles of leaves and brush. The city is repairing the fire lanes there this week, he said.

Law enforcement officers from the Sheriff's Department, the Highway Patrol and the Forest Service office in Rockingham are investigating the burning.

Fund Totals \$14,774.23

A total of \$14,774.23 has been collected so far by the United Fund.

The goal for this year's campaign is \$19,181.19.

Generous McCain contributors have donated \$642.24 to the Fund.

The county schools have contributed a total of \$1493, with two schools left to report.

Upchurch donated \$440 and South Hoke \$297. West Hoke contributions were \$214; Scurlock donated \$189 and Raeford Elementary donated \$188. Contributions from the Board of Education personnel totaled \$165.

J.W. McLaughlin and Hoke High contributions have not been reported.

Hoke Oil Company employees donated \$218 to the Fund drive. C.P. Kinlaw was 100 per cent with a \$27.50 donation and McLaughlin Company was 100 per cent with a \$45 donation.

Quewhiffle contributed \$37 and Rockfish contributors gave \$19.68.

Southern National Bank personnel gave \$127 this year. Workers at the Department of Social Services contributed \$63; Allen's and City Cleaners gave \$42 and Johnson Company gave \$75.

There are still several envelopes received at the beginning of the week that have not yet been opened and tallied, treasurer Sam Morris said.

Fund officials consider the chances of reaching the county goal to be excellent if the turkey plant and Tex-Elastic have a good drive. Last year the Fund failed to reach its goal and aid to participating agencies had to be reduced.

individuals and instructed them to place the ballots in their pockets and when issued additional ballots on the inside of the building, to remove these ballots from their pocket and to cast them in the ballot boxes along with the ballots to be received on the inside of the building."

Rogers protested the election on Nov. 5; the suit contends, but the protest was ignored.

He asked in the suit that the election be set aside and a new election, to be conducted under the supervision of the court, be ordered.

He also asked that the court order the sheriff to seize all election material, including proxies, ballots, registration books, proxy registration books and any and all other material, information, writings, records or manuscripts concerning the election.

The county commissioners voted Monday to hold a one cent local option sales tax referendum on Feb. 9, 1971.

A petition from the Hoke County Farm Bureau supporting the sales tax and requesting a referendum was read at the board of commissioners' regular meeting Dec. 7.

Feb. 9 of next year was the earliest date the vote could be held, county manager T.B. Lester said.

The sales tax was defeated by 253 votes in 1969 despite a vigorous campaign by supporters.

The commissioners convened an hour and a half earlier than usual in order to have the three members re-elected in the general election sworn in and to make county appointments.

Judge Coy E. Brewer, junior resident judge of the Twelfth Judicial District, administered the oaths of office to T.C. Jones, Ralph Barnhart and John Baltour.

The board then re-appointed T.B. Lester as county manager with the additional duties of county accountant, tax supervisor and purchasing agent; Archie McBryde, assistant tax supervisor; Brian H. Thornburg, tax collector; Mrs. Elizabeth Livingston, assistant tax collector and Charles A. Hostetler, county attorney.

T.C. Jones was elected to another term as chairman of the board and Tom McBryde was re-elected vice-chairman.

A motion to deed a lot on Adams Street to the Rescue Squad was approved by the board. The lot, which is approximately 150 x 150, is near the fence at the Armory, Lester said, and will not interfere with parking space there.

A letter was read from Gov. Robert Scott requesting the board to select an American Revolution Bicentennial Commission from the county. The board agreed to name the committee by the next meeting.

Ralph Barnhart was re-appointed fire commissioner. Other members appointed to the fire commission are W.E. McNeill, J.D. McMillan, John Baker, Paul Frederick Johnson and Robert Jones.

List takers appointed for 1971 are Miss Willa McLaughlin, Allendale; C.C. Conly, Antioch; Julian Lowe, Blue Springs; Douglas Monroe, McLaughlin; Mrs. C.G. Odum, Quewhiffle; Mrs. Mary Lee Matherly, Raeford and J. Eli Shankle, Stonehall.

The board approved \$300 for the purchase of a new attachment for the stamp machine.

A letter of inquiry from the Department of Local Affairs concerning the advisability of establishing county law libraries was tabled by the commissioners.

In other business, the board approved extra help for the Department of Social Services to prepare cards for issuing surplus commodities; discussed rent of space to store civil defense shelter supplies; authorized a bonus to employees who do not carry hospital insurance; and accepted a petition to pave road 1128.

The board also approved payment to the Allendale Community House for repair caused by a break in and authorized payment of \$100 to dues for the National Association of Counties.

Choir To Give Yule Cantata

The Christmas Cantata BORN A KING by John W. Peterson will be presented at the First Baptist Church Sunday night at 7:30.

It will be sung by the Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Mrs. J.H. Austin with Bryan Miller as guest organist and Talmadge English as narrator.

The public is invited to attend this special service of worship.