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Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

An article in last week's paper about the awarding of trophies to the Hoke High School football team had a couple of errors in it and also was not complete. We regret this very much and will try to correct the article below.

The letter written by N.J. Blue was to Raz Autry, principal at Hoke High and the line Dear Raz was omitted in the letter as printed last week. The article also stated that the presentations were made at Seventy-First when they were made at the Hoke High gym at halftime of a basketball game between the Bucks and Falcons.

Charlie Hottel and C.D. Bounds were also presented trophies and this was omitted from the article. They were given to Hottel as driver of the athletic bus and to Bounds for his work in any way with the team.

We hope this will set the record straight because we think this was one of the nicest things that has been done for our young people in many a year. We would like to say for everyone, "Thank you, old kid."

Mrs. Ella M. Traywick, who for many years wrote the Stonewall News and now is at a Rest home in Durham, was by the office last week to wish us a Merry Christmas. Thank you Mrs. Traywick and we hope for you a very Merry Christmas and many more happy New Years.

Two other visitors by the office in the past few days were Doran Berry, former solicitor from Fayetteville, and Ben Campbell, a Raeford native, who is head personnel man of Burlington Worsted and is now at Clarksville, Va. Doran was talking about politics and any other subject. Ben of course was talking about textiles. It was good to see both of these men.

The toys from Ft. Bragg that were given out by the Department of Social Services is certainly the real meaning of Christmas. This shows that many people still believe that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We think that a big change would come over this world if we all would try to live with that thought.

We see where Judge Joe Dupree made statewide headlines when he offered the defendant in a drunk driving case 12 car or more. We also note that Christmas and New Year's are on Friday so that the court session after the holidays will be a cumulation of three weeks of cases. Rest up Judge, you might be in court after dark.

We will say to all our readers that we wish you the best over the holidays. Remember that the highways will be crowded with people heading home for Christmas, so please drive as if your own life is in every car.
A Merry Christmas!



Never a Christmas Morning ...
Never the Old Year ends,
But Someone thinks of Someone
Old Days, Old Times, Old Friends

Tex-Elastic Announces Wage Incentive Plan

A merit incentive wage program designed to decrease job turnovers was announced this week for Tex-Elastic by plant manager H.E. Simmons. Employees with over 12 months service will receive the equivalent of one week's vacation pay. Those with over 48 months service will receive two weeks vacation pay.

The new merit incentive system is in addition to the present wage program and will enable an employee to increase his earnings based on individual development and merit performance, Simmons said. "Our goal is to increase the stability and effectiveness of our work force, which we feel will result in steady work for our employees and allow us to effectively meet competition," he said.

Stores Tell Holiday Hours

Stores and businesses will be closed Christmas Day but some will open Dec. 26.

According to a list compiled by the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce, the following establishments will be open Saturday:

A&P, Collins, Pope's, Raeford Department Store, Macks, Catos, Conoly's Esso, Raeford Medical Group (half day), and Sugars.
The following will be closed Dec. 26: Allen's Ltd, Auto Parts and Equipment, Bank of Raeford, City Cleaners, Theresa's, Western Auto, Marks, Heilig-Meyers, The Family Restaurant, Teal Oil Company, Raeford Oil Company, Connell Insurance, Hoke Auto, Raeford Auto, Hoke Concrete, Hoke Oil and Fertilizer, The Johnson Company, C.P. Kinlaw, McLauchlin Company, Raeford Cleaners, National Finance, Niven's Furniture and Appliance, Wood's Furniture, Southern National Bank, Raeford Hardware, Hotel Barber Shop, Sport's Barber Shop and Southern Restaurant.

Tex-Elastic announced a wage increase in July and a profit-sharing retirement plan earlier this year.

Simmons said the turnover rate had been small in the last six months and the new merit incentive program was designed to decrease turnovers even more.

One of the primary reasons for locating the rubber products plant here, Simmons said, was the type of employe available. Since Tex - Elastic was opened, the work force has been steadily increased.

Improvements have also been made at the plant, he said. The parking lot was paved recently and landscaping will be added.

Council Sets Budget

A budget of \$12,400 for the next six months was approved by the Region N Council of Governments in a meeting Dec. 14 in Lumberton.

The executive committee selected for the COG is composed of Sam Noble, chairman, Robeson County; James A. Gibson, vice - chairman, Scotland County; Billy Carter, secretary - treasurer, Clarkton; and John K. McNeill, Raeford; J.S. Singletary, Bladen County; T.C. Jones, Hoke County; D.J. Sinclair, Laurinburg and Sam Dial, Pembroke.

United Fund Nears Goal Donations Total \$17,401

Chorale Sings On Channel 4

The Hoke High School Chorale from Raeford will be seen singing songs of the season on WUNC-TV, Channel 4, Wednesday, December 23 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Mary A. McNeill conducts the group. Titled "Music of the Christmas Season," the program was recorded last week in Chapel Hill. The Hoke High School Chorale performed there during the Institute for High School Small Vocal Ensembles. The Institute was conducted at the Department of Music at the University at Chapel Hill by Dr. Lara Hoggard.

The Hoke High School Chorale perform two selections, "Ave Maria" and "Caroling, Caroling." "Music of the Christmas Season" is a four - program series featuring groups from across the state. The series was produced by the Chapel Hill Studios of University of North Carolina Television, the state's educational television service.

In District Court

Walters Waives Hearing On Eight Larceny Counts

Herman Junior Walters of Red Springs waived a preliminary hearing in District Court Friday on eight counts of breaking, entering and larceny.

He was bound over to Superior Court for action by the grand jury. Bond was set at \$1,500 in each case for a total of \$12,000.

Nine persons were tried Friday for driving under the influence. William Alfred Gullede of Raeford pleaded guilty to DUI and was sentenced to six months suspended with capias and or commitment to issue at

anytime during the next 18 months if he should be convicted of violating any state traffic laws. He was ordered not to drive for the next 12 months except under the provisions of the limited driving permit and was fined \$200 and costs. There was a breathalyzer reading of .17 per cent.

The state took a nol pro on a DUI charge against Sp4 Frederick William Sanders of Ft. Bragg. Sanders pleaded guilty of careless and reckless driving. He was sentenced to six months suspended with capias and or commitment to

issue at anytime during the next 18 months if he should be convicted of violating any state traffic laws. He was ordered not to drive in North Carolina for the next 18 months and was fined \$150 and court costs. There was a breathalyzer reading of .17 per cent.

John Alton Bounds of Red Springs pleaded guilty of DUI, second offense and was sentenced to six months suspended on the condition that he not violate any state traffic laws during the next 18 months. He was ordered not to drive in North Carolina for the next 18 months and was fined

\$200 and costs. There was a breathalyzer reading of .17 per cent.

Paul Ellis Wilson of Aberdeen pleaded guilty to DUI and was sentenced to six months suspended with capias and or commitment to issue at any time during the next 18 months if he is convicted of violating any state traffic laws during that time. He was ordered not to drive for the next 18 months and was fined \$150 and costs. There was a breathalyzer reading of .20 per cent.

John McDonald of (See COURT, Page 11)

Old Christmas Customs Brighten Many Countries

The magic glow of Christmas reflects in many corners of the world.

In Jamaica's country towns, local groups celebrate the holiday season by dressing in rags, feathered headdresses, and black masks with features outlined in white. They dance and shout to an African rhythm of drums and flutes, brandishing wooden spears and axes.

The festive and religious aura of Yuletide begins December 16 in the Philippines. At 4 a.m., church bells announce early morning services. Afterward, families decorate the windows of their homes with rainbow - hued paper and bamboo lanterns, the National Geographic Society says.

On the same day in Mexico, houses are readied to receive visitors who with the family enact the drama of Mary and Joseph seeking lodging in Bethlehem. On each night for nine nights family members or guests walk from room to room knocking on doors. Hardhearted "inkeepers" refuse them entrance.

But on Christmas Eve doors are flung wide. Candles blaze and all sing the praises of the Lord. Children smash the pinata, a hollow pottery animal figure that showers them with gifts and candy.

An Angel brings toys to some Swiss children. Italian youngsters look forward to the visit of Befana, the old woman who carries treats to the good and ashes to the bad.

The youngest camel of those which carried the Wise Men brings gifts in southern Syria. Children leave bowls of water and wheat for the little animal.

Christians in Iran fast from the first of December. They eat no meat, milk, or eggs until the fast is broken with a splendid meal on Christmas Eve.

Most holiday diners relish fancy foods, but Armenians favor boiled spinach. They believe that the Virgin Mary ate the greens the night before the birth of Christ.

Englishmen of the Middle Ages set the style for lavish Yule feasts. At one Christmas dinner, King Henry III served up 600 oxen. His guests finished off the meal with salmon pie and roast peacock, washing it down with brew from a wassail bowl bobbing with apples, toast, and roast crabs.

Swedes begin the season with a modest but more colorful meal. Long before dawn on December 13, lights flicker on in each home as the blondest daughter of the family tiptoes to the kitchen to prepare fresh coffee and buns. She then slips into a long white gown, and carefully puts on a glowing crown of candles.

The girl carries her steaming tray to each bedside and brightens each dark room, symbolizing the light that will soon lengthen the days. The ceremony begins a month - long holiday season.

On January 13 the Christmas tree is lit for the last time with the wish "May God bless your Christmas, may it last till Easter."

Post Office

Holiday Hours

The post office holiday schedule was announced this week by Postmaster Charlie Morrison.

There will be no window, lockbox, collection, city or rural route delivery service on Christmas Day, Friday. The Star Route will not operate, therefore, there will be no receipt or dispatch of mail on Dec. 25.

On Saturday, Dec. 26, normal Saturday lockbox and window service will be provided until noon. No delivery service will be provided on city or rural routes. The distribution of both outgoing and incoming preferential mail will be maintained on this day.

On Friday, Jan. 1, no window, city or rural delivery services will be provided. The distribution of both outgoing and incoming preferential mail will be maintained on New Year's Day.

Normal Saturday services will be provided on Jan. 2.



BOXES OF GOODIES - Soldiers from Ft. Bragg delivered two truck loads of toys to the Department of Social Services for distribution here at Christmas. Left to right are M/Sgt. James Way, Mrs. Doris McAllister, a worker with Sandhills Community Action Program, and Chaplain Frederick Glazier, Jr.