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Around Town

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The Christmas holidays seem to have come to an end with everyone back at work again, except for the teachers and students. They will return over the weekend and then things will return to normal in many homes.

We did have the misfortune of breaking a small bone in our foot last Sunday night. It kept us from work and this is the first day away from the office on sick leave in a long time. We can't get around as fast as usual but, we did get back to the desk.

We got the cold weather for Christmas and today (Tuesday) it looks as if snow may be with us for New Year's. With a foot half exposed to the weather we are not looking forward to snow.

We think back over the year and recall the long talk with Jack Bethune about old times and especially the old days on Rockfish Creek and the cabin. This article brought forth renewed acquaintances with Jamie Stone, Big Bill McInnis, Nig Fipson and Daniel Johnson. When you get a response to an article like we did to the write up of the cabin it seems to give you the feeling that the time taken in doing a column is worthwhile.

We are also grateful to Robert Gatlin for his interest in the old days of Hoke County and for bringing us pictures and then taking time to recall the events that took place during that time.

We want to thank each one that wrote letters to us during the year.

We will never forget talking with John McInnis of Japan. Then a few weeks later receiving pictures and newspaper articles about Japan. We certainly did appreciate them.

Also the letters from Raz Autry are always very interesting and help us with this column.

We can recall our local drop in men as Ken McNeill, Eli Shankle, Clayton Buoy and Bernard Bray to mention a few that keep us informed so that we can print all the news.

Last but not least, two places that are the best sources for a column are the sitting room at John Scott Poole's with Neil Senter, Benny McLeod, Ed McNeill, Dan McGowan and P. H. Howell, and the other place is the back room coffee house at the Raeford Savings and Loan. The information received from Frank Teal, J. D. McMillian, C. L. Thomas, Jr., Harold Gillis and Palmer Wilcox always makes writing easy and helps to keep your mind up and above board.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this column in 1970 and may 1971 be even a greater year for all of you.

Voter Books

Open Jan. 4-8

Although a full-time voter registration system goes into effect the first of the year, the voter registration books will be open only four days before the sales tax election, John Scott Poole, county election chairman announced.

Voters may register from Jan. 4 to Jan. 8 at Poole's insurance office on Main Street. The books will then be closed until after the sales tax referendum on Feb. 9. The registration books must be closed 30 days before an election.

Eighteen year olds may register to vote in presidential and congressional elections. Their names will be maintained in a separate register, Poole said, and will be transferred to the regular books upon reaching 21 unless the state legislature changes the state voting requirements.

A recent Supreme Court decision upheld a law passed by Congress allowing 18 year-olds to vote in U.S. elections. This includes elections for president, Senate and the House of Representatives.

After the sales tax election, the registration office will be open from 9-11 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Policeman Resigns

James D. Barnes, the third city policeman to be hired in recent months, resigned from the force last week as a result of a disagreement over the policy that requires policemen to live within the city.

Barnes had been given permission by city manager John Gaddy to continue living in his mobile home about six miles from Raeford, Police Chief L.W. Stanton said, but he was actually living in Cumberland County at his mother's home.

A hearing to review his status was held before Gaddy on Dec. 22 at Barnes' request.

Barnes was hired on Oct. 19 for a 90-day trial period, Chief Stanton said. Two other policemen hired by the city in the past six months also resigned during the trial period.

Applications for policemen are now being accepted, Chief Stanton said.

Car Tag Office

Open Sat. 9-12

The motor vehicle license office will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on Jan. 2.

The hours were listed incorrectly in last week's issue of The News-Journal.

Doc Headen Shot

Man Killed Christmas Eve; Wife Charged With Murder



FIRST SNOW... of the winter Tuesday transformed yards and houses into Christmas card scenes. The H.L. Gatlin yard was one of many beautiful winter landscapes in Raeford after the snow. (Photo by Robert Dickson)

A Hoke County man was shot and killed on Christmas Eve, following an apparent all-night drinking party.

His wife has been charged with murder in connection with the shooting. Dolphia Thomas "Doc" Headen, 30, of Rt. 3, Raeford was shot in the right side of his chest with a small caliber pistol about 7 a.m. Dec. 24. Sheriff D.M. Barrington said. Headen was dead on arrival at Scotland Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Eva Mae Headen, 30, was arrested on an open charge of murder and is being held in Hoke County jail pending a preliminary hearing Jan. 8 in District Court.

The shooting took place at the couple's home on the C.L. Thomas farm off N.C. 211. A number of people were present in the house and in the yard when the shooting occurred, the sheriff said. There appears to have been an all-night party at the home before the shooting, he said.

Sheriff Barrington, Deputies Robert Graham and Herbert Polston and Coroner Frank Crumpler investigated the shooting.

Bloodmobile

Visit Nets

62 Pints

Only 62 pints of blood were collected during the December visit of the Bloodmobile, chairman Clyde Upchurch, Jr. reported.

Upchurch had estimated that at least 120 pints would be needed to rebuild the supply for county residents. Heavy usage in October drained the Hoke County blood fund, he said. However, 16 pints were donated in November in other parts of the state and collected in Hoke County.

The vacation period at Burlington contributed to the small donation, Upchurch said. Burlington employees frequently give the bulk of the collection. "We had unusually good response from the non-industry or institution people, particularly housewives," he said. "Housewives and self-employed persons donated 15 pints this time."

Upchurch itemized the contributions: state highway commission personnel and patrolmen, 8 pints; board of education, 6 pints; housewives and self-employed, 15; extension service, 3; turkey plant, 3; Hoke Concrete, 5; Burlington, 12 and McCain, 10.

Mrs. Ellen Willis, county home extension agent, received a pin as a one gallon donor.

The county's leading donor, Lonnie D. Smith, of Rt. 2, Raeford, completed contributing the first quart of his fifth gallon. Beginning in 1961, Smith, a Burlington employee has missed only two visits of the Bloodmobile and has contributed at every visit since 1966.

City, County Receive Grants

A \$60,000 Christmas present was presented to the city and county last week by Advancement, Inc.

The city received a grant for \$40,000 and the county was given \$20,000. James T. Johnson, state director of Farmer's Home Administration, presented the

checks to local officials at brief ceremonies at the courthouse and at the Knit-Away, Inc. plant.

The grant to the city will be used to defray the cost of providing sewer service to the new industry. Other financing of the sewer line project will be borne by

the city by funds on hand, bond and a federal P.L. 660 grant.

The grant to the county will be used for expansion of the county Health Center. The total cost of the Health Department building expansion will be approximately \$30,000. The county will defray any cost which exceeds the \$20,000 grant received from Advancement, Inc.

Advancement, Inc., which is supplying the two grants is the four county program aimed at reducing out-migration from this area. It is administered locally by a 16-member Board of Directors, who are representative of business, local government and civic elements from

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1970 Year End Roundup

1970 is history now, a memory of events that took place in the first twelve months of a new decade.

It was in 1970 that the Bucks won the Southeastern 3-A Conference championship in football, with their first undefeated season in school history.

In 1970 a new textile plant, Knit-Away, Inc. announced it would build in Raeford with jobs for about 300 workers and Burlington announced an organization shuffle that would move about twenty top workers out of town to Clarksville, Va.

And in 1970, the county superintendent of schools, D.D. Abernethy, appeared before a Senate committee to tell a story of progress in integration in Hoke County.

Other events are written into the history of the county for 1970.

JANUARY

In January, a class for trainable, mentally retarded children was begun with twelve students. This culminated a drive by concerned parents to provide suitable education for the county's mentally retarded children.

Leonard Training School was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, to become the first correctional school in the nation to receive accreditation from a regional agency.

W.C. Phillips retired as manager of Belks after 25 years there. Kenneth Weston was assigned to the Highway Patrol here. The Bloodmobile made a disappointing visit, collecting only 65 pints for the county.

The county lost one of its oldest citizens in January with the death of Angus M. McBryde, 92. Miss Kay Lindsey, a young Raeford woman who was working with the Quaker House in Fayetteville, was killed in a car wreck on New Year's Eve as 1970 began.

FEBRUARY

In February, the coming elections began to make the news as candidates filed for election. Charles G. Rose III announced a bid to unseat Rep. Alton Lennon; Seavy Carroll opposed incumbent district court judge, George Stuhl and Lacy Hair opposed Jack Thompson for solicitor. Many other offices were unopposed.

Tom Cameron was honored as the Kiwanis Man of the Year. And two students at Hoke High made the small percentage of high school seniors to be named Merit Scholarship finalists. Mike Davis and David Lent were finalists in the national competition.

Farm income made a 2.5 million dollar increase, Farm Agent Wendell Young announced. Hoke County farmers received \$11.8 million for 1969 crops as compared with \$9.3 million the year before.

Prominent citizens Luther Wood, 89 and F.F. McPhaul died in February, 1970.

The Bucks basketball team tied Clinton for first place in the conference.

MARCH

The Ides of March seemed to cast a spell over Hoke as death took the headlines during the month. A head-on collision near Montrose resulted in the death of two teen-agers and injury to 12 other persons, mostly children. Janie Dellinger, 17, a Vardell Hall student and Neil Lamar Rainey, 19, a Sandhills student, died in the crash. Two other persons were critically injured.

Henry G. Monroe was brutally beaten to death near Duffy in March. Donnell McMillian, Sydney Townsend and Pauline

Galbreth were charged with his murder. Miss Galbreth was acquitted of the murder charge in a preliminary hearing.

A rash of break-ins in the city ended with the arrest of five Cumberland County teen-agers.

In good news for the month, the county's first community water system brought water to 289 families in the Queenmore section. The Northwest Water Supply System began operation after long months of preparation and work by the residents of that community.

APRIL

A promise of improvement came in April when the State Highway Commission announced plans to make U.S. 401 four lanes from the by-pass to Fayetteville.

The North Carolina Adjutant General paid a visit to the Raeford Guard that month. Maj. Gen. Fred Davis of the North Carolina National Guard spent the morning at the Armory on his first inspection trip to Raeford.

Larry Phillips resigned as head basketball coach at Hoke after a successful season to take a job at House of Raeford, Home Furniture Store and, later, Johnson Furniture Store, were purchased by the chain of Heilig-Meyers Company.

One hundred new voters were added to the books in preparation for the May 2 primary.

MAY

The elections campaigns of the spring ended with the May 2 primary in which 2300 cast ballots. Incumbents on the board of county commissioners and the board of education survived a challenge from black and Indian candidates who campaigned as a block; Lennon carried the county by 195 votes over Rose; and Carroll and Thompson won posts in the court system over Stuhl and Hair.

The state representatives race was indecisive with only Gus Spero winning election. A second primary was called between Mrs. Mary Odom, J.J. Johnson, Neill McFadyen and Roger Hall.

New jobs became available with the opening in May of Lumbee Farms, a chicken processing plant near Lumbee Bridge. The tax rate was raised five cents

as the commissioners approved a budget of \$564,120. And a badly needed addition to the county health center was approved by the board after receiving a grant of \$20,000 from Advancement, Inc.

Hoke High students received more than \$92,548 in scholarships by the end of May, with more expected to be announced during the summer.

Distinguished guests in Raeford during the month included Homer Rice, director of athletics at UNC, who spoke at the Booster's banquet and Chancellor John T. Caldwell, chancellor of N.C. State, who spoke at the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The Governor's Award was presented to the city of Raeford.

A new minister came to Raeford in May. The Rev. John C. Rupp became pastor of Raeford Presbyterian Church.

JUNE

The most welcomed news of the month was the four inches of rain that fell in the last few days to break the prolonged drought. It came too late to save some of the crops in the county, however.

Ashwell Harward, personnel manager at Burlington and civic leader in the community, was transferred to Lexington. Larry Allgood was named as his successor.

County school superintendent, D.D. Abernethy, put Raeford on the map when he testified before a Senate Committee on integration here. He told the committee headed by Sen. Walter Mondale of Minnesota, that integration is working well in Hoke County and explained how it had been implemented. More money cannot buy integration, he told the senators, unless the people of the community are willing to take the course that is legally and morally right.

The state representatives race was settled in a second primary with J.J. Johnson leading the ticket in the county. Also elected were Mrs. Mary Odom and Neill McFadyen.

Two persons were killed in separate traffic accidents. A four-year-old boy, William Julius Locklear, was killed by a car on 211 at Antioch. A Ft. Bragg



BOTTLE BABY - This tiny Golden Retriever takes a noon-time nip from the bottle while Diane Upchurch substitutes for its mother. The puppy, pictured at eight days old, was the only survivor of a litter born by Cassean. Members of the Clyde Upchurch family took turns bottle feeding the little one on a special puppy formula.

City Has Quiet Yule

Christmas week was "mighty orderly" Raeford Police Chief L.W. Stanton reported.

No cases of shoplifting were reported in the city during the shopping days before Christmas. Only a few complaints were received, he said, and one minor wreck was investigated.

"I've never had such a quiet Christmas," Chief Stanton said. "That's the kind I like."