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Around Town

By SAM MORRIS

Representative N.L. McFadyen was by the office Monday before returning to Raleigh and reports that the work in the General Assembly is off to a good start. He said that committee assignments haven't been given out as yet, but he would inform us of his assignments just as soon as he received them. We will pass them along to our readers in the near future.

Last Thursday night at the Raeford Kiwanis Club weekly meeting the program chairman for the night was Younger Snead, Jr. We won't say that Younger forgot about the program, but anyway after finishing his meal he started talking to his friend, Harold Gillis. Gillis arose and went outside for a few minutes and returned with a couple of books. When Snead was called on for his program he stated that he asked Gillis last summer to give the program so he would turn it over to Harold. To make a long story short we must say Harold made a tremendous speech on the course he is teaching at Hoke High School. Yes, Snead came up smelling like a rose.

An article appeared in the January issue of Army, a magazine published by the Association of the U.S. Army, seems to be worth repeating a few sentences. The article was about Military Discipline and National Security by General Hamilton H. Howze who was post commander at Fort Bragg in the late 1950s.

The sentences are as follows:
"... Experience in war and the documentation provided by military history lead one inevitably to the conclusion that a force that lacks good discipline will take a terrible shelling from one that has it."

"The effect of a weakened system of military justice has been apparent for some time. Now it is simply getting worse, due no doubt to the turbulence which is shaking our society and in turn, inevitably affecting military discipline."

"A commander high or low, has an overriding obligation: to develop and maintain a command capable of executing its most demanding mission. For a unit of the line, this means battle under conditions of severe hardship, searing and conflicting emotion, and extreme danger."

"Show me the man who claims he can, simply by exercising his magnetic personality, persuade another man to attempt something very likely to kill him and I'll show you a monumental idiot!"

Gen. Howze is now retired. If anyone would like to read the article it is here at the office.

The passing Monday of Miss Mayme McKeithan was the last of a family of six boys and five girls to the late Daniel and Lydia McKeithan. The McKeithans lived in a two-story white house on the lot now occupied by the A&P Store. All the boys were interested in hunting, fishing and baseball. The girls were interested in education.

Miss Mayme will be remembered not only by many students in Hoke County, but also students of Scotland County where she taught also for many years. Her teaching ability is reflected by the many students that will tell you of subjects she taught and how these subjects have helped them in carrying on their life's work. So from these students her memory will live on for many years to come.

We will go further into the sales tax vote next week.

The telephone number to report a rural fire was listed incorrectly in last week's edition. The number should be 875-4242. This is still at the sheriff's department, but it isn't the regular number for the sheriff.

Man Starts New Career After Serious Accident

Jimmie Bullard of Raeford, beset by tragic happenings, is making a new start at a promising future.
Bullard, the father of seven children, lost an eye in an accident last summer on his pulpwood truck. Last spring, in May, his sixteen-year-old daughter, Carolyn, was helping him on the truck when her hair became entangled in the machinery and she was actually scalped. She spent most of the summer in Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville and in December returned there for further skin grafts on her head. She is recovering nicely and is radiant and pretty in a wig that looks like her own hair.

The hospital and doctor bills for Bullard and Carolyn were enormous and

Leaders Hold Tax Meeting

A joint meeting of city and county officials with about 30 county residents was held Monday night at the courthouse to help drum up support for the one cent sales tax.

Letters from T.C. Jones, chairman of the county commission and John K. McNeill, mayor of Raeford, were sent to about 50 people in the county inviting them to the meeting.

County commissioners and city councilmen, as well as the mayor and city and county managers, were on hand to explain the local option tax. A countywide referendum is scheduled for Feb. 9.

John K. McNeill and Ralph Barnhart were appointed chairmen and co-chairmen to form a citizens' committee for the local option sales tax. They will appoint the remainder of the committee.

In the letter, Jones and McNeill said "According to state estimates, Hoke County and Raeford will receive from a .01 cent sales tax three times more than would be paid, or \$45,000.00 tax collected in the county would bring back to the county and town some \$140,000.00"

Half of the sales tax collected in the county will be returned directly to it and the other half will be pooled by the state to be distributed according to population to all the counties participating in the tax.

Because most of the larger counties have passed the tax, small counties like Hoke stand to receive more than they collect, T.B. Lester, county manager said.

County commissioners have pledged to use the tax money to provide recreation and garbage disposal and to help hold down property taxes.

In addition, fire districts will, according to the state law, receive a portion of the tax revenue, Lester said.

McNeill and Jones appealed for support of the tax: "We solicit your support in this endeavor to strengthen the tax base of the county and to obtain some other much needed services."

Knit-Away Starts Dyeing This Week

Knit-Away, Inc. is scheduled to begin production this week with one shift, Ed Brown, vice-president, announced.

Dyeing will be the first process conducted at the new Raeford plant, he said. For the next several months, the fabric will be trucked to an outside processor for finishing.

Construction was started on the new plant in September by Romeo Guest and Associates of Greensboro. Using a process that is relatively new here, the concrete walls were poured on the floor of the plant and then raised into position, Manley Penland, construction superintendent, explained.

Once the walls were constructed, the building appeared to interested residents

Two Charged In Safecrack

Two men were arrested in Fayetteville last week and charged with safecracking, breaking, entering and larceny of a Raeford grocery store.

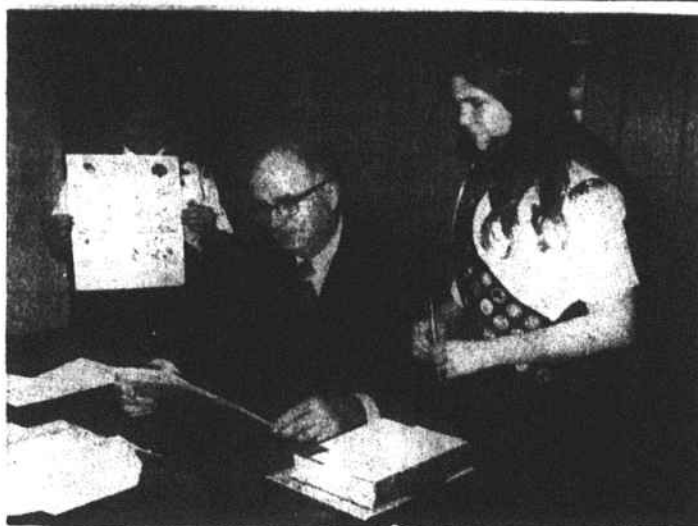
Richard Bullock, 28, of Fayetteville and Gregory Conner, 26, of Ft. Bragg are in jail on a \$5,000 bond each pending a hearing in District Court Friday.

They were arrested by Cumberland County detectives searching for stolen weapons after the two tried to sell a rifle in a Fayetteville pool room, Police Chief L.W. Stanton said.

Kermit Riley, Hoke County ABC officer, who was at the Cumberland County sheriff's office, identified the rifle as one stolen from the Lewis Lipscomb Grocery on Jan. 10. Riley alerted city police officers, who swore out warrants against Bullock and Conner.

Three shotguns and a rifle, identified as Lipscomb's, were recovered, Stanton said. A bag of tools were also found.

he determined to learn new skills which would assure better financial stability for his family. Last fall, at thirty-seven with impaired vision, Bullard enrolled in the auto mechanics course at Sandhills Community College.
The two-year course at Sandhills provides comprehensive training in all phases of automotive mechanics. The Automotive Science Building on the college campus is equipped with all facilities for the inspection, diagnosis, repair and adjustment of mechanical, electrical and body parts of passenger cars, trucks and buses. For one term students are employed by automotive firms in the area with college credit given for their on-the-job experience.



COOKIE BUYER - Raeford mayor John K. McNeill puts in his order for Girl Scout cookies with Kathy Leach, left, and Margaret Postel, right.

Rockfish Water System Put To Immediate Use

The Rockfish Water System demonstrated its worth last Thursday only minutes after being officially turned on.

When a fire was reported at the unoccupied Everette house near Davis Bridge, a 500 gallon water tanker from the Rockfish Fire Department sent to the blaze refilled at the fire hydrant in 1 1/2 minutes.

Firemen had been refilling the tanker at the creek, Burnice B. Bostic, chairman of the board of the water system said. This usually took from thirty to forty minutes.

Shortly before the fire alarm, members of the Rockfish board met with contractor James Dobbins and engineer Lacy Koonce for a final inspection before accepting the water system.

Present at the ceremony were Dobbins,

Koonce, board members Herman Koonce, Tommy McInnis, Bostic and FHA supervisor Jake Vinson.

Other board members are Ralph Barnhart, Linda J. Gaddis, Donald Wood and K.P. Ritter.

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WATER - James Dobbins, contractor, turns on the water for the new Rockfish Community Water System as the board of directors make a final inspection and accept the system. Show left to right are Dobbins, Lacy Koonce, engineer, and board members, Herman Koonce, Tommy McInnis and Burnice B. Bostic, chairman of the board. Not present are Ralph Barnhart, Linda J. Gaddis, Donald Wood and K.P. Ritter.

A Landmark Falls

Raeford Gin Is Being Dismantled

The old Raeford Gin, a landmark for many years, is being dismantled.

Usable machinery was removed by Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Company, last owners of the gin, and the remaining structure was sold in December to

McCaskill Construction Company for salvage. The land on which the gin was built is owned by the Laurinburg and Southern Railroad.

Raeford Gin was chartered on March 10, 1925 and began operation in the fall

Three Murder Trials Set For Superior Court

Two Boys Charged In Car Theft

Two youths from Morrison Training School in Richmond County are accused of stealing a car in Raeford Sunday.

A sedan owned by Mrs. Gertrude McKeithan of 113 North Magnolia Street was taken from the street in front of the Presbyterian Church during services Sunday. The keys had been left in the vehicle, Police Chief L.W. Stanton said.

Mervyn Dale Sifford, 16, of Salisbury and a 14-year-old youth from Wilmington were arrested in Warsaw on their way to Wilmington, Chief Stanton said. The car was returned to Raeford.

Chief Stanton said the boys had escaped from Morrison on Saturday afternoon and had walked the 35 miles until they got to Raeford.

Sifford is in jail under a \$1,000 bond pending a hearing in District Court. The other youth will be tried by juvenile authorities.

Three murder trials may be held next week during the January session of Superior Court.

Scheduled for trial on murder charges are James Earl Love and Charlie Lowery. Mrs. Eva Mae Headen is also scheduled for trial for second degree murder if the grand jury returns an indictment.

Judge James H. Pou Bailey will preside. The session begins Monday.

The grand jury is scheduled to act on the following cases: Willie Campbell, two charges of assault with a deadly weapon; Joe Walter Lowery, shooting into an occupied building; Herman Junior Walters, eight counts of breaking, entering and larceny; Eva Mae Headen, second degree murder; James Earl Monroe, two counts forgery and two counts passing forged check; and Bobby Graham, shooting into an occupied building.

Cases scheduled to be heard on Monday include those of Wilbert Earl Cherry, Sr., charged with driving under the influence; Donald Garrett Goodwin, driving under the influence, second offense; James Earl Love, murder; David Earl Locklear, failing to yield right-of-way at stop sign; Ross Clifton Brown, allowing another person to use his operator's license; Lacy Edward McEachin, DUI, third offense; David Earl Locklear, driving while license was revoked; Everette Gates, DUI; Ledbetter Jacobs Jr., driving while license revoked and resisting arrest; Willie James Adams, speeding 60 in a 50 mph zone.

A post-conviction hearing for Willie Junior Smith, who is serving time for murder, is also scheduled for Monday.

Included on the calendar for Tuesday are Willie Lee Devine, passing forged check and forgery; Ralph Couch, breaking, entering, larceny and receiving;

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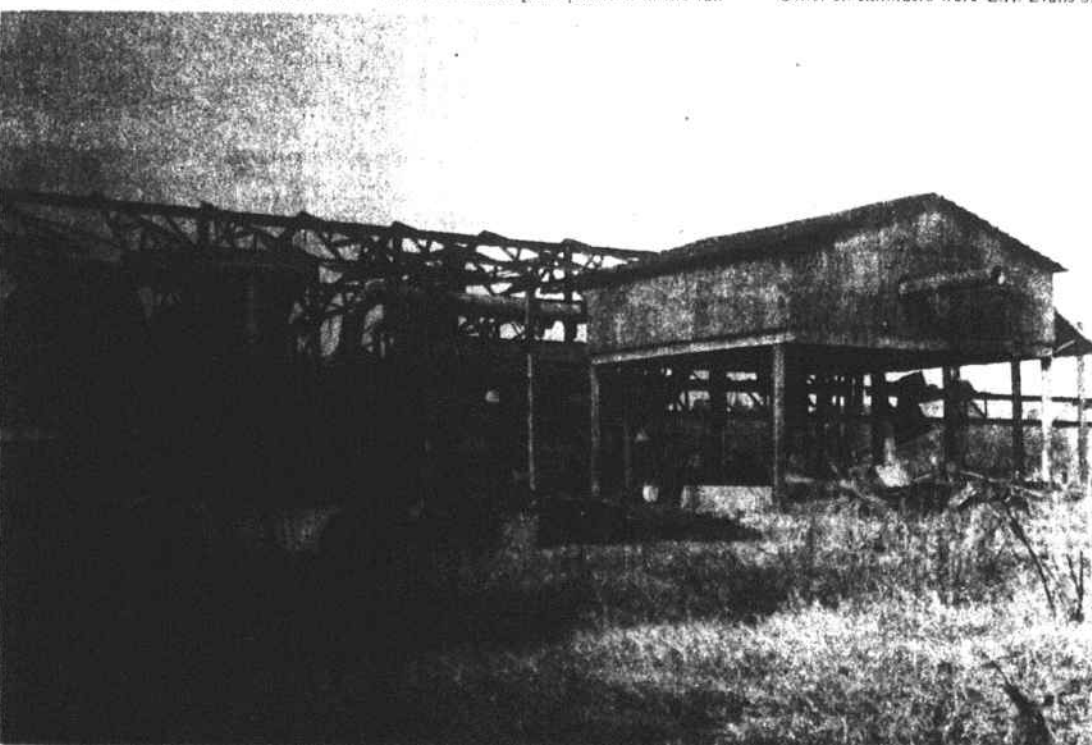
Pay Phones Robbed; Two Men Arrested

Two men arrested early Tuesday morning near Raeford were charged with breaking into two pay telephones in the city.

Outside pay phones at The Family Restaurant on Harris Avenue and at Graham Clark's service station on 401 By-pass were torn open and robbed about midnight Monday, Police Chief L.W. Stanton said.

Arrested and charged with breaking, entering and larceny are James E. Walker, 24, and Norman McNeill, 29, both of Raeford. Bond was set in each case at \$500 pending trial in District Court Friday.

Officers from the city police department and Deputy Robert Graham of the sheriff's department arrested the two separately early Tuesday morning after an all-night investigation.



IT COMES OUT HERE - The innards of the old Raeford Gin are exposed as the structure is dismantled for storage.

Laurinburg, John McDiarmid, Lewis Parker and J.W. McLaughlin.
A thousand shares with a par value of \$100 a share were issued originally, although only 250 were sold when the gin began. McNair owned 200 of the shares.

Younger Snead, Sr. started to work there in 1925 as bookkeeper. He recalled some of the early years.

"At that time, the gin was one of the best equipped in this part of the country," he said. "It was an all steel structure and they bought the very best equipment. It cost somewhere around \$45,000 even back then for the equipment alone."

There were three gins in Raeford at that time, Snead said, but the Raeford Gin was the most modern. Hoke Oil and the Johnson Company also had gins.

Back when cotton was king, ginning was a big business, Snead said. "I remember one day we did 131 bales. I don't know if we ever ginned more than that or not."

Longtime Raeford residents say they remember when cotton wagons would be lined up Harris Avenue back to the Laurinburg highway waiting to get to the gin.

A story is told, and its truthfulness sworn to, that tourists from the North stopped at a service station near the gin, and seeing a storage tank with Raeford Gin written on it, inquired about the gin made in Raeford as they were not familiar with that trademark for the beverage.

Some of the early employees included Lacy McNeill, Harvey Cole, the late A.R. Currie, Julian Wight, Buck McPhaul and Rufus Kelly.

After Snead left in 1933, T.B. Lester became the bookkeeper until he left for

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