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## Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The editor and publisher, Paul Dickson, watched the fire truck go by the office last week on the way to a fire and then commented: "You can tell who was at the Raeford Savings and Loan coffee room by the firemen riding the back of the truck."

Neil Cole of Sanford was by the office last week and gave me a picture of the baseball team of Raeford in 1915. We were able to recognize most of the ball players but couldn't name many of the spectators sitting in the grandstand. The ball field was located where the new part of Raeford Cemetery is at the present time. We can remember when the ball field was in that place. We believe that all the players but two are dead. Clyde Upchurch and Neil McKeithan of Aberdeen we know are still living. The picture appears in this issue of the paper.

Neil said that he was now retired and had bought him another house and spent most of his time working on the house, but he still played tennis regularly. He looked in excellent physical condition and must be, to play tennis at 70 years of age or better. It was nice to talk with you Neil and we appreciate the picture very much.

We keep reading about the four - day work week and keep wondering what people will do with all the time off. We were off Monday and not having a green thumb we had time on our hands Monday morning. In the afternoon we were at the golf course and the hours passed very swiftly. Of course my wife can always find things that need to be done around the house but we were never one that could carpenter, use a hoe or shovel or wash windows. Maybe we had to do too much of this when we were growing up.

We had to cut wood, help in the garden and there were hogs that had to be fed. And to be expected, they would get out of the pen; and running down hogs is not fun. So we guess we will continue the five day week because we can't make 36 holes on the golf course now. We imagine age has something to do with it.

The softball league this year will have eight teams and will be sponsored by the following: Raeford Oil Co., Carter's Tire Recapping, Raeford Turkey Plant, A&P Tea Co., Piney Grove Church, Raeford Fire Department, Bargain Motors and Hoke Concrete. We will try to get rosters of all the teams before the season opens.

Don't forget the Lions Club golf tournament that will be held at Arabia Golf Club on May 15 and 16.

## Missionary To Speak

The Rev. David Miller, a Presbyterian missionary to the Congo, will speak at the morning worship service at Antioch Presbyterian Church Sunday at 11 a.m., the Rev. B.F. Ferguson, pastor announced. The public is invited to attend.



TOP JAYCEE - Steve Gunter of Sanford (left) presents the award as Outstanding Jaycee of the Year to Jim Blackburn, past president of the Raeford Jaycees at the annual awards banquet Tuesday.

## Jaycees Honor Citizens For Outstanding Work

Outstanding service by three Hoke County citizens was honored Tuesday night by the Raeford Jaycees at the annual Jaycee Awards Banquet.

Jerry Oxendine was named the Outstanding Young Educator by the Jaycees. The award was presented by J.D. McMillan, assistant county school superintendent.

Miss Josephine Hall was presented the Distinguished Service Award by J.D. McMillan, mayor pro tem.

The Outstanding Jaycee of the Year award was given to Jim Blackburn by Steve Gunter, national director - elect for the east central region of the North Carolina Jaycees.

Oxendine is a seventh grade social studies teacher at Upchurch School. A native of Pembroke and a graduate of

Pembroke State University, this is his third year to teach in the county. He is also an Air Force veteran.

Miss Hall was cited for her work as co-ordinator of the city clean - up campaign last year that earned Raeford a place in the finals of the state beautification contest. She is also the county co-ordinator for the senior citizens clubs.

Blackburn is a past president of the Raeford Jaycees. He was transferred recently by Burlington to Clarksville, Va. and returned to accept the award Tuesday.

In addition to presenting the outstanding Jaycee award, Gunter was the guest speaker. He was introduced by Jerry Goza. Wes Williams, presiding officer of the club, welcomed the members and guests.

## Tot Killed By Car

A two - year - old boy was killed by a car Saturday, nearly four months after his father was killed by a car near Upchurch School.

Jerome Purcell, 2, was run over in front of his home about 6 p.m. by a car driven by Shirley Shaw of Raeford. Highway Patrol Trooper E.W. Coen reported.

Coen said the driver said she saw a group of children playing near the road as she rounded a curve. She watched the children and slowed as she passed. Coen said she told him she heard a noise and felt a slight bump. When she looked in the rear - view mirror, she saw the child in the road.

The little boy came from the right side of the car, Coen said, and was shorter than the hood of the car. No charges were placed.

The boy's father, Archie Purcell, was killed Dec. 11 as he walked along the road near Upchurch School.

Jerome was struck on rural road 1404 just outside the city limits near Robbins Heights.

This was the eighth traffic fatality this year in the county, compared with two deaths at this time last year.

Funeral services for Jerome were held Tuesday afternoon at South Freedom AME Zion Church by the Rev. H.J. Moore. Burial was in East Freedom Cemetery.

Jerome is survived by his mother, Mrs. Annie Rogers Purcell; two sisters, Betty Rogers and Sue Rogers; one brother, Archie Purcell, Jr.; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Purcell of McCain; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Rogers; three great - grandmothers and one great - grandfather.

## Disabled Man Rescued From Burning House

A partially paralyzed man was taken from his burning home by passers - by

## Mayor, Councilmen, Seek New Terms In May Vote

### Dr. McKay Will Conduct City Wide Revival Services

A week - long, city - wide revival with the Dr. M. Ray McKay will be held at Upchurch School auditorium auditorium at 7:30 p.m. April 19 - 23. The revival is sponsored by the First Baptist Church.

Dr. McKay is the former professor of preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest.

A native of Missouri, he attended Shurtleff College in Illinois, where he received his bachelor's degree and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where he earned Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees.

He has also studied in special sessions at Chicago University, Garrett Biblical Institute and Edinburg University.

Dr. McKay has held pastorates in Illinois, Kansas and Arkansas and has conducted an around the world mission tour in 1951, holding revivals in Japan, Hong Kong and other mission fields.

He has taught in pastor's schools in Nassau, the Bahamas and in Michigan, Kansas, Arkansas, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland.

The son of a minister, Dr. McKay's own son is also a preacher. He and his wife, the former Mary Favoright, also have a daughter.

Guest testimonies will be given by Charles Garrison, JP Stevens accountant; Joe Lennon, assistant hospital administrator at McCain; James Brady, a student at Hoke High; Chub Seawell, attorney and Mrs. T.E. O'Neal, a nurse.

Each evening service will recognize a different group in the community. Monday is law enforcement and business owners night. Garrison will speak.

On Tuesday, students and faculty in the county will be recognized. Lennon will speak. Wednesday is Hoke High athletes and youth night. Brady will give the guest testimony.

Thursday is set aside for civic clubs with recognition of all civic clubs and groups. Seawell will be the speaker.

Friday night services recognize political and civic leaders and musicians. Mrs. O'Neal will speak.

The senior high and church choir of the First Baptist Church will provide the music at the revival.

The mayor and city councilmen all announced plans this week to run for re-election in city elections May 4.

After several weeks of indiction, Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr. said Wednesday that he would definitely seek re-election for a second term.

"We have several projects going on now in the city," he said. "We have plans to pave the air strip and we have got to develop new water fields. We are fortunate to have a fine city manager and staff to keep our city progressing."

McNeill said Wednesday that he would file later that day.

H.E. Garrison, also seeking a second term, was the first councilman to file for re-election. He paid his \$5 filing fee Tuesday morning at city hall.

Other councilmen who are after second terms are Graham Clark and Crawford Thomas, Jr. Both said they intended to file before the Friday deadline.

Veteran councilmen Franklin Teal and J.D. McMillan also said they would file for re-election.

Teal, who has served three terms on the council said, "We are kind of in the middle of putting the sewer through to the south part of town and several other projects and I feel like I want to serve another term in order to see these things through."

McMillan has served on the council for the past 14 years and is mayor pro tem. "We have got so many things started that need to be finished," he said. "Of course, if a council does anything at all, there will always be projects that need to be completed. But I feel that we are in the midst of things that need to be followed through by this board."

No other candidates have announced intentions of running for election and little interest has been shown in the community so far.

The filing deadline is Friday afternoon at 5 p.m.

Officials for the city election are Neil (See MAY VOTE, Sec. I, Page 7)



Dr. M. Ray McKay

## Talent Show Set Friday

Talented youngsters will compete for ribbons and prizes Friday night at the 4-H Talent Show.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Raeford Elementary School auditorium.

Acts ranging from ballet to square dancing and piano solos to a rock band will perform.

On the program so far are two square dance teams, three piano solos, a ballet, a skit, one vocal group and two rock bands.

Cash prizes and ribbons will be provided by Rowland's Barbeque, sponsoring the show.

Judges will be Mrs. J.H. Austin, Charlie Hottel and Robert Gatlin.

There will be no admission charge. The public is invited.

## New Entrance Planned For City Cemetery

A new entrance for Raeford Cemetery is being planned, John Gaddy, city manager said this week.

The present drive into the cemetery will be blocked and a new entrance constructed about 500 feet east of the present one, he said.

Presently, there is a drainage problem on the south side of the cemetery, he said. Large drain pipes will be laid to connect with an existing storm sewer on the east side of 401-A.

The new entrance will also reduce a traffic hazard that now exists upon entering or leaving the cemetery, Gaddy said.

The State Highway Commission has begun an engineering study but Gaddy said he did not know when construction would begin.

Gaddy also announced that construction was scheduled to begin Monday on the new sewer line to be extended from behind the cemetery to Knit - Away.

The new line has been changed from a proposed 18-inch line to a 24-inch line to allow for future expansion, he said.

## County Quiet For Easter

The county was quiet for Easter as city and county police report less business than usual for the weekend.

"It was quiet here," L.W. Stanton, Raeford police chief, reported. "We didn't have any wrecks and for the first year in a long time, no one reported any flowers being stolen from the cemetery."

Sheriff D.M. Barrington reported a quiet weekend also.

## No Highway Projects Set

No highway projects for Hoke County were listed on the schedule of projects announced this week by the State Highway Commission.

The State Highway Commission today released details of 28 projects in 29 counties containing 469 miles on which it plans to ask for bids this month.

The announcement said that bids on the projects will be opened on April 27, in the auditorium of the State Highway Commission Building at 10 a.m. to determine the low bidders.

## Speak Up

### New Feature Offers Chance To Voice Opinion On Issues

Would you like to make your voice heard on local, state and national issues but somehow never get around to writing that letter to the politicians?

Do you wonder sometimes how many others share your opinion on an issue? The News - Journal is starting a feature just for you.

Each week, we'll pose a question and you check your answer: strongly agree; agree; disagree; strongly disagree; no opinion. Turn in the ballot or mail it to The News - Journal, Box 550 by Wednesday.

We'll tabulate the results and publish them two weeks following the question. In addition, we'll send copies of the results to city and county government, our state representatives and the North Carolina Congressional delegation.

The first question is on the Vietnam War. The citizens of Madison, Wis. have been the first to go on record, by a vote of nearly two to one, opposing the Vietnam War. Here is the proposition they voted on last week, in two parts:

I am in favor of an immediate American cease - fire in Indochina.

Strongly Agree .....  
Agree .....  
Disagree .....  
Strongly Disagree .....  
No Opinion .....

I am in favor of the immediate withdrawal of all American troops and equipment from South Vietnam.

Strongly Agree .....  
Agree .....  
Disagree .....  
Strongly Disagree .....  
No Opinion .....

Mark your answer and turn in your ballot. You may add comments if you like and you do not need to sign your name. Please submit only one ballot. If you have a question you'd like asked, let us know.



LIBRARIANS - The ladies who take care of the books and operate the bookmobile were honored at the open house sponsored last week by the Raeford Woman's Club. Shown are Mrs. Archie McDarmid, Mrs. Bruce Conoly, Mrs. Lee Cameron, Mrs. Raymond Maxwell and Mrs. Harry Greene.