

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The following article was given to me by Clarence Lytch after his 89th birthday. We will not change any of the article as we don't believe we could keep the same thought:

On Sept. 23rd Miss Sarah Lytch gave a little birthday party for her old dad, he reached 89 yrs young. He now declares he is shooting for 100 yrs old, still drives his truck all over his 250 acre farm and so far has only been caught once for speeding, patrolman claims he was only doing 85 miles when caught.

"Lytch is an old retired dirt farmer but, still awful busy, loves to fish "for fish" just a week ago, he landed a \$20.00 bill from the bottom of the Atlantic ocean, says it came in real nice, since he was out of cash to buy some bread. At this party the guests were Mrs. Dr. Hodgins (91) and Mrs. Margret Garrett first cousins from Red Springs, also was Mrs. Roger Hall from Lumber Bridge. A variety of nice presents were brought to Lytch, as the guest left he served all of them with red and white corn but it was strictly in the dry stage, being an elder in the church says that was the best he could do, but promises to do better when he reaches the 100 mark."

Don't forget the football game at Hoke High Stadium Friday night. The Bucks will be after the fourth win of the season as Pinecrest comes to town. Pinecrest lined up to early season predictions last week. So be on hand at eight when the Hoke Band leads the way for the Hoke High Bucks.

Crawford Thomas, Jr. was recently elected fire chief of the Raeford Fire Department replacing the late J.D. McMillian. We can remember the department having only two others besides the ones already mentioned. The others were R.B. Lewis and Robert Gatlin.

Of course we could be corrected because Col. Lewis and Gatlin both left here during World War II. Maybe we can get an accurate report next week.

Ed Byrd was by the office this week and said Jim Byrd had enclosed an article that appeared in a Charleston, S.C. paper. The article appeared in a sports column headed "Shag Bag" written by Jerry Sanders. An item in the column stated as follows:

"Jim Byrd is the new Yeamans Hall summer club champion in a 54-hole stroke play competition."

Congratulations Jim and keep playing and get ready for the Lions Club Tournament next year.

Board Names Committee

The Hoke County Board of Education has appointed the following patrons to serve on the Emergency School Assistance Program Adult Advisory Committee: Mr. Jimmy Morrissey, Mr. Martin Jacobs, Mrs. Bonnie Niven, Mr. Ivery McNair, Mrs. Jessie Neeley, and Mr. Roman Jacobs.

The committee will serve for one year and will meet monthly to advise the board on matters pertaining to the ESAP activities.

The committee has met with Assistant Superintendent E.R. Sutton and discussed the 1971-72 project. Mr. Morrissey was elected chairman.



LAST MINUTE ADJUSTMENTS - Roy Davis and Joe Bellas make some final position changes in the new sewer line that will connect Kilt-Away with the city system. The line was inspected and put into operation Tuesday, ending the need for the city's makeshift irrigation pipe system that has pumped wastes from the textile plant for the past ten months.

Police Chief Stanton To Retire; Scotland Detective Named To Post

Oct. 3-9

Firemen Will Celebrate Fire Prevention Week

County volunteer firemen plan a week of activities this year during Fire Prevention Week Oct. 3 through 9.

The Firemen's Association annual supper on Tuesday will feature Carl Bishop, chief of the Fayetteville Fire Department, as guest speaker.

The supper, beginning at 7 p.m. at the W.T. Gibson cafeteria at Hoke High, is co-sponsored by the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce, the Hoke Fireman's Association and is underwritten by the insurance and financial institutions in the county.

A parade and several fire fighting demonstrations will highlight Saturday, Ed McNeill, president of the association, announced.

An old house in a field on North Main Street will be set on fire at 1 p.m. McNeill said the public is invited to go out and watch as the firemen demonstrate their fire fighting techniques.

A parade down Main Street will begin at 3 p.m. Besides the five fire departments in the county, the parade will include units from Stony Point, Lake Rim, Ft. Bragg and Red Springs.

Following the parade, a car and a gas cylinder will be burned in the park behind J.W. McLaughlin School as firemen demonstrate methods to combat those types of blazes.

The Fireman's Association, which is coordinating with the Chamber of Commerce to sponsor the activities of Fire Prevention Week, was organized Dec. 6, 1967. It now has a membership of 100 volunteer firemen in the county.

The association objectives are: to create countywide fire protection, to coordinate mutual aid and assistance among fire departments; to coordinate training procedures for fire prevention program and to create countywide communication.

The first officers were Phil Diehl, president; Charles Helbling, vice-president; Grady Peeler, secretary and Randal Ashburn, treasurer.

The meetings are held quarterly. Officers elected last January for this year are Ed McNeill, of Hillcrest department, president; Charles Helbling, of Puppy Creek, vice-president; Johnny Baker of North Raeford; secretary; Julian Barnes of Rockfish, treasurer and Henry Kiger of North Raeford, chaplain.

The board of directors for the association are: W.E. McNeill, and Hubert Davis of Hillcrest; Benny McLeod and Doc Ivey of Raeford; E.B. Newton and

Clerk School Will Register

Representatives from the Employment Security Commission will be in the MDTA classroom next Monday at 9:30 a.m. to register persons interested in training for general office clerk.

Doug Monroe of Puppy Creek; Jesse Lee and Johnny Baker of North Raeford and Paul Heath and Julian Barnes of Rockfish.

Bloodmobile Visit A Success

A good turnout at the Bloodmobile Tuesday netted a total of 92 pints for the county with 110 persons coming to donate blood, Clyde Upchurch, Jr., announced.

While this was slightly less than the quota of 100 pints, less than normal blood usage was reported for August, which puts the county a little ahead for the fiscal year, he said.

A quota system for industries and institutions in the county worked well and volunteers reported in a steady stream throughout the day, Upchurch reported.

There were 30 prospective donors from Burlington Industries; 10 from Hoke County schools; 5 from Tex - Elastic; 17 from the McCain area (sanatorium and department of correction); 12 from Raeford Turkey Farms; 2 from Hoke Concrete Works and 16 miscellaneous.

The next Bloodmobile visit will be in December.

Consultant To Explain Day Care Law

The new day care licensing law will be explained at a meeting Tuesday of the advisory committee to the Hoke County Board of Social Services.

Mrs. Irene Herring, a family and children's services consultant with the state Department of Social Services, will meet with the committee at 1 p.m. in the conference room of the county office building.

All persons interested in day care facilities are invited to attend the meeting. Miss Mabel McDonald, Hoke County DSS director, said.

The new law, passed by this year's General Assembly, requires licensing by the state of all places in which six or more children are cared for. The law will go into effect Jan. 1.

More Tobacco Is Stolen

With another 20 sheets of tobacco reported stolen in the county this week, Sheriff D.M. Barrington again urged farmers to keep a close watch on packhouses.

Three sheets were reported taken from a Queshiffle packhouse owned by Marshall Parks on Sept. 22 and 17 sheets were stolen last Monday night from the

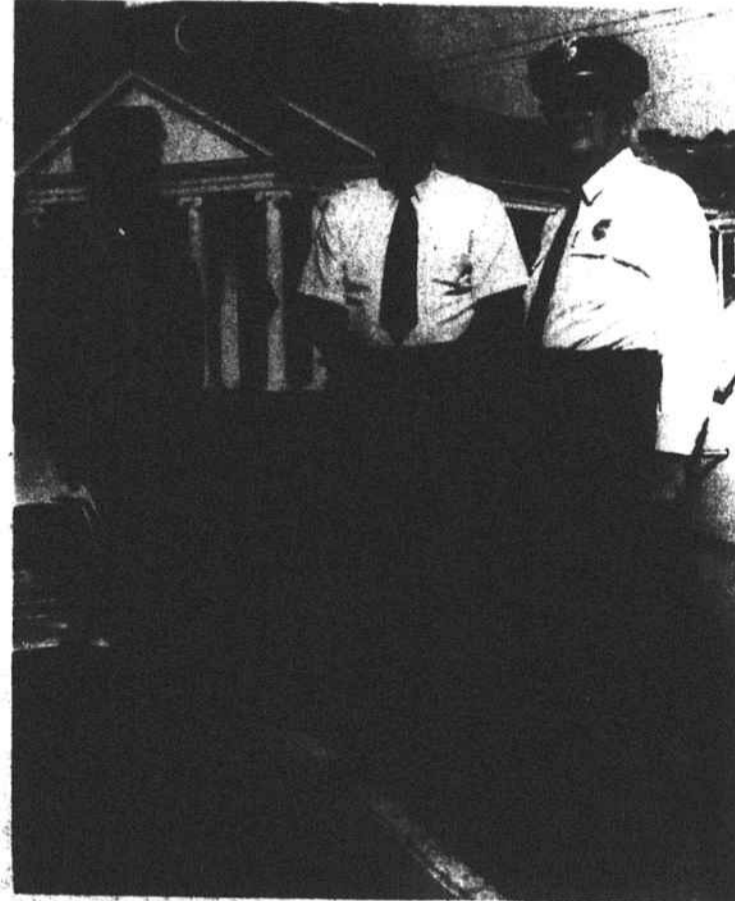
Reese Smith packhouse in Rt. 1, Shannon.

Sheriff Barrington said that at the Parks farm, the lock was broken off the door and the sheets were carried through a wooded area to the road where they were loaded into a vehicle. Apparently the thieves left hurriedly, he said, because one sheet was found at the door of the shed and another was found in the woods. About 26 sheets were left in the packhouse.

At the Smith farm, the padlock was cut off the chain on the door and the sheets were taken around to the back of the building where they were loaded, the sheriff said.

A total of 11,300 pounds of tobacco have been taken in the county since the markets opened, Sheriff Barrington said. He urged farmers not to leave tobacco in the packhouses any longer than necessary and if possible to have someone at the packhouses at all times when tobacco is there.

Deputies try to check the tobacco packhouses throughout the county each night, he said, in addition to regular patrolling of stores and homes, but it is not possible to keep a close watch on them all. Once tobacco leaves the packhouse it is nearly impossible to identify it, he said.



CHIEFS - Retiring police chief L.W. Stanton (right) and James E. Lamont, a Scotland County detective who was named to the job (center) met Monday to discuss the changeover with John Gaddy, city manager. Lamont will begin Oct. 15.

Woman Hurt

Men Charged With Shooting Into Turnpike Road Home

A woman was shot in the back Saturday night and her home on Turnpike Road was fired into about 30 times with about 30 rounds of shotgun and small caliber weapons' fire.

Three men are in jail now in lieu of \$5,000 bond each, charged with shooting into an occupied dwelling and a fourth man is being held in connection with the shooting.

Charged are J.D. Morrissey, Jr., 21, of Rt. 1, Raeford; Laverne Morrissey, 17, of

Rt. 3, Raeford and Jimmy McMillian, 19, of Rt. 3, Raeford. Held but not charged is Larry Ray of Raeford.

Patrol Has VASCAR

Speeding motorists, look out. The Highway Patrol has VASCAR in the county now.

Trooper C.A. Bennett was certified last Friday as a VASCAR operator, after training with the system for the past several weeks.

Standing for Visual Average Speed Computer and Recorded, the system gives the average speed of a car over the distance observed.

"The average speed is never higher than the top speed travelled over the distance," Trooper Bennett said, "so this really gives a motorist an advantage."

Radar, also in use in the county for checking speed, will record the top speed at a single point, he explained.

VASCAR has several advantages over radar as a speed monitor, he said. With it, speed may be checked on cars approaching the patrol vehicle, overtaking the vehicle or traveling in front of the patrol car. Radar must be operated from a parked vehicle, whereas VASCAR can be used while patrolling, Bennett said.

The unit can also be used at a pre-marked area with the patrol car stationed several hundred feet from the highway.

The system is operated by a computer which records distance, measured by the patrol car and time, measured by the motorist's car. The average speed derived from the two measurements is flashed on a readout screen on the patrol car instrument panel.

The computer is designed to measure up to 6.39 minutes of time and 5.46 miles of distance, Bennett said.

Bennett attended a school on the system in Raleigh, taught by the Department of Community Colleges. After the unit was installed on the patrol car, he spent several weeks training with it. He was certified as an operator after an examination in Fayetteville last week.

Several years ago, Bennett said, VASCAR was operated in the county when Trooper J.D. Robinson, who transferred in 1968, was here.

After 15 years as police chief of Raeford, L.W. Stanton announced this week that he would retire Jan. 1.

Named to the position is James E. Lamont, a detective with the Scotland County sheriff's department.

Lamont will begin here Oct. 15 and Stanton will assist him until the first of the year, city manager John D. Gaddy said.

Chief Stanton, who is 65, cited poor health as his reason for retirement. He was injured this summer in an auto accident while on his way to investigate a wreck.

Lamont, 37, has been a law enforcement officer for Maxton and Scotland County for the past 12 years. He was assistant chief of police for Maxton before joining the Scotland County sheriff's department.

He is a 1970 graduate of the SBI school at Chapel Hill and has completed technical school courses in fingerprinting, bomb detection, firearms and general police training.

A native of Laurinburg, Lamont is married and has four children. He is a member of the Baptist Church and is a Mason.

Chief Stanton joined the city force as police chief on Oct. 1, 1956. Before then, he served as the rural policeman on the sheriff's department force when Hoke County had deputies and rural policemen.

During the years he has been chief, the department has increased from two patrolmen to five and has changed from a foot patrol to a squad car force.

Riot equipment and radios have been added, reflecting the changing focus in small town law enforcement, and the city now has a radar unit for the patrol cars.

Other improvements during his administration include installing a new records system and increased schooling for patrolmen on the force.

After 15 years, Stanton will probably continue to work part-time for the city, Gaddy said.

Mrs. Bonnie Baker was treated and released at Cape Fear Valley Hospital Sunday morning. She was hit by about 35 shotgun pellets.

According to Sheriff D.M. Barrington, every window in the house, except for those in the children's bedroom were broken and there were some holes in the shingle walls of the house. The telephone lines had been cut also he said. The inside walls of some of the rooms were pockmarked by bullets.

Mrs. Baker said the shooting began about 10:30 Saturday night and continued for some time. She was hit as soon as it began and crawled into the attic, where she stayed until daybreak, according to the sheriff.

Mrs. Baker and three of her children were in the house when the shooting began, Sheriff Barrington said. Her husband and son were foxhunting. The closest neighbors, who live about 100 yards away, said they were not at home during that period, the sheriff said.

Ballistics tests and other laboratory tests are being processed at the SBI lab, Sheriff Barrington said.

Mrs. Baker has received harassing phone calls for the past several weeks, he said.

A preliminary hearing will be held in district court. Shooting into an occupied building is a felony for which the maximum is five years in prison.

Man Killed In Wreck

A man was thrown from a car and killed in a one car crash in which seven others were injured early Monday morning near the Moore County line.

James Garfield Gillis, 55, of Rt. 1, Aberdeen was dead on arrival at the hospital, according to the Highway Patrol report. The other persons in the accident received minor injuries.

The accident happened about 12:20 a.m. on N.C. 211 about 13 miles from Raeford. According to the wreck report, the driver of the vehicle, Mrs. Mary Ethel Bethea Smith, was holding a baby on her lap.

Something, apparently the baby, grabbed the wheel and she lost control of the car. The car turned over and then struck the side of a house near the highway.

This is the 21st traffic fatality in the county this year.

Sr. Citizens Meet Tuesday

The Senior Citizens Friendship Club will meet next Tuesday at 2:30 at the Raeford United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Harlis Wright will give a program on art. Programs and plans for the new year will be discussed.

All members are asked to bring old newspapers and a prize will be given to the person bringing in the largest stack. Newspapers are being collected for the Methodist scholarship fund.