

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

We still haven't been able to get the straight about the number of fire chiefs for the Raeford Fire Department. So far we have received information that the following have served as head of the department. They are R.B. Lewis, Leo Fuller, Martin McKeithan, Bud McKeithan, Harry Greene, Robert Gatlin, J.D. McMillian and now Crawford Thomas, Jr.

We hope that this is the correct list and if not will someone let us know.

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We received the following letter from Leo Fuller last week and would like for our readers to have a chance to read it so we pass it along to you.

Dear Sam:

We have been gone from Raeford for over thirty years but we still subscribe to the News-Journal and enjoy keeping up with the activities there. Our hearts shall always remain with the wonderful people of Raeford.

Sorry to see that Lawrence Stanton will retire because of his health. He is a mighty fine person and Raeford has been fortunate to have someone of his calibre serve as chief for such a long time.

Regarding the fire department, I have a little information that may be of interest: When R.B. Lewis left for active military duty before World War II, I was elected as chief, and served in that capacity until we moved away in 1941. I don't seem to recall who replaced me as chief. Everyone, of course, remembers that Bob Lewis served many, many years, probably much longer than anyone else. I seem to remember that Archie (Bud) McKeithan also served as chief at one time. I may be completely wrong but I believe he was chief at one time during the early thirties.

Have enjoyed the items about old times in and around Raeford, especially the map put together by Robert Gatlin. Give my regards to Paul and keep up the good work with the News-Journal. You have the best weekly I've seen anywhere.

With best wishes,
Leo Fuller

This letter was received from Bud McKeithan of Red Springs, a native of Hoke County.

Gentlemen:
In regard to your article on Fire Chief, I believe I was fire chief about 1930 or early 30s when the barber shop in the Johnson-Thomas building burned.

I am not sure you could check on this to make sure

Bud McKeithan

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We receive this letter Tuesday. We don't know the lady but we think it will be of interest to many here in Hoke County.

Dear Sirs:

Clarence Lytch sent us a clipping from your issue of Sept. 30. He is my only living brother - in - law. I would like to surprise him by your publishing the enclosed doggerel.

If this is too big a favor to ask please send the "saga" to him, using the enclosed envelope. If you can publish it you will be pleasing two old folks - Clarence and eighty year old me. I was a resident of Laurinburg twenty seven years. Dr. Wm. Sherman of Berea, N.C. and Texas was my grandfather.

Please send me a clipping of the doggerel if you do use it in your paper, using the aforesaid envelope.

Dr. Hugh H. McFadyen lives here. We know him and his wife. He is the nephew of "Miss Christina" who owned "The Pines" tourist home. I can't recall her last name but she was the widow of one of "The Maes".

Many Tar Heels headed "Westward Ho" have visited us. Terry Sanford was one of them "Ya'll Come".

Thank you very much for whatever you do with the little tale.

Sincerely,
Barbara P. Lytch
(Mrs. Ed S.L.)

The Brother Clarence Saga

Now there is a "young" Clarence Lytch Seems he's really struck it rich By living over three score years and ten Then living were years again and again. He's not only rich in years often funny Even in the Atlantic he fishes out money.

Barbara P. Lytch Tucson, Ariz.

It's Keep It Clean Week

This is Keep It Clean Week, in North Carolina, sponsored by the Jaycees.

Gov. Robert Scott has proclaimed the week Environmental Week in the state. A tour of the statg was held Tuesday by Gov. Scott, former Secretary of Interior

Two Persons Killed, Seven Are Hurt In Three Car Collision On NC 211

Man Found After Search

James Timothy McRae was found dead near his home Monday night after a search by members of the Hoke County Rescue Squad.

The 86-year-old man had been missing from his home in Antioch since Sunday night. He lived alone and the nearest house to his was about 500 yards away, Hoke County sheriff D. M. Barrington said.

Deputy Harvey Young and a county medical examiner investigated the death which appears to have been from natural causes, the sheriff said.

Sugar's Has Break-In

A Main Street men's clothing store has been broken into for the third time in a year.

A breakin at Joe Sugar's of Raeford was reported to Raeford police Monday morning by manager Paul Solomon. An undetermined amount of clothing and about \$30 from the cash register was reported stolen.

Thieves entered the store each time it was robbed by climbing through an old trap door on the roof. The store was robbed of clothing last Dec. 8 and Sept. 13. The hole in the roof was boarded up after each breakin.

An attempted breakin at Sugar's was also reported Oct. 6 by an employee at Raeford Hotel who noticed the molding broken around the back door. Three attempts had been made to enter the store, Raeford Police Chief L.W. Stanton said.

Rep. McFadyen Is Appointed

Representative Neill L. McFadyen was appointed last week to the Legislative Building Governing Commission by Speaker of the House Philip P. Godwin. It is a two year appointment.

The Commission is composed of a senator appointed by the lieutenant governor, a representative appointed by the House speaker, the attorney general, the state treasurer, the director of the Department of Administration and two members appointed by the governor.

Car Stolen At Plant

A car was reported stolen early Tuesday morning from the parking lot across from the House of Raeford.

James Strong, Jr. of Maxton told city police that his car, a 1961 white Chevrolet two-door sedan, was parked near the cemetery next to U.S. 401-A. He last saw the car between 5 and 6 a.m. but the auto was missing at 6:30 a.m., he said.

Strong told police that he thought the car was locked and that he had the keys with him, city policeman Leonard Wiggins said.

Football Fans Are Orderly

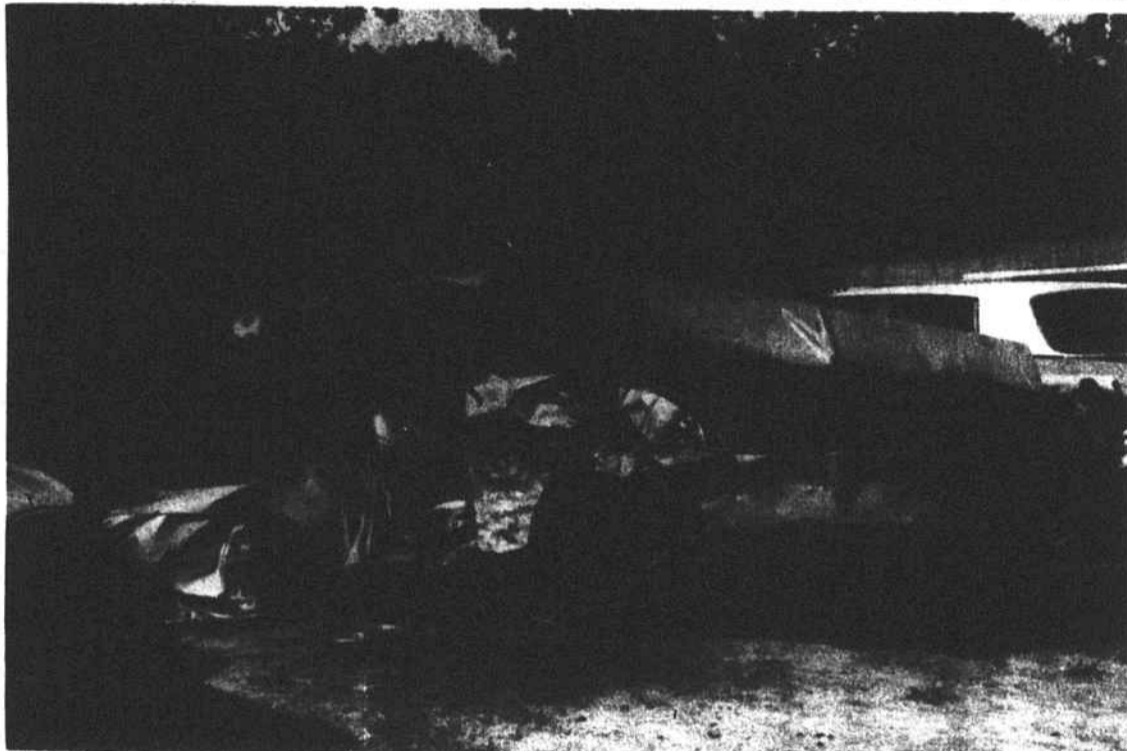
The estimated 5,000 fans who came to see the Raeford - Laurinburg football game Friday night were "orderly and well-mannered," according to Raeford Police Chief L.W. Stanton.

One injury was reported during the game by the Hoke County Rescue Squad. W.T. Thrower of Laurinburg, fell in the stands and gashed his leg. He was given first aid by the squad and was taken back to Laurinburg.

As the rescue squad truck left the parking lot on the way to Laurinburg, it sideswiped an auto parked on the side of the road, Jim Wade, squad spokesman said. No damage was done to the car but damage to the rescue squad vehicle was estimated at \$85.

Stewart Udall, John Glenn, all announced gubernatorial candidates and other national prominent environmentalists.

Raeford won an award from the governor for the clean-up campaign conducted in the city in April, 1970.



SKIDDED IN RAIN - The driver of this car lost control on a slight curve near Montrose Sunday and skidded into the path of an oncoming car. Two persons were killed and seven were injured. Traffic fatalities in the county now number 23 for the year.

White House Fellows Visit Army's Medical Program

The medical partnership between the Army and Hoke County will be inspected today by a group of White House Fellows.

The group will tour the health center, where Special Forces CPT Thomas Reavell, the physician assigned to the county, will explain the medical program that has been built here since the Army first began the project nearly a year ago.

Next the group will go to the clinic at South Hoke School, where a topical fluoride dental treatment is planned for participating youngsters.

The Fellows will be welcomed by C. D. Bounds, president of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Eve Nichols, director of the county health center, Harold Gillis, Chamber of Commerce manager; Jake Austin, businessman and D. D. Abernethy, chairman of the board of health.

The White House Fellows program is designed to provide gifted young Americans with firsthand experience in the process of governing the nation and a sense of personal involvement in the leadership of society.

Began in 1964 by President Lyndon B.

Johnson, there have been 103 participants up to this year. There are sixteen White House Fellows this year.

Fellows are assigned to White House staff members, to the Vice-President, to members of the Cabinet and to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

While the tasks of the individual Fellows vary greatly, in most cases at the end of the year's assignment, the typical Fellow will have written speeches, attended conferences, supervised staff work, reviewed proposed legislation, answered congressional inquiries, chaired meetings drafted reports, conducted briefings and spearheaded one or more projects.

In addition to job assignments, the Fellows take part in an education program which includes field trips such as the visit to Hoke County. They also attend meetings several times a week for off the record discussions with officials, leaders and experts from both the public and private sectors.

The education program and portions of the selection process are supported by private funds such as the Carnegie Corporation, the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Cincinnati Enquirer Foundation, as well as private businesses.

According to a report on the program, among those who have returned home, a sizable number of former Fellows are now involved with the activities of local and state governments.

The Fellows who are visiting the county today come from a broad range of backgrounds which includes military, business, law, and science. One Fellow is a New York police sergeant.

White House Fellows touring the county are Henry G. Cisneros, 23, assistant to the executive vice-president of the National League of Cities in Washington, D. C., assigned as a Fellow to HEW; Peter W. Cook, 32, vice president for growth and development of Osco Drug, Inc., Franklin Park, Ill., assigned to the Defense Department; Maj. Robert Allen Dey, 35, Army Corps of Engineers, assigned to the Environmental Protection Agency; Mrs. W. Antoinette Ford, 29, oceanography instructor and program coordinator for Versar, Inc., Washington, D. C., assigned to the Treasury Department.

Others are Dr. Stephen John Gage, 30, associate professor and director of the nuclear reactor laboratory at the University of Texas at Austin, assigned to the Office of Space and Technology; Franklin R. Gannon, 28, employed by J. Walter Thompson Company of New York, who writes and edits monthly advertising and marketing magazine, assigned to the White House; Maj. John S. Grimalds, 33, Marine Corps and former Rhodes Scholar, assigned to the White House; Glen R. Kendall, 29, candidate for Master of Business degree at Dartmouth College assigned to the Department of the Interior.

Other Fellows are John M. Maurice, 32, associate general counsel for Boise

Cascade Corporation, Boise, Idaho, assigned to the Department of Agriculture; Terence D. McCann, 30, sergeant with the NYC police department, New York, assigned to the Department of Justice; Maj. Robert C. McFarlane, 33, Marine Corps and former

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Committee Election Details Are Released

Full details are now available to Hoke County farmers on the upcoming election of ASC committee members says Ken W. McNeill, Chairman of the Hoke Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

ASC community committee elections this year will be held December 1. The ballots farmers will use to elect three regular members and two alternates to ASC committees will be mailed out about November 19. A special effort is being made to make sure every eligible voter in the County receives a ballot.

"We would like farmers to voice their choice" for good committee members candidates who will effectively serve all the farmers in their community without regard to race, color, creed, sex, or national origin," McNeill said.

The period set for nomination-by-petition of ASC committees begins October 4 and runs for 3 1/2 weeks. All petitions must be filed at the County Office by close of business October 27.

Procedures for nominating a candidate are simple.

- (1) One nominee to a petition.
- (2) Candidate must certify that he will serve if elected.
- (3) Three signatures of eligible farm voters are required (this is a change from last year when six signatures were required).
- (4) Petitions must be in the County ASC Office on Oct. 27.

There is no limit on the number of petitions farmers may sign.

"For more than 35 years the farmer-elected ASC committee system has functioned under democratic principles. These grassroots committees are comprised of, function for, and are run by farmers who live and work in the area," McNeill said.

"If the system is to remain effective, not only must dedicated farmers be willing to serve on the committees, but all Hoke County farmers should be willing to nominate and elect responsible people to fill the committee posts," he added.

He explained that after the community committees are elected, three delegates from each newly-elected committee attend a county convention to fill vacancies on the County ASC Committee. The County Committee makes all local

Two persons died and seven others were injured in a three-car collision near Montrose Sunday afternoon.

Tommy Hunt, 44, of Rt. 2, Red Springs, was killed in the crash, according to the investigating officer, Trooper Kenneth Weston.

Mrs. Mary VanHorn, 42, of Chesapeake, Va., died early Monday morning at N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, to which she was transferred with multiple injuries following the accident.

Hunt was a passenger in the automobile driven by Mrs. Lela Demery Locklear of Rt. 4, Lumberton. The vehicle was traveling east on N.C. 211 when Mrs. Locklear lost control of the car on a slight curve during a rainstorm and skidded into the opposite lane.

Her car was struck broadside by a car driven by Glenn Brewer Draughton, of Rt. 3, Clinton. The car following the Draughton vehicle, driven by Brantly J. Davis of Raeford, crashed into the second car.

Mrs. VanHorn was a passenger in the Draughton vehicle. The driver and three other passengers were taken to Moore Memorial Hospital where they were listed in critical condition. Draughton, 20, was transferred to Womack Army Hospital at Ft. Bragg. The injured passengers were Vernon VanHorn, 40, of Chesapeake, Va.; Connie Beal, 23, of Rt. 3, Clinton; and Maggie Draughton, 53, of Rt. 3, Clinton.

Mrs. Locklear was also listed in critical condition at Moore County Hospital.

Davis and his wife, Edith, were treated at Moore Memorial Hospital and released following the accident.

No charges have been filed. Rescue squads from Hoke County and Aberdeen and Hoke County medical examiner Dr. Riley Jordan assisted the Highway Patrolmen at the crash scene.

The two deaths this weekend make the 12nd and 23rd traffic deaths recorded for the county. Last year there were ten traffic deaths.

According to Highway Patrol Sergeant, D. L. Minshew, the death toll in the county this year has increased disproportionately to the accident rate. While there have been slightly more accidents reported in the county this year than there were last year, he said, the deaths have more than doubled. There have been more arrests this year for traffic violations.

farm program decisions and works with community committees in carrying out various ASCS programs.

A farm owner, tenant, or sharecropper, 18 years or older, is eligible to vote if he can participate in any ASCS program administered in the community where his farm is located. If he is not of legal voting age, he may vote in the ASC election if he supervises and conducts the farming operation on an entire farm.

McNeill said that any practicing farmers who had not received a ballot by Nov. 22 should apply for it at the county office.

A list of known eligible voters in Hoke County is available for inspection at the County ASCS Office located in the Post Office Building.

Farm voters will elect three regular committee members and 2 alternates to their community committees when they vote in the elections on December 1. Full details on voter eligibility, nomination by petition, community boundaries, and other election procedures are also available at the County ASCS Office, McNeill said.

Bake Sale Saturday

Members of the National Honor Society at Hoke High will hold a bake sale on Main Street Saturday in front of Niven's Appliance Store.

They are raising money to meet expenses at the state convention, which the Raeford chapter will host this April.

No Projects Approved

No road projects were approved for Hoke County at the meeting last week of the State Highway Commission.

Details of 21 projects in 23 counties containing 122 miles of roads were announced. Bids will be opened on Oct. 26.