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**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, bowling has become increasingly popular over the years and is now a foremost family sport in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, bowling is a good source of physical exercise in keeping with the National Physical Fitness Program and should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, bowling in our City has developed into leagues for all age groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John K. McNeill, Jr. Mayor of the City of Raeford, do hereby proclaim November 28 - December 4, 1971

**NATIONAL JUNIOR BOWLING WEEK**

and urge the families of Raeford to support our junior bowlers and their association.

John K. McNeill, Jr.  
Mayor



**BUCKS BOWLERS** - The Hoke junior bowling league pose outside their bus before going to Fayetteville for Saturday league play. The new activity has 50 keglers.

**Jr. Bowlers Start Play  
With 5 Teams In League**

One step towards building a full-fledged youth program in Hoke County was taken recently when the Reverend Thomas Walker organized the first Junior Bowling League in Raeford.

With the assistance of Hoke High Principal Raz Autry and members of the Student Council, the Rev. Mr. Walker met with a group of students who expressed interest in the program. The initial trip to Fayetteville in early October produced 71 pre-dawn risers for the Saturday outing. Since then, the group has stabilized at 50 and has been divided into 10 five-man teams.

"The fact that these youth get up at 7 o'clock in the morning when they don't have to," Rev. Walker said, "indicates that they want to do something with their leisure time. Our task as concerned parents and adults is to provide something wholesome and productive."

Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill lent his support to the program this week when he signed a proclamation declaring the week Nov. 28 to Dec. 4 as "Raeford Junior Bowling Week." The proclamation was issued in conjunction with activities in other cities throughout the Nation where Junior Bowling Leagues are organized and helps to commemorate the Silver Anniversary of the American Bowling Congress (AJBC).

The "Raeford Bucks League," coached by Rev. Walker, is using the Junior Bowling Week observance to sell AJBC anniversary decals at 25 cents each, and to conduct a fund-raising campaign to defray bowling costs and hopefully, buy shirts for league members. One dollar contributions are asked of league supporters.

The league, as presently constituted, is limited to freshman through senior grades. Membership in the AJBC, however, is open to all persons who have not reached their 22nd birthday by August 1. "One of the reasons our league doesn't include additional age groups is because I cannot work effectively with many more



**SCORING** - Charlene Averette and Larry Beasley keep the tally for their teams at the Hoke junior bowling league.

than the 50 boys and girls I now have," Mr. Walker said. When additional adult help is available, Rev. Walker said he hopes the program can be expanded to include those students in the elementary grades.

Besides providing a wholesome atmosphere and excellent physical exercise, the AJBC program also offers high school students the opportunity to win a \$1,000 scholarship and a four-day trip to the Nation's Capitol. This educational incentive is available only to high school seniors, who must fit their personalities, academic achievements and bowling prowess against other bowlers representing the 50 states.

At the conclusion of the fund-raising effort, the Junior Bowlers of Raeford will observe the 25th AJBC anniversary Dec. 4 at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville with a traditional cake-cutting at 9 a.m. After greetings from the Mayor Pro-Tem of Fayetteville - Mayor McNeill or Mayor Pro-Tem Frank Teal is expected to attend - the bowlers will resume league competition in pursuit of the first place trophy. All parents and interested persons are invited to take part in the celebration.

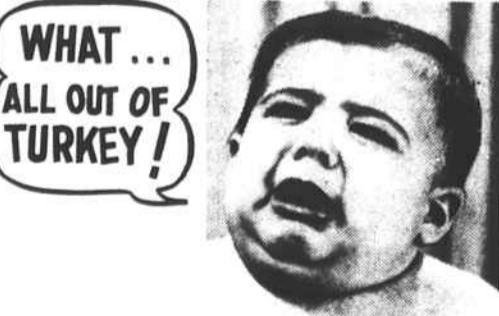
**AJBC SPECIAL**  
Members of the Raeford Bucks Junior Bowling League are conducting a fund drive through Dec. 4 to gain financial support for their Junior Bowling program.

The league was organized last month under the supervision of the Rev. Thomas Walker with the support of Hoke High principal, Raz Autry, Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill endorsed the program by proclaiming the week of Nov. 28 to Dec. 4 as Raeford Junior Bowling Week.

Now, it is your turn. When a Junior Bowler calls on you, give him your support with a donation of \$1 or more.

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YES, but full of thankfulness we are. Thankful for our freedom to think and speak and plan our lives as we see fit. Thankful for the peace and prosperity which is ours. Thankful for God's gift of life on this bountiful earth.

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**Junior Bowling**

By Beverly Foster  
The bowlers in the Raeford Bucks Junior Bowling League are really beginning to "gel." Organized in October by members coming from Hoke High, many of the keglers had little idea of what bowling was about. Now that everybody is in the swing of things, on Saturday morning at LaFayette Lanes pins are flying.

Current standings are: Hoke High Gutters are in first place holding a 9-1 record. Hanging in there behind them are the Undisputed Truths boasting an 8-2 record. Team No. 2 is in third while Team No. 1 is in fourth. Team No. 4,

the "powerhouse" of the league is in fifth. The Bulldogs and the Boones Farm Gang hold sixth and seventh place, respectively. Team No. 7 (3-7) is in eighth place with Team No. 9 (2-8) in ninth place. Last but not least is Southern Comfort Five with a 1-9 record.

Chuck McNulty rolled a 139 high game to lead the boys this week. Close behind in second and third place was the brother combination of John and Glenn Miller, who rolled 136 and 132 high games respectively. Last week's leader, Chuck Bishop, followed with a 118.

Bev Foster paced the girls with a sizzling 156 high game. Rhonda Todd set the pins flying to grasp second with a 134. Debra Foster was together when she paced the bowling scene with a 115.

First high in the individual three games was Bev Foster with a 432 series. Warren Hall followed with a 427 while Chuck McNulty trailed with a 411 series. Chuck Bishop and Rhonda Todd held 408 and 405 game series, respectively.

Officers of the league were elected on Oct. 30. Eddie Dupree was elected president. Beverly Foster is secretary and Sylvia McPhatter was elected

treasurer. We, the league, wish the officers all the luck in their jobs.

Members of the Junior Bowler Traveling League are asked to be at Lafayette Lanes by 1 p.m. Sunday. All right, Junior bowlers! Take it away and set those pins "flying."



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