

Around Town

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We would like to remind everyone of the Pancake Supper tonight (Thursday) at the W. T. Gibson cafeteria. The event is sponsored by the Raeford Kiwanis Club and serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. This has become an annual affair, so come out and enjoy the fellowship and get all the pancakes you can eat.

The United Fund drive is underway and is being conducted by the officers and directors of the organization. For the drive to be successful we must have the cooperation of everyone in the county. If the drive is not successful, we don't know if the organization can keep up its work. The organizations that received aid from the United Fund would then have to have separate drives every year to get financial aid. This was the main reason for the founding of the United Fund in the first place - to have only one drive for all organizations. We think this is best and also think that most people in the community feel the same way. So don't wait for someone to call on you; just mail your contribution in today or bring it by the office of The News - Journal. As you know, the contribution is tax deductible.

An old picture that appears elsewhere in this issue of the paper was brought in by Mrs. Alfred K. Leach. She states that the picture was found in a desk of Alfred's aunt, Miss Maggie McBryde, who died recently. We have found out some things about the picture, but would like for our readers to help to complete the identification of everyone in the picture.

The old building was located across from the A&R Railroad where Bowen's Handy Mart is now located. The building to the left is Fuller's Stable. In the background are houses that stood beside the L&S railroad track.

According to Robert Gatlin, whom Ken McNeill said was the only man in Raeford old enough to help with the picture, the building caved in during the big snow of 1927 and was removed from the lot.

Two of the men in the picture are Kelly Sesoms and Luke McFadyen, both now deceased. We would like to know the others, if you readers would come to our aid.

We would like to thank Mrs. Milo Postel and her Girl Scouts for helping with the distribution of the United Fund cards. They certainly are doing a good deed for the entire community. Thanks!

Woman Shot: Condition Serious

A Hoke County woman was admitted to McCain Hospital Friday morning for treatment of a gunshot wound.

Mrs. Flora Ethel Jones of Rt. 2, Raeford was listed in serious condition from a small caliber bullet which lodged in her lung, according to Sheriff D.M. Barrington.

Sheriff Barrington said he was called to the hospital to investigate the shooting but has not been able to question Mrs. Jones. The investigation is continuing but no arrests have been made.

Tax Penalty Starts Jan. 1

December is the last month to pay 1971 taxes without a penalty, T.B. Lester, county manager, reminded this

No Projects For County

No highway projects were scheduled for the county at the regular monthly contract letting of the State Highway Commission in Raleigh last week.

Bids totaling \$18,047,666.79 were received by the Commission for 51 projects in 43 counties involving more than 297 miles of road improvements.

Boosters Plan Meeting

Advance tickets are on sale now for the Booster Club supper meeting next Monday night at 7 p.m. at the W.T. Gibson cafeteria.

The tickets, at \$2 a plate, may be purchased from any Booster Club member or at Hoke Drug Company, Mike Wood, president, said that advance tickets would be necessary in order to plan for the correct number of persons attending.

A special invitation is extended to parents of Hoke High School students and athletes, he said. The Booster is trying to establish a program that will be appealing to all the community, he said, and will cover all phases of athletics at the high school and at Upchurch School.

The program at the Dec. 6 meeting will be presented by the HHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This organization, with Coach Glenn Langdon as advisor, is composed of male and female athletes at the school.

Santa Ushers In Christmas Season With Parade Downtown Friday At 4:15

Couple On Thanksgiving Visit Died In Collision On U.S. 401

A Florida couple on their way to Fayetteville was killed last week in a four car collision on U.S. 401.

Keller Salter, 61, and his wife, Mrs. Ruby Salter, 54, of Milton, Fla., were killed when their car was hit head-on by a car driven by James White of Hamlet. The Salters were on their way to visit their son, Charlie L. Salter, of Fayetteville, when the accident occurred about 4:40 p.m. the day before Thanksgiving. It happened in front of Bill Newton's service station near the Big Star Truck Stop.

White, who was on his way from Greenville to his home in Hamlet, remains in critical condition at Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

According to Highway Patrol Trooper E. W. Coen, White, driving a Highway Commission car, completed passing a Greyhound bus in a no passing zone at the top of a hill. As he swerved sharply back into the southbound lane, he lost control of his car and fishtailed into the opposite lane, striking the Salter car head-on and knocking it into an unoccupied car parked at the service station. The White car then crashed into a pick-up truck driven by Alfred Cox of Fayetteville. Cox was treated for minor injuries at Cape Fear Valley Hospital and was released.

During the collision, white was thrown from the right door of his vehicle. Trooper Coen said.

The driver of the bus was forced onto the shoulder of the road but remained clear of the wreck.

Charges are pending in the case, he said.

Traffic was disrupted for several hours following the wreck, Trooper Coen said. Members of the Hoke County Rescue Squad who assisted at the scene directed northbound traffic on a detour along rural roads to by-pass the area.



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Zoning Dispute Entangles Plans For Halfway House

It will probably be January before a proposal to convert an old nursing home into a rehabilitation center for former prison inmates is considered by the city zoning board - if such a request is filed with the board.

Monroe Williams, city zoning administrator, said Wednesday that so far no application to vary the zoning classification in the area had been received by the board, although a petition opposing the center had been received by the commission.

The Rev. Donald Ned Hicks has announced plans to convert the old nursing home into the Joe Hilton Hicks Memorial House - a "half-way" house for ex-convicts. About 200 residents in the Hillcrest area have signed a petition opposing the plan.

The city of Raeford claims zoning authority over the area, which is zoned residential, according to Williams. State law allows a town or city to zone within a mile of the city limits.

"We have had the area surveyed by Robert Gatlin and the property is 825 feet within the jurisdiction of the city," Williams said. This was measured from the closest point of the city limits to the rest home, he said, but even measured along the road from the city limits marker, the property is within the mile limit. The Rev. Mr. Hicks is disputing the

Runway Reseeded

The runway at Raeford municipal airport is being smoothed and reseeded this week as a temporary measure before it is paved this spring.

John Gaddy, town manager, said the improvements were being made because the airstrip is used a great deal. Holes and bare spots in the runway have reduced usage lately, he said.

Gaddy said he hopes that paving and lighting will begin this spring. Pledges are still being sought from potential users.

Draft Office Closes 7-8

The Selective Service office will be closed Dec. 7 and 8 due to an area conference for office workers.

city's authority to zone the property, Williams said.

The minister, proprietor of The American Bible School, said in an interview with a Fayetteville reporter that the rest home is 1.4 miles from Raeford.

Williams said that in order to operate a half-way house on the property, the Rev. Mr. Hicks would have to file application with the zoning commission requesting a variance in the ordinance to allow "conditional usage" of the property

for purposes other than the permitted one or two-family units.

"This would not be a change in the zoning law," he said. "It would just be a conditional usage granted for that purpose."

However, before any work can be done on the rest home toward converting it, a building permit must be issued, Williams said.

"Mr. Hicks has not applied for and has See HALFWAY HOUSE, Page 7

Guard Undergoes Change But Raeford Unit Remains

The National Guard unit at Raeford will remain unchanged during the reorganization of the state structure Dec. 1, according to an announcement by Maj. Gen. Ferd L. Davis, adjutant general of North Carolina.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 252d Armor will remain in Raeford.

The North Carolina Army National Guard will retain all its personnel and all communities will retain units in the major reorganization Maj. Gen. Davis said.

In addition, cities awaiting construction of new armories will remain on the list as originally scheduled, he said. Authorized troop strength of the N.C. Army National Guard following reorganization will be virtually the same as it is now, approximately 10,900. The reorganization does not affect the North Carolina Air National Guard.

Most noticeable change in the reorganization is the addition of support companies for the three mechanized infantry battalions and the two armor battalions. The support companies will be formed from existing units. In a few instances numerical designations will change, a few units will be added to those presently located in some cities, and some units will be exchanged between cities.

This year's reorganization will be one of the smoothest in recent years. Only a few units will be converted into completely different organizations. A number of units will remain the same; however, a few will receive new names. Several units will be shifted to other

cities; the maintenance company in Greensboro is being redesignated and stationed in Winston-Salem; the Aviation Company in Winston-Salem moves to Greensboro; and a transportation company in Asheville is moving to Lenoir with its headquarters and another transportation unit.

In other changes, a three-man portable bath detachment in Kinston is being deactivated and a public information detachment is being formed in Raleigh. The 30th Infantry Division Band will move from the 30th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Support Command to Detachment 1, 30th Adjutant General Company, another new unit in Raleigh.

Conservation Election Set

An election will be held Dec. 11 to choose a soil and water conservation district supervisor.

Running for the office are J.W. Hayes and James R. Hendrix, Jr. The three year term will begin Jan. 3.

Ballot boxes will be placed at McLaughlin Company in Raeford; Dundarrach Trading Company, Dundarrach; McNeill's Store in Antioch; Bill Newton's Esso in Rt. 2, Raeford; Ashley Heights Esso in Ashley Heights; and Bill McQuage's store at Rt. 1, Raeford.

All registered voters are eligible to vote in the election.

Santa Claus makes his annual debut in Raeford Friday afternoon heralded by a 60-unit parade down Main Street.

New units will join those familiar from past parades as beauty queens, bands, baton twirlers and a bagpiper help usher in the Christmas season here. Several commercial floats, as well as city and county officials and units from the county volunteer fire departments will be included in the parade.

Parade units forming at Raeford Elementary school will start down West Fifth Street at 4:15. The paraders will turn right at Main Street and come through the business district to Harris Avenue where they will turn right again. The parade will end at Hoke High School.

County schools will let out at 2:15 so that the children can get to the parade.

The Yuletide exhibition will be headed by a police escort of city and county law enforcement officers. The color guard will come from members of Raeford's National Guard unit, IHC, Second Battalion, 252d Armor.

The Sudan Motorcycle Escort will then proceed official cars bearing the Raeford Mayor and councilmen and the Hoke County commissioners. The cars are furnished by Raeford Auto and Hoke Auto Company.

Bagpiper Arnold Pope of Fayetteville, a familiar figure from other parades here, will come next, leading the first commercial float of the parade, which is sponsored by Raeford Turkey Farms.

Next in line will be a contingent from Hoke High, with Homecoming Queen, Shelly Bratcher, varsity cheerleaders and junior varsity cheerleaders in cars preceding the Hoke High School band, directed by Jimmy James.

A baton twirling corps from the Ft. Bragg Youth Activities, directed by Mrs. John Hayes, will come next, followed by a car bearing Miss Ann Fitzgerald, Miss Pine Forest High School.

A car representing the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) of the county will be next, followed by the Rae-O-Hope drill team and the Rae-O-Hope baton group.

A commercial float sponsored by Theresa's Dress Shop and Auto Parts and Equipment will precede groups of Girl Scouts and Brownie Scouts. A float bearing the Upchurch School cheerleaders will precede the Upchurch Seventh Grade band, directed by Jimmy James.

A duo of beauty queens will come next with cars carrying Gail Fleck, Miss Fayetteville of 1971 and Yvonne Baker, Hoke High's DECA Sweetheart.

The Fayetteville Flashettes, directed by Miss Sherry Nunery, will precede the third commercial float sponsored by Collins Department Store and Wood's Furniture Store.

Fayetteville State University will be represented with Miss FSU, Evelyn Jones and the FSU band directed by Tom Bacote. Robin Wallace, Miss Fayetteville Technical Institute and Frances Snow, Miss Cape Fear High School will precede the Bobcat Drill Team, of Fayetteville, directed by Nathaniel Harley.

Next in the lineup will be the fourth commercial float, sponsored by Southern National Bank and Western Auto Associate Store and a car with Caroline Daniels, Miss Sunday School Convention of 1971.

A car from the Future Farmers of America and a car with Miss Seventy First High School, Prisella Moore, will lead the Seventy-First High School band, directed by Eugene Watkins.

A car from Cato's Store and one representing the Hoke County 4-H Clubs will escort the fifth commercial float, sponsored by Aberdeen Coca Cola Bottling Company and McDonald's Tire Recapping Service.

The Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts will march next in line, leading antique cars furnished by E.B. Campbell and the Upchurch Eighth Grade Band, directed by Jimmy James.

The Professional Women's Club of Hoke County and Sandhill's Community College will sponsor the next two cars and the sixth commercial float will be sponsored by Raeford Lumber Company, Teal Oil Company and Scotland Oil Company.

A drill team from Cameron Morrison School will march next, followed by the McNaair Train from Laurinburg.

An Indian dance team, an Indian princess will make up the next two units, sponsored by the Cumberland County Indian Association of Fayetteville. Miss Blueberry Festival, from Elizabethtown will ride a car in the parade.

The final band will be from E.E. Smith High School in Fayetteville with Paul A. Russell directing. The Carolina Military Academy and the Hoke County Ministerial Association will each sponsor cars and Smokey the Bear will make a Christmas time appearance.

The Hoke County Rescue Squad will be the last unit before the star of the parade, Santa Claus, comes down Main Street on his own float.

Fire trucks from Puppy Creek, Rockfish, Hillcrest, North Raeford and Raeford fire departments will end the parade.