

Around Town

by SAM C. MORRIS

Mrs. Mamie Bevan, nee Mamie McFadyen of Montrose, sent us a receipt this week that was received on December 4, 1893 from the Cumberland County tax department.

The receipt is as follows:
Received of J. J. McFayden his taxes for the year 1893, as follows:
For State Tax \$3.05
For County Tax \$2.33
For Bridge Tax67

J.B. Smith, Sheriff
Per E.E.G.-D.S.

According to Mrs. Bevan the receipt was on 110 acres of land that had a six-room house on the land. She also said that her father took a three hundred pound bale of cotton to Fayetteville that year and received 5 cents per pound for it. We can see why the tax rate was so low.

We want to thank Mrs. Bevan for their old receipt and information. If anyone knows what Bridge Tax is, please inform the writer.

School gets out Friday for two weeks and many small kids will be playing near and on the streets of the city, so please drive carefully so that Santa Claus will be in every home in Hoke County this Christmas.

We will again remind clubs and individuals who will be helping the needy families of the county to please clear them through the Department of Social Services. In this way one family will not receive aid from two or three different sources. Miss Mable McDonald, director, said that families should be requested by Monday, December 20. So if you intend to aid a needy family, go by the department and we feel sure almost everyone will have a very happy Christmas in Hoke County.

The following essay was received by Mrs. Helen Butler from her husband, SP/4 William R. Butler, who is stationed in Vietnam.

Christmas In Vitenam
As Christmas draws near, people's spirits rise to the occasion. But somewhere in Southeastern Asia there will be many Americans who will feel no different. These Americans are in the Armed Forces. In Vietnam alone, approximately 150,000 men will spend Christmas Day as if it were just another day in the year.

Of course there will be lots of green things around - trucks, clothes, blankets, flight jackets, and such - but no red or yellow and other Christmasy colors. No wives to share this special occasion with. No woods to hunt in (except jungles full of VC). No tasty dinners. No cars to go riding around town in to see all the pretty decorations. No stores with colors and displays. No music in the streets. No one telling you "Merry Christmas" or "Happy New Year." Nobody wants to lie. Nobody would believe it anyway. No fragrant firs or spruce. No blinking lights. No fancy gifts. No fresh cakes or roasted turkey. No love except 9,000 miles away. No jolly men in red suits, only frowning Reds. No Christmas cheer except a bottle of bourbon from the PX. No halls decked with holly. No mistletoe. No one to kiss anyway.

Going hunting with an M-16 instead of a 12 gauge. Driving a tank instead of a hay wagon. Convoys instead of parades. 122mm rockets and grenades instead of firecrackers and bottle fliers. Camouflaged uniforms instead of bright sweaters and ski caps. Knee - deep mud instead of snow. Doesn't sound too much like Christmas, does it?

Why should anyone exchange New Year's Greeting, when they don't know what the new year will be like for us? At this very moment, Pakistan and India are waging a full - scale war. Will that be our next place to be sent?

Just another GI, SP/4 William R. Butler
From this essay you can see that we all have many things to be thankful for at this Christmas season.

Havelock School Officials Reprimanded Over Game

Havelock High School officials were reprimanded Thursday for unprofessional and unrepresentative conduct by the board of controls of the North Carolina High School Athletics Association.

The reprimand stemmed from charges made by Raz Autry, principal at Hoke High, over the site of the Southeastern 3-A and Eastern 3A football playoff game between Hoke and Havelock.

The playing field was changed to New Bern by Simon Terrell, NCHS Athletic Association after Autry protested the facilities at Havelock, but the site was returned to Havelock after Terrell was overruled by the executive board.

Three Knit-Away Executives Die In Plane Crash Near Charlotte

United Fund Reports \$1,701.95

United Fund contributions now total \$1,701.95, with most of the larger contributors still to report, Fund treasurer Sam Morris announced this week.

The goal this year for the dozen agencies that depend on the United Fund is \$18,171.11.

The drive is being conducted by the directors in the absence of a campaign manager. Members of the Girl Scouts are assisting in delivering campaign material.

The United Fund contributes to the budgets of the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, White Cane, 4-H clubs, Crippled Children, community development, the city - county recreation program, the Hoke County Rescue Squad, the needy school children's fund, senior citizens and to Carolina United, which includes several national organizations such as the USO.

Youth Dies From Injuries

Sonny McMillian, 18, of Shannon died Dec. 8 at Duke of injuries received in a wreck on 401 by-pass on Dec. 4.

The youth was a passenger in a car driven by Henry Jefferson, 19, of Hoke County. According to Highway Patrol Trooper C. A. Bennett, who investigated the accident, Jefferson attempted to turn left from the by - pass to the Aberdeen highway cutoff and was hit by a tractor - trailer rig traveling south on the by - pass.

Jefferson and another passenger, Robert Knight, 18, of Raeford, were also injured. The truck driver was unhurt.

McMillian's death is the 30th traffic fatality in the county this year compared to 10 traffic deaths last year.

Lennon Will Not Seek Term In Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Alton Lennon announced today that he would not seek re - election to the United States House of Representatives in 1972.

Mr. Lennon stated that after nearly 30 years of public service, including county, state, and national offices, he was returning to private life in North Carolina with the conclusion of the 92nd Congress.

"I and my wife, Kay, will always



WRECKAGE - Only the tail section of the twin - engine chartered plane remains intact following the crash near Charlotte in which three Knit-Away executives and the pilot were killed. (Observer Photo By Dave Johnson)

Davis Makes 3A All-East Team

Russell Davis was named Friday by the Raleigh News and Observer to their 3-A All-East team.

Selected for honorable mention were David Wood, Bruce Morrison, Kenneth Hendrix, Frank Williamson and Bill Poole.

"I think all of those boys are some of the better players in the state," Hoke football coach John Pecora said. "They were a great asset to the team this year."

"I am disappointed that some of the boys named to honorable mention didn't

make the first or second team and I am a little disappointed that Jerry Tucker wasn't included on the list."

Davis, a 6-5, 210 - pound senior, was named as end on the 3-A team. Last year he was chosen as all - conference end and was picked to the News and Observer second team. During regular season play, he caught 36 passes for 570 yards. Davis is credited with four touchdowns for the ten - game season.

The All - East team did not include a quarterback this year, but Raeford's David Wood, given honorable mention, piled up some impressive statistics during the regular season. He was credited with six touchdowns during the year but more importantly, he completed 77 of 147 passes with nine intercepted. Wood carried the ball 73 times for 213 yards. Most of the 1229 yards gained through passes must be credited to Wood.

Morrison made 13 touchdowns this year and caught 11 passes for 140 yards. He gained 707 yards rushing.

Wood named all - conference last year and Morrison were both given honorable

mention last year.

Hoke High's linemen, who are credited with much of the success of the Bucks in the regular season, but especially in the playoffs, were represented with honorable mention going to Kenneth Hendricks, Frank Williamson and Bill Poole. In addition to his defense duties, Poole made one touchdown and caught 18 passes for 193 yards.

All of the players honored are seniors this year.

Other Hoke players on offense who were not picked this year also compiled impressive statistics.

Alexander McMillian gained 410 yards in 75 carries and made six touchdowns. He caught five passes for 114 yards. Jerry Tucker carried 22 times for 181 yards and made four touchdowns. He caught 11 passes for 165 yards. Ray McDougald carried 42 times for 175 yards and made two touchdowns. He caught two passes for 10 yards. Ricky Collins carried 14 times for 66 yards.

Mac McNeill kicked 18 extra points and Donnie Smith kicked one.

Berry To Run For Congress

Doran Berry, Fayetteville attorney and former Solicitor of the Superior Court for Cumberland and Hoke Counties, announced at a Press Conference Monday that he would seek the democratic nomination for the office of United States House of Representatives for the Seventh District.

Berry seeks the office now held by Alton Lennon of Wilmington, who has been a member of the House for 16 years.

Charles Rose III, another Fayetteville attorney has also made an announcement of his intentions to seek this office.

Berry issued his statement at a news conference held Monday, at the courthouse in Fayetteville.

Berry served for four years as solicitor for Hoke and Cumberland counties. He did not run for re - election last term and resumed his law practice in Fayetteville after stepping down from the post.

Since then, he has been active in drug abuse in this area. During his term as solicitor, he organized the Inter - Agency Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, a cooperative effort of local, state and military law enforcement agencies to combat the increased drug abuse in the area. He is one of the originators of the Cumberland County - Ft. Bragg Commission in Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and serves as its chairman.

Berry is acting president of the North Carolina Drug Action Association and is president of Freedom - Friendship Foundation, Inc., a non - profit corporation now in the process of opening a therapeutic farm community near Fayetteville for narcotics addicts.

He is a member of the NC Organized Crime Prevention Council and has testified before the Joint United States - House Sub - committee on Alcoholism and Narcotics.

Berry is a member of the board of directors of Falcon Children's Home Foundation and the Good Samaritan Home for Alcoholics. In 1970 he received the Service to Mankind Award from the Fayetteville Sertoma Club and from the Eastern District of North Carolina



DORAN BERRY Sertoma in 1971.

He is married to the former Lois Godwin Carlyle of Lumberton and they have three sons. They are members of Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville where Berry is a deacon and trustee.

Jaycees Sell Coupon Books

Christmas coupon books are on sale now by the Raeford Jaycees to raise funds for their annual project to provide school clothes for needy Hoke County youngsters.

The books, at \$2 each, are filled with coupons from Raeford merchants offering discounts on a variety of goods and services.

Three Knit - Away, Inc. executives, on a business trip to Charlotte were killed Monday when their plane crashed near the Charlotte airport.

Knit - Away officials identified the victims as Ralph Hartsog, controller, of Southern Pines; Joe Machado, customer service representative, of Raeford; Carol Johnson, billing supervisor, of Raeford; Marshall Parker, of Raleigh, the pilot, also died in the crash.

The twin - engine Beechcraft Baron, owned by Greensboro - High Point Air Service Co. crashed in a wooded area about a mile from the airport. According to reports from persons who saw the crash, the accident appeared to have been caused by some combination of mechanical failure and weather conditions. The plane struck trees and crashed into the ground about 25 feet from a Charlotte home, bursting into flames on impact.

Bernard C. Groscclose, Federal Aviation Administration tower chief at Charlotte said the plane was making an instrument landing from the southwest shortly before 9 a.m. and was just short of the runway when the pilot radioed the tower that he was not going to land and was going instead to Gastonia.

Groscclose said another plane in the area radioed that the Beechcraft made a hard left turn and another plane radioed that the turning plane seemed to be having trouble with its left engine. Groscclose said a check at the crash site showed the left engine "feathered" - the propeller turned to prevent wind drag. Mrs. Martha Cusick, a resident in the area who saw the plane crash, said that the plane seemed to touch the tops of the pine trees in her yard as it spiraled wing over wing toward the ground. The plane crashed about 150 yards from her house in a neighbor's yard. Mrs. Cusick said she heard an explosion as she was inside calling a volunteer fire department to the scene.

Groscclose said that the heavy fog at the airport had cleared somewhat, with visibility of from 4,500 to 6,000 feet - exceeding the minimums. A fog bank obscured half the airport, he said, but other planes had landed that morning.

The plane took off Monday morning from Raleigh - Durham and picked up the three Knit - Away executives in Southern Pines. According to Harold Gillis, who was acting as spokesman to the press for the textile plant Monday, the plane was being leased to the corporation while a new plane was being prepared for Knit - Away.

The plane was expected to land at Charlotte about 9 a.m. and was to have returned to Southern Pines later that afternoon.

Funeral services for Jose Namiro Machado, 33, who had been a Raeford resident for several years, are scheduled for Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Highland Biblical Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Judith Montague Machado; two daughters, Susan Elizabeth and Michelle Louise; his father, Armando Machado of Florence, S.C.; three brothers, Franklin Machado of Florence, S.C., Armando Machado of Miami, Fla., and Roberto J. Machado of Gainesville, Ga.

Funeral services for Carol Kent Johnson, 30, of 706 Niven Ave., were held Wednesday at Powell Funeral Chapel in South Boston, Va. Committal services were held at Staunton River Baptist Church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Nancy McKenzie Johnson; two daughters, Pamela Ann and Shelly Elizabeth Johnson of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newton F. Johnson of Halifax, Va.; a brother, Ted Johnson of Falls Church, Va.; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Gilliland of Charlotte County, Va.

Memorial services for Clifton Ralph Hartsog, 33, were held Wednesday at First Union Methodist Church in Creston by the Rev. Meddals.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susan Watson Hartsog; a daughter, Carol Hartsog of the home; a son, Mark Hartsog of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hartsog of Creston; three brothers, Thomas Hartsog of Greensboro, Charles Hartsog of Goldsboro and Norman Hartsog of Creston near Boone.

Church Plans Yule Music

A special concert, "The Story of Christmas," will be presented Sunday at 7:30 p.m. by the First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir.

The program is directed by Mrs. Jake Austin and Talmadge English is the narrator for the musical piece written by John W. Peterson.

The program is open to the public.

Story Time At Library

Christmas stories, film strips and treats will be featured at the library Dec. 23 with story hours from 10-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Mrs. Lee Cameron, librarian, issued an invitation to Hoke County children to attend the holiday program.