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Veterans Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families.

Q — My husband, a World War II veteran, passed away recently. Is he eligible for a headstone?

A — Yes. Any deceased veteran of wartime or peacetime service whose last period of service was terminated honorably is eligible for this benefit.

Q — I draw VA compensation, and would like to know whether I can have payments on my VA insurance loan deducted from this compensation?

A — Yes. If you wish to use this method of repaying your insurance loan, get VA Form 29 - 888 from your nearest VA office, complete it, and forward it to the VA office to which you pay your insurance premiums.

Q — I am a Vietnam veteran interested in training under the GI Bill, but am not sure what courses I should take. Can VA assist me?

A — Yes. If you are eligible for training under the GI Bill, you may receive vocational counseling, without cost, at your nearest VA office. A counselor will help you to better understand your interests, aptitudes, and abilities, and provide information on occupations you might want to consider.

during the game, he approached me at the gate in a very ungentlemanly and crude manner and demanded to know what I had done with the money, and dangerously approached a casualty status. The Treasurer of Hoke, a very gently lady, informed me this was Mr. Autry. I extended my hand and he refused to accept this gesture of friendship and greeting, demanding instead that all money transactions be witnessed by the Hoke Treasurer and that he receive his share in cash immediately after the game.

The Hoke Coach displayed an equally belligerent attitude when a Booster Club member was explaining to the team bus driver where to park by stating, "I don't give a damn where you park us, just park us so I can get my boys in their pads."

Sir, we tried hard to be good hosts. I believe we were and shall be again if it is our fortune in the future to host play-offs. In thirteen games this season we witnessed outstanding spirit and enthusiastic support by fans from

everywhere and tremendous play by some of the most outstanding young men we shall ever meet. It is unfortunate that this one game will cast a dark shadow on the entire season. It is beyond my understanding how one School Administrator can be so set against playing on Havelock's field and the following week, the administration from North Eastern of Elizabeth City accepted the same facilities via telephone with no question or reservations. His team and fans arrived by bus and were directed to the same parking area by the same people. He even trusted us to count the gate receipts after the game and there were no reports of incidents. No one was ungentlemanly. If I were asked for a comparison between Hoke County and North Eastern, I would have to say there is no comparison!

Respectfully,
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BREAKINGS

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Road was broken into on Dec. 15. Items reported missing included meat, margarine, apples and other food.

Two boys, ages 9 and 13, were returned to Leonard Training School this week after being apprehended in connection with two thefts. A car owned by Junior Albert Furchess of Hope Mills was broken into while it was parked behind Roy Wood's home in Timberland.

A .22 caliber pistol and a set of car keys were taken from the glove compartment. In the same area, the home of Stanley

McGregor was entered and a piggy bank and watch were taken. All of the property from the two thefts was recovered and the boys were turned over to authorities at the training school.

A shooting was reported on Dec. 17. Wilbert Jones of Rt. 3, Raeford was taken to the hospital after being shot in the leg and hip with a pistol. His wife, Mary Jones, has been arrested in connection with the shooting and is charged with assault with a deadly weapon. She is free on \$300 bond pending trial in district court on Jan. 7.



SHOPPING SPREE — Walter Blue, a Raeford Jaycee, escorts a little girl on a shopping trip sponsored by the Jaycees.



SELECTION — John Davis helps a youngster select a shirt. The shopping trip for several Hoke County youngsters is an annual project of the Raeford Jaycees.

Living Nativity Seen At Church

A living tableau of the traditional Nativity Scene will be presented again this year by members of the Senior High Fellowship of the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

This annual presentation is offered to the citizens of our area as a personal Christmas present from the young people and their leaders in the church.

Rev. John C. Ropp, Minister, has announced that the Scene will be able to be seen as you ride through the church parking lot between Edinborough and Campus Avenue. The time will be as follows: On Thursday night, December 23rd, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.; and on Friday night, December 24th, from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. and 8:15 - 9:00 p.m. On Friday evening the young people will leave the Scene at 7:30 p.m. to participate in the Christmas Eve Communion Service with the congregation, then return to the Scene at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Goza and Mr. and Mrs. Harless Wright are the adult advisors for the Senior High Fellowship, and are assisting the young people in planning and staging the Scene. Many others have given generously of their time and talents in helping make the costumes and with many other details.

Depicted in the still - Scene tableau will be the Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the Angel, Wise Men and Shepherds. Special lighting and costumes have been arranged for this event, and appropriate music with narration of the familiar Christmas Story from Luke Chapter Two will be heard in the background. Many adults in the church have helped the youth of the church in all areas of the production.

It is an impressive Christmas event in our community, and all persons in and around Raeford and Hoke County are cordially invited to take a few minutes and drive by to see it.

Be sure to let your children see it.



NEW CLOTHES — Mrs. H.H. Dillon helps with the selection during the Jaycee - sponsored shopping trip last week for several county youngsters.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS — Raeford Jaycees spent some time last week shopping for school clothes with several Hoke County youngsters. Here Jaycee C. T. Duncan (left) confers with Irvin Hubbard, manager of Collins Department Store, on sizes for this youngster.

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