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Around Town

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A fireman stated the other day that he had heard Neil Senter really give the fire department a hard time about using too much water when they put out a fire. According to Senter, as the fireman kept on talking, water damage is usually greater than the fire damage. The fireman then said that Senter wanted all the water in Raeford recently when the home that · his daughter lives in caught on fire.

Now this may be the truth but we will have to get it straight from Senter later.

Mrs. Alfred K. Leach, who teaches a class beside The News-Journal office, was in the office Monday morning relating an incident that happened to her last Friday. According to Sarah, Vardell Hedgpeth came to her classroom Friday atternoon with a telegram that had been sent collect to Sarah from Norfolk, Va. She paid for the telegram and then opened it. The message inside was as follows: "Happy Birthday, Henry."

She said that she racked her brain the rest of the afternoon trying to think of anyone named Henry that she knew. She

She went home taking the telegram with her and when her husband came in she showed it to him. Low and behold it made him angry and according to Sarah the more she said the worse it became. She said she began to laugh and felt good to know that Alfred was jealous. Anyway the birthday dinner was not quite as successful as it should have been.

Alfred K. went to a meeting of the Saddle Club Saturday and Henry Maxwell made a comment that broke the case

It seems that Clyde Leach, Alfred's brother, and Mrs. James Currie, both employees of Racford Turkey Farms along with the aid of one Vardell Hedgpeth worked out the details that uspet Alfred and Sarah so much.

Anyway the incident is closed and Alfred and Sarah are back on good terms. Now this is a true incident.

The United Fund is still about \$1000 short of the goal. This goal could be met with success if everyone who hasn't contributed, would do so. So send your check to P. O. Box 550, Raeford, N. C.

Bob Averette, scoutmaster of a local troop, said Sunday that the picture of the scout in the advertisement was not a member of his troop. He stated that the scout must belong to the National Council and not the Cape Fear Council. Bob said he would write me a letter and we are still waiting.

Now this newspaper has an ace reporter in Laurie Telfair and a good ad salesman in Ann Webb. They both do a

But as with everyone sometimes there are things that people don't know everything about.

Last week these two ladies came into the office after lunch and were bragging about the good food and service at a local eating place. They kept the chatter up the rest of the week.

So Tuesday the writer went with these

two ladies to this eating place and was looking for a treat. Fifty minutes later no food was on the table and the waitress said that it hadn't been prepared. All three of us went to another eating place and were served immediately.

Now the writer of this column felt

obligated to inform our readers not to go out to eat at any place recommended by Telfair or Webb. Yes, they can write and sell ads, but they don't know anything about picking a place to cat.



Mrs. Odom Announces

WAGRAM -- Emphasizing a continuing concern for public education, Mary Horne Odom has announced her candidacy for reelection as a representative to the North Carolina

General Assembly.

Mrs. Odom, a Democrat, is seeking her second term as a representative from the district which encompasses Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland counties. Under the 1971 House reapportionment plan the new district has three seats, rather than

"It was a great privilege to serve the people of this area in the 1971 General Assembly, and I am grateful to the voters for allowing me to do so," the candidate said. 'I sought the office initially because of my concern for public education with the firm conviction that the quality of life in North Carolina depends upon an educated citizenry. This remains my

As a freshman legislator, Mrs. Odom was a co - signer of the consumer protection bill. She was instrumental in the passage of the open meeting bill, the Indian Affairs Commission bill, and the Teacher Employment and Dismisal Bill. One of two women House members in the 1971 session, she worked for state support for retarded children in state institutions.

Rep. Odom introduced the Teacher Licensing Bill, now being studied by the Legislative Service Commission. She is a member of the committee assigned to this study. In the special November session she

actively campaigned for a change in the primary election date, shifting the voting day from Tuesday to Saturday. Governor Scott appointed Rep. Odom

to the State Citizens Committee on the

to the State Citizens Committee on the Schools in January.

The 50 - year old Greenville native has taught school in Scotland county 18 years. She is presently a coordinator of Industrial Cooperative Training at Scotland high school, Laurinburg. A graduate of Greenville city schools and East Carolina University, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree.

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Rep. Odom is married to L.W. Odom

Jr., a retired deputy of the Scotland
county sheriff's department with 23 years service. They have lived in Wagram since 1947 and have three sons, Leggette of Lumberton, Johnny and Phillip of Raleigh. She is a member of Wagram's Montpelier Presbyterian Church, where she is a past president of the Women of the Church. she is a pas the Church.

The representative is a member of the Lumberton chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Club, which in 1971 voted her "Outstanding Woman of the Year."

She also hold membership in the Association for Retarded Children, the Women Voters, the Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce, and number of professional organizations. She is a past president of the Scotland county chapters of the N.C. Association Educators and the Association of

County Offices Vacant

The filing deadline for both state and county offices is Monday at noon and so far only four candidates are officially

Scott Poole said Tuesday that the only candidates who have filed are D.R. Huff, Jr., for school board; J.A. Webb for county commissioner; Joe Gulledge for register of deeds and Neill McFadyen for the state House of Representatives.

The filing deadline for county offices came unexpectedly early this year as a result of some election law changes by the General Assembly. In the past, the county deadline has been in March, thirty days later than the deadline for state offices. Poole said, but this year the filing date was made the same for both offices.

Burned Out

A fire in the Ashley Heights section over the weekend left a family of four homeless.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cummings and their

two children lost everything in the fire.
The Department of Social Services has asked for donations of clothing, bedding, and household articles, which may be left at the county DSS office. The children's ages are a boy, about 10 and a girl about

Poole said he had expected the deadline to be sometime in March but when he didn't hear from the state board of elections, he checked Friday and was told the deadline would be Feb. 21 at

County positions to be re - elected this time are the five members of the board of education, who all hold two year terms: two members of the board of county commissioners; and the register of deeds

Hutt has served on the school since 1953. Other incumbents are William Howell, Dr. Riley Jordan, A.W. Wood, Jr., and Bobby Gibson.

Webb is seeking his eighth term on the board of commissioners. The other position to be filled this year is held now by Thomas McBryde, who has not announced if he will seek re-election.

Gulledge is seeking re - election as register of deeds.

While McFadyen is the only candidate for the House to have filed in Hoke County, the three other incumbents have filed in their home counties. The district ost a seat this year in redistricting, so there are only three seats available with four incumbents. Running in addition to McFadyen are Mrs. Mary Odom, Joy J. Johnson and Gus Speros.

Rescue Squad Notes Progress During Ten Years Of Operation

85 PER YEAR

Stores Robbed

Three grocery stores in the city reported breakins last Thursday to city

Robbed were the Little Giant on Harris Avenue, Tucker's Grocery in Robbins Heights and Harrell's Grocery on Prospect

Avenue.

City policeman Chester Price found the glass door of the Little Giant broken about 5 a.m. Feb. 10 while he was patrolling. This was the second breakin at the store recently.

Missing items included about \$75 in cash and cigarettes valued at \$200.

Later that day, about 250 packages of cigarettes were reported stolen from Tuckers. Upon investigation, city police found the lock on the front door had been holden although the best between although the stolenger of the stolenger than the stolenger that the stolenger than the s been broken, although this had not been noticed when the store was opened at 8

The lock was broken from the back doug, at Harrell's Grocery and approximately \$900 - \$1,000 in cash and ods are reported missing. Stolen items include about \$40 in cash, cigarettes, cigars, chewing and smoking tobacco and

The investigation is continuing. No arrests have been made.

Fine Arts

On Exhibit

Fine arts will have their day in Raeford Saturday when the annual arts festival sponsored by the Raeford Woman's Club

The festival will be held this year at the civic center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entries will be taken at the center Friday from 9 to 1.

Chairmen for this year's festival are: art, Mrs. Gerald Wright, crafts, Mrs. Tom Staton: creative writing, Mrs. Belton Wright: public speaking, Mrs. W.T. Lester and music, Mrs. Ed Roach.



FIRST PAYMENT - Eric Allen (L), president of Hoke County Rescue Squad, Inc. and Danny DeVane (R), treasurer, make the first payment of \$4,400 on the new rescue squad building to Freddie Williams, center, vice president of Southern National Bank. (Photo by C, Tew)

Holtz To Speak At Wolfpack Club

Lou Holtz, New Head Football Coach at NCSU, will be the featured speaker at a Wolfpack Club gathering scheduled for 6.30 P.M. on February 22 at the Raeford Civic Center.

Holtz came to State from William and Mary where he served as head football method of the Southern Conference Championship in 1970 and a trip to the Tangerine Bowl.

Chancelor John T. Caldwell describes H-drz as "brilliant" and "a young man of splendid character" who is "dedicated to coaching successful football completely within the bounds of a limited budget and the accepted rules of the Atlantic



Lou Holtz

County School Board For Mrs. Sarah C. Leach filed Wednesday

Mrs. Sarah Leach Files

morning for the board of education. She is the second candidate to file for one of the five places. 'I am running as in interested mother

with four children in the public schools," she said. "I have a feeling that mothers work more closely with their children and really know more of what is going on in the schools than fathers do."

"I don't want anyone to think that I have any complaints against the present school board," she said. "I think they have done a good job over the years. I get the products of the public schools in my class and I can tell a tremendous difference in the students I get since integration versus the ones who spent most of their school career in a segregated school. Certainly the quality of their education is improving." Mrs. Leach, a Scotland County native

who has lived here since 1958, is a graduate of Meredith College, where she graduate of Meredith College, where she majored in commercial education. Since 1967, she has taught the general office clerk course under the Manpower Development Training Act.

She is a member of Antioch Presbyterian Church, where she is secretary of the Women of the Church She is also a member of the public affairs department of Raeford Woman's Club and is incoming club treasurer. Mrs. Leach is also secretary of the board of directors of the Hoke Swimming

She is married to Alfred K. Leach They have four children.

Thefts At Two Homes

Two homes in the county were broken into during the daytime last Friday after the doors were torn down.

The George Wilson home on Rt. 1, Red Springs was entered between 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. while he was away, according to Sheriff D. M. Barrington. The only

Stolen were a .22 caliber pistol, a 12-guage shotgun, three .22 caliber rifles and a 16-gauge shotgun.

A short distance down the road, the home of Miss Willa McLauchlin was also entered during the day. Items reported missing there were a tear gas gun and tear

given with the new air - jet injection method. The school nurse, county public health nurse and an Army medic will give the injections. In addition, a special Sunday clinic for pre - school children will be held March 12 to immunize pre - schoolers. items reported missing were guns, the sheriff said. The mass immunization program for children is designed to help control

another German measles epidemic, which is otherwise expected later this year. This disease is mild when it infects a child, but cause serious birth defects in the unborn baby if contracted by a pregnant woman. In the 1964 epidemic, some 50,000 babies were either stillborn or had

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Sarah Leach

Measles Shots

To Be Given

A county - wide immunization program designed to wipe out red measles

and German measles will be held in the schools March 6-7.

A new combined vaccine is recommended for all children 12 and under who have not had both the red measles vaccination and the German

The drive is being conducted by the county health department in coordination with a state wide program. The one shot vaccine, which has never

been offered in the schools before, will be

measles vaccination

Coast Conference and NCAA

The 34 - year - old coach succeeds interim coach Al Michaels, who took over last June after Earle Edwards resigned the head coaching position he had occupied for 18 years.

"I'm not a magician. I cannot just wave "I'm not a magician. I cannot just wave a wand and make things happen." Holtz said. "What we'll have to do is get into the homes of the outstanding players."
"And I'm not going to tell you we'll be national champions, or ACC champions, or that we'll have a winner in one year, three or five. But I will say we will be an exciting team as long as we hold into the exciting team as long as we hold into the

exciting team as long as we hold onto the ball and play good defense."

William and Mary boasted a prolific

scoring machine under Holtz, and the coach plans to continue the same type offensive philosophy 4t brought a landslide of points to the W&M scoreboard.

The Indians narrowly missed a fantastic season in 1971 when five times fourth quarter leads were overturned by

Two of those losses were to ACC teams, champion North Carolina and defending champion Wake Forest.

Athletics Director Willis Casey said William and Mary's competitiveness against these and other teams influenced State's decision to name Holtz.

"I cannot speak for the screening committee," Casey said, "but I'm sure they (screening committee) considered the North Carolina game, the Wake Forest game, and the fact they beat Tulane at Tulane."

All Wolfpack Club members, State Alumni, interested friends and supporters from Hoke, Richmond, and Scotland counties are urged to attend the steak supper. This will be the ladies night meeting so don't forget the ladies.

Reservations may be made by calling Hugh Simmons at 875-4573.

Freedom Short

City police arrested a 71 - year - old man who had been released from Wagram prison unit only that morning and charged him with larceny from several Raeford stores.

Willie Hodgins of Columbia, S. C. was arrested about 1 p.m. Monday as he was boarding the bus to Columbia and is in jail in lieu of \$350 bond.

He is accused of stealing a billfold valued at SI from Pope's and a bar of soap and a jar of hair dressing from Hoke Drug Company.

Hoke County Rescue Squad, Inc. was ten years old Wednesday. The squad was begun in 1962 as a civic project of the Ractord Moose Lodge and 1965 perated under their guidance until 1965

when they were incorporated as an independent non-profit organization. The first vehicle was an old ambulance onated to the squad by Jim Lentz Funeral Home which was quickly painted white and a few items of equipment purchased to put in it. This vehicle was parked at the Pendergrass - Webb station on 401 bypass and a 16 man squad was set up on a term basis to operate it.

on 401 bypass and a 10 man squad was set up on a team basis to operate it. In 1965 a 1955 equipment truck was purchased for the squad to add more equipment to transport to the scene of accidents. The old ambulance was sold for eash to pay on the truck.

A year later with continued support through the Hoke County Commissioners, City Council and numerous donations the rescue unit went numerous donations the rescue unit went to a two vehicle squad. A \$500.00 check from Burlington Industries was used toward the purchase of a 1960 station wagon. At this time also an aluminum bout and acclene torch were purchased. The vehicles were moved to the alley behind Webb's TV where they were parked until 1968. parked until 1968.

The squad contacted Mrs. Lewis Upchurch in early 1968 and she agreed to allow the vehicles to move into the old airport on Seventh Street. Repairs were

made to the building to allow training sessions and fund raising suppers there.

With \$3.00 in the bank, but faith in the people in Hoke County the squad purchased a brand new 1969 station wagon. The wagon was paid off a year later and a new equipment truck was ordered. The 1971 van was delivered during 1970.

At this time the County Commissioners were contacted regarding a possible building site on a piece of property belonging to the county on Adams Street near the National Guard Armory. The Commissioners wasted no time in granting the

time in granting the request and deeding a lot 125 X 150 over to the squad. The board of officers had already done their homework. The plans for the rescue headquarters were drawn up and approved by the members previously. Now all that was lacking was an agreement to finance and letting the bids for construction.

A low bid of \$18,875, was turned in A low bid of \$18,875, was turned in by Davis McCullen Construction Company of Fayetteville after a \$16,000 loan was negotiated through the Southern National Bank. This left a difference of \$2,875 to be raised during the period of construction.

The fund drive led by civic leaders, law enforcement officers, school officials and the civil defense director raised over

At the completion of this ten years of operation, after making one payment on the building the squad now owes four payments of \$3,200 at the Southern National Bank, and \$1,300 at the Bank of Raeford. The \$1,300 note is the remaining debt on the 1971 Van

Since the huilding payment has been aid early to fall on their anniversary, all funds raised and donations received will now be applied to the vehicle note.

It is noted that of the 16 members who started out to form a rescue squad here in Hoke County ten years ago there are only two still active in it. Larl Corrolly and Jim Wade have seen the squad from its beginning with at old ambulance to the present with two new vehicles and a new brick building.
Conoly and Wade admit they've seen

hard times when squad members paid for gas to operate the vehicles, when ice had to be scraped off the windows before rushing to the scene of an accident with injuries. However, the struggling has now

The squad has the latest of equipment because the people of Hoke County have seen the first - aid and rescue training put to work as their vehicles arrive on the scene of accidents, drownings or all night

Searches for lost persons.

Officers for this year are Eric Allen, commander; Charles Tew executive vice-commander; Jim Wade, vice-commander, Billy Posey, secretary; Danny DeVane, treasurer.

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Members are Eric Allen, Earl Conoly,
Hubert Davis, Danny DeVane, Harvey
Jackson, Norman McKenzie, Johnny
Melton, Bill Parker, Billy Posey, Jimmy
Riley, Billy Scott, John Smith, Neil
Smith, Charles Few, Jim Wade and
Wilfred Walters.

Last year the squad answered a total of 241 calls, compared to 187 in 1970.
They assisted at 180 wrecks and put in

1,320 manhours during the year. The squad logged 6,388 miles. Although the squad vehicles are not used as ambulances squad venicles are not used as ambulances unless requested to serve by the investigating officer if the local ambulance is unavailable, the rescue squad provided ambulance service in 27 cases. Of these, 15 cases were taken from the wreck to the hospital; eight victims

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