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Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

One of the mailmen found a pair of glasses in the relay box at the corner of Saunders St. and Prospect Ave. last week. Saunders St. and Prospect Ave. last week. I believe they belong to a teenager and someone might have dropped them in the relay box. The glasses are at the Post Office and can be picked up by the owner. So if you have lost a pair of glasses go by the Post Office and look at these glasses.

The Class Reunion of 1957 has been cancelled according to Lewis Upchurch. Lewis said that lack of response had caused the affair to be cancelled. I pass this along in case some that were planning to attend and didn't get the word will know why this class will not have a

Better luck next time!

Marion Gatlin came forth with an idea that might solve some of the traffic around the Post Office. He thinks that a box could be placed in the center of the parking lot that borders Edinborough Avenue and then citizens of the county could drive around the box and deposit mail. This would eliminate cars pulling in on the wrong side of the road on Elwood Avenue.

Since this was mentioned to me by Marion I have noticed that the parking lot is empty most of the time except on all sides. Of course the post master must make the decision but if you think the idea would work say something to Charlie Morrison and maybe he could get the ball

Mrs. Alfred K. Leach, who uses our telephone sometimes, was in the office Tuesday and related the following coon hunting tale.

It seems two men were coon hunting one night and the dogs treed a coon. They couldn't get the coon out of the tree so one of the men started climbing up the tree. The man on the ground looked up and saw something sticking out of one of the other man's shoes. The man in the tree had a hole in his shoe and his big toe was sticking out. The man on the ground yelled at the man in the tree and told him a snake was in his shoe and shot at the snake. (toe). After the shot the man in the tree yelled to shoot again because the snake had bitten him. Where Sarah got this tale, I don't

A 20 - year - old Raeford .nan died from stab wounds in the chest, received

last Friday night at the Robert Billinger Club on Rt. 1, Raeford.

Arrested on a charge of murder of

Joseph Covington was Betty Scott, 24, of Rt. 1, Shannon. She is being held in the

Hoke County Jail pending preliminary

The incident occurred about 11:30 p.m., according to Sheriff D.M. Barrington. Covington was admitted to Cape Fear Valley Hospital and died at

\$5 PER YEAR

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Chamber Endorses Water Bonds

More Arson In County

Several more fires were reported to the Hoke County Sheriff's Dept. in another apparent outbreak of arson last weekend. Sheriff D.M. Barrington said that four

buildings were destroyed last Friday night. Two of the structures were tobacco barns on the SGT. Hambry farm on Rt. 1, bams on the SG1. Hambry farm on Rt. 1, Shannon. Also in the same general area, a vacant tenant house on the Bobby Gibson farm and an empty shed on the Tom Holland farm were destroyed by fires. The sheriff said that all of the outbreaks appeared to be intentional.

This recent rash of fires is the second major occurance of apparent arson in the county in recent weeks. The first outbreak occurred on May 31 when seven abandoned houses and one tobacco barn were destroyed by flames.

No injuries have resulted from any of the fires and there have been no arrests in connection with the 12 fires in the county. The Hoke Sheriff's Dept. is continuing their investigations.

Officers Honored

President of Raeford Savings and Loan H.L. Gatlin Jr. and vice president Younger Snead were recently commended by the N.C. Savings and Loan Ass, for their continuous service to the association.

Gatlin, who was named president of the board in 1963, has over 35 years of service. He has served continuously since

Snead, with over 30 years service, served continuously since 1932, except during WWII.

When the two men first served together in 1935, the association had assets totaling around \$49,000. Now the association has grown to about \$4.5 million in assets. Loans granted during their first year of service together numbered seven, for a total of \$20,000. In 1972, over 100 loans were granted for a total of \$1 million

Gatlin and Snead were recognized by the N.C. Savings and Loan League when they held their annual convention aboard a Bermuda cruise in May

2:20 a.m., nearly three hours after the

said Miss Scott stabbed Covington in the right side of his chest while she was

standing in the doorway of the building, also known as the Raeford Men's Club.

Reports say that Covington was standing

near the door, with one foot on the stairs

Investigations by Barrington, Deputies Alex Norton, Harvey Young and Johnny Young lead to the arrest of Miss Scott on

at the time he was stabbed.

Alleged eye witnesses to the stabbing

Raeford Man Murdered



FIRST CROP - Workers on the farm of Bill Johnson of the Antioch section fill barn of the first tobacco crop of the season.

Three Hoke County youths were arrested by the Sheriff's Dept. Sunday afternoon on a charge of stealing money from a Union 76 Gas Station belonging to

Willie Bullard.
Sheriff D.M. Barrington said the incident occurred about 4:30 p.m., while the station on U.S. 401 was open for business. The youths stole \$553 in cash

from a cigar box in the building.

The three have been released to their parents and will be tried in the juvenile courts on the stealing charge.

Warehouse Break-In

A quantity of goods was recovered following a break - in at Berder Niven's Warehouse on McDuffie and Elwood Streets last Wednesday night.

The goods, which included auto batteries, inner tubes, motor oil, spark plugs and an outboard motor were found Raeford police in a 1972 pick truck, found abandoned in the Raeford Cemetery. The truck, which is registered in Robeson County, was discovered about

Police Chief James E. Lamont said the following morning about 10 a.m., the break - in at the warehouse was reported by the owner. Access to the property had apparently been gained by breaking the lock on the front door.

Youths Arrested Seventh District **Holds Convention**

Convention and committee members were chosen from the Seventh District at the Democratic Convention held last Saturday in Lumberton.

Chosen for the delegate at-large nominating committee was T.J. Harris of

the Blue Springs section of Hoke County.

Delegates chosen for the National
Convention in Miami next month were Jeanette David of Fayetteville, Hugh Morton of Wilmington, Naomi Henry of Brunswick County and Adolph Dial of Pembroke.

The slate of alternates includes Carl Meares of Whiteville, Marion George of Fayetteville and Ann Malloy McDaniels of Lumberton.

A sharp controversy at the convention centered around an unannounced meeting last week in Whiteville concerning an arrangement made by party county chairman. The county chairman made recommendations that the four delegates come from New Hanover, Brunswick Robeson and Cumberland Counties and that the alternates come from Columbus, Robeson and Cumberland Counties and that Hoke County have the representative the delegate selection committee which will balance the state delegation to the national convention.

Also at Saturday's convention, Arthur Williamson of Columbus County was named to the Council of Review; Robert

was shot and killed while he was tied up

Lewis said "to a lot of people a dog is

just a dog, but I feel differently about it

behind the restaurant.

could be made.

persons responsible for the act.

Chestnut of New Hanover County was chosen for the Permanent Organizations of Rules and Order; Dr. E.B. Turner of Lumberton was chosen for the Credentials and Appeals Committee; and Joe Dyer of Fayetteville was chosen for the Legislative Policy Committee. Nominated for the district's presidential elector was Odell Williamson of

Brunswick County. Final elections of delegates to the National Convention in Miami and ratification of the electors selected at last week's district conventions will be made at the State Democratic Convention, to be held on June 20 at 11 a.m. in the Dorton arena in Raleigh. Also during this meeting two presidential electors at large will be chosen along with fourteen delegates and nine alternates to the National Convention.

Store Shootings

Raeford City Police are investigating several shooting incidents which occurred

late Thursday night.
Windows of the Little Giant Store on Harris Ave. and Bob Harrell's Grocery on Prospect Ave. were shot out at approximately 1 a.m. Friday, Police Chief James E. Lamont reported. The shootings

set off the burglar alarms in both of the

The Board of Directors of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce endorsed the upcoming City of Raeford Water Bond Issue at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday morning. City Councilman Graham Clark briefed

the board on what the bonds will provide the city, after which a motion was passed to endorse the issue. Voting will be on

An ordinance authorizing the sale of water bonds totaling \$750,000 was passed by the Raeford City Council at a meeting held in May. If passed, the bonds will provide funds for the city to extend and enlarge water works for Reaford and enlarge water works for Raeford.
Annexation of Burlington Milk, which

was approved by a mutual agreement between the City of Raeford and the board of directors of Burlington, hinges on passage of the bonds on July 11. If successful negotiations are completed for the annexation, it will also mean a lower tax rate for Raeford residents from the current \$1.45 rate to approximately

The reason the bonds must be passed for the successful annexation of Burlington, is that the city is presently not in a position to provide the necessary improvements required to provide water and sewer service to the area. Burlington has indicated a willingness to annex only the city could meet the industrial requirement for water and sewers.

The bonds will provide capital for the drilling of an additional well and adding water mains to the present system. Funds will also be used for the improvement of

treatment facilities.
Clark explained to the Chamber that the city is badly in need of the water facility improvements and passage of the bonds will be the only way to finance improvements.
The \$750,000 bonds will also give the

city a capital reserve for future expansions as they are needed, so a new bond issue will not be needed each time facilities need expansion.

City manager John Gaddy said annexation of Burlington will add approximately \$55,000 revenue to the total tax base, hius making the much reduced tax rates possible. The new, lower rate will be incorporated into the 1972-73 tax listings if the water bonds

pass and Burlington is annexed.

Also at Tuesdays' Chamber of Commerce meeting, newly elected president, Sam Morris, discussed with the directors the forming of a merchant association for the businesses in Raeford and Hoke County. He advised the board and Hoke County. He advised the board that a meeting of all local merchants will be called in the near future to discuss the

possibilities of such an organization.

The board also discussed the financial The board also discussed the tinancial situation of the chamber and the budget for the new fiscal year. A budget including raises for all employees was adopted. Letters and pledge forms are being mailed out to all present active chamber members. The letters explain some of the chamber's aims for the year. some of the chamber's aims for the year and urge them to join for the new fiscal year, which begins on July 1. Thy board agreed that an effort to obtain many new members will be made.

A letter from local restaurant owner Willard Lewis was read to the board concerning bills before the House and Senate concerning the minimum wage, but the board took no definite action on

Lewis proposals.

His letter discussed the problem of restaurant owners over the minimum wage raises. He said restaurant prices would have to be raised at least 15 per cent to meet the new, higher standards under consideration.

olutions to the problem, Lewis suggested adoption of a service charge in restaurants in lieu of tipping. He said a service charge of 20 per cent would "put salaries in control and allow employees to

make above the minimum wage."

The second part of Lewis' solution would allow "on premises sale and consumption of beer and wine," which he feels would help increase business and aid the economy of the area.



ON THE MOVE - The wagon train left Raeford Friday morning and returned Sunday after a stay at Sinclair Pond.



SHOOTING VICTIM - Dog belonging to Willard M. Lewis, owner of the Tangledvines Restaurant, as he found him last Friday morning. Lewis is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the