

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. 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 reunion.

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 rolling.

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 know.

Raeford Man Murdered

A 20-year-old Raeford man 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 hearing on June 30.

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

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. Hamby 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 occurrence 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 Sneed 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 1933.

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



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

Youths Arrested Seventh District Holds Convention

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 by Raeford police in a 1972 pick-up truck, found abandoned in the Raeford Cemetery. The truck, which is registered in Robeson County, was discovered about 2:30 a.m.

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.

Delegates for the National Democratic 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 to 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

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 stores. No arrests have been made.

Dog Shot Late Thursday

Late Thursday night a watchdog belonging to Willard M. Lewis, owner of the Tangledvines Restaurant in Raeford was shot and killed while he was tied up behind the restaurant.

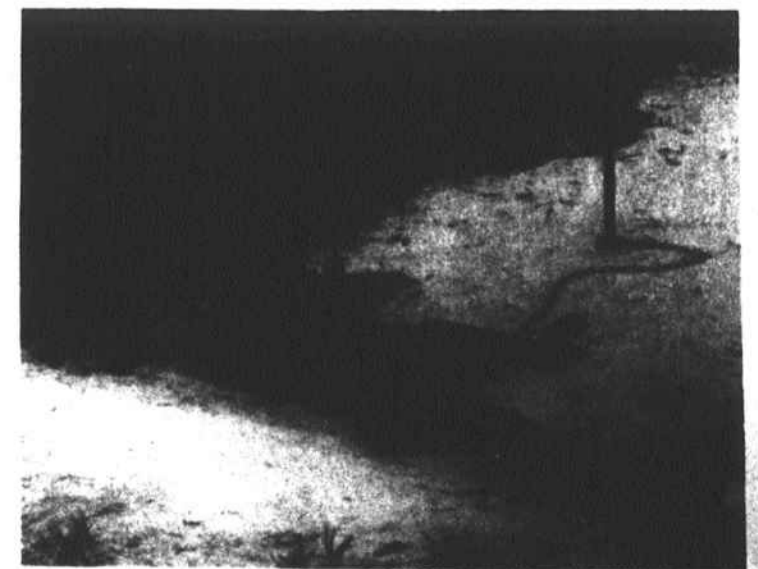
Lewis said he is offering \$500 to anyone who could supply information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the act.

Lewis said that there had been a large group of youths at the Tasee Freeze, next door to his restaurant, when he closed his place about 12:30 a.m. He said he wasn't positive he heard shots, but he heard a lot of commotion and noise. He said upon investigation, he found his dog laying dead from a shot wound in his back.

Lewis said he reported the incident to the Sheriff's Dept., but since he could not tell them who was responsible, no arrests could be made.

"I feel the same way about this as if it were my child," Lewis commented. He said he had trained the dog since he was a puppy to be a watchdog and "anyone who would shoot a dog while he was tied up would shoot an old person or a child they saw walking down the street."

Lewis said "to a lot of people a dog is just a dog, but I feel differently about it."



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 shooting.



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