

Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

Furman Clark was by the office Monday and said that he and his wife had just returned from a trip to the New England states. While in New Hampshire they visited with Harry and Helen Birch who left Raeford in 1964 for that state. Harry was head of the U.S. Rubber Plant, now Tex-Elastic, for a number of years. He was a worker in the church and a hard worker in the Chamber of Commerce.

He wrote a short note to me which follows:

"Dear Sam:
We have spent the last 2 days asking the Furman Clark's about our acquaintances in Raeford.

We did enjoy catching up on happenings since we left for New Hampshire in 1964. We would again like to express our appreciation for the many kindnesses shown to us while we were there, and to wish our many friends the best of everything.

Sincerely
Harry and Helen Birch
The Birch's address is 20 Bradstreet Rd., Hampton, N.H. 03842.

The Raeford Kiwanis Club wants to thank all the people of the county that helped make the recent softball tournament a success. The club donated \$500 to the Upchurch School athletic field from the profits of the tournament. Recently the club donated \$1000 to help with the building of three new tennis courts at the high school. There are now five courts at the school and are in use most of the time.

I would like to commend the club for these donations and would like to say that this club has helped Raeford and Hoke County for the many years it has been in existence. I know that all citizens would like to know about these donations and if you run into a Kiwanian give him a pat on the back.

Don't forget the McInnis Clan reunion at Dundarrach Presbyterian Church Sunday, August 19. The program starts at 11 a.m. and lunch picnic style, will be served on the grounds beginning at 1 p.m. So if you belong to the clan or are a friend of the clan, fill your basket with food and join the fellowship.

Two Are Hit With Gunfire

One man is in Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton with three bullet wounds in the abdomen and a second man was treated and released at the same hospital for two gunshot wounds of the left leg and one in the left side following an altercation Saturday near Davis' Bridge, report Hoke County deputies.

Hudell Hammonds was reported in satisfactory condition Wednesday morning by hospital personnel. The other wounded man is Tracy Locklear Jr. of Stonewall Township.

The shooting allegedly occurred about 7 p.m. and were reported to Scotland County authorities by hospital personnel. The report was then relayed to the Hoke County Sheriff's Department. Investigation by Deputies Harvey Young and Alex Norton indicates Donald Lowery went into Mildred Boehns' home near Davis' Bridge, talked to Locklear and then invited him outside.

As Locklear stepped off the porch Lowery allegedly shot him three times

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Register Of Deeds Named

Roger Dixon, 317 Edinborough Ave., has been appointed the new Hoke County register of deeds. He will replace Mrs. Martha McKenzie Clark who held the post only one month prior to her death.

Dixon is presently the supervisor of the Hoke County Food Stamp Program. He will assume the register of deeds position Sept. 1. For 19 years, Dixon was unit administrator for the National Guard Armory in Raeford and served as staff administrative specialist for three years.

He was selected from among eight applicants after the Hoke County board of county commissioners held interviews Friday. Dixon said he expected the administrative part of the job to be similar those positions he has held, and expects to learn the "new routine" of the office from J.F. Gullede, now serving as interim register of deeds.

Dixon is married to the former Kathleen Looper of Hoke County. They have three children, Douglas of New

Teens Sentenced For Kidnapping

Teen Dies, Youth Held

A Five Points youth is being held in Hoke County Jail without bond on murder charges following the shooting death of a Cameron Heights youth Saturday night.

Edward Leona Neely, 19, died at Moore Memorial Hospital about four hours after being shot in the left chest with a 12 gauge single barreled shotgun during an altercation at Joe McNeill's residence on the H. B. Nixon Farm at Five Points.

A preliminary hearing on the murder charge is scheduled in district court August 24 for Lewis Melvin Roper, 17.

Investigating officers report some men were arguing at the McNeill residence and Roper left and later returned with a shotgun. They say Neely alighted from a car apparently in an attempt to keep Roper from going into the house with the gun.

Roper reportedly shot once in the air before he allegedly shot Neely in the chest. The incident occurred sometime between 11:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 a.m. Sunday.

C Of C Board Votes No Stand

During the regular monthly meeting of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce board of directors meeting Tuesday, board members voted the Chamber would not take an active role in the statewide Nov. 6 referendum for the sale and consumption of mixed beverages, but would leave the decision of "how to vote" up to each individual.

The board discussed industrial activity in the area. Knit - Away's new 40,000 square feet of warehouse should be completed in early fall; dues and membership, the Chamber has twenty new members so far this year; merchant activities, the opening of Edinborough Center sometime in September which will house a B. C. Moore's, an A & P Food Store and a Mack's Store which opened Saturday; and the location of the new firms, Super Dollar and Family Dollar. Work already begun on upcoming promotions, including Christmas events, was also discussed.

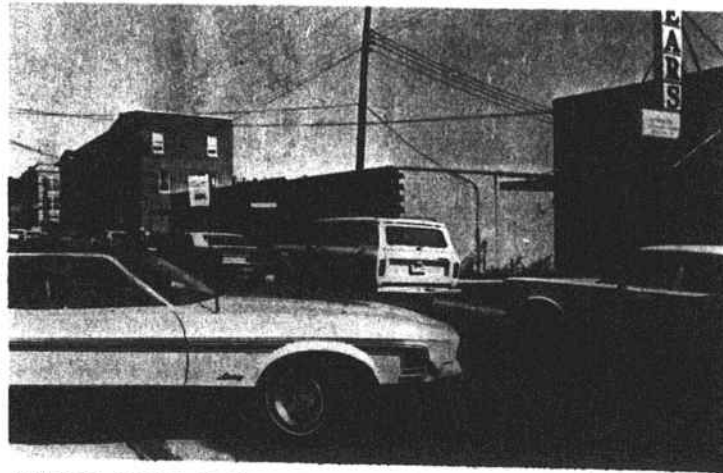
It was reported a dentist had shown

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Schools Hit

Two Hoke County schools were vandalized this week. West Hoke School had two incidences of theft of building materials. August 7, between 5:10 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. August 8, six packages of shingles valued at \$36.00 were discovered missing. Friday night, six sheets of plywood were reportedly taken. The building materials were being used to build two new buildings on the school premises according to Woodrow Westall, school principal.

Earl H. Oxendine, principal at Upchurch School, reported two break-ins at that school. Both times, a lock had been broken off a door setting off a burglar alarm. Oxendine said no other damage had been done to the building. The break-ins occurred August 1 and August 8. Nothing was taken from the building.



INCHING ALONG - Traffic jams continue to form on West Elwood Avenue during busiest times of day. In one block traffic enters from Main and Magnolia Avenues, County Office Building, Post Office, The News - Journal and Southern National Bank parking lots and two alleys. Frequently vehicles head into these areas and back onto street while turning around. All this adds to the congestion.

County Governing Body Budget Increase Slight

The current Hoke County budget indicates a \$45,000 increase over last year. Budget for the governing body showed less than \$1,000 increase over last year since the county commissioners did not vote pay raises for themselves or Clerk to the Board, T.B. Lester. Commissioners receive \$30 a month, T.C. Jones, chairman, \$40 a month, and Lester as clerk earns \$1,200 annually. The increase is distributed among auditing, travel, supplies and dues expense hikes for the year.

Lester's salary as county manager and accountant was raised \$685 from \$12,515 annually to \$13,200.

The \$31,200 tax listing budget included a \$13,433 increase over last year with the greatest portion to pay \$8,000 to \$10,000 salary for the new tax supervisor.

In the past this position was filled by

Lester but the state ruled an individual may not hold more than two constitutional positions and Lester had to vacate the tax supervisor position. Lester's clerk to the board job is not considered a constitutional position.

Remainder of the \$13,000 increase includes raising salary of Mary Matherly assistant tax supervisor, from \$6,000 to \$6,500. Also included is \$3,600 for a newly created clerk position for the final nine months of the fiscal year. County plans to fill this position when court house offices are moved to the present board of education building. Also included is increasing total salaries for all list takers from \$3,500 to \$5,500.

\$1,000 was budgeted for professional services. The same amount was budgeted last year but none was spent.

Macks Store Opens Here

Macks Stores, Raeford, was the fourth store to be opened by the chain. The store originally opened in 1927 by O.T. Sloan, who is now President of the Macks chain, was 2,500 square feet and occupied the building adjoining the old Page Trust Company on Main Street. In October 1954, Macks moved into the McNeill Building, doubling its size to 5,000 square feet. The building was constructed for the McNeills and Macks; and the arrangement has been complementary to both.

The Raeford Macks Store has been successful because of support from the people of Hoke County. Due to this support, Macks is moving again and again more than doubling its space when the firm formally opens their 13,200 square feet department store in Edinborough Center, today.

Hours of the new store are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 1 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ron Corrado, former manager of the company's downtown Raeford unit, will

manage the new store. He and his wife, Norma reside in Raeford with their two children.

Myron D. Cross, former assistant manager of the Shallotte store is assistant manager. Cross, his wife, and one child reside in Raeford.

Also serving as assistant manager is Tom West who lives in Fayetteville with his wife Deborah.

The ultra modern department store

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Meeting Set

The Raeford City Council will meet today at 4 p.m. at City Hall to complete the acceptance of a state grant of over \$93,000 from funds made available through the Clean Water Bond Act.

The funds match those received earlier in the year under the same grant program for city and county water system improvements and expansions.

Family Dollar Opens Soon

Leon Levine, president of Family Dollar Stores, Inc., a discount department store chain with headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina, announced that the company's new store on Main Street will have 10,464 square feet of selling area with grand opening scheduled soon.

The store will carry a complete line of merchandise for home and family at discount prices, including men's, women's, boys' girls' and infants' wearing apparel, shoes, handbags, jewelry, sheets, pillowcases, blankets, bedspreads, curtains, health and beauty aids, stationery, school supplies, candy, toys, housewares, hardware, paint and automotive supplies.

The company operates a chain of 166 stores in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia. Starting with a single Charlotte store in 1959, the company has grown into a major regional chain with hundreds of employees and utilizing approximately one million square feet of selling area.

The firm operates 100,000 square feet of warehouse distribution centers in Charlotte, from which new merchandise

is shipped daily. Experienced buyers, headed by vice president Sherman Levine, shops major international markets to assure offering the best values.

Lewis Levine, executive vice president, attributes the growth and success to massive buying power offering customers a fine selection of quality merchandise at lowest possible prices. He says growth has also been helped by maintaining attractive, spacious and well-lit stores, providing a pleasant atmosphere for shopping.

The Raeford store is part of the major new expansion planned for this year. The company believes that the Hoke County area has potential for growth and progress, and is proud to become a part of its business community. Family Dollar Stores looks forward to serving the thousands of people in this area.

Since Family Dollar Stores employs local people whenever possible, anyone interested in employment at the Raeford store should write the Personnel Director, Family Dollar Stores, P. O. Box 8348, Charlotte, N. C. 28208.

Hitchhiking Man Robbed

Scotland County deputy sheriff's reported to Hoke County Friday that Harry Lee Horn Jr., Camp Lejeune, said he was hitchhiking on U.S. 401 bypass between the caution light at Raeford and Hilltop Station when three men gave him a ride about 12:30 a.m. Friday. Horn claims the men threatened him and robbed him. When the robbers realized Horn only had \$2 they made him get behind a large tree while they drove away.

August 9 Marvin S. Scull, Rt. 1, told authorities someone broke the rear window of his trailer with a utensil used to water his dog. The thieves also broke into a storage shed by prying off a lock and broke a window in an abandoned van used for storage. Missing were 10 steak knives, three bottles of alcoholic beverages, a 22 rifle, and assorted groceries. Loss attributed to theft and damage was estimated at \$133. The incident occurred between Aug. 1 and 9.

Willie Blue, Rt. 2, Box 26-A, reported a tape player and speaker valued at \$85 were taken from his home between 7 p.m. and midnight Sunday. Thieves apparently gained entry by breaking a latch on the kitchen door.

The F.C. Duncan home, Rt. 2 Box 58, was reportedly entered Sunday between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. by thieves who removed a screen from a window. Missing was \$27.50 in coins.

Reportedly a screen and fan were removed from a window in Louise Nichols' Stonewall Township home Sunday between 10:30 a.m. and 6:20 p.m. Missing were sheets and a coat.

Dept. Budget Up

The City Street Department headed by Dewey F. Inman, supervisor, received a boost of \$19,946.70 in appropriations according to this year's city budget. The total streets department allocation stands at \$81,234.72.

Most of the additional funds were budgeted for salaries. Plus across the board street department raises, three new employees were hired. The remaining department money is slated to be spent on city street paving and guttering.

Areas east of Main Street proposed for paving and guttering work are along Donaldson Avenue where work is now nearing completion on a section to Jackson St., on to, and including Crawford St., Jackson Street to Prospect Avenue, Jackson Street from Prospect Avenue to Seventh Avenue, and the Adams Street tie-in to Elwood Avenue.

Locations for proposed work west of Main Street are portions of Elwood Avenue and Edinborough Avenue from Magnolia Street to Bethel Road, Central Avenue from Magnolia Street to Wright Street, and Sixth and Seventh Avenues from Main Street to Fulton Street.

No tentative schedule for the work was available, but City Manager John Gaddy said those areas needing work the most will be given priority.

Calvin F. McBryde Sr. Services Held Wednesday

Services for Calvin Foster McBryde Sr., 78, life time resident of Hoke County were Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Raeford Presbyterian Church by the Rev. John Ropp. Burial was in the Raeford Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Chester Wade, Lacy Hendrix, Benny McLeod, Dr. Riley Jordan, Ronald Webb and Tom Jones.

McBryde was born in the Bethel community May 16, 1895, and has farmed in Hoke County all his life. He served as the Hoke County Forest Warden until his retirement in 1960. He was enroute to Moore County Memorial Hospital at the time of his death.

Survivors include his widow, Mary Bell Clark McBryde, three daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Cardwell of Madison, Mrs. Eloise Kinlaw of St. Paul, and Miss Mary Black McBryde of Washington, D.C.; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Love of Raeford, and twelve grandchildren.

In superior court Monday four young people who could have received life in prison were sentenced to much lesser terms by Judge Harry E. Canaday after they pleaded guilty to kidnapping a 12-year-old Hoke County girl May 20.

Two of the convicted teenagers receiving 25 to 30 years were Kenneth Andrew Jackson, 16, a Hoke County native who lived in Washington, D.C. prior to the kidnapping, and his half brother Freddie Leach alias McLaughlin, 17, also of Washington.

Sentenced to 15 to 20 years each were Tina Joyce Clark alias Rose Sixina, 17, originally from Wheeling, W.Va., and Shirley Jane Herth, 16, who according to Maryland authorities ran away from the Department of Corrections group home in Baltimore May 12 or 13.

The four, originally charged with kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon, auto larceny and robbery, were sentenced as regular youthful offenders which means they will not be considered for parole until one-fourth of their sentences are served. The assault charge was not pressed by the state May 26. The auto larceny and robbery charges were not pressed in court Monday.

By pleading guilty the youths forfeited right to appeal the kidnapping sentences, although some legal avenues of review are open to them said their attorney Kenneth Glusman, public defender.

Prior to sentencing Monday Chief Deputy Sheriff Harvey Young informed the court Mrs. Estella J. Thomas, Stonewall Township, reported the night of May 20 she had been beaten, choked, robbed and her car driven away with her daughter Patricia in the vehicle. He said a doctor examined Mrs. Thomas and verified she had marks on her throat and suffered cuts.

Mrs. Thomas said she was giving the four defendants a ride to Raeford from Mrs. Irene McLaughlin's Antioch home at the request of Mrs. McLaughlin. When Mrs. Thomas stopped the car on Saunders Street Extension, Jackson, riding in the back seat of the vehicle, looped a belt around her neck. Once outside the car Mrs. Thomas was beaten, dragged 67 feet by the belt and left unconscious. When she came to she saw her car leaving the scene, continued Young.

Patricia Thomas told the court of her experience in the car with the four defendants who took her as far as Rocky Mount where the incident ended in an accident after a more than 100 mile per hour chase.

In a case heard Tuesday Lucille Helms, North Main Street, and Willard Lewis, Tanglewyne Restaurant, each received 18 months suspended three years providing they not assault Johnny Scott during the period of suspension and that they pay court costs.

Mrs. Helms, originally charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill pleaded guilty to the lesser included offense of assault with a deadly weapon. A companion assault with a deadly weapon charge against her was not pressed by the state. Lewis pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon.

Scott testified that on the night of July 20, 1972 he was at the Taste Freeze on U.S. 401 talking to Mrs. Helms and Lewis about a dog shooting case disposed of in district court. In that case Scott was convicted of killing Lewis' dog by shooting the animal.

Scott said he and Lewis fought and

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