

## Around Town

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As I write this column Tuesday morning, January 1, 1974 I think back to things that have happened in the past year.

**The Weather:**  
According to Bill Bailey and his weather charts the rainfall for Hoke County has been approximately 76 inches during the year. The normal rainfall is about 52 inches per year for this county. Now remember that for seven or eight weeks during the fall no rain fell at all.

Monday, December 31 the thermometer was over 70 degrees and this is high for this time of year. Also a fine-inch snow before Christmas is a little unusual.

**Politics:**  
The people of this state approved a school bond referendum and refused to approve mixed drinks for the state.

Senator Sam Ervin announced that he would retire and of course this will bring forth a number of candidates to take over in Washington.

Watergate and the energy crisis are other things that have faced us in 1973.

But all of us can be thankful that we have 1974 to look forward to and can start trying to turn the image around and get this nation back into the position that we all want it. So let's all work together for this goal.

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The gas shortage is somewhat puzzling at times. During the Christmas holidays two employees of the Dickson Press traveled thousands of miles to visit relatives at Christmas.

Allis Ellis returned to Ohio during the holidays and said that outside of North Carolina gas was no problem. She also stated that most people laughed when she or her husband made reference to a limit on gas. Some people told her that it was only a political move.

Now Jama Chesser and her husband went to Oklahoma for two weeks over the holidays and Jama said that outside of North Carolina they had no trouble with gas. She said only one station had a limit on gas and that was ten gallons. The man said that he had plenty of gas but he had been reading about a gas shortage so he was cutting down on his own.

I have talked to a few others that are here for the holidays and they didn't seem to have any trouble with gas in getting home. I don't know what causes the state and Hoke County to be so short on gas unless it is to pay back the people of our state for voting Republican in the last election. Anyway as Vince Lombardi said: "As the going gets tough, the tough get going." So let's get going.

## Area Incidents

During the night of December 27 a pocket knife, clock, bank containing \$7 or \$8 and several half dollars were reportedly taken from Winford "Boss" Jones' Stonewall Township home.

A bicycle reported taken Friday from Mrs. Harry Teal's yard in Ashley Heights was later recovered.

December 26 a passerby saw someone inside the Big Star Truck stop and notified authorities. Sheriff's deputies discovered a second story window had been broken but apparently nothing was missing from the building.

Four people were taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital after receiving injuries in a one-car wreck December 29 on Rural Paved Road 1143, 1/3 mile east



THE RAIN CAME DOWN—Even in the library. A large plastic container was placed strategically between bookshelves to catch drips from a leaky library ceiling during the week's heavy rainfall. (N-J Photo)



SOL CHERRY

## Sol Cherry Enters Race

Former Chief Public Defender Sol Cherry announced Tuesday he would seek the office of district attorney in the 12th judicial district.

Cherry's announcement came on the heels of District Attorney Jack Thompson's announcement Sunday that he would not run for another term of office. Thompson will complete his current term which expires December 31.

Thompson's senior assistant Ed Grannis may also run for the D. A. post in the 1974 primary. The Wake Forest Law School graduate has been with the D. A.'s office since December, 1970.

Cherry, who just completed a four-year term as a public defender, told the News-Journal Tuesday, "Basically I disagree with the philosophy of the Thompson and Grannis operation. Although, they have done a good job." "I feel the district attorney's office, as any public office, should be open to the public. Any public office should be accessible to the public at all times which has not been the policy heretofore," explained Cherry.

The UNC graduate has been practicing law since 1956 and began private practice in 1958. He opened law offices in Fayetteville Wednesday with Donald Grimes, a former assistant public defender.

The veteran of two-years military service came to this area in 1960 and served as assistant solicitor under E. Maurice Braswell and Doran Berry prior to court reorganization.

During his three years in office Thompson prosecuted many cases in district and superior court sessions in Hoke County. He obtained convictions in the Scott-Revels August, 1971, break-in of the Arabia Golf Club and the Junior Lee Washington rape case in which Judge Coy E. Brewer handed down a death penalty which was later changed to life in prison in order to comply with North Carolina's high court ruling on the death penalty.

of Raeford.

Wednesday morning hospital personnel reported Linda Gail Smith, 16, Fayetteville, in satisfactory condition and Denece Peterson, 14, Rt. 1, in fair condition. Both were passengers in a car driven by Roy Lee Taylor, Rt. 1. The hospital reportedly had no records of Taylor and a third passenger, Wayne Johnson, 19, Rt. 2, as patients as of Wednesday.

Investigating State Trooper Joe E. Stanley reported the car ran off the right side of the road on a curve hitting an embankment and reportedly overturned. Taylor was cited for careless and reckless driving. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,000.

In a reported effort to avoid hitting a car approaching on the same side of the road, James Galberth, Rt. 2, reportedly drove his car into the ditch of Rural Paved Road 1403, 1/4 mile east of Raeford, at 4 a.m. December 30. According to investigating trooper Stanley the vehicle overturned. Damages were estimated at \$500.

Following a three-car accident December 29 on U. S. 401 seven miles South of Raeford, Albert David Wall, Raeford, was cited for improper equipment after reportedly hitting a car attempting to make a left turn, driven by Henry Lorenza Edwards Jr., Rt. 1.

Ten minutes later, a car driven by Robert Lewood Phillips, Fayetteville, reportedly struck the Edwards vehicle before it could be removed from the highway.

Investigating Trooper Stanley reported the headlamps on Wall's car were not working. Damages were estimated at \$400 to the Edwards car, \$300 to the Wall car, and \$800 to the Phillips car. Peggy JoAnn Edwards, Rt. 1, a passenger in the Edwards car, complained of discomfort as a result of the accident.

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# 1973 Stormed Into Hoke County, Exited As One Of Wettest Years

## McKee Is Commander

Lt. Col. E. W. Jones, N. C. Highway Patrol commander, announced this week that Capt. H. B. McKee is commander of newly formed Troop H which includes Hoke County.

McKee, transferred from Raleigh to Monroe for the new assignment, has served as inspection and internal affairs officer at patrol headquarters since September. Prior to that he was stationed in Salisbury. His earlier patrol experience includes assisting in formation of a troop.

H Troop executive officer is Lt. A. D. Clayton, promoted Wednesday and transferred from Lexington. Third in command is Lt. O. C. Brock, also promoted to that rank Wednesday and transferred from Waynesville.

The new eight-county troop with headquarters in Monroe is composed of Hoke, Scotland, Robeson, Richmond, Anson, Union, Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties. Within the troop, district H-2 will be composed of Hoke, Scotland and Richmond Counties.

Troopers patrolling Hoke County will now report to district headquarters in Rockingham rather than in Lumberton as they have in the past. The patrol staff covering Hoke County remains unchanged under the new headquarters.

H Troop area counts for about one-eighth of the state's traffic problems and the reorganization will give the people more efficient operation. Changes were based on traffic and accident figures, said Jones.

## Youths Held For Hearing

At a juvenile detention hearing Friday District Court Judge Joseph E. Dupree ruled that three juveniles being held in connection with the December 21 kidnap-assault on two 14-year-old girls be detained without bond until a preliminary hearing is conducted Friday.

Based on testimony at the preliminary hearing the court will rule whether sufficient evidence exists to try the youths. If sufficient evidence is found to exist, then the court will rule whether the youths are to be tried as juveniles or adults. Two of the boys are 15 years old and the third is 14. All are from Cumberland County.

Also facing Friday preliminary hearings in the incident are Bobby McCrowie, 18, two counts of kidnapping and one of assault with intent to commit rape, \$50,000 bond; James H. Bordeaux, 18, and Robert L. McMillian, 18, two charges of kidnapping and two of assault with intent to commit rape, \$40,000 bond; and Ronnie Bordeaux, 16.

All except McMillian are from Fayetteville. He is from Parkton. McCrowie and McMillian are also charged with rape in Robeson County in connection with the same incident.

## Meetings Set

Regular monthly meetings of the Hoke County board of commissioners, the Raeford city council and the Hoke board of education are Monday.

The commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

The school board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education building and the city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

## Time Marches Ahead An Hour

The country will lose an hour between Saturday and Sunday this weekend as we go on daylight savings time for an indefinite period as an energy conserving measure.

Clocks should be set ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night. If regular bedtime is 10 p.m., clocks should be set at 11 p.m. to be correct Sunday morning.



NINETEENTH CENTURY PAINTING -- This is one of 19 paintings included in North Carolina Museum of Art traveling exhibition to be displayed at Raeford Savings & Loan Association January 8 through 28. The work is signed "Helen Jones." The exhibit is sponsored by the Raeford Woman's Club Art Department. (Courtesy of North Carolina Museum of Art)

## Art Exhibit Displayed Here

Hoke Countians will have an opportunity to view part of The North Carolina Museum of Art traveling exhibition at the Raeford Savings & Loan Association, 113 Campus Ave. beginning Tuesday.

The exhibit, sponsored by the Raeford Woman's Club Arts Department, will remain on display through January 28. A coffee hour will be held at 9:30 a.m. the first day of the showing. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays except Wednesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

The St. Leon Bouquet exhibit includes 19 untitled flower arrangement watercolors. Funds for the traveling exhibits are provided by the North Carolina Art Society.

The watercolors are the work of Helen Lockie Jones and her sister, Mary. Painted between 1830 and 1840, these

pieces are graphic evidence of the type subjects gentlewomen often painted -- on paper, canvas, or sometimes chinaware.

Their daintily nostalgic treatment, strong color, and microscopic detailing are all part of an era of taste and of this school's particular worth.

The paintings were originally collected in a large leather bound book inscribed in gold leaf, "St. Leon Bouquet". In this same book was found a demonstration sketch of a bowl of cherries signed by Jacob Marling, one of North Carolina's earliest painters.

This lends favorable evidence to the theory that the artists may have been students of Marling or his wife who also taught painting in the Raleigh Academy. The watercolors were a bequest of Helen Leigh Bailey.

## Burlington Sales Increase

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 28, 1973--Burlington Industries' 1973 business year was an historic one. It marked the 50th anniversary of the Company and for the first time ever, sales exceeded \$2 billion.

Burlington's 1973 sales of \$2.1 billion were up 15.6 percent over 1972. The year witnessed substantial gains in almost every area of the company, according to Chairman Charles F. Myers, Jr. of Greensboro.

Burlington is the nation's largest manufacturer of textiles and related products, operating 165 plants in the United States and 10 foreign countries. Its employment at year-end was 88,000 up 4,000 from 1972.

"We are obviously concerned about the national energy situation and its potentially adverse effects on the general economy," Myers said.

## County Schools Change Hours

D.D. Abernethy, Hoke County superintendent of schools announced a change in county school hours beginning Monday. The change is a result of the nation going on daylight savings time as an energy saving measure.

Starting Monday, school buses will begin their runs at 7 a.m. instead of the old time 6 a.m. and the old school hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for high school and 8:25 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for elementary schools will change for an indefinite period to from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for high school students and 9:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for elementary students.

"The new hours will allow the schools to take advantage of a little more sunshine and to cut down on the consumption of heating fuels," said Abernethy. "The new hours will also preclude children waiting on the roadside for buses in the dark."

A spokesman said it is still too early to assess the extent of future energy shortages, or the success of Burlington's fuel conservation effort, which includes conserving fuels and all types of energy, as well as contingency plans for plants and production.

In the area of corporate citizenship, Myers commented that "Burlington believes part of doing business is being a good citizen in each of our manufacturing communities."

Burlington continued its water and air pollution control program, spending \$2.8 million on these projects in 1973, compared to \$2.2 million the previous year. An estimated \$3 million will be spent on pollution control in 1974.

The Company has also concentrated on occupational health and safety programs to protect employees from hazards of the work environment.



CITY TAGS ON SALE--City Tax Collector, Betty Smith, takes a look at a Raeford car tag now on sale. All vehicles registered with the city are sport the \$1 tags. City ordinance violations will be issued after resulting in a \$5 fine for failure to comply. Tags may be purchased at the Department office in City Hall. (N-J Photo)

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