



I CHOOSE - Students at the first session of the senior citizens' crafts class chose project supplies. From left are Mrs. A.A. Ray, Mrs. Doug Shaw, Mrs. David Smith, Miss Isabel McAdams and Mrs. Leon Throver.

S & L Elects Directors

Directors of the Raeford Savings and Loan elected H.L. Gatlin Jr. president of the annual stockholders' meeting Tuesday.

Younger F. Snead Sr. was chosen vice president and Franklin R. Teal was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Margaret L. Davis and Helen B. Monroe were re-elected assistant secretary-treasurers.

Directors chosen at the meeting were Alfred G. Bray, Fred M. Culbreth, H.L. Gatlin Jr., Julius F. Jordan, Thomas F. McBryde, Graham A. Monroe, Sam C. Morris, Richard E. Neeley, Younger F. Snead Sr. and Franklin Teal.

Assets of Raeford Savings and Loan stood at \$8,128,000 at year-end 1974. This was a 30 per cent increase over a year ago, Teal reported.

During the past year the association paid a record \$371,477 in interest to its savings depositors and added \$51,843 to its reserves. Total reserves are now \$257,000.

"We are glad to report that 1974 was a year of progress for us," Teal said, "despite the continuation of very serious inflation, a decline in savings deposits and general tight money."

Teal said that the key factors during 1974 were the unabated inflation, competition from the private money market instruments, and high rate

government securities and the general uncertainty on the part of the American public.

"The year 1975 is probably going to get off to a slow start. However, hopefully as the months go by we will see some concrete improvement in the economy," Teal said. "Here again the key to the whole situation is how much of a dent we are going to put in the inflation. Hopefully if the public is serious in its desire to stop inflation, we may see some good results."

Teal said that during 1974 Raeford Savings and Loan financed 98 homes and apartments in and around Raeford, in total the association made more than \$2,200,000 in mortgage loans.

"The rates we are paying now on our savings accounts and certificates of deposit are the highest on record and the highest allowed by law," Teal said. "While we saw many Americans seeking higher rate investments during 1974 all the evidence points to the fact that they are coming home to the solid unglamorous - but completely dependable - passbook account. This was evidenced by the fact that during the last quarter of 1974 savings deposits definitely began to improve."

"I predict that 1975 will see a definite improvement."

Community Meetings Set

Community meetings to help plan the four-county community action program are being held this week.

The West Hoke Community Organization, Inc., will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Willie Davis store.

Duffie Community Organization Inc. will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the rural CEP building.

Cameron Heights Neighborhood Center will meet at 7:30 Friday.

The South Hoke Neighborhood Center was scheduled to meet Jan. 14.

Essay Contest Offers \$10 Prize

The Raeford Daughters of the Confederacy are sponsoring a contest for the best essay written on General Robert F. Hoke, Mrs. Herman Koonce, UDC historian announced.

The contest is being held to honor local heroes in advance of the Bicentennial Celebration, she said.

It is open to junior high school students. A cash prize of \$10 will be awarded for the best essay.

Deaths And Funerals

Evander Warren

Funeral services for Evander Warren were held Tuesday at Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home in Fayetteville.

Warren, 82, was a retired farmer of Rt. 3, Raeford.

He is survived by a brother, N.L. Warren of Fayetteville and a sister, Mrs. B.H. Hill, also of Fayetteville, a nephew, David C. Warren Jr. of Raeford.

William Kloman Leach Sr.

Funeral services for William K. Leach Sr. of Butner were held Tuesday at Butner Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Charles Fitzpatrick and Dr. Alfred Thomas of Laurinburg. Burial with military honors was at Carolian Memorial Gardens in Creedmore.

Leach, 51, a native of Hoke County died Sunday at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Durham after a long illness.

Leach was a health care technician in Butner and was retired with 24 years of Army service as first sergeant. He served in Europe during World War II and in the Korean Conflict. Leach was an elder of Butner Presbyterian Church and was a Mason and member of the Hickory York Rite Bodies.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Wanda S. Leach; two daughters, Misses Patricia and Pamela Leach of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sons, William K. Leach, Jr. and Willard M. Leach of the home; his mother, Mrs. Irene Currie of Raeford; two sisters, Mrs. Clyde Campbell of Butner and Mrs. David Justice of Fayetteville; two brothers, Alfred K. Leach and Clyde Leach, both of Raeford.

James B. Bryant

Funeral services for James B. Bryant of Red Springs were held Sunday at God Holy Assembly Church. Burial was in Galilee Cemetery.

Bryant, 46, died Thursday.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie W. Bryant; a daughter, Mrs. Carl Locklear of Maxton; two stepdaughters, Misses Rhonda and Karen Sue Wynn of the home; a stepson, Jerry Wynn of Shannon; sisters, Mrs. Janie Cummings of Red Springs, Mrs. Doug McMillan of Maxton, Mrs. Victor Larkins of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Wesley Youno of Jacksonville, Fla.; brothers, Edgar Bryant of Raeford, Daniel Bryant of Lumberton, Mancil Locklear of Shannon, Billy Ray Locklear of Jacksonville; three grandchildren.

Hoke Highlights

by Terri Tucker

The Hoke High Varsity boys travelled to Scotland Tuesday, January 14, along with the JV boys and varsity girls. Support your Bucks and see them in action.

The S.A.E. members fixed fruit boxes for the custodian staff for their annual Christmas project. The students brought boxes with Christmas paper and each person was assigned different things to bring to fill all of the boxes. The students took their box to Mrs. Semones' room and then they were

delivered to the staff.

The first semester of the 1974-75 year at Hoke High is approaching its end and exam time is drawing closer. Exams will be given on Wednesday, January 13, through Tuesday, January 19. The English, History and Math will have exams on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. All other courses will be given on Tuesday and Thursday. Each period will last the regular 52 minutes. Exams will count 1/7th of the semester grade. Good luck, students.

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Hoke ASCS

By Thomas R. Burgess

No deficiency payment needed for 1974 - crop wheat, barley - Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz announced on Jan. 7 that there will be no deficiency payment made for 1974 crop wheat and barley. As provided by the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973, deficiency payments shall be made to producers when the national weighted price received by farmers for the first five months of the marketing year - July - November for wheat and barley - is less than the established "target" prices for these crops.

The national weighted average price received by producers for the first five months of the 1974 marketing year was \$4.31 per bushel for wheat and \$2.86 per bushel for barley. Since this is in excess of the target prices of \$2.05 for wheat and \$1.15 for barley, there will be no deficiency payments.

Although the deficiency payment determination for barley is made after the first five months of the barley marketing year, any barley payments which might be due in subsequent years will not be issued until after March 1, when the determination is made for corn and sorghum.

Storage and drying equipment loan program amended - The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced an amendment to the Commodity Credit Corporation Farm Storage and Drying Equipment Loan Program regulations whereby a commodity no longer needs to be eligible for price support before its production can be considered in determining a need for farm storage or drying equipment.

Report Irks Farm Chief

The North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation criticized the findings of the Consumers Center of North Carolina (CCNC) on taxation Monday.

"The recently released report of the CCNC regarding taxation of farm land above a complete disregard for the necessity of ample productive farm land," John Sledge, federation chief said.

Sledge accused Lillian Woo, CCNC director, of advocating speculative taxation. "She proposes that productive farm land be taxed at the price developers would pay for the land".

Sledge warned the CCNC proposals would result in a decrease in productive farming and lead to higher food prices.

Adoption of the amendment became necessary after USDA announced the discontinuation of price supports for soybeans, flaxseed, and dry edible beans. These commodities will now continue to be covered under the Storage and Drying Equipment Loan Program.

To become eligible under the amendment, the borrower must produce one or more eligible commodities (corn, barley, grain sorghum, wheat, rye, soybeans, rice, flaxseed, dry edible beans, peanuts, and sunflower seed) and have a need for farm storage and drying equipment for the storage or conditioning of one or more of the eligible commodities.

In each case, the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee shall determine if the proposed farm storage or drying equipment is needed on the farm to which the loan application relates.

The amendment becomes effective on all loan applications filed after Jan. 1, 1975. Producers with questions relating to the farm storage loan program should contact their local ASCS office.

Church News

A gospel sing will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, at South Hoke School, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Willie B. Lewis of Channel 6 in Wilmington and his singers will be in charge.

The public is invited.

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All owners of dogs residing in the City of Raeford must obtain city dog tags prior to Feb. 15, 1975

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The city leash law provides all dogs within the city must have city dog tags by Feb. 15 or they are subject to be impounded.