



DIRECTORS—Chosen to lead Stonewall Volunteer Fire Department for 1975-76 are (from left) Jimmy Maxwell, vice-president; Marty Jones, chief; Neil McKenzie and H.A. McKenzie, treasurer; (second row from left): Fred Johnson, David Walton, president; George Shook, Grover McMillan, Danny McGougan, secretary. Not pictured, Bobby Bostic. (Photo by Rob Shook.)

In District Court

Worthless Check Charges Total \$2,503

A former Hoke Countian pleaded guilty in district court Friday to issuing worthless checks, amounting to \$2,503.63.

Julian Squires, formerly of Dunderbach and now living in Robeson County was charged with 21 cases of writing worthless checks.

He was placed on probation for three and a half years in a total of six sentences of six months each and was ordered to repay the checks at the rate of \$100 a month.

Tony Morrissey of Rt. 3, Raeford pleaded guilty to four charges of writing worthless checks and received two 30 day sentences suspended upon payment of the checks and court costs.

Gilbert A. Cribb of Raeford, charged with embezzlement, waived a preliminary hearing and was bound over to superior court for action by the grand jury.

E7 Joseph Dodds of Ft. Bragg, pleaded guilty to driving without a valid license plate. He was sentenced to six months suspended for two years and fined \$75 and costs.

Lila Ann McNeill of Red Springs

pleaded guilty to shoplifting and was sentenced to six months suspended for five years under the condition that she not be convicted of larceny or shoplifting during that time. She was fined \$50 and costs.

Bobby Ray Maynor of Pembroke pleaded guilty to driving with no registration and prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon payment of costs. A charge of driving without insurance was dropped.

Charles Eugene Crawford of Greensboro pleaded guilty to speeding 65 in a 55 mph zone and was fined \$5 and costs.

Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of court costs by Walter Lee Allen of Fayetteville, who pleaded guilty to speeding 70 in a 55 mph zone.

Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of court costs by Elizabeth Sesso Dixon of Charlotte, who pleaded guilty to speeding 67 in a 55 mph zone.

Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of court costs by Robert Lee Smith of Bennettsville, S.C. who pleaded guilty to speeding 67 in a 55 mph

Plans For Pre-Trial Release Program Sent

Tentative proposals for the implementation of the pre-trial release program were outlined by Senior Resident Superior Judge Maurice Braswell in a 21-page document distributed to court officials here.

The pre-trial release program is being set up as part of a new law to take effect July 1 requiring the senior resident judge in each judicial district to issue official policy on how defendants in criminal cases may be released before trial.

Hoke and Cumberland counties make up the 12th judicial district.

A key part of the proposed program to determine if a person is eligible for release on his recognizance, or written promise to appear, is a complex point system based on residence, length of residence, family ties, employment,

character, and prior record. A chart detailing how many points are to be credited for each category and a chart listing points to be subtracted for prior convictions of criminal offenses is recommended.

Persons approved for pre-trial release will be required to comply with certain conditions, and call the pre-trial release counselor on a weekly basis.

It is not yet known if a pre-trial release counselor will be assigned to Hoke county.

Persons who fail to appear in court will be guilty of a misdemeanor and may receive a sentence of up to two years under the new law.

Braswell's proposed guidelines are expected to include some changes before the final policy is adopted in August.

RWC Adds Another \$200 For Library Building

After a final accounting of the auction held this spring, the Raeford Woman's Club has donated an additional \$600 to the Bicentennial library fund.

This brings the total donation from the auction to \$3,000, Mrs. Kay Thomas, president, announced.

In the past two years, RWC projects have netted about \$11,000 for the library building fund. Projects have included two bazaars sponsored by the garden department; an old book sale by the arts department; dimes for bricks drive by the education department and a food

raffle by the home life department. The horse show last year and money allotted to that account raised \$3,000.

The public affairs department is continuing a project to collect returnable bottles.

Legals

**LEGAL NOTICE
HARNETT COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Raeford, North Carolina will conduct a full and open public hearing on July 7, 1975 at the City Hall, Raeford, North Carolina at 8:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of granting a cable television franchise and to consider the application of North Carolina Cable T.V. Company, Inc., doing business as Raeford Cable T.V. Company, Inc., and to consider the adoption of a franchise ordinance which will contain the following rates:

- Install drop to home - \$14.00,
- Install second or more TV's - \$5.00,
- Install for FM Music (with CATV) - \$5.00, Install for FM music (without CATV) - \$14.00, Monthly service charge - \$5.50, Monthly charge (second set or more) - \$1.25, FM monthly charge (with CATV) - \$1.25, FM monthly charge (without CATV) - \$5.50, Relocate drop in home - \$7.50, Customer moves to new home (existing CATV wire in home) - \$7.50, Customer moves to a new home (No CATV in home) - \$7.50, Reconnect TV to cable after disconnect (plus balance due, if any) - \$5.00, Commercial installations (hotels, motels, etc.) - Cost plus materials.

Any and all interested persons and citizens of Raeford are invited to appear and they will be heard.

This the 19th day of June, 1975.
John B. Gaddy
City Manager

R. Palmer Willcox
City Attorney

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CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Huland Sanders, deceased, late of Hoke County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before Dec. 12, 1975 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12 day of June, 1975.
Charles Hostetler
Administrator

Hostetler & McNeill
Attorneys
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Raeford, N.C. 28376

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

**SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HOKE**

**COUNTY OF HOKE
PLAINTIFF
VS.
JAMES LEE SHAW ET AL
DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

TO: A.M. JOHNSON and his wife, MRS. A.M. JOHNSON, if married; all heirs at law or devisees of A.M. JOHNSON, if deceased, and of MRS. A.M. JOHNSON, if deceased, together with all their creditors and lien holders regardless of how or through whom they claim; and any and all persons claiming any interest in the estate of A.M. JOHNSON and the estate of MRS. A.M. JOHNSON, if deceased:

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on June 12, 1975.

The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: To foreclose for delinquent taxes due Hoke County for the years 1962 through 1974 on Lots No. Twelve (12) and Fifteen (15) of the Cockman Subdivision.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being forty (40) days after June 12th, 1975, or by July 22, 1975, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service of process by publication will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 4th day of June, 1975.

**HOSTETLER & McNEILL
ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF**

**BOBBY BURNS McNEILL
109 Campus Avenue
Raeford, North Carolina**

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TAKIN' IT EASY—John Dunk McNeill whiles away an afternoon with conversation and a smoke at Cole's grocery. (Photo by Ken MacDonald.)

Fewer Divorces Here

(Special to The News Journal)
NEW YORK, June 21 - How high is the divorce rate in Hoke County compared with that in other communities? How many local residents are divorced? How many have remarried after being divorced?

For the great majority of men and women in the local area marriage is a once-in-a-lifetime undertaking. For others, who start out with equally high hopes, their marriages end up on the rocks.

In general, the divorce rate has been on the rise for a number of years and is still mounting. This is indicated in the latest surveys by the Department of Commerce, the National center for Health Statistics and others.

In Hoke County, it appears, the number of marital splitups is on the low side. There are fewer divorces and separations in proportion to population, than in most parts of the United States.

According to the latest

tabulations, some 47 out of every 1,000 local residents over the age of 14 are either divorced or separated from their spouses.

The comparable national average is 53 per 1,000. In the South Atlantic States the rate is 54 and, in the State of North Carolina, 48.

During 1974, the figures show, there were approximately 970,000 divorces in the United States. That was 57,000 more than in 1973.

On the other hand, the number of marriages that took place in the year, 2,235,000, was unexpectedly small. It was the first time since 1958, in fact, that a drop was recorded.

The decline, at a time when the population of marriageable age was larger than normal, is attributed to prevailing economic conditions. Many young people have postponed their marital plans.

Because of the decrease in marriages and the increase in divorces, there was 1 divorce in the year for every 2.3 marriages.

zone. Clinard Locklear of Pembroke was charged court costs for speeding 65 in a 55 mph zone.

John Gillespie of Rt. 1, Raeford was ordered to pay \$120 in back child support payments after Judge Joseph Dupree found that Gillespie had a good reason for being in arrears. Gillespie was ordered to resume his support payments and Dupree told him that no further court action would be taken if he continued the child support.

Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs by Frances Musselwhite Williams of Rt. 1, Raeford, who pleaded guilty to speeding 66 in a 55 mph zone.

Rebecca Lynne Huskin of Fayetteville pleaded guilty to reckless driving and was fined \$25 and costs. The state took a nol pros on a charge of speeding 75 in a 55 mph zone.

Prayer for judgment was continued for two years for Thomas Joseph Nicholas of Fayetteville, who pleaded guilty to passing in a marked intersection. Nicholas was charged court costs.

Prayer for judgment was continued for two years for Thomas Bradford Flower of Charlotte who pleaded guilty to speeding 65 in a 55 mph zone. He was charged court costs.

Prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon payment of court costs by Fred Williamson Jr. of Fayetteville, who pleaded guilty to speeding 65 in a 55 mph zone.

Wayne McAdoo Bullock of Lumberton gave notice of appeal of a conviction for speeding 67 in a 55 mph zone. He was fined \$5 and costs.

Patsy Musselwhite Prevatte of Lumberton was charged court costs for violating inspection laws.

Madeline King Meyers of Winston-Salem was charged court costs for an inspection violation.

Robert Earl Middleton of Ft. Bragg pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and consuming intoxicating beverages in public and was sentenced to six months suspended for two years on the condition that he violate no narcotics laws in the state during that time. He was fined \$150 and costs.

Marion Floyd of Raeford pleaded guilty to worthless check and was sentenced to 60 days suspended on the condition that he repay \$84.84 to Raeford Department Store and pay court costs.

Michael Ray Liles of Rt. 1, Raeford pleaded guilty to resisting or obstructing an officer and prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon payment of court costs. A motion to quash a charge of assault with a deadly weapon was granted.

Joseph R. Thornton of Sandhills Youth Center pleaded guilty to injuring personal property valued at \$1,023 and was sentenced to two years, suspended for 3½ years and placed on probation for 3½ years. He was ordered to pay for the damages.

Prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon payment of costs by John Elbert Morgan of Fayetteville, who pleaded guilty to failure to yield right of way. A DUI charge was nol prossed. According to court records, a blood alcohol level of .0 was obtained.

A limited driving permit was granted to Reba Lee Allen of Raeford who pleaded guilty to DUI. She was sentenced to six months suspended for 12 months and was fined \$150 and costs.

Richard Jerome Almond of Aberdeen was allowed to plead guilty to reckless driving after a DUI charge was dropped. Almond was sentenced to 60 days suspended and was fined \$100 and costs. Blood alcohol level was .10.

Alwertha Galbreth of Rt. 2, Raeford pleaded guilty to DUI, second offense and was sentenced to six months suspended with two years probation and was fined \$250 and costs. He was ordered not to drive until properly licensed.

Edward Lee Williams of Parkton was granted a limited driving permit

after pleading guilty to allowing an intoxicated person to drive and allowing an unlicensed driver to drive. He was sentenced to six months suspended and placed on probation for one year and was fined \$160 and costs.

Carl Oxendine of Pembroke pleaded guilty to prearranged racing and death by vehicle and was sentenced to two years suspended for five years with five years probation. He was ordered not to drive for two years and was fined \$300 and costs.

Jessie Johnson of Raeford pleaded guilty to DUI second offense and driving while his license was revoked. He was sentenced to 12 months suspended for two years with two year probation and was fined \$400 and costs. Johnson was ordered not to drive for two years.

Denny Sullivan of Raeford was allowed to plead guilty to reckless driving after the state took a nol pros on a DUI charge. Sullivan was sentenced to 60 days suspended and was fined \$100 and costs. Blood alcohol level was .11.

Julius Belk of Raeford pleaded guilty to DUI third offense and driving while his license was revoked. He was sentenced to 12 months in jail. Belk gave notice of appeal and a continuing bond was set.

John Homer Creech of Red Springs pleaded not guilty but was found guilty of driving DUI second offense and was sentenced to six months suspended for two years. He was fined \$250 and costs and ordered not to drive for the next two years. Creech gave notice of appeal.

Wallace Lowery of Raeford pleaded guilty to DUI third offense and was sentenced to 12 months suspended for 3½ years with 3½ years probation. He was fined \$500 and costs.

The state took a nol pros in the following cases: Ernest Dean Jacobs, Raeford, driving while license was suspended; Lucy Manes Matthews, Carthage, 65 in a 55 mph zone; Rufus Sandoval, Raeford, assault; Carl Oxendine, manslaughter, reckless driving and hit and run; Michael Ray Liles, Raeford, trespass; John Elbert Morgan, improper passing.



SET A SPELL—Aunt Eller takes a break from 'Oklahoma,' playing through July 12 at Methodist College. Florence Cohen, reading coordinator for Hoke County schools, plays the salty pioneer woman. Also appearing in the production is Raeford dancer, Ann McNeill. (Photo by Dick Blount.)