

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Last week Robert Gatlin was by the office and we were talking about the big snow in Hoke County in 1927. I didn't know at the time a snow would come on Sunday afternoon. So it seems like winter is with us.

The snow Sunday was the first time this has happened in November in many years. I can't recall a November snow, but according to reports in other newspapers it is the first time since 1938 for this section. If this is wrong, would someone please correct me.

The flakes were the largest I have ever remembered seeing falling for that length of time. If the temperature had been freezing and all the snow had stuck it would have been a good size snow.

Anyway it was gone Monday morning and the sun was shining as this column was being written.

Getting back to the conservation Gatlin and I were having last week it concerned the state of affairs that most families were in with two to three feet of snow on the ground. The roads were closed for three or four days and everything was at a standstill.

In 1927 most folks had chickens, cows, etc. at home and did not depend on getting to a store for the next days meal. Now so many of us live from day to day by going to the store for the next meal. So maybe the folks of 1927 were more prepared for a big snow than we are now.

Not only from eating but they had wood or coal to burn for heat and preparing meals, but they also had lamps or lanterns to be used for light.

So let's hope most of the snows are like the one Sunday. Nice to look at but gone Monday when you have to go to work.

Bootsie Barrington was in the office last week and said that her family moved to Raeford in 1926 and they have had the same P.O. Box number since that time. The number is 153.

Since that time the post office has changed buildings four times. It was at the R. Cleaners building, then at The Bank of Raeford building, at the City Hall building and finally in the Federal Building where it is now located.

So the Barringtons have had the same box number through four buildings and almost 50 years.

The following letter was received from Charlie Hottel:

Dear Sam:
As a tribute to all coaches who have completed their seasons I would like to share the following with our sport fans.

A coach can never make a great player out of a boy who isn't potentially great. But he can make a great competitor out of any child. And miraculously he can make a man out of a boy.

For a coach the final score doesn't read so many points for my team so many points for theirs. Instead it reads: So many men out of so many boys.

And this is the score that is never published. And this is the score he reads to himself and in which he finds his real joy when the last game is over.

This was copied and I feel speaks so eloquently my feelings.

Yours for Good Sportsmanship,
C. Hottel

City Offices Holiday

All city hall offices except the police department and the county landfill will close for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday, Nov. 27. The police department and the county landfill will continue regular operations.

Garbage pickups regularly made on Thursdays will be picked up Wednesday, November 26. Regular garbage pickups will continue on Friday, November 28. No garbage pickups will be made on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving



A tradition for more than 350 years

This Thanksgiving, as we carve the turkey and enjoy the foods of the harvest season, let us remember to be thankful for the freedom we enjoy. And, as we approach the 200th anniversary of the United States of America, let us pay a special tribute to the Pilgrims of the Massachusetts Colony and our other forefathers who came to the New World in search of freedom. The Pilgrims of New England established the tradition of Thanksgiving even though their first years in the New World were rough and the harvest was small. They were thankful for their freedom and for the opportunity to create a colony in a new land, carving a community from the wilderness. We should always remember these brave settlers, for it was they who set the foundations for freedom upon which our country is built.

Worship Tonight

The community Thanksgiving worship will be held at 7:30 P.M. Wednesday at the Evangelical Methodist Church on Green St. in Raeford.

Rev. Lewis P. Jolly of the Second Baptist Church will deliver the sermon. The Raeford United Methodist Handbell Choir will perform.

A special offering to assist the local ministers association is planned.

The annual Thanksgiving service is for all faiths.

Morehead Candidate

Dwan Swindell Upchurch, a Hoke High senior, has been chosen as the Morehead nominee by the local Morehead committee, headed by J.H. Austin.

Miss Upchurch, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Upchurch, 711 N. Main St., will represent the school in district competition later this year.

Morehead awards are given by the John Motley Morehead Foundation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for four years of undergraduate study. Awards are based on character, leadership, scholastic achievement, extra-curricular attainments, and participation in competitive sports.

Miss Upchurch is current president of the National Honor Society at Hoke High and has been a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Students in Action for Education. She served as copy editor of the annual, has been active in band and chorale, and in her junior year she was a marshal for commencement and a nominee for the Governor's School.

She is active in the Raeford United Methodist Church and a member of the Handbell Choir.



Dwan Upchurch

Taxes Totaled

Net quarterly collections of sales and use taxes amounted to \$57,816.92 here for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1975, according to the Department of Revenue report.

Net distributive proceeds after cost of collections were listed as \$57,344.32. Cost of collection is \$5.852 per \$100 of collections.

Total collections for the state amounted to \$30,936,606.82.

HUD Funds Proposal

Sewer Lines Urged

\$50,000 Bonds Ordered For Teenage Suspects

Three youths, charged with armed robbery during an escape attempt last weekend when they allegedly took a young Hoke woman's car at knife point, waived their preliminary hearings and gave notice of appeal after pleading to related charges in District Court Friday.

Carl Thomas Hipp, Jr., Lester Mitchell Hawkins, and Edward Nealy, all 17, pleaded guilty to malicious injury to personal

property, misdemeanor breaking and entering and escape.

They were sentenced to two years for the injury to personal property charge, two years for the breaking and entering charge, and 12 months for escape. The sentences are to run consecutively.

The trio was placed in the Hoke County Jail under \$50,000 bond each to await trial in January.

County Blocks Outside Bid For Public Housing

County commissioners held a brief special meeting Nov. 18 to go on record as supporting the Raeford Housing Authority as the sole agency for public housing within the county.

County manager T.B. Lester said a formal reply was required to an inquiry from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) concerning an application from Earl Mann, Indian affairs executive director, for certification for 44 public housing units.

Since the Raeford Housing Authority intends to apply for units, a motion to oppose any new certification of a housing authority within the county is needed, Lester said.

The motion was carried unani-

mously.

In other business, the commissioners unanimously approved by motion the purchase of a trash container for the new county office building. The cost is to be charged to the revenue sharing fund.

The board also unanimously okayed routine amendments to the budget requested by Lester to cover a recent manpower grant received and a payment from the state for a school health program.

A motion to approve an earlier request from civil preparedness coordinator Bill Niven was carried unanimously. Niven sought permission to erect fencing around the office parking lot to reduce through traffic.

Man Slain, Woman Held

A young Hoke woman has been charged with the slaying of a Hoke County man Sunday morning and is being held in the Hoke County Jail without bond pending preliminary hearing.

Deputies received a call about 10:45 A.M. Sunday reporting that there had been a shooting in the Bowmore section of the county and later found Leroy Torrence, 28, of Rt. 1, Box 138, Raeford, lying in a field on his back with a shotgun wound in his left chest, according to Sheriff D.M. Barrington.

Barrington said a .12 gauge shotgun was located about twelve feet from the body.

Beatrice Purcell, 25, of Rt. 1, Box 123, Raeford, was at the scene of the shooting when authorities arrived and was charged with murder, he said.

He said medical examiner R.G. Townsend pronounced Torrence dead and the body was sent to Chapel Hill for an autopsy.

Barrington said the suspect apparently stopped a car occupied by Torrence, his brother Roscoe Torrence, and Ardie Priest.

He said Torrence and Priest witnessed the shooting, and went for help.

A Dec. 5 District Court hearing was set.

Second Man Jailed Here

A second Fayetteville youth has been arrested by SBI agents and charged with the Nov. 4 break-in at Hoke Drug in which a quantity of narcotics was taken.

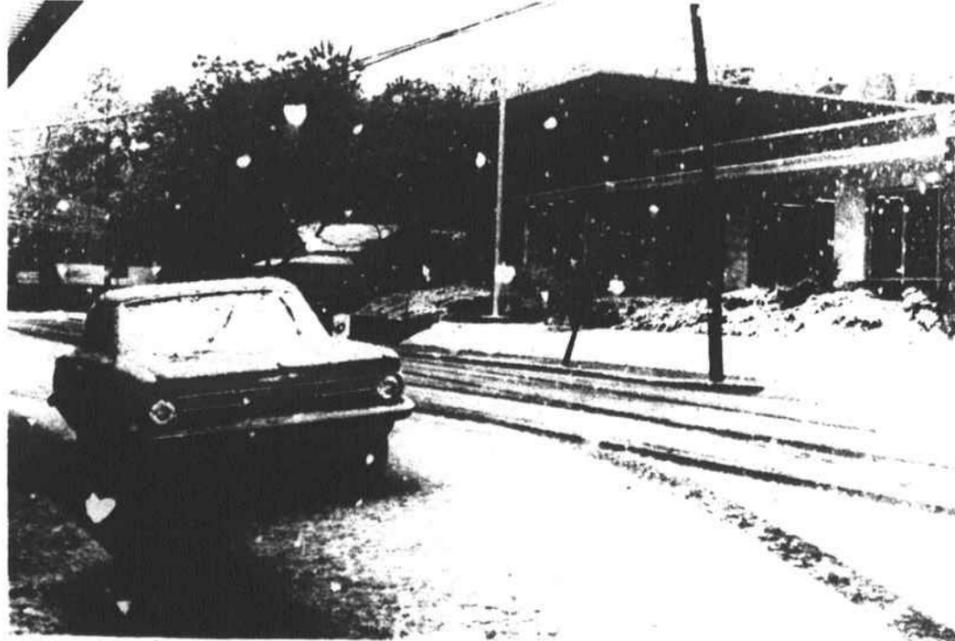
Cavin Blacker, 19, of 908 Hay St., Fayetteville, was picked up Saturday by SBI agents at his home. Off. C.E. Campbell of the Raeford police said, Blacker, who was described as

unemployed, was returned to the Hoke County jail and is being held under \$5,000 bond charged with breaking and entering and larceny.

Another suspect, James Timothy Corum, 19, of 908 Hay St., was arrested last week in connection with the drugstore break-in.

A Dec. 5 preliminary hearing was set for Blacker.

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WINTER IS HERE- Although winter doesn't officially begin for nearly a month, Sunday's snowfall left no doubts in spite of what the calendar says.