

# Wrap-up Of 1975 In Review

County commissioners are ready to adopt an austere budget for the coming year by mid-June when Danny Morrison, operator of the ambulance service, threatens to give it up without a \$24,000 subsidy. \$20,000 is the compromise. School officials sign a consent agreement and the high school dress code becomes history, but officials hint a new one may be in the offing. News-Journal reporters continue interviews with sources after Jimmy Bullard's accusation about thefts at the city garage, and a second ex-city worker, Billy Barefoot, details new and serious charges against city manager John Gaddy.

On June 23, the State Bureau of Investigation officially opens a probe which is to last for months. City council members keep tight-lipped as they wrap up the new budget and attend to routine matters, while agents pore over purchasing records at city hall and question employees.

July 1 is traveling day for Kathy McMillan, who is off to Kiev, Russia, as a member of the national womens track team. Community generosity made her trip to the New York tryouts possible as her "fund" grows. Raeford makes national headlines, too, as an \$8,000,000 marijuana seizure from a boat still carrying the name of the city is in the news, and it is news to the ex-owner, too.

Kathy McMillan bounces back after a disappointing clash with the Russian athletes, and the news from Prague, Czechoslovakia is a 21-7 jump and first place honors.

At city hall, charges and countercharges fly, as a secretary says she was threatened with suspension by John Gaddy for "incriminating" him.

Concern is again centered on the safety of Rockfish Creek as a swimming spot when a 15 year old dies after a diving accident. School board officials scramble to rescind a new maternity leave policy after learning the policy is in violation of federal acts. Bids are opened on the new library, and plans are underway for a gala groundbreaking ceremony the following month.

The schools lock horns with the recreation commission in a snafu over lights at the tennis courts, while Kathy McMillan takes another step toward the Olympics with a winning jump at the Pan-African-West German meet in Durham, and then returns from a Montreal meet with a gold medal for the U.S. Five people are presumed dead when a plane carrying two Raeford families goes down in the Georgia swamps and search efforts are futile.

The police department gets a re-organization with the naming of a major and two sergeants and a juvenile investigator.

An all-day celebration, complete with Revolutionary color guard, marks ground-breaking ceremonies for the new library, and young and old alike gather to hear state officials call the project the most outstanding in the state. The festive air is shattered three days later, as Gaddy and Barefoot are indicted by the grand jury for misuse of city funds at the city garage. City council members huddle behind closed doors and then vote to strip Gaddy of all financial duties pending his trial. County commissioners dip into revenue sharing funds for another \$25,000 as costs on the new library climb, and also get their first county planner under a grant. Elderly shut-ins who are city residents get special attention as the home visitor, also a first, goes to work.

Schools open and another football season is underway with a loss to Southern Durham, a new opponent for the Bucks who are included in a conference re-shuffle. Controversy erupts again over the proposed 211 bypass, slated for construction, but protests from homeowners and businesses to be affected by the route are overruled by county commissioners, who re-affirm the plan. Elections officials are jarred by a Justice Department command to print bi-lingual ballots for the Lumbee Indians.

City dwellers clash with crop dusters over spraying within city limits and the council backs off from a proposed ban, while the airport committee argues for more powers and commission status.

Hoke county is the locale for another in a series of attacks on state troopers as a Bowmore man is wounded in a struggle over trooper J.D. Thigpen's revolver. Joe Guldledge, former Register of Deeds for 25 years, is dead at 73. Negotiations are underway for the re-opening of the old Continental mill in Rockfish, but residents are told their community house adjacent to the mill must go.

School officials acknowledge some \$45,000 in federal Indian funds were lost for the year because the application was mailed too late, and an embarrassed superintendent promises "next year".

Nine candidates, including all incumbents, are in the race for city council seats when the filing period closes Oct. 3. Trial for Gaddy and Barefoot is a week away when another bombshell falls and Gaddy

is charged with a third count of misappropriating funds. Gene Carter is named to the vacant seat on the airport committee after Larry Upchurch resigns, and deputy Harvey Young, a ten-year veteran, resigns in the face of a demotion.

Gaddy pleads "no contest" to two counts before Superior Court Judge Henry A. McKinnon and turns in his resignation as city manager, while Barefoot pleads guilty to a reduced charge of misdemeanor larceny in mid-month. Kathy McMillan captures a bronze medal for the U.S. at the Pan-American games in Mexico City and three people are dead and four seriously injured in the worst recorded accident on county roads.

Before the month draws to a close, city council hopefuls step up campaigns with one candidate declaring the public supports Gaddy. Petitions favoring his reinstatement appear but the Attorney General's office says "uh-uh". The Army says "uh-uh" to moonlighting physicians and the health center is left without a doctor, disrupting the family planning program for weeks. The county boosts the salary for a recreation director in an attempt to lure a prospect, without results.

Newcomer David Lovette wins a seat on the city council, defeating Robert Weaver, in the Nov. 4 election. Within two weeks the Gaddy issue comes to a head, with the city council unanimously rejecting any re-hiring. The city and county agree to try for a share of the federal pie with community

development funds and open public hearings, eying \$600,000. A full-time Employment Security Commission office opens in Raeford and officials note a slight drop in unemployment with optimism. A new Armory to be built within the next five years is announced by National Guard officials, and the county is told to dip into its pocketbook for some \$50,000.

A pre-Thanksgiving storm dumps snowflakes and a week later fire unexpectedly breaks out at the high school, destroying thousands of dollars worth of athletic equipment. A rash of break-ins plague homeowners and worry citizens while the sheriff counters with "we're understaffed". First order of business for the newly sworn-in city council is to play Santa Claus with five per cent across the board pay hikes to workers.

Generous Hoke Countians again respond to the annual appeal for needy families at Christmas time and local merchants report Christmas buying is brisk, reflecting a dramatic upswing over 1974.

Resident Superior Court Judge Coy E. Brewer succumbs following a heart attack Dec. 12, and a week later, the community mourns the passing of J.A. Webb, 19-year veteran of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners.

The Raeford Hotel, a target of criticism as deteriorating the downtown scene, closes its doors to guests at the close of the year as plans are announced for major renovation.

## Magistrates Court

The following cases were heard by the magistrates last week: James E. Leach, Rt. 2, Raeford, driving left of center, fined costs; Henry Lee Redmon, Wagram, speeding 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Gerald S. Rice, Ft. Bragg, 70 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; James V. Butler, Jr., Fayetteville, following too closely, fined costs; James E. Crouch, Jr., Wilson, 70 MPH in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Frank David, Jr., Bennettsville, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Curtis McNeill, Wagram, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Donald K. Moore, Rt. 1, Raeford, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; John Wayne Priest, Laurinburg, excessive speed, fined costs; William M. Whaley, Waxhaw, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Nellie L.G. Wilkes, 632 E. Donaldson, Raeford, inspection violation, fined costs; Robert L. McPhall, Ft. Bragg, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Wrenn G. Barrington, 227 E. Fifth St., Raeford, 45 in a 35 MPH zone, \$5, costs; James William Baxley, III, 205 W. Donaldson, Raeford, inspection violation, fined costs; Paul O. Blake, Jr., Lumberton, 68 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs.

Judy C. Chavis, Wakulla, 70 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Frank Gaines, Ft. Bragg, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Virginia Gilliard, Charlotte, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, fined costs; Denver R. Huff, III, Raeford, inspection violation, fined costs; Simon Headon, Jr., Rt. 1,

Raeford, worthless check, \$61.59 restitution, costs; Lee H. Lassitell, St. Louis, Mo., 65 in a 55 MPH zone \$5, costs; Bruce David McKenzie, Red Springs, inspection violation, fined costs; Henry R. McNeill, speed greater than reasonable, fined costs; William B. Page, Hamlet, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Billy H. Roach, Fayetteville, 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Ruby Y. Wearins, Maxton, 70 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Willie McKinnon, Rt. 1, Raeford, 67 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Clarence D. Carter, Jr., Charlotte, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Dewel Cox, Shannon, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Aaron D. Davis, 67 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; David R. German, Pinehurst, 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Marshall Gaddy, Jr., Laurinburg, public drunkenness, fined costs; Earl G. Inman, P.O. 22, Raeford, public drunkenness, fined costs; Carlton Locklear, Rt. 4, Red Springs, speed greater than reasonable, fined costs; Paul D. Locklear, Maxton, 67 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Joe Walter Lowery, Rt. 1, Raeford, hunting violation, \$10, costs; Artis McNair, Rt. 1, Red Springs, worthless check, \$109.72 restitution, costs; Henry R. McNeill, Red Springs, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Joe L. Moore, Ft. Bragg, 70 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10, costs; Mary H. Roper, Raeford, 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5, costs; Larry D. Ross, Fayetteville, failure to yield, fined costs.

## Savings & Loan Elects '76 Officers And Board

Officers and directors of Raeford Savings and Loan Association were elected to new terms Tuesday during the annual meeting of stockholders and directors.

Re-elected were president H.L. Gatlin, Jr.; Vice-president Younger Snead, Sr.; Secretary-treasurer Franklin Teal; Assistant secretary-treasurer Mrs. Graham Monroe; and Assistant secretary-treasurer Mrs. Chalmers Davis.

Re-elected to the board of directors were Alfred G. Bray; Fred Culbreth; Dr. Julius Jordan; H.L. Gatlin, Jr.; Graham Monroe; Tom McBryde; Sam C. Morris; Richard E. Neeley; Younger Snead, Sr.; and Franklin Teal.

At year-end 1975 the assets of Raeford Savings & Loan Association reached \$9,226,000. This was an encouraging 14% over a year ago, Teal reported.

The Association paid a record amount of interest to its savings depositors, \$480,000, and added \$47,500 to its reserves, bringing the total reserves up to \$305,000.

"While savings deposits were generally up for this year," Teal said, "we were contending with a

continuation of the inflation, the recession and a tendency in the later part of the year for our savers to seek investments paying a higher rate." Teal said that during 1975 there was a general uncertainty on the part of the American public; they actually didn't know whether to spend or to save.

"We look forward to our Bicentennial year, 1976, and hope that the new year will bring us some respite in our economic problems and that we will receive enough savings deposits to allow us to take care of the mortgage lending needs of this community," Teal said that in 1975 Raeford Savings & Loan financed a total of 102 homes and apartments in and around Raeford. Total mortgage loans made during the year were more than \$1,700,000.

"We have paid and are now paying on our savings accounts and certificates of deposit the highest rates ever and the highest allowed by law," Teal said.

"All in all, 1975 was a good year for this association, and hopefully the new year will also turn out to be a year of progress."

## Community Calendar

- Thursday, Jan. 15 Kiwanis Club meets at Civic Center, 6:30 P.M.
- Thursday, Jan. 15 Raeford Home Extension Morning Club meets, 9:30 A.M.
- Monday, Jan. 19 Jr. Woman's Club meets at Civic Center, 7:45 P.M.
- Monday, Jan. 19 Phillipi Home Extension Club meets, 7:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, Jan. 20 Cameron Heights Senior Citizens Club meets, 10:00 A.M.
- Wednesday, Jan. 21 Retired Teachers meet at Fellowship Hall of Methodist Church, 10:30 A.M.
- Wednesday, Jan. 21 Raedeen Home Extension Morning Club meets at Mrs. Myrtle Sappenfield's house, 2:30 P.M.

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