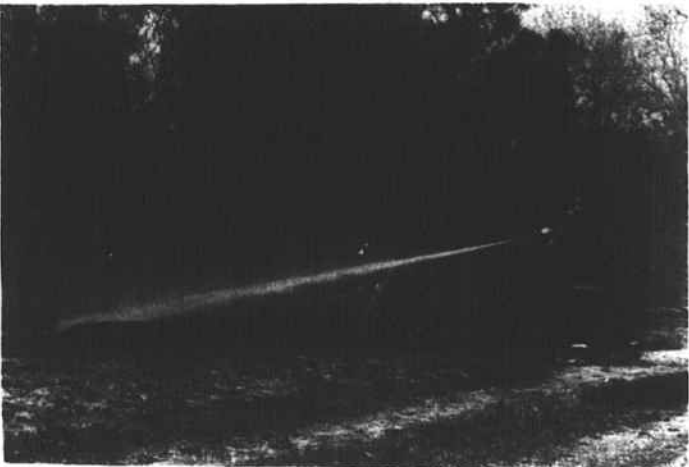
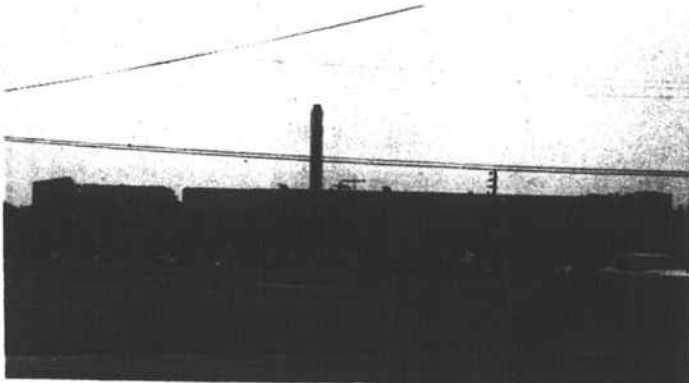


IN BLOOM - The unseasonable warm weather and sunny days have brought spring color into Raeford yards, as trees are in bloom, along with bright daffodils.



FOREST FIRE - North Raeford firemen were called out last Wednesday shortly after noon to battle a timberland blaze about five miles west on Hwy. 211. The low humidity and near-80 degree temperature combined to fan the blaze over several acres.



EXPANSION - The Hwy 401 side of the high school is taking on a new look as the expansion to the vocational shops and classrooms is rapidly nearing completion.



SHOW ENTRY - Raeford artist Lynn Padrick will have this acrylic shown here, "My Grandmother's House", along with two other works in the 14th Annual Lower Cape Fear Art Exhibition at UNC-Wilmington.

Key To Successful Painting

By Willie Featherstone, Jr.
Ass't. Agricultural Agent

With the beginning of Spring only a few days away many families will be repainting exterior portions of their homes. The key to a successful finish is proper preparation and the use of quality paint and brushes.

Clean Surface - The basic requirements of a surface to be painted are that it must be clean, dry and free of all loose or sealing paint, heavy chalk or crumbling masonry surface by wire brushing.

To Remove Mildew - Apply a

mixture of bleach detergent (1/2 cup of trisodium phosphate, such as Soilex 1/2 cup of non-ammoniated heavy duty washing machine detergent, one quart of household bleach and enough water to make a gallon) until discoloration disappears and then rinse thoroughly.

Moisture Problems - If paint is peeling because of moisture, merely scraping or removing the paint is not sufficient preparation for painting. Find the cause, cure it and then prepare the surface. Replace window putty. Caulk all cracks and repair leaking gutters, flashing and drip caps, wherever moisture may

be entering the structure. If there is general peeling near the ground, the siding is probably in contact with the soil. The first step in correcting this is to get the water away from the house by grading, so the ground slopes away from the house or by installation of drain tile. Be sure that the paint is applied to edges.

This is only a general overview of some of the things to be done in preparation for exterior painting. For any question you may have in regard to your particular problems, contact your County Extension Service - phone 875-3461.



The novelist John Buchan captured at least part of the essence of fishing when he wrote that "The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope."

Perhaps one could say the same thing about shooting craps or playing serious five-card stud with unsmiling strangers. The fishermen is, after all, something of a gambler. Each trip, the angler faces uncertain odds as fate shuffles such factors as weather, water conditions, feeding intervals and myriad other inscrutable causes of success or failure. And yet, with each deal of the cards, each trip to the water, the payoff is "elusive but attainable."

It is no accident, I suspect, that poker is often played on the kitchen table on weekend fishing trips after the supper dishes are stacked in the sink and the rods are leaning in the corner.

But to simply say that gambling is the basic appeal to fishing leaves many questions unanswered. Why spend a fortune for fishing tackle if gambling is all you're after? No, obviously there is more.

At least two other elements are important. One is that fishing is a form of escape. It gives you a rare opportunity to break out of a rut - however briefly - and pursue something that has little or no social or economic significance. But, you might say, what about people who fish to catch something to eat? And what about professional bass fishermen who fish for money?

Quite frankly, I doubt if people can afford to fish for their supper anymore, if in fact they ever could. Even using a cane pole and worms, you won't come out ahead if you consider the time spent at so many

dollars per hour. Fishing for food is largely an excuse to fish for fun. It's a form of escape.

The pro bass fisherman is another matter, and yet even he is not likely to tell you that he wins enough money to break even when all things are considered. We may call him a commercial fisherman, but I suspect the gambling and competition aspects are more important than the cash. And for some, tournament fishing is fun. For all, it's a form of escape.

There is another important factor, it seems to me, and it bites deep into the psyche of man the animal. Fishing for sport or fun - as opposed to pure commercial fishing - did not begin to win converts until mankind began to back away from nature. He became more civilized, had more leisure time, became involved in life that had no relation to his basic animal instincts. One of the strongest instincts of all animals, including man, is to hunt, and fishing is a form of hunting.

Once man had neglected his instincts by necessity, he began to pursue them in many types of games. The more removed from nature man became, the stronger his urge to return in some capacity.

While I could very well be wrong, I believe that the reason fishing and hunting for sport have grown in popularity so much over the past several hundred years can be traced to the increasing separation of man the animal from his true native habitat - the woods, fields and streams. Instinct calls him back, and he goes with a fishing rod, a gun, a camera or a butterfly net.

And while there, he renews the ancient bond with wilderness, rejoices in his momentary escape and takes delight in "a perpetual series of occasions for hope."

Special College Symposium On South Begins Mar. 11

Sandhills Community College and the Moore County Bicentennial Committee are co-sponsoring a special symposium on "The Southern Experience" highlighting the history of southern states and the changes brought about in family, urbanization, politics, private rights and traditions.

The lectures and discussions will be held Thursday evenings beginning at 7 P.M. March 11, 18 and 25, at the Boyd House in Southern Pines. The series has been made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Committee and the programs are free to the public.

Dr. Raymond Gavins, assistant professor of history at Duke University, will be the lecturer for the March 11 program. Panel members for the discussion will be Milton Sils, Mrs. Ben Owens and Tony Parker. The author of many scholarly articles, his latest publication will be released soon, a book entitled *The Perils and Prospects of Southern Black Leadership 1884-1970*.

"The Southern Society Today" will be the topic of the program for the March 18 meeting. The speak-

ers will be Dr. William Havard, department of political science, Virginia Polytechnical Institute, and Dr. Mollie Abernathy, department of history, Queens College, Charlotte. Dr. Havard is dean of the college of arts and science and is vice chairman of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy. Dr. Abernathy is chairman of the department of history at Queens and her special teaching interests are social history, women's history and the recent South. Panel members for the discussion will be Mrs. Emmanuel Douglas, Captain Sherman Betts and Mrs. Sara Hodgkins.

The third and last program of the series on March 25 will feature Dr. Henry Ferrell, professor of history at East Carolina University. His topic will be "The Future - Forming the Basis for the New Society." The panel members will be Len Brown and Sam Ragan.

The symposium has been coordinated by Mrs. Joan Crockett of the continuing education department of Sandhills College, and Mrs. Clayton, chairman of the Moore County Bicentennial Committee.



SOBERING THOUGHT - The sign opposite the last grocery selling beer along Hwy 211 calls attention to the fact there will be a dry road ahead after crossing into Robeson County and no beer sales.

LEGALS

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above - entitled action in the District Court of Hoke County, North Carolina.

The nature of the relief being sought is absolute divorce based on one (1) year separation.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 14th day of April, 1976, at the Office of the Clerk of Court of Hoke County, North Carolina, in the Courthouse in Raeford, or upon your failure to do so the party seeking service and relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This, the 5th day of March, 1976.

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Raeford, North Carolina 28376
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STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color or national origin in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or use of any of its facilities, attendance at and participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants or the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

"Any person who believes himself, or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may, by himself or a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, or the Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D.C. 20250, or this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 90 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of complaints will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the Rules and Regulations." 45C

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY IN THE DISTRICT COURT

CAROLYN PITTMAN MAWYER, Plaintiff

LAWRENCE D. MAWYER, Defendant

TO LAWRENCE D. MAWYER: TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Absolute divorce on the grounds of more than one (1) year's separation.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 9th day of April, 1976, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 27 day of February, 1976.

R. Palmer Willcox, Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 126
Raeford, North Carolina 28376 44-46C

CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Bennie Woodrow Williams, 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 August 26, 1976 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 26 day of February, 1976.

Neda Turner Williams, Administratrix
Hostetler & McNeill
Attorneys At Law
Raeford, N. C. 28376

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MANAGER - Richard I. Flye has been named district commercial manager for Carolina Telephone, succeeding J.C. Johnson. Flye will be responsible for the business office covering Fayetteville and Raeford. Flye was formerly district commercial manager for the company at Henderson.

Legals

CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Sallie A. Brandon, 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 September 11, 1976 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 11 day of March, 1976.
R. Palmer Willcox
Administrator
Attorney - at - Law
Raeford, N.C. 28376 45-48C

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RAEFORD
HOKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

Mrs. Ruth Shaw McLean
Jones Street
Raeford, N.C.

You are hereby notified that an application is now pending before the Raeford Planning Board and the City Council, asking the said boards to rezone from residential to commercial Mrs. Ruth Shaw McLean's property.

Said property being located in the northern edge of Jones Avenue, that is located S 84-00 E 350 feet from where the northern edge of Jones Avenue intersects with the eastern edge of Fuller Street; thence N 6-00 E 150 feet; thence S 84-00 E 50 feet; thence S 6-00 W 150 feet to the northern edge of Jones Avenue; thence with the northern edge of Jones Avenue, N 84-00 W 50 feet to the Beginning.

A public meeting will be held by the Raeford Planning Board at 7:30 P.M., March 26th, 1976 in the Council Room of City Hall. All interested citizens are hereby requested to attend this public meeting and express your views and opinions for the benefit of the said Boards.

This public notice to be published on March 11th, and 18th, 1976.

Raeford Planning Board
By: Stanley Koonce,
Vice Chairman

John K. McNeill, Jr.
Mayor
On Behalf Of Raeford
City Council 45-46C

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

OPHELIA VIRGIL THOMAS, Plaintiff
Vs.
ROBERT CORNELL THOMAS, Defendant

TO: ROBERT CORNELL THOMAS

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