

Clark's Gulf Service In Business Since 1957

Clark's Gulf Service on the 401-bypass has been serving travelers and local customers with the same fine service since it opened on June 3, 1957 under the same ownership, Graham Clark.

Clark, a Hoke County native, has been in the gasoline business since 1949. He started work at Graham's Gulf Service on Main St. and in 1956 went to work for Union 76, then Pure Oil.

A year later he built his own station, and in August of 1957 held a grand opening celebration with a television giveaway and other prizes.

For many years, the station was open seven days a week from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M., until recent times when the gasoline shortage forced a curtailment of hours.

Four pumps offering the full range of top Gulf gasoline for

passenger cars are available under a canopied roof for customer convenience and comfort. Known for quality products and expert, courteous service, Clark's Gulf has doubled its sales volume since its founding.

Clark also offers a full line of tires, batteries and accessories and provides wheel balancing, lubrication, minor automotive repairs and fast car wash in its service bay.

Clark manages the station personally with two regular employees. He has received a service award from the Gulf Oil Corp. and is a member of both the N.C. Service Station Association and the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Clark is a very active member of the community and has served as a city councilman for the past six years. He is past director of the



Graham Clark

Chamber of Commerce and a former Kiwanis Club director. A longtime member of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, he is past deacon and now elder.

Raeford Lumber Company Serving County Since 1929

The Raeford Lumber Co. has served builders for the past 47 years from the same location on S. Main St.

Founded by Ryan McBryde and his associates in 1929, the firm was known as the Raeford Lumber and Supply Co. The first officers were McBryde, president; W. Marshall Thomas, vice-president; and Younger Snead, secretary-treasurer and manager.

Ryan McBryde was the son of Thomas McBryde, who was Hoke County's first representative to the North Carolina General Assembly. Ryan McBryde was also a statesman, serving as senator from the 12th District in the sessions of 1932, 1936, 1940, and 1944. He died in 1948 after being nominated for another term in the legislature.

Ryan McBryde and W. Marshall Thomas both owned sawmills in the early days of business and kept the lumber yard and planer mill supplied with lumber. Building material was sold for local use and also dressed and shipped to northern markets.



Tom McBryde

sawmill owned by McBryde and his partner, A.V. Sanders.

Following McBryde's death, McBryde's wife and his son Thomas took over the business. Mrs. McBryde died in 1973 and today the company is owned and managed by Thomas McBryde.

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The sawmills were sold in the 1960's and the company discontinued the planer in 1973. Today, nine buildings spread over eight acres make up the complex, including storage bins, warehouses and machine sheds. A complete line of home building supplies is offered.

The company has eight employees, including McBryde's wife, who joined the organization in 1950. Foreman is Roy Jones, who succeeded Carson Clippard who died in March of this year after 40 years of service.

McBryde has been a county commissioner for the past ten years and is a well-known and respected community leader. He is a successful farmer and cattleman and is a director of the N.C. Cattlemans Association. He is a director of The Bank of Raeford and The Raeford Savings and Loan Association. A past president of the Chamber of Commerce, he is an elder in the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

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 401 By-Pass



Ryan McBryde

Around 1937, Thomas and Snead sold out their interests to McBryde. Stockholders at that time were McBryde, R.L. McLeod, and D.J. Sinclair. The new organization was incorporated as the Raeford Lumber Co.

At that time an office and planer mill were about all that made up the outfit. Lumber was supplied by ground sawmills in the area, but most of it was furnished by a



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Complete Line of Building Supplies
Raeford Lumber Company

Since 1929

