

Deaths And Funerals

Peter J. Currie

Bernice Dew

The funeral for Peter John Currie, 70, who died July 6, was held last Wednesday at 3 P.M. in Old Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church by the Rev. John Miller. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Patsy Grubbs and Mrs. Betty Cart of Laurinburg and Mrs. Eleanor Brickhouse of Conroe, Tex.; four brothers, Pate, Neal and Shaw of Laurinburg and Jim Currie of Maxton; two sisters, Mrs. Annie Shankle and Mrs. Mattie Lytle of Raeford; and four grandchildren.

Miss Bernice Dew, 82, formerly of Raeford, died June 25 in Alachua, Fla.

Funeral services were held from the First Presbyterian Church of Alachua on June 27 at 3 P.M. Burial was in Alachua Cemetery.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Joanna Ivey of St. Petersburg, Fla. and one brother, John Hugh Dew of Alachua, Fla.

Harvey J. Brock

Harvey Jordan Brock, 69, died Monday.

Funeral services were scheduled for 3 P.M. Wednesday at Crumpler Funeral Home with Rev. John Ropp officiating. Burial was scheduled for Ephesus Baptist Church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Edith Brock; four sons, Jessie Lee Brock of Raeford, Harvey Allen Brock of Stedman, Leonard William Brock of New Bern and Roger Lynn Brock of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Sara M. French of St. Louis, Mo. and Mrs. Reva L. Riddle of Germany; a brother, Luther Brock of Fayetteville; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Flora J. Clark

Miss Flora Jane Clark, 84, died Tuesday morning in Moore County Hospital.

Services were scheduled to be conducted by the Rev. George Cheney at Bethel Presbyterian Church at 4:30 P.M. Wednesday. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Miss Clark is survived by two brothers, Rube Clark and Dutch Clark, both of Raeford, and 12 nieces and nephews and 53 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Local Cobbler Saves Soles

By Suzanne H. Aplin

"She mends the rips and patches the holes. I build up the heels and save the soles."

--Allen Lundy

Allen Lundy, amateur philosopher, economist, poet and professional cobbler has done a lot of sole saving since starting his shoe repair shop in Raeford Dec. 14, 1929.

Lundy and his wife Wimzy leaned against the Lundy Shoe Shop counter, the glass frosted with age, and talked about how they came to settle here in the midst of the Depression. "My oldest brother repaired shoes in Pinehurst. He learned the trade when he was

twelve by working for free on Saturdays. The rest of the time he worked at the mill."

"I worked with Robert when times got so bad that the mill only worked two or three days a week. After a year and a half there just wasn't enough work for two at his shop so we decided to bust up. So we came over to Raeford and bought out a man named Taylor. And I've been here ever since, excepting three months," Lundy recalled.

Shoe repair work has been a family trade going back to Lundy's grandfather, William Hutchison, who made shoes for people and horses. Lundy's father, however, only shod horses and did little carpentering work. His nephew



A STITCH IN TIME -- Allen Lundy saves shoe soles with his 1936 rebuilt American lockstitch machine. The double needle machine is designed to sew on the outside of the shoe as opposed to the single needle McKay machine which chain stitches the sole from the inside of the shoe.

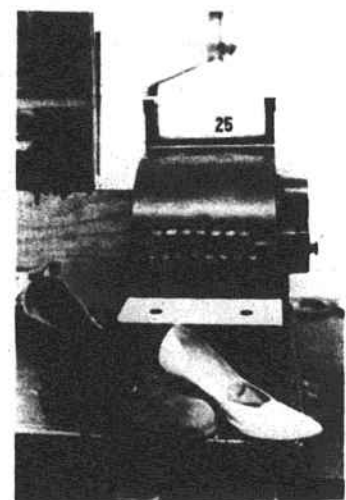
payments of \$3 a month. Used \$3 of ice a month anyway. People came by just to see it."

Then Mrs. Lundy began a tale of a woman who brought a pair of shoes in complaining that one was wearing out faster than the other. They examined the stock numbers inside the shoes and then told the woman to go see if she didn't have another pair just like it in her closet at home.

A native of Cheraw, S.C., Mrs. Lundy started helping in the shop once the youngest of her three children started school. Now she has nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren who come now and then to play in the tiny shop.

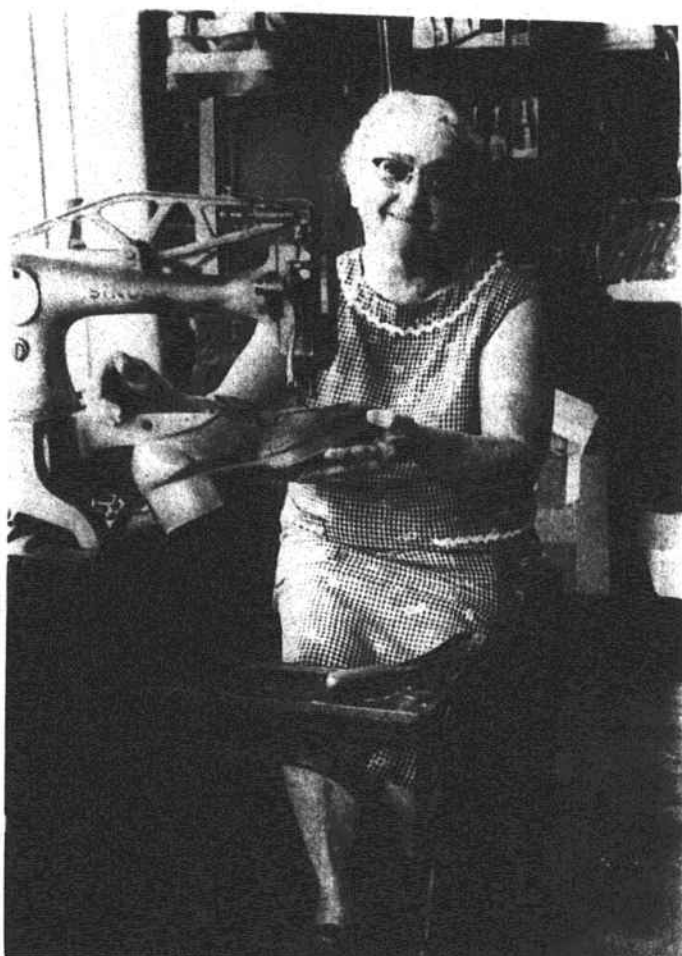
Working at her special leather stitching machine near the window of the shop, Mrs. Lundy became a bit serious when asked how the shop could survive when the charge for a repaired shoe might only be 25c. "We have no fixed price. We just decide how much work it takes and charge each one. I don't believe in charging people just because you can get more money." She went on to add, "Besides, all I want said about me when I'm gone is 'She done what she thought was right'."

Proud of their workshop, the Lundy's will gladly demonstrate their finishing machine which will trim, emery and shine a shoe. Lundy is especially fond of a large green machine called a lockstitcher



used to sew outside the shoe. Another machine, the McKay, is specially designed to sew inside the shoe.

Allen Lundy will celebrate his 70th birthday Sunday. After almost half a century mending shoes he intimated that if someone came along they "knew could do the work," they would like to sell the store and retire. "But," Mrs. Lundy said, "it would have to be someone good. The people of Raeford have been so kind to us all these years, we just couldn't leave them without someone to repair their things."



COBBLER'S MATE -- Wimzy Lundy has been working out her apprenticeship with husband Allen for more years than she cares to count. Mrs. Lundy always sewed at home so stitching shoes seemed to be a natural progression.

repairs shoes in Hillsborough.

Lundy has found a special attraction to Raeford. He tried to leave in 1944. He sold out to a man who said he could do repair work. The Lundys kept their home here and he commuted to his new business in Laurinburg. But soon so many people in Raeford brought their shoes to his house that he decided to just come back. "In fact," Lundy laughed, "a lady here in town ran an ad in The News-Journal asking me to come back."

The return to Raeford proved to be profitable for the Lundys. During World War II good shoes were rationed. "Shoes didn't set on a shelf in the shop 'cause people needed them. With gasoline rationed, people really needed them," he recalled. During those years heels and rubber soles had to be turned back to the shoe salesman and the Army had all the available supplies of Kiwi polish. Even with the ceiling put on repair work prices, shortages and rationing brought all sorts of repair work into the Lundy's little shop on Elwood. They repaired binder aprons for farmers and corsets for the ladies in town.

Tapping on the heel of a shoe Lundy commented, "In those days people bought good shoes and kept them repaired instead of buying cheap ones and throwing them out a few months later."

"You know that's part of what's wrong with our economy now," he continued, waving his hammer in the air for emphasis, "there's no workmanship. Nothing is made to last. I think that all these cheap, throw-away goods are responsible for our inflation problems now."

The Lundy's now work on special order shoes for a crippled friend in South Carolina, hunting britches, leather coats, golf bags, anything you can't get repaired otherwise. "I even sewed the rope in the top of the Fourth of July banner that hung on Main Street," added Mrs. Lundy.

Lined with shelves of shoes, polish, tacks, shoe stretchers, the Lundy Shoe Shop has a disheveled, comfortable look reminiscent of a country store with its old couch, stools, and cane bottom chair inviting conversation.

"You know," Lundy began, "I can remember when there wasn't any rural electricity. They unloaded the first REA wire right across the street there from my shop." He continued, this time telling the story about when he purchased the first refrigerator in town. "Made

Substitute Teachers Applications Due 30th

Anyone who is interested in serving as a substitute teacher in Hoke County Schools during the 1976 - 77 school term should complete an application and turn it in to the board of education on or before Friday, July 30, 1976.

The applications are available at

the board of education office on Wooley Street. Applicants are required to have at least a high school education and be out of school at least three years.

Applications will be reviewed and approved or disapproved at the August and January board meetings.

Teachers Want Bargaining Rights

The North Carolina delegation to the North Carolina Association of Educators annual convention in Miami Beach was successful in getting the convention to support a new business item that would ask the NEA to investigate federal legislation to tie collective bargaining for teachers to federal funding.

The motion was made by Peter Toggerson, a Raleigh teacher and supported by the North Carolina delegation. The motion stated that "the NEA believes that the government of the United States has an obligation to guarantee fair treatment for the teachers of this nation. NEA reaffirms its commitment to secure meaningful collective bargaining rights for teachers and, toward that end, the representative assembly directs the NEA to investigate the role which Congress can most effectively play in this regard, in treating the possibility of legislation withholding federal funds from states that fail to provide to teachers the right to bargain collectively."

In June, the United States Supreme Court, by a 5 to 4 vote, struck down the 1974 amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act which extended minimum wage and maximum hour protection to most employees of state and local governments. NEA officials have stated that the Supreme Court's ruling means that a national collective bargaining law for public employees would not be possible and that other procedural protections will have to be investigated.

Toggerson stated that Congress has been able to get school boards to adopt certain policy protection for minority groups by using federal funding restraints. "Teach-

ers are second-class citizens in North Carolina as well as in most of the other states in the Southeast because they do not have the right to bargain collectively, and we need federal action to force these states to adopt negotiation legislation," states Toggerson.

George Lewis, chairman of the North Carolina delegation and NEA director, stated that the legislature has been unwilling to treat teachers as equals in the decision-making process by not passing procedural negotiations legislation for teachers. "We will continue to lobby for the right to bargain collectively, and those who oppose us will be held accountable at the polls," Lewis warned.

Insurance Award Given

Charles T. Hottel, local representative for Mutual-United of Omaha, has been awarded membership in the company's Presidents Club in recognition of outstanding production in 1975.

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