

## Hoke's Oldest Church



Framed in the brilliant colors of autumn, the stately Longstreet Presbyterian Church affords a moment of quiet reflection for this young woman pausing at a tree. Recognized as the oldest established church in Hoke County, Longstreet is now part of the Ft. Bragg military reservation. The Thanksgiving scene of the historic church marks a bit of history for *The News-Journal*. This is the first time a full color photo has been used.

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Thanksgiving is with us again and I hope that our minds will not be too much on football, turkey and a day off from work. Let's all of us take time to give thanks to God and enjoy the real meaning of this day.

Yes, Thanksgiving will soon be gone and Christmas will be with us before you know it.

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The meeting of the Historical Association last Thursday night at the library brought forth many displays of Indian arrowheads. Five different displays were shown by Gene Carter, Bobby Wright, Dale Teal, Joe Upchurch and Eddie McNeill.

Mrs. David Wetmore from the Indian Museum in Laurinburg gave an interesting talk on the Indians that settled in this area. She also told of different sites in the area where Indian things have been found.

Before the meeting started I was trying to find out where the local arrowhead hunters had found their prizes but they were as non-committed as a fisherman with a large fish.

Mrs. Wetmore stated during her talk that all sites should be reported so that the site could be preserved until a thorough search of the place is made. She also said that records should be kept of all findings of arrowheads, pottery, etc.

The questions asked by the group after the talk were informative. Mrs. Wetmore invited all citizens of Hoke County to visit the Indian Museum in Laurinburg.

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Mrs. Lester Simpson nee Alma Lee Lovette of the Wayside Community was by the office last week and brought with her a copy of *The Hoke County Journal*, dated August 12, 1915. It was addressed to G.B. Parker and he was the grandfather of Mrs. Simpson.

After looking over the paper and reading articles in it, I will pass on the following comments:

Two different articles were about Confederate Veterans and it took me a few moments to realize that World War I hadn't happened at that time.

There were ads or announcements in the paper for six lawyers practicing law in Raeford, not many more today in Hoke County.

The train schedule for the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad and it had a train that went to Wagram and back everyday. Of course

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## McMillan Invited To Ceremony

Kathy McMillan, home from school for the Thanksgiving holiday, will travel to Charleston, W.V. this weekend to attend groundbreaking ceremonies at the Olympic Hall of Fame.

Miss McMillan, the holder of the silver medal at the 1976 Summer Olympics for the women's long jump, has been invited for the special activities Nov. 26 - 27 along with the other Olympic medal winners from the United States.

Miss McMillan plans to fly back from Charleston Sunday to spend some time with her family before returning to her studies at Tennessee State University in Nashville. She is a freshman and in training for the start of the track and field season, which gets underway with indoor events in January.

## Community Worship

The community-wide Thanksgiving worship service will be held in the Second Baptist Church in Hillcrest Wednesday Nov. 24 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. George R. Cheney Jr., pastor of Shiloh and Bethel Presbyterian Church will deliver the special sermon.

The community Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the Raeford Ministerial Association, is annual observance. People of all faiths are welcome.

## Census Nears End

The special federal census of Hoke County is nearly completed, with just some makeup calls to be made at homes, Bayly R. Ebner, census supervisor reported Monday.

The twenty five census takers, who started Nov. 3, have virtually completed the initial canvass. The census, which is being done under the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, is primarily to determine the number of persons who were registered to vote and did vote in the presidential election Nov. 2, particularly minorities.

Ebner said that most of the people have been very cooperative in answering the census takers' questions, which has helped to speed up the process. "With a few exceptions, but you always have that," he said.

"We want to be sure we have included every person who was living in Hoke County on Nov. 3," he said. In order that no one is missed, Ebner urged any resident who feels he or she was missed in

the count to complete the special "Were You Counted" form published in this issue of *The News-Journal*.

The form should be filled out and mailed immediately to the address given on the form. Ebner added that those who wish to call may contact the census office and give the information by phone.

Only bona fide residents of Hoke County, or those who have no usual residence elsewhere, will be included. Specifically excluded from the census are students away from home attending college and those

stationed away from home in the military.

Ebner said that he expects to have a preliminary population count for the county, as well as Raeford, ready for release by the end of next week.

The last census taken here was the regular national census in 1970. Because of the special census now, city and county officials will now get an up-to-date population count that otherwise would not be available until the 1980 census.

The special census is being done at no cost to the county.

## Dec. 4-5 Last Dates To Get Flu Vaccine

The county health center will administer swine flu shots for the last time during a weekend clinic set for Dec. 4 and Dec. 5.

The flu vaccine will be given to adults 18 years of age and older at the health center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, and from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5.

Susan McKenzie, acting director of the center, expressed hope that more people will turn out to receive a shot on those two dates.

Since the vaccine became available here Oct. 11, less than 1,000 persons have asked for a shot, a figure which has been disappointing to health officials. Although not one case of a severe reaction has been reported among people here who have had the shot, national publicity concerning the safety of the vaccine has apparently scared off many people.

The health center expects to have enough vaccine of both the mono-valent and bivalent types for the Dec. 4-5 immunizations. The mono-valent is given to healthy adults 18-64 and protects against the swine flu. The bivalent is given to those 65 and older and also the chronically ill and gives protection against both the swine flu and the A-Victoria type flu.

Those that should not receive a shot without checking with their physicians are persons allergic to chicken or eggs. Also, it is not advisable to receive the shot if a fever or infection is present.

Anyone with questions about the swine flu shot may call the health department at 875-3717 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Holiday Death Toll Estimated At 20

An estimated twenty persons will die in North Carolina traffic accidents over the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Official observance of the holiday will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24 and run through until midnight on Sunday, Nov. 28. Last year, 26 persons were killed on Tar Heel highways during a similar 102 hour period.

No fatalities occurred in Hoke County during the 1975 Thanksgiving period, but three persons were killed in Troop H, District II, which includes Richmond and Scotland counties, according to the Highway Patrol. One hundred and thirty six persons were injured in accidents within the three counties.

"Fatalities during the Thanksgiving period usually run higher than other holidays," Thomas B. Watkins, chairman of the statewide motor club, said. "For the past 17 years, deaths at this time of year

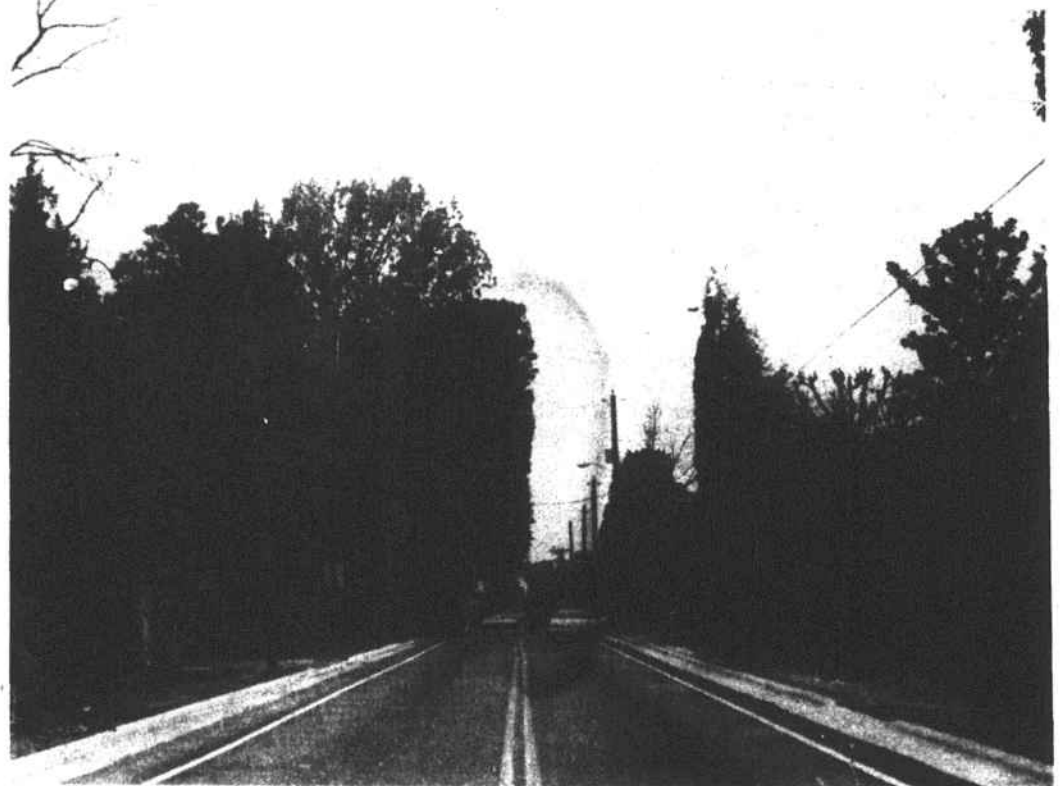
have averaged 20.

Watkins pointed out that the long period during which the state counts its toll, plus frequent inclement weather, usually make Thanksgiving a perilous driving period.

"But we are always optimistic," he commented, "and hope that this year's Thanksgiving accidents will be fewer than usual. Overall, fatalities in the state are running behind last year."

In 1975, speeding was a factor in eight of the 24 mishaps in which fatalities occurred. Other accident causes were failure to yield right-of-way (four), and driving under the influence of alcohol (three).

"Speeding, drinking and carelessness resulted in 16 deaths last year that perhaps could have been avoided," Watkins remarked. "I caution our drivers to help eliminate these dreadful statistics this year."



CREWCUT -- Tree trimmers working on Central Ave. created this unusual but not necessarily aesthetic effect with the trees. The trees on the left appear to be waiting for the trees on the right to catch up with them.

## Mrs. Ammons Dead At 102

Mrs. Lillie Brown Ammons of Raeford died Nov. 16. She was 102.

Funeral services were conducted last Thursday at McKeithan Funeral Home in Southern Pines. Burial was in Old Shiloh Cemetery.

Surviving are a son, Robert Lee Brown of Newport; a brother, Clifton Brown of Newport; two sisters, Mrs. Annie Bell Riley of Charlotte and Mrs. C.A. Boyle of Raleigh; and six grandchildren.



## Thanksgiving

A tradition for more than 350 years