

# Scout Troop Finds A Home

Boy Scout Troop 434 finally has a home, or a hut as it is called in Scouting lingo, after over four years of meeting in a church, the scoutmaster's house, and even a bus.

Getting a place of their own is almost a dream come true for the 43 members of Troop 434 who worked hard at fund raising projects to get the money to purchase a lot on 401-bypass in the North Raeford area. The tract was purchased in February of this year with the proceeds from a television raffle and contributions from Hoke County business firms.

The house, which will be utilized for meetings and storage of Scout equipment, was donated by Z.V. Pate Inc. of Laurel Hill and hauled from Dundarrach to the site by L.C. Cunningham, father of Scoutmaster James Cunningham.

Carolina Turf helped by clearing the land, which was grown over with brush, so the house could be situated with plenty of room for outdoor activities.

Raeford Lumber Co., Burlington, Raeford Hardware and Rev. W.K. Mitchell have donated materials to help furnish the house, but the Scouts still need help with other items. Some type of floor covering, carpeting or tiles, is needed as well as chairs, tables, lamps and curtains.

A used refrigerator and stove would give the scouts cooking facilities.

Electrical wiring is being done now and the Scouts hope to be able to move in by next February if they can come up with the necessary furnishings.

Cunningham, 32, has been the scoutmaster since the troop was organized in 1972 by Freedom Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. He is particularly pleased with the acquisition of a Scouts' hut because the troop now has the space for its many activities.

"We used to meet at the church. We would load up all of the boys to go to the church on the truck and pretty soon the truck wouldn't hold them all. We got a bus last year and for a time we used to hold the meetings there," Cunningham said.

Troop 434 got some assistance last week from the Raeford Kiwanis Club, which turned over \$198 from the proceeds of their annual pancake supper which will be used to purchase some needed camping equipment.

Cunningham, who doesn't have any sons yet old enough for Scouting, has worked hard with the boys in the last four years and has good reason to take pride in the troop. At the district meet this year, troop 434 took a first place and a third place in pioneer events. At the Cape Fear Council annual jamboree, which takes in most of southeastern North Carolina, his



**SCOUTS' HOME** -- Z.V. Pate Inc. of Laurel Hill donated this house to Boy Scout Troop 434. If the Scouts can interest community groups in helping furnish their new meeting place, they hope to be able to move in by next February.

troop was awarded a first place ribbon.

Members of troop 434 have shown a keen interest in the Boy Scout program. This summer 34 attended the week-long camp at Camp Charles in Bailey, a record turnout for a troop that size.

Cunningham admitted that he undertook his role as scoutmaster with no previous experience at the request of his pastor nearly five years ago and he didn't know how it would work out.

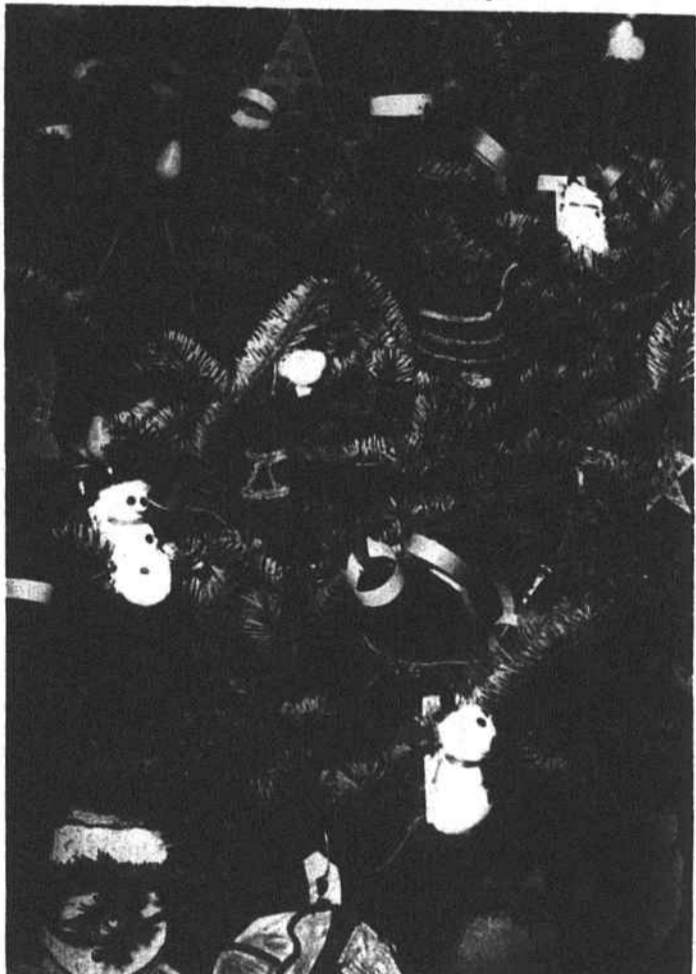
"But once you get out there with them, it's not hard to get sold on it," he laughed. "My son is three and already he considers himself a Scout. The little ones go out with us

on the trips and I think they have a bigger time than we do."

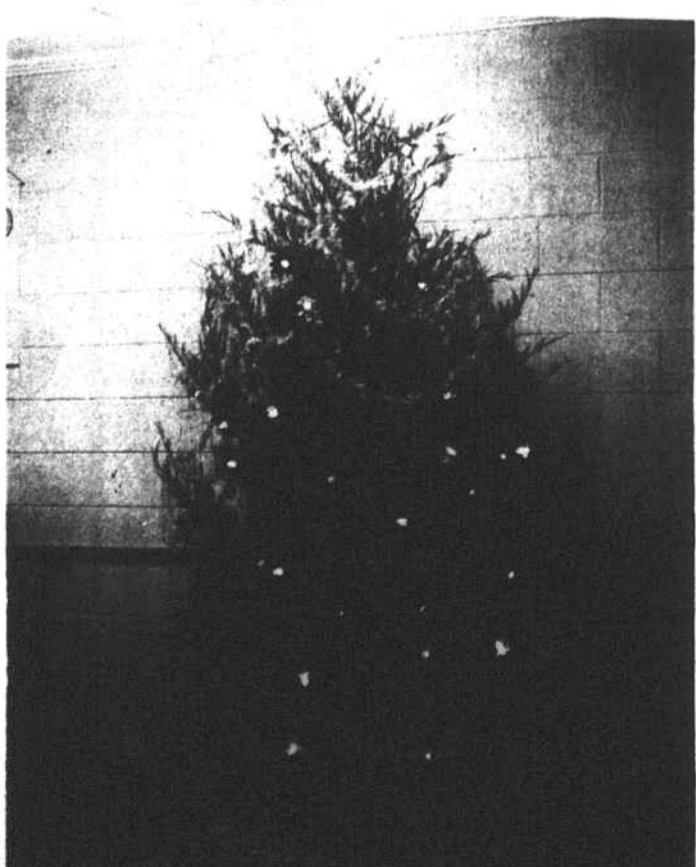
Assistant scoutmasters Walter Blue and Willie Ray echoed Cunningham's feelings about the value of scouting.

Recently the troop had its first member elevated to Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scout program, and several other troop members are close to attaining the Eagle Scout badge.

Cunningham is devoted, along with Blue and Ray, to troop 434, and with the enthusiasm of the scouts, the hut on 401-bypass will surely mark the permanence of the Raeford troop.



**PERSONALIZED** -- The first graders at McLauchlin Elementary School personalized the school Christmas tree in the library with handmade ornaments. Gaily colored bells and stars combined with Frosty the Snowman for an appealing effect.



**SEASON'S GREETINGS** -- County workers in the courthouse annex decorated a twinkling Christmas tree to greet visitors as they enter through the lobby. The decorations will make pleasant surroundings for the long lines expected to form Dec. 31, the last date to pay 1976 county taxes. Although all other county offices will close that day, tax collector Elizabeth Livingston anticipates a brisk business.



**OATH TAKING** -- The tax lists for each of the townships took their oaths of office last week and began preparations for the annual chore of getting everybody's property down in writing. The work begins Jan. 3. First row, left to right, are Willa McLauchlin, Mildred G. Odum and Joanne Tillman. Second row, Elizabeth Sumner, Phyllis B. McNeill, Rosa L. McNeill, and Sarah Maxwell. (Not shown is Louise Plummer) Administering the oath is Juanita Edmund, clerk of court.

## Magistrates Court

The following cases were heard by the magistrates: Melton Edward Pittman, Rt. 2, Box 268, Raeford, speeding 69 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10 fine and court costs; James Alford, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 101, Raeford, speeding 55 in a 45 MPH zone, \$5 fine and costs; Sheryl Letzguz McGinnis, Rt. 2, Box 1, Raeford, speeding 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5 plus costs; Allen Wilton Wood, Jr., P.O. Box 141, Raeford, speeding 67 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10 fine and court costs.

Robert M. Clark, Jr., Dallas Texas, speeding 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10 and costs; John Michael Carter, Fayetteville, speeding 68 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10 and costs; John Michael Carter, Fayetteville, speeding 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5 fine plus court costs; Clarence Henry Pringen II, Fayetteville, speeding 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10 and costs; John Willie Wilson, Rt. 1, Shannon, speeding 47.8 in a 35 MPH zone, \$10 and costs.

Rodger Wayne Decker, Rt. 1, Laurinburg, speeding 68 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10 plus costs; Jack Ronald Clay, West End, speeding 69 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10 fine and cost; Marvin Odean Brown, Julian speeding 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5 fine plus costs; Paul Franklin Thompson, Sanford, speeding 66 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10 plus costs; James L. McAllister, Fayetteville, speeding 65 in a 55 MPH zone, \$5 plus court costs.

Fairley Lee Grooms, Laurinburg, speeding 69 in a 55 MPH zone, \$10 plus costs; William James McLean, Rt. 1, Box 455, Raeford, driving without a license, \$25 fine and court costs; Amelia McVicker Temple, Rt. 1, Raeford, driving without a license, \$25 fine and costs; Lide C. Rogers, Jr., Rt. 3, Raeford, driving without a license, \$25 fine and court costs.

Neil Ray, Rt. 1, Box 626, Raeford, driving without a license, \$25 fine and costs; George Washington Hollingsworth, Jr., passing violation, \$10 fine and costs; Mack Bullard, Rt. 3, Box 187, Maxton, inspection violation, costs of court; Jacob Ramoth Queen, Fayetteville, inspection violation, costs; Charles Daniel Hankins, Parkton, failure to see before starting, court costs.

William A. Robbins, Wilmington, inspection violation, court costs; Harold T. Britton, Laurinburg, inspection violation, court costs; Robert Winfred Thomas, Rt. 1, Laurinburg, failure to see before stopping, costs; Mary Singletary, worthless checks, \$7 restitution for Mack's Stores plus court costs; Mabel H. McGregor, Rt. 1 Red Springs, worthless checks, \$40.14 for Peggy Locklear and costs of court; Sam A. Galberth, P.O. Box 485, Raeford, worthless check, \$95.28 restitution for Bodenheimer Furniture Co., Red Springs, plus court costs; Carlee Ransom, Rt. 2, Raeford, hunting without a license, \$10 plus costs.

## ESAA Hearing Jan. 4

A public hearing on the Emergency School Aid Act (ESAA) will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1977, in the conference room of the Board of Education Building on Wooley Street.

Members of the ESAA Advisory Committee and administrative personnel will be present to accept suggestions and answer questions regarding the use of funds requested under the federal assistance plan.

An application requesting approximately \$240,000 is being submitted by the Hoke County School System to help ease the problems of desegregation, according to Asst. Supt. J.D. McAllister. If approved, the funds will be used to sponsor programs in remedial mathematics and additional counseling activities.

The ESAA advisory committee will meet on Jan. 3 at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday's public hearing is one of the requirements for approval of the ESAA grant.

## CofC Taps McFadyen

The Chamber of Commerce directors appointed Neill McFadyen to the Chamber board to fill out the unexpired term of Dick Lovett during their last meeting.

Chamber president Gib Bernhardt also expressed thanks to Southern National Bank, Wood's Furniture, Mack's Variety, Top Sound Music and the city's work crew for their help in arranging the Christmas music for downtown shoppers.

Bernhardt also extended an invi-

tation to all downtown workers to come to the Christmas party Dec. 22 from noon to 2 p.m. in the parks and recreation office on W. Elwood Ave. The Christmas social is a joint venture of the Chamber of Commerce and the Parks and Recreation Commission and will become an annual gathering.

The directors endorsed Ken McNeill of Raeford for appointment to the state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) committee and heard a report on new membership before adjourning 70 new members have joined since June of this year.

## Farmers Vote 'Yes'

Hoke County farmers voted overwhelmingly "YES" in Thursday's referendum on tobacco, according to the county ASCS office.

They voted 396 for and only three against the flue-cured tobacco marketing quota for the three years 1977-79.

They voted 393 in favor of continuing the assessment on tobacco acreage planted for the three-year period 1977-79. Five "no" votes were cast.

## Road Count Begins 6 P.M.

The official observance of the Christmas holiday traffic period will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23 and end at midnight, Sunday, Dec. 26.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Powell said, "With the arrival of the holiday season comes a period generally high in traffic accidents, due to increased travel, adverse weather conditions and early darkness."

Statistics for the five-day Christmas holiday last year showed that driving under the influence and speeding were major factors in traffic accidents and fatalities.

Twenty three persons lost their lives last Christmas and 1,031 were injured in 1,677 accidents on North Carolina streets and highways.

Powell said, "If every motorist will drive defensively and cautiously during the holiday season we will all enjoy a safer and happier Christmas."

## General Fund Up By 42% For Nov.

November 1976 net General Fund collections amounted to \$234.6 million as compared with \$164.2 million collected in November 1975, an increase of \$70.4 million, or 42.86 percent, according to state revenue officials.

For the first five months of the current fiscal year, net General Fund collections were \$770.1 million compared with \$644.6 million for the first five months of the 1975-76 fiscal year, an increase of \$125.5 million, or 19.47 percent.

November net Highway Fund collections amounted to \$25.0 million compared with \$23.0 million collected in November 1975, an increase of \$2.0 million, or 8.81 percent. Gasoline Tax receipts amounted to \$22.8 million compared with \$21.1 million collected in November 1975, an increase of \$1.7 million, or 7.99 percent.

Net Highway Fund collections for the first five months of the current fiscal year were \$135.5 million as compared with \$130.8 million collected during the first five months of the 1975-76 fiscal year, and increase of \$4.7 million, or 3.57 percent. Gasoline Tax collections for this five month period were \$122.0 million as compared with \$118.2 million collected during the corresponding period of the 1975-76 fiscal year, an increase of \$3.8 million, or 3.20 percent.

## Legals

### CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Bertha M. Elliot, 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 June 23, 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 23rd day of December, 1976.  
R. Palmer Willcox, Administrator  
Attorney-at-Law  
Raeford, N. C.  
34-37C

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 76-CVD-219 NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

MARIE ELIZABETH COLEMAN, Plaintiff

Vs.  
PHILLIP RUSSELL COLEMAN, Defendant

TO: Phillip Russell Coleman, the above named Defendant:

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 as follows: An action for absolute divorce based upon one year separation.

You are required to make defense to such pleadings not later than the 19th day of January, 1977, said date being forty days from the first publication of this notice, or from the date complaint is required to be filed, whichever is later; and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This is the 9th day of December, 1976.  
MOSES, DIEHL & PATE  
Warren L. Pate  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
Post Office Drawer 688  
127 West Edinborough Avenue  
Raeford, North Carolina 28376  
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### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Richard D. Baker of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Richard D. Baker to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 17th day of November, 1976.  
Elizabeth H. Baker  
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