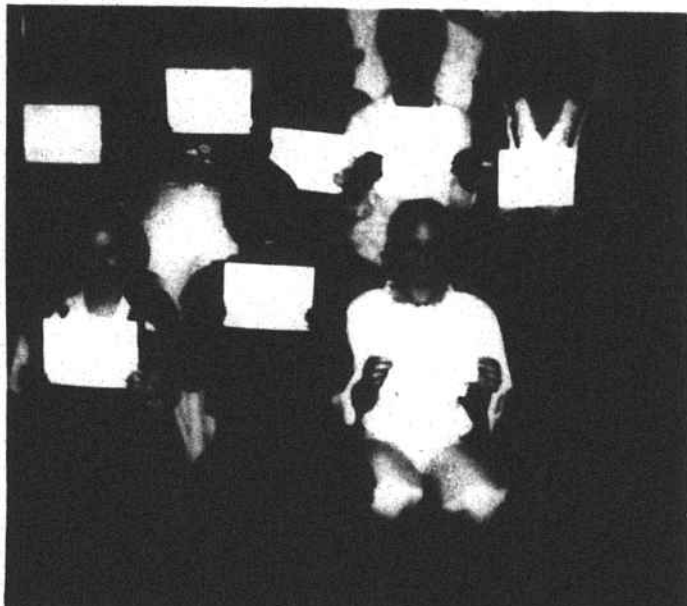




DOWNTOWN GARDEN -- James Pratt (on left) transplants a holly bush while Charles Davis of Pittard and Perry helps out. The duo were helping out to beautify the downtown area, a recent project of the Downtown Improvement Committee, an arm of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will work with interested merchants on inexpensive ways to beautify outside areas around buildings.



GRADUATES -- Students who completed the CETA Human Resource Development course sponsored through MEEDO, Inc. display their diplomas. Front row, left to right, are Amanda Jones, Randy Blue and Mary Woods. [Back row] Margaret Santos, Linda Morrissey, Linda Goins, Valencia Parker and Geraldine White. Instructor of the class, which is offered through Sandhills Community College, is Lorraine Mosley. Portia Scrivens is counselor and James McEachin is job developer.

Nation's Leading Art Patrons To View 'Southeast 7' Opening

Winston-Salem's status as the cultural center of the Southeast will receive national recognition on April 2 with the opening of "The Southeast 7", an exhibition of the works of regional artists awarded fellowships in a competition co-sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA).

The nationally co-sponsored regional competition was the first of its kind held in the United States. The awards are the first granted through an NEA-sponsored regional competition.

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller III and Joseph Hirshhorn are among the honorary national co-hosts for the opening of the exhibition at the new SECCA gallery here, inaugurated on Feb. 6. Some 200 prominent artists, museum officials, patrons and collectors from all over the country will be flown in for the occasion from the New York-Washington area on a specially chartered Piedmont Airlines jet.

The award-winning artists are: Clifford Earl, Virginia, sculptor; Frank Faulkner, North Carolina, painter; Marcia Isaacson, Florida, printmaker; Richard Kevorkian, Virginia, painter; Geoffrey Naylor, Florida, sculptor; Jerry Noe, North Carolina, sculptor; and Wayne Timm, Florida, painter. Each will be represented in the exhibition by up to 10 works.

The competition attracted over 1,000 applications from artists in the 11-state Southeast region. The fellowships, \$2,000 each, were granted for the purpose of "enabling Southeastern artists of exceptional talent to set aside time and/or purchase materials, and generally to enable them to advance their careers as they see fit."

In addition to Mrs. Rockefeller, representing the Northeast, and Hirshhorn, now a resident of Naples, Fla., who represents the Southeast, other honorary national co-hosts include: Mrs. J. Lee Johnson III, Fort Worth, Tex.; Southwest: James Alsdorf, Chicago, Midwest; Mrs. Walter A. Haas Jr., San Francisco, West Coast; and Mrs. Charles Bagley Wright Jr., Seattle, Northwest.

Among major art figures being flown down to the opening are: Nancy Hanks, director, National Endowment for the Arts; Richard Oldenburg, director of the Museum of Modern Art; Henry Geldzahler, curator of contemporary art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art; and Paul Smith, director of the Museum of Contemporary Crafts. Representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation and such major art institutions as The Whitney Museum of

American Art, the Guggenheim Museum, the National Collection of Fine Arts, the Cleveland Museum of Art and The Amon Carter Museum of Western Art will also attend the opening.

Hub Of Activity

SECCA is the Winston-Salem hub for a complex of cultural programs and activities developed over the past 28 years which are unparalleled in the nation. A city with a population of 137,000, Winston-Salem created the first Arts Council in the United States, a national model since 1949; developed a Tri-State Arts Council (Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina) before the first state arts council existed; built the North Carolina School of the Arts, the nation's first state-supported boarding school for college and high school students in the performing arts; reconstructed the village of Old Salem, the country's most authentic 18th century restoration; and founded the Moravian Music Foundation, which has the largest collection of 18th century music manuscripts in the U.S.

Winston-Salem is also the home of Piedmont Craftsmen, Inc., one of the two largest sales outlets for crafts in the United States; the Piedmont Chamber Orchestra, considered one of the best in the nation; and the North Carolina Dance Theater, a fully professional company. It is the organ center of America, with two of only five known existing organs built by Tannenberg at the beginning of the 19th century. It has the nation's oldest continuously operating brass band (since 1768) and supports three chamber music groups and two symphony orchestras in addition to the Piedmont. Including SECCA, there are 10 art galleries and museums in Winston-Salem and a fully professional repertory theater is planned for 1978.

SECCA is a non-profit public exhibiting and art institution serving the artists and public of the Southeastern states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. It exhibits and tours the works of between 200 and 300 artists each year through invitational shows and two annual juried Southeastern open competitions. Running concurrently with "The Southeast 7" showing in the SECCA main viewing gallery will be an exhibition in the graphics gallery of prints, drawings and photographs by 50-60 Southeast artists and, in the balcony gallery, a one-man show of the works of

Check Off \$1 On Tax Return, Democratic Party Asks

RALEIGH -- North Carolinians are urged by Steve Glass, executive director of the Democratic Party, to designate \$1 on their income tax return to the political party of their choice.

Glass noted that the North Carolina General Assembly approved the tax check off for state income taxpayers in the 1975 session (G.S. 105-155.2).

"This will not increase a person's taxes or decrease the amount of their refund," he said.

The state income tax provision is identical to the federal tax check off which goes to Presidential candidates of both parties during

the primary and is available to nominees of both parties during the general election campaign. Money from the North Carolina check off goes to established political parties for use in the general election.

Glass said, "The tax check off on federal and state income tax are not solely in the interest of the Democratic Party but in the interest of better government for North Carolina and our nation. I urge all North Carolinians concerned with having good government on the state and national levels to check off \$1 on both their federal and North Carolina income tax forms."

General Fund Up Over February '76

February 1977 net General Fund collections amounted to \$158.7 million. After adjustment for a distortion caused by the change (from quarterly to monthly) in the manner of collecting money withheld by certain employers, this represents a percentage increase of 6.86 percent over February 1976, according to revenue officials.

For the first eight months of the current fiscal year, net General Fund collections were \$1,219.2 billion compared with \$1,034.0 billion for the first eight months of the 1975-76 fiscal year. If the year to date General Fund collections are adjusted to give effect to the change in the method of remitting income tax withheld by employers, the percentage of increase over the same eight month period of 1975-76 will be 14.17 percent.

Without adjusting for the above mentioned distortion, the respective percentage changes would have been a decrease of 9.32 percent and an increase of 17.90 percent as shown on the attached schedule.

February net Highway Fund collections amounted to \$56.2 million compared with \$58.6 million collected in February 1976, a decrease of \$2.4 million, or 4.02 percent. Gasoline tax receipts amounted to \$19.9 million compared with \$19.2 million collected

in February 1976, an increase of \$0.7 million, or 3.28 percent.

Net Highway Fund collections for the first eight months of the current fiscal year were \$268.6 million as compared with \$264.5 million collected during the first eight months of the 1975-76 fiscal year, an increase of \$4.1 million, or 1.56 percent. Gasoline tax collections for this eight month period were \$191.8 million as compared with \$184.4 million collected during the corresponding period of the 1975-76 fiscal year, an increase of \$7.4 million, or 4.00 percent.

For many years the nucleus, or core, of the uranium atom--the source of nuclear energy--has been pictured as spherical, somewhat like a golf ball. Recent experiments show, however, that the nuclei of uranium atoms actually resemble misshapen footballs.

LEGALS

CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Lillie Bell Crouch, 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 Sept. 24, 1977 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 24 day of March, 1977.
Charles A. Hostetler,
Administrator
Attorney - at - Law
Raeford, N.C. 28376
47-50C

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

BARBARA ANN PATTERSON,
Plaintiff
v.
JOHN HENRY PATTERSON,
Defendant

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 separation.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 28th day of April, 1977, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 24th day of March, 1977.
R. PALMER WILLCOX,
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 126
Raeford, North Carolina 28376
47-49C

NOTICE OF SALE NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by James E. Locklear and wife, Mildred Locklear, to William L. Moses, Substitute Trustee, dated the 22nd day of December, 1972, and recorded in Book 170, Page 583, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Hoke County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded a foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, and the Clerk of the Court granting permission for the foreclosure, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Raeford, North Carolina, at 10:30 a.m., on the 20th day of April, 1977, the land, as improved, conveyed in said deed of trust, the same lying and being in Raeford Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:



Read Romans 12: 9-17
"Let your aims be such as all men count honourable." (Romans 12: 17 NEB)

I was with a minister friend when he bought and paid for two pairs of socks. When he unwrapped them at home, he found that the clerk had included a third pair. "I shall have to take them back," he observed to his ten-year-old son.

"Why?" the astonished son replied. "The store is wealthy and we are not."

"They don't belong to me because I haven't paid for them," the father explained.

Father and son went back to the store and returned the socks. The father saw the clerk responsible and explained what had happened.

The son told me later that this was the clearest lesson in Christian living he had ever received.

Many people today have no interest in the way Jesus taught and lived. It is next to impossible to maintain God's standards of honesty and conscientiousness in work and morality. Yet how important it is that we try. People have heard a lot of preaching, and they have not found it all satisfying. Yet when the teaching of Jesus Christ is lived out in a human life, persons will take notice.

PRAYER: Father, we thank Thee for our Lord's honest life on this earth. Grant that by Thy power and presence we may show the world that it is possible to live Jesus' teaching today. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
An honest life shows that Jesus Christ is alive.

--copyright-- THE UPPER ROOM
--Gordon Chilvers
(Norwich, England)

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Lot No. 28 of Robbins Heights Subdivision, as recorded in a plat thereof in Hoke County Registry, Map Book 3, page 33; comprising an area of 65' x 130' on the north side of Prospect Avenue, Raeford, North Carolina.

Five percent (5%) of the amount of the highest bid must be deposited with the Trustee pending confirmation of the sale.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1977.
WILLIAM L. MOSES
Substitute Trustee

47-50C

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER OF SALE contained in a certain deed of trust made by Maggie Lee Monroe, Widow, to Larry A. Thompson, Trustee, dated the 2nd day of October, 1973, and recorded in Book 176, Page 443, Hoke County Registry, and default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured, and the holder having directed that the deed of trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale, at the Courthouse door, in the City of Raeford, North Carolina, at Twelve (12:00) o'clock Noon on April 19, 1977, and will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, a five-room frame dwelling, together with and situate in Raeford Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, said land being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northeast corner of property belonging to James Walker and wife, Dorothy Walker, and running South 86-00 E 50 feet to a stake; thence S 8-00 W 133 feet to the boundary line between Gillis and McLean; thence with said line N 88-00 W 56 feet to corner of James Walker property; thence with Walker line N 8-00 E 137 feet to the BEGINNING.

This sale is made subject to all taxes, prior liens or encumbrances of record against said property and recorded releases, if any.

A cash deposit of 10% of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale.

This the 16th day of March, 1977.

Larry A. Thompson, Trustee
Blackwell, Thompson, Swearingen, Johnson & Thompson, P.A.
Attorneys at Law
Post Office Box 469
300 Dick Street - Heritage Square
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28302
47-48C

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 David H. Williamson of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said David H. Williamson 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 1st day of March, 1977.
Winnie D. Williamson
221 Reaves St.
Raeford, N.C. 28376
46-49C

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Julian P. Barnes of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Julian P. Barnes 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 4th day of March, 1977.
Mrs. Etta Mae Barnes
Route 3, Box 574
Fayetteville, N.C.
45-48C

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Cyrus E. Autry of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Cyrus E. Autry 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 14th day of February, 1977.
Dixie W. Autry
1825 Autry St.
Raeford, N.C. 28376
45-48C

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CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of John B. Cameron, 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 Sept. 10, 1977 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 10 day of March, 1977.
Mattie W. Cameron
Executrix
R. Palmer Willcox, Attorney
Raeford, N.C. 28376
45-48C

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Harold Haynes of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Harold Haynes 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 13th day of January, 1977.

Lou Jessie Haynes
Route 1, Box 315C
Shannon, N.C. 28386
44-47C

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Henry Therman Locklear and wife, Dealo Locklear, to Charles A. Hostetler, Trustee, dated the 24th day of March, 1976, and recorded in Book 191, at Page 273, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the said Deed of Trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded a foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, the undersigned Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Raeford, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, on the 29th day of March, 1977, the land conveyed in said Deed of Trust, lying and being in Blue Springs Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being about five miles (5) South of Raeford, North Carolina on U.S. Highway 401, leading from Raeford to Laurinburg, North Carolina.

BEGINNING at a stake in the northern right of way of U.S. Highway 401, that is located N 63-00 E 500 feet from the center of a ditch between Wilkes and Wright lines; thence N 27-00 W 200 feet; thence N 63-00 E 100 feet; thence S 27-00 E 200 feet to the northern edge of U.S. 401 right of way; thence with the right of way of U.S. 401 S 63-00 W 100 feet to the BEGINNING, and being a part of that tract of land described in Book 133, Page 50 of the Hoke County Public Registry.

This is a second Deed of Trust, subject in priority to that certain first Deed of Trust to O.S. Aiken, Trustee for Aiken Loan and Security Company as recorded in Book 152, Page 347 of the Hoke County Public Registry, and in the original amount of \$13,000.00.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding taxes, if any, and prior liens of record, if any.

CASH DEPOSIT: Ten Per cent (10%) of the first \$1,000.00 and five per cent (5%) on any additional bid will be required at the sale.

Posted, this the 23rd day of February, 1977.

CHARLES A. HOSTETLER
TRUSTEE

Hostetler & McNeill
Attorneys At Law
Raeford, N.C.
44-47C

CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Billy Gray Parks, 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 Sept. 3, 1977 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 3 day of March, 1977.
Delores P. Parks
Administratrix
R. Palmer Willcox
Attorney-at-Law
Raeford, N.C.
44-47C