

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather was fine again this past weekend for football, golf, fishing and other outdoor activities. The weather report Monday morning was for a cold front to move through, but it shouldn't spoil things for Thanksgiving, as it was not going to get that low. So have a big Thanksgiving this year.

The Union Thanksgiving service will be held at the Raeford Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night and the message will be delivered by the Rev. Billy Beaver of the First Baptist Church. Hope to see most of you there.

The News-Journal office will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving as will most other businesses in Raeford. Schools will be closed Thursday and Friday, so be on the lookout for the children at play.

I understand that the marshal for the Laurinburg Christmas Parade will be Kathy McMillan. She is now at school in Tennessee but will come by for this parade.

Hoke County should thank Kathy for the many appearances she makes and will make for it is good advertising for the county.

Earl Fowler, manager of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce talked to the Raeford Kiwanis Club last Thursday night and gave some of the objectives for the chamber for the coming year.

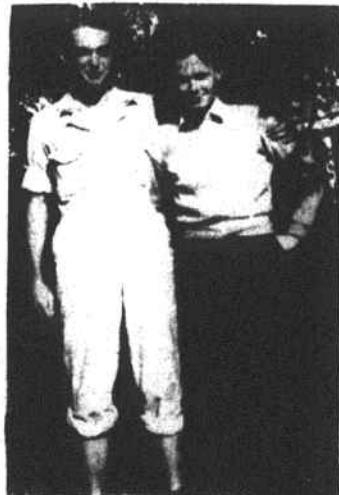
He seems to be completely wrapped up in his work and this is the way to get things done. A good manager of any business doesn't always make everyone happy and this is as it should be. The end result is what pays off and Earl seems to see the end of the rainbow in most of his projects, if people will cooperate with him and the directors.

So if you want to see a working manager and hear about the chamber's goals, stop by and I know Earl will be glad to take a few minutes and bring you up-to-date on what the chamber is doing.

The picture below was brought into the office last week and the owner wanted help in identifying who the two characters are. He could not tell exactly when the picture was taken, but the way they are dressed puts them out of the Raeford Institute days but anytime after that could help with the identification. Of course the hair style of that day is somewhat different than the young folks of today.

If you can help with this go back to the coffee table early any morning on Central Avenue and put forth the information. The characters there will appreciate your help.

Here is the picture.



THANKSGIVING COUPLE -- A young warrior and a coy Pilgrim maiden hold hands to indicate the peace between two peoples celebrated with the first Thanksgiving. The two were part of a pageant held at Sunnybrook Day Care center during a family night dinner Nov. 22. Jeffrey Strother, age 4, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Strother, Birch Circle Drive, Jenny Melton, age 3, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Melton, Rockfish Road.

In the great American tradition of giving thanks this day for the freedoms we enjoy and the opportunities that are ours, let us pause to reflect that among our material blessings has been the spiritual blessing of love, love of country and of our fellow mankind. Love's presence has shaped our heritage since the first Thanksgiving. We should give thanks for all these blessings, both material and spiritual, bestowed upon us from above.

The Turkey dinner put on by the Hoke Music Booster Club must have been a success. It seems most of the people in the county turned out for the event.

Besides the meal, which was tops, entertainment was furnished by all the musical groups of Hoke

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Thanksgiving Service Set

A special community-wide Thanksgiving service will be held at the Raeford Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Billy C. Beaver, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Special music will be presented by the Raeford Presbyterian choir, under the direction of Director of Music Chris C. Watkins. The adult bell choir will also perform under Watkins' direction.

The public is invited to attend this service. It will be broadcast on radio station WSHB.

United Way Campaign Reaches 83%

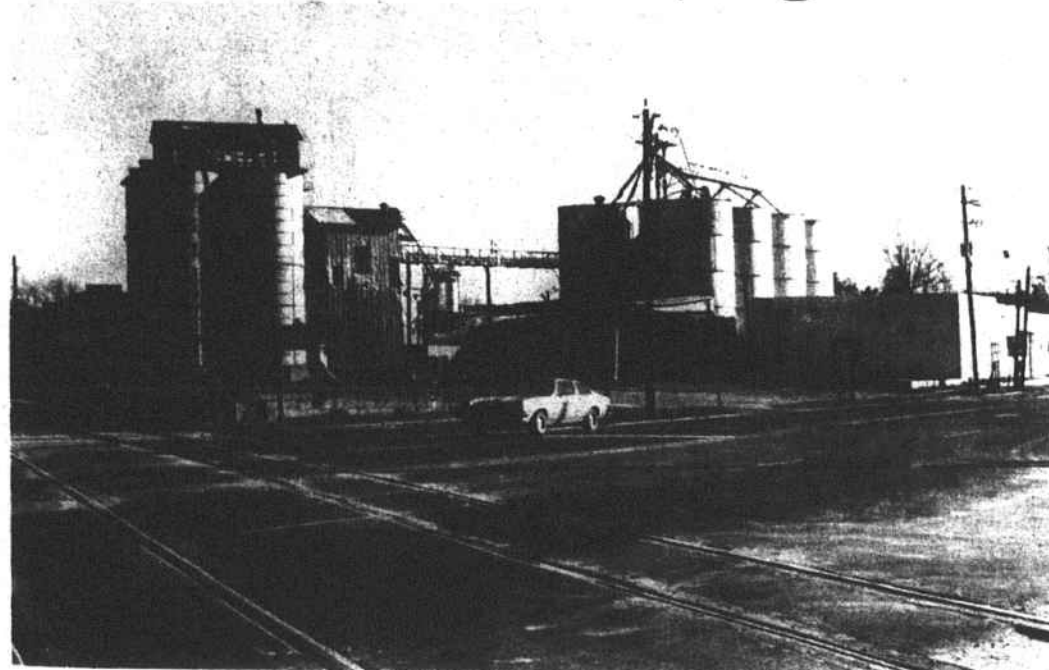
Contributions to the 1978 Hoke County United Way campaign have reached 83 percent of the goal, according to co-chairman Ralph Huff. Collections totaled \$20,249 in the fifth week of the local campaign, he said. The goal this year is \$24,374.

Co-chairman Dale Teal wished to express his appreciation to Mrs. J.L. Conoly, Mrs. H.K. Brady, Mrs. Roscoe Currie, Miss Josephine Hall and Mrs. H.R. McLean for their efforts in the door-to-door solicitation of Raeford residents.

Your United community campaign is your chance to assist in helping so many. One gift can support health services, child care, youth guidance, and family counseling. One gift can help the young and old, the sick and troubled. Give generously the United Way.

"If you have not been contacted, I urge you to mail a check payable to The United Way or to me in care of the Raeford Savings and Loan, P.O. Box 416, Raeford, or to Dale Teal, in care of Hoke Auto Co., Raeford," Huff said.

Bank Of Raeford Plans To Move To Upchurch Milling Co. Site



BANK OFFICE SITE -- The Bank of Raeford is seeking federal permission to relocate its main office to the site of the old Upchurch Milling Co. on Main St. The silos on the two-acre site will be torn down to make room for the new building, according to bank president Gene Carter.

If federal approval is given, the old buildings of the Upchurch Milling Company on Main St. will be coming down, replaced by the new offices of the Bank of Raeford.

The State Banking Commission this week approved relocation of the bank's main office from its present address, 138 N. Main, to 207 S. Main, the site of the old milling company, whose silos have stood idle for several years, a haven for pigeons.

Bank President Gene Carter said that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) will have to okay the proposal before plans can be developed any further. An FDIC decision will take two or three months, he said. Architects have not yet been consulted. If federal approval is given, Carter estimated that it would be about a year before construction could begin.

The bank president said that the move has been contemplated for a year or so. An application was submitted to the banking commission a couple of months ago, he said.

Plans now call for a new office building with 5,600 square feet of floor space, at a cost of about \$300,000, Carter said. The new building will have eight teller windows and a drive-in window. He did not know if it would be more than one story.

The two-acre site was purchased from the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad and the Upchurch Milling Company, Carter said.

Several teller windows will be maintained at the old building, once the move is completed, giving the bank three business locations in town, including the Sunset Hills drive-in branch. Part of the old building will be used for storage, Carter said.

The bank's installment loan department, around the corner from the main building, may be rented as offices, Carter said. The department will be moved into the new building.

The Bank of Raeford opened for business in 1903 in what was the first brick building constructed in town. It moved to its present location in 1911 and was Raeford's first bank.

The first board of directors included J.C. Thomas, A.W. Chapel, John Blue, John W. Moore, James A. Blue, George A. Graham, W.J. Upchurch, J.W. Johnson, J.A. McPhaul, and Neil S. Blue.

Presidents since that time have been John Blue, J.W. McLaughlin, E.B. McNeill, T.B. Upchurch, H.L. Gatlin, R.B. Lewis, J.L. McNeill and W.E. "Gene" Carter.

Carter, a native of Raeford, was a Hoke High graduate and attended Campbell College in Buies Creek.

Mayor To Decide On Lease

The Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce requested last week that the city delay signing any lease concerning the municipal airport, and Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr. will be the man to decide whether or not to honor that request, according to Raeford City Manager Robert Drumwright.

The city manager said Monday that a 12-year lease of airport facilities to Gene Thacker was in the process of being drafted by the city attorney. Once the lease is completed, it will be given to the

mayor for signature, he said. The mayor was authorized by the city council on Nov. 7 to renew a lease with Thacker. The decision was made in executive session on a vote of three to five, with Councilmen Sam Morris and Benny McLeod dissenting.

Earl N. Fowler, acting manager of the chamber of commerce, said last week that the group had additional information which it considered of vital importance in making a decision on the airport and requested that the city delay signing a lease. The request was

presented to the city manager in a letter.

Drumwright said Monday that the city council had not met to consider the chamber's request. He said no special meeting was scheduled for that purpose. It will be up to the mayor to decide whether or not to sign the lease, he said.

Thacker, who runs a sports parachute school, is the airport's only fixed base operator. According to the motion passed by the council, Thacker will be allowed to rent two aircraft hangars at the field.

Buoyer Selected Morehead Candidate

The John Motley Morehead Foundation announced Friday that Lewis Duncan Buoyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton H. Buoyer, has been chosen by County Morehead Selection Committee to appear before the District Committee for further interviewing.

The Morehead Scholarship is an honorary award accompanied by a grant to finance the recipient in undergraduate study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The grant for each college year currently stands at \$3,000. This amount is sufficient to pay the year's tuition room, board, laundry, books, student fees and incidental expenses. The grant is paid directly to the recipient who in turn is responsible for making all payments required by the University. An award will be cancelled immediately by conduct that is, in the judgement of the Trustees of the Foundation, contrary to the standards of the Morehead program.

Buoyer, along with two other seniors, Kathy Williams and Dwight Oxendine, was nominated to the County Morehead Committee by the school. This nomination is an honor within itself.

Buoyer has been involved in many activities during his high school career. He was a member of the school band for four years and is serving as Captain in his senior year. He was a member of the chorus his junior year and the chorale this year, and has also been active on the tennis team for four years. A member of the National Honor Society for two years, he is serving as president this year. He has also been a member of the Fellowship for Christian Athletes for three years and served on the Student Council last year. In the ninth and tenth grade, he was a member of the football team and was in the French Club in the tenth grade. A member of the Science Club in grades 11 and 12, he is also serving on the Senior Executive Committee this year and is candidate for Morehead nomination.



Lewis Duncan Buoyer

County Line Plaza Destroyed By Fire

Fires in the county last weekend destroyed a business valued at \$100,000 and a mobile home valued at \$6,000.

The County Line Plaza on Highway 401 North was declared a total loss as a result of a fire that broke out early Saturday morning, according to Puppy Creek Fire Chief Charles Helbling.

The Puppy Creek Fire Department answered the alarm at approximately 3:20 a.m. Chief Helbling says the County Fire Marshall, Ed McNeill, was called in because of the size of the fire. Five fire departments assisted: North Raeford and Rockfish from Hoke County and Lake Rim and Lafayette from Cumberland County.

Stoney Point Fire Department dispatched a tanker to aid in controlling the blaze. The building was unoccupied at the time of the fire and no injuries were sustained, Helbling said.

Origin of the blaze was undetermined although Fire Marshall Mc-

Neill says the fire may have started in the ceiling between the barber shop and the dry cleaners. The Puppy Creek Fire Department stayed on the scene until 9:30 Saturday morning, according to Helbling.

The plaza housed a restaurant and package store, barber shop, dry-cleaning and alteration business and a fish market. It was owned by Mittie McNeill Woodward and her family. The loss was estimated to be \$100,000 Helbling said.

In a second fire, Fire Chief George Baker of the North Raeford department declared a mobile home owned by Julian Wright a total loss.

Baker reports that Willie and May Blue, Rt. 3, Raeford, tenants, were asleep in the mobile home when the fire broke out. Mrs. Blue was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital, Pinehurst, with minor

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