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Downtown's new look

One institution has been replaced by another. One played a vital role in the progressive development of Hoke County, and the other has and is.

Upchurch Milling & Storage Co's building between Stewart and Main Street served Hoke County and much of the adjoining country long and well, till modern technology progressed to the point where they could be retired.

Their replacement is the new building and parking area of The Bank of Raeford, another kind of business, which has grown and has participated in the growth of Hoke County and Raeford.

The change also has brought an attractive look to that portion of downtown Raeford, the modern bank building, on South Main Street at Central Avenue, with its landscaped grounds appearing as the milling building behind it, a landmark in Raeford for 32 years, was coming down. The milling building had been the successor of the original, built in 1928, as an ice and feed plant. The company itself was incorporated in 1916, to manufacture flour and corn meal, and store cotton. That was 13 years after The Bank of Raeford was organized, and the two institutions had ties -- most of Upchurch Milling's directors were also directors of the bank in 1947-48.

The bank's new building occupies the place where the original main Upchurch building, destroyed by fire Aug. 12, 1946, with only the ice plant surviving, stood.

The Upchurch company still manufactures feed, though in a plant elsewhere in the state, and has expanded into its present principal operations: hatching, growing and marketing turkeys. It also has an affiliate, Raeford Livestock Farms, Inc., whose income comes from selling hogs.

Downtown Raeford can regret the passing of the old landmark but cheer the coming of the new, attractive home of The Bank of Raeford, its newest landmark.

The News-Journal adds to this its congratulations to the management and directors of the bank for brightening downtown with the bank's new home.

--BL

The IRS amendment

The Senate recently passed an amendment that in effect prevented the Internal Revenue Service from being used as a government weapon against private institutions.

The amendment prohibits the IRS from implementing new regulations designed to lift the tax-exempt status of private schools suspected of "discriminating" against blacks.

U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, the sponsor of the amendment, said, "What we're talking about here is getting the IRS off the backs of well-intentioned, well-operated Christian schools in America."

U.S. Sen. Jacob Javits of New York and other opponents of the amendment labeled the issue a matter of civil rights rather than religious rights.

"There is a legitimate secular purpose for denying tax-exempt status to schools that discriminate."

What the senators, both, incidentally, Republicans, are referring to are the private schools for whites only. (The opponents of the amendment didn't mention similar schools for blacks.)

The Senate amendment essentially prevents a government agency from being used as a weapon against institutions operated in a manner the government happens to disapprove of, though the manner is legal.

The attempt to use a government agency in this manner, to force compliance with a government policy, is the regular way of the totalitarian state.

--BL

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

There are two main reasons why the nations of the world can't get along. (1) They don't understand one another, and (2) they do understand one another.

The first of the two is what interests me this week, after I read what Iran's oil chief said the other day.

As we know, whether we understand it or not, the United States has sold 47 million dollars worth of scarce kerosene and heating oil to Iran, a country sitting on top of one of the world's biggest oil deposits.

A lot of people started hollering about this, despite the fact Washington pointed out it was an emergency situation and made sense, considering that Iran sells us 850,000 barrels of oil a day.

When the hollering reached the U.S. Senate, the oil chief of Iran said it ought to stop, or Iran might cancel the purchase and buy its kerosene some place else.

"I recommend to the U.S. Senators that they stop this criticizing," he warned.

This is the kind of lack of understanding between nations I'm talking about.

Trying to get the U.S. Senate to stop talking about anything shows an utter lack of understanding of the U.S. Senate. It's as uncomprehending as our trying to send a rock band to play for the Ayatollah, who has banned phonograph records in Iran on the grounds that music dulls the mind. His oil chief, following suit, may have been thinking that Senate oratory also dulls the mind, but I don't know enough about the Iranian mind to go into this.

I seriously doubt however that rock music does dull the mind. Something else does it. There's no rock band in the U.S. Senate.

Yours faithfully,
 J.A.

'If we ask for double the arms while talking peace, they might hang up'



The Christian Science Monitor

It's a Small World

by Bill Lindau

President Carter probably is being regarded reproachfully by the Great White Rabbit of the Unakas, though he probably doesn't know it.

The reason is the rabbit caper near Plains a few weeks ago.

The Great White Rabbit, Cherokee legend says, lives in the Unakas which are on the North Carolina - Tennessee - Georgia borders and part of the Great Smoky Mountains.

He realizes, of course, that it was the rabbit who attacked, according to President Carter, but he probably figures the matter could have been handled in a better way.

Not that the Great White Rabbit will chew up President Jimmy's boat or demolish his peanut factory one of these first days. He could, of course. But the great White Rabbit doesn't work that way.

What he probably will do is, when he goes off on one of his regular trips, he won't stop at President Jimmy's house.

The Great White Rabbit is kind and generous and works like Santa Claus but 12 months a year.

But the Great White Rabbit, being kind and generous probably will leave him a play - pretty -- maybe even a new canoe, though not a paddle.

In the mountains when somebody is called the Daddy Rabbit of one thing or another, it means he's the "boss", "ramrod," "Honcho," of an organization or a program. The nickname, of course, comes from the legend of the Great White Rabbit.

Another Cherokee legend says there's a magic, healing lake high in the Smokies.

If an injured human or animal can get to it, he'll be healed before he reaches the other side, no matter how serious his injury is.

Another says that once the dogwood tree grew tall and straight.

But it was used for the cross Jesus died on. Ever since then, it has grown crooked, so it may never be used as a cross again.

Camp Mackall was named in memory of John Mackall, and the story we heard in World War II training days there, was the camp was named for him because he was the first American paratrooper killed in action.

We didn't know the details till 36 years later when we read them in a letter published in the Fayetteville paper.

The letter says Pvt. John Thomas Mackall died of wounds suffered when three Vichy French fighter planes attacked three American paratroop transport planes over Sebka d'Oran, North Africa, on Nov. 8, 1942. The paratroopers were being flown to Zafaroni airbase where they were going to land and join forces with friendly troops already there.

The Vichy fighter planes shot down all three of the American planes. Mackall was one of seven paratroopers killed then. Twenty others were wounded, though less seriously.

That's the true story. We know because the writer of the letter is retired Lt. Gen. William P. Yarborough, now living in Southern Pines.

The closing works in his letter are: "... I was there at the time." Gen. Yarborough, who went through a lot of combat later before

the war ended, was an organizer and the first commander of the Army Special Forces (Green Berets).

For the 50 - and - older people who like to play vigorously, the National Senior Sports Association has been organized in Washington, D.C., advises the News Bulletin of the American Association of Retired Persons.

The sports association is non-profit and designed to serve the interests of older Americans in competitive and recreational sports activities.

The Bulletin adds, "From the response to three pilot golf tournaments conducted for AARP members in the past two years, it is clear that there is a widespread interest among older Americans for opportunities to participate in competitive and recreational events at popular resorts at economical prices."

Nearly 1,700 from 40 states played in the Myrtle Beach, S.C., pilot tournament.

Golf, tennis and other "racket" sports, bowling, fishing, swimming, boating, skiing, shuffleboard, camping, hiking, and running, will be embraced by NSSA programs and events which will be developed in response to AARP members' interests.

Sports equipment and apparel will be made available to members at special discount rates.

Sports holidays abroad will be developed for people who can afford to make the trips.

The sports association also plans to publish a bulletin about senior sports and other papers, covering travel programs, special buying services, and regional and national tournaments, and instruction books (and also will produce films and cassettes, and hold clinics) for the seniors in sports.

Incidentally, the North and South Seniors golf tournament at Pinehurst, and a national track - and - field meet for the elders is held every year at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Incidentally, North Carolina offers these major events each year for the senior athletes: the North and South Seniors Golf Tournament at Pinehurst, and a national track and field meet at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. There probably are other events but we haven't heard about them yet.

A woman in Moore County bought a new car but soon after her first trip, she brought it back.

"There's a rattle in the back," she told a mechanic. "I think it's the brakes."

The mechanic gave it a going over but couldn't find anything wrong.

A few days later, though, the customer was back again.

"Still got that rattle," she said. The mechanic went over it again, but could find nothing wrong.

The woman's child, about 7 or 8, volunteered some information.

"Maybe it's the back door," the tyke said. "It ain't closed tight."

The mechanic looked, and sure enough, found a back door closed, but not all the way. So he closed it.

Then the woman drove off and didn't come back.

Because the car didn't have a rattle any more.

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
 A day recently it was my privilege to go with a bus load of Chamber of Commerce Citizens from Moore County to the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant in Wake County, which is one of four nuclear plants now under construction in the United States.

The first nuclear power plant in the United States was built in 1958 in Pennsylvania. There are now 72 nuclear power plants in operation in the United States.

The CP&L plant is supposed to cost \$4.2 billion dollars when completed. The CP&L started paper work on the project in 1971 and got the final go-ahead papers on January 27, 1978. The facilities when completed will include four Westinghouse pressured water reactors housed in separate cylindrical buildings 240 feet high, 130 feet inside diameter with reinforced concrete walls 4.5 feet thick and a dome 2.5 feet thick. Each reactor at the plant will contain about 90 tons of uranium, approximately one-third of which will be removed and replaced each year.

BIG JOB ... Building the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant is probably the biggest single project undertaken by corporation or government in the history of North Carolina. During peak construction the work force will be about 3,500. Bus loads of workers commute daily from as far away as Robeson County to work on the project. Fifteen licenses and permits involving 65 different regulatory approvals are required on the project.

CP&L will make available for the enjoyment of the general public, consistent with the primary purpose of generating electricity, the lands and lake required for the Harris Plant. Property around the lake or plant will not be sold for private development. To permit the greatest use by the greatest number of people, CP&L will cooperate with appropriate state agencies to provide public access for boating, fishing, hunting and other uses which are not inconsistent with the primary purpose of the lake.

TWO BOYS ... Recently I heard a sermon by Dr. Robert Sloop, retired minister of the First

Presbyterian Church in Lumberton, who spoke in my home town of Aberdeen.

He told of a couple of stories which took place in the 1800's which I shall long remember.

A long time ago a poor boy was working for a man named Worthy Taylor in the state of Ohio. The poor boy lived in the barn loft and fell in love with Mr. Taylor's daughter. He went to Mr. Taylor to ask about marrying his daughter. "No," said Mr. Taylor, who indicated to the lad that he had no future. The lad was heartbroken. He left his name carved in the loft of the barn where he slept. And what was his name? It was James A. Garfield, a poor boy who later became President of the United States in 1881.

The other person that Dr. Sloop talked about was also an Ohio native, Thomas A. Edison, who was born in 1847 and died in 1931. He spent only three months in school, and his teacher called him "stupid" and when he left school history recalls that he "passed for a dunce."

Well Edison's inventions and contribution to America and the world are too numerous to enumerate with the incandescent electric light bulb being one of the greatest along with that of the phonograph and hundreds of others.

Yes, Dr. Sloop's story about the lad Garfield -- with "no future," and with Edison being called "stupid" by his teacher caught our attention and no doubt the attention of the others who heard his able sermon.

JOHN F. KENNEDY ... It seems to us that President Carter and the Congress might well take a cue from that immortal statement made by the late John F. Kennedy when he said in his inaugural address in January, 1961: "And so my fellow Americans; ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

PRESIDENT JOHNSON ... It was the late President, Lyndon Johnson, who came out with the program to "abolish poverty." However, despite his program and the several other programs in that direction, we seem to have as much if not more poverty as when LBJ launched his crusade 15 years ago.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

15 years ago

Thursday, September 16, 1954

Some 25 members of the English - Gore, an organization of active duty members of old Battery F 252nd Coast Artillery, met at Windy Hill Beach, S.C. Sunday for their annual reunion.

The Department of Agriculture Draught Committee in Washington on Tuesday refused to recommend disaster designation for North Carolina.

John Murdoch McDuffie, 71 - year - old Raeford building contractor who was born less than 10 miles from here and who at the time of his death had lived here longer than any other resident died Saturday afternoon while fishing at Tom McBryde's pond.

Friends here of Lester E. Baker, Raeford native now of Arlington, Va. were sorry to learn last week of the death of his wife, the former Olga de Uribe of Bozota, Columbia.

From Rockfish News:

Fayetteville Street is getting into an awful rut, or rather two deep ruts. If it isn't worked some before it rains, the chances are that these ruts will be cut still deeper. But we'll not even worry about that if it will just rain.

Bobby McNeill of Fort Lee, Va. spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John K. McNeill.

Thursday, September 17, 1964

The Hoke County Democratic Executive Committee will meet next week to select candidates for judge of Recorder's Court and county commissioners.

Robert H. Gatlin, chief of the Raeford Fire Department handed in his resignation as a volunteer fireman Monday night at the September meeting of town commissioners.

Raeford clubwomen, up in arms over the government's plans to fill two giant oaks here, have started a move to save the trees.

Raeford reportedly is "loaded" with the same type of water heaters which have exploded in North Carolina since February, dealing death or destruction in 10 separate incidents.

Three hundred dollars a minute is what Holiday Shows is offering to pay anyone who will do a certain job for them at the Hoke County Fair next week. They will pay \$5 a second to any person who will wrestle with the show's gorilla and win.

Free chest X-rays will be offered in Raeford and Hoke County, beginning September 29, according to Raeford Jaycees, sponsors of the clinics here.

The Hoke High's Bucks edged Lumberton 12 - 7, here Friday night for their second straight win and their first in conference play before a capacity crowd at Armory Park.