

## Around Town

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The weather over the weekend was perfect for everyone except ice skaters. The nights are cold but it warms up into the 70s during the day and is just right for outside activity.

The forecast is for fine weather for the remainder of the week, so your plans for Thanksgiving should not be spoiled.

The Hoke County Booster Music Club held their annual turkey supper last Friday night at the Gibson cafeteria and a large crowd was on hand during the time I was in attendance.

Along with the supper a bazaar was held and the bands and glee clubs from the schools also performed during the evening. The weather was not too cold and everyone seemed to be having a swell time.

The only thing that was any problem as far as I could see was the parking situation. The flow of traffic was going both ways in the parking lot and this caused a problem because some people had gotten out of their cars and left them in part of the driveway. Of course this will happen at any event that you don't have someone looking after this part of the event.

Of course the Boosters don't have enough personnel to do all the jobs, but maybe by next year if they would keep this in mind they could ask some other group to assist with the parking.

I don't know what the success was financially but from the number of people on hand, it should have been a success.

The football bowls are already being lined up and some surprises have popped into the picture. N.C. State defeated Duke Saturday for the ACC conference title, but as of Monday morning, State had not received a bowl bid. What makes me mention the above is that Carolina, Clemson and Wake Forest had all received bids by Saturday night.

There were still a few places open in bowls so maybe State will receive a bid this week. We hope so. Four teams from the conference would be a fine showing for bowls.

Anyway, you don't have to have a perfect season to be invited to a bowl these days and times.

Basketball is getting started even before the football season ends. Saturday Duke started with a bang with a victory over Kentucky. Duke and Carolina have already been rated in the top ten and a picking of high school players had Harold Thompson of Hoke High as one of two North Carolinians on a high school All-American pick.

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## Raeford Man Also To Speak

# Bergland Hearing November 28

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland will hold a public hearing on federal agricultural policies Nov. 28 in Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium in Fayetteville from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m.

Among the speakers will be Alfred K. Leach of Raeford, a farmer and president of Farm Chemicals, Inc., of Dundarrach. Leach accompanied Gov. James Hunt to Europe last year on the business trip to try to interest manufacturers to establish plants in North Carolina.

Seventh District Congressman Charlie Rose of Fayetteville urged farmers of southeastern North Carolina Friday to attend the hearing.

Rose will appear with Bergland at the hearing.

"The future of agriculture in the next decade will be the subject of our next Farm Bill and that is the topic of Bergland's meeting," Rose said. "It is important that those involved -- the farmers -- attend."

The Fayetteville meeting is one of 10 open forums across the nation designed to get opinions and

## Students, Many Others Having 4-day Holiday

# County Celebrating Thanksgiving

## Homes' Needs Discussed

Hoke County people said at a public hearing Monday night more rehabilitation work needs to be done on some homes, the needs of senior citizens in sparsely settled areas should be relieved, long-range goals and objectives are needed, and rural areas need attention.

Specialists in federal Community Development programs said, replying to questions during the first of two hearings scheduled, that:

-- The federal program is concerned with areas containing the highest concentration of people with the most needs, and that these are close to city boundaries. This was in reference to the subject of meeting needs of rural areas.

-- Senior citizens in sparsely settled areas can get help from other federal programs.

The Monday night and the Nov. 26 hearings were scheduled to allow citizen participation in the preparation of a pre-application for federal funds under the fiscal year 1980 Community Development Block Grant Discretionary Program.

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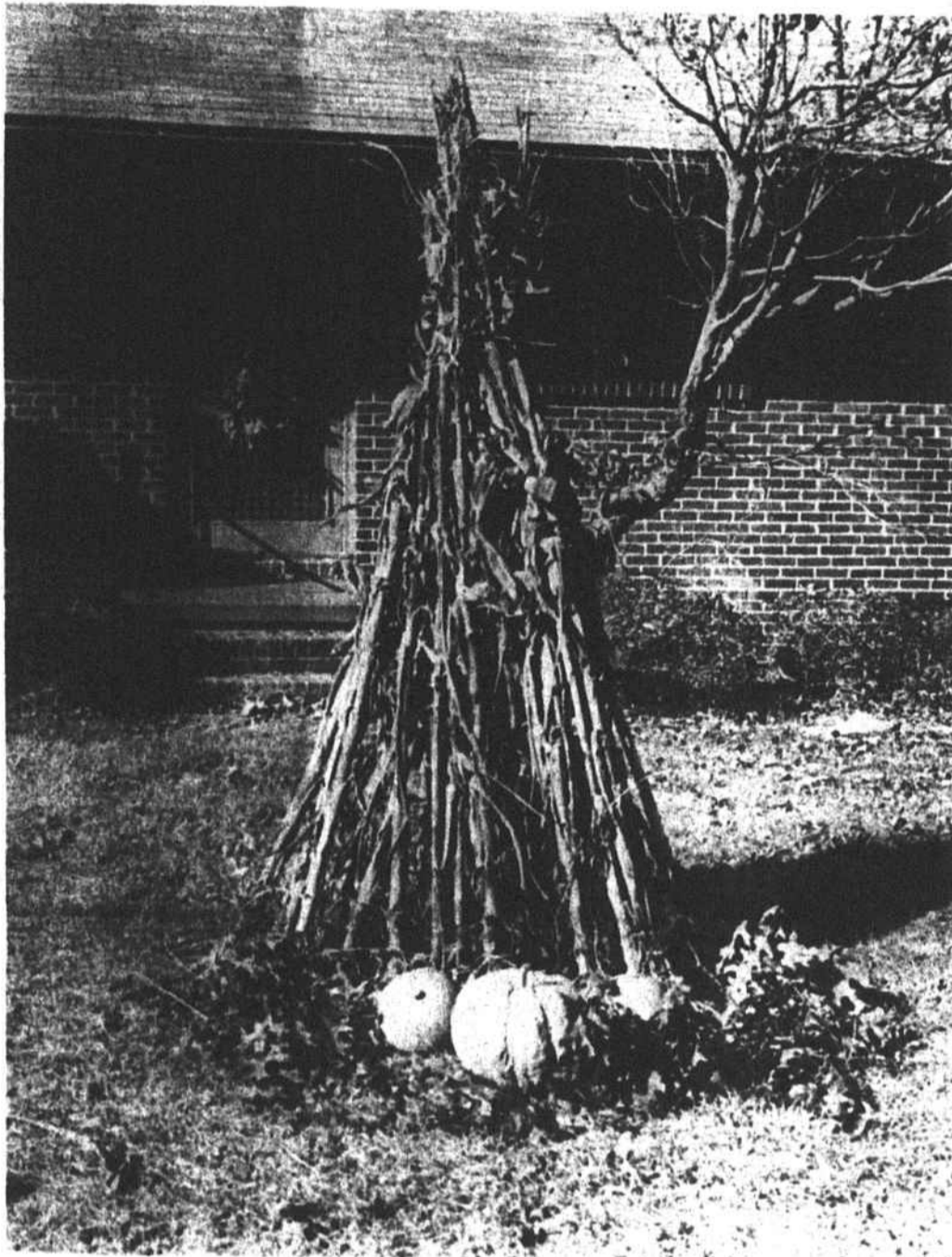
## Hoke Churches' Joint Service Wednesday

The Union Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Raeford Ministers' Association was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Palmer Street at U.S. 401 South.

The speaker is the Rev. B.V. Childers, pastor of the Church of God. The music will be given by members of the Church of God and Second Baptist Church.

The welcome will be given by the Rev. Paul Strassle, pastor of St. Elizabeth's, and the benediction by the Rev. George McKeithan of Second Baptist Church. A prelude and postlude will be played by Mrs. Dixie Autry, who also will lead the singing of the hymns by the congregation.

The members of the ministers' association are Ephesus Baptist, First Baptist, Second Baptist, Sandy Grove Methodist, Evangelical Methodist, Raeford United Methodist, Shiloh - Bethel, Phillippi and Raeford Presbyterian, the Church of God, the Four Square Gospel Church and St. Elizabeth's.



DRESSED FOR THANKSGIVING -- The home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kellis of 209 Jackson St., Raeford, show decorations with a Thanksgiving spirit. On the doors behind the pyramid of cornstalks with pumpkins at the front are homemade arrangements. A cornhusk doll with a wreath and autumn leaves can be seen on the door behind the cornstalks and pumpkins.

## 1979 Campaign Kicked Off Monday

# Hoke United Way Drive Seeks \$24,331.08

The Hoke County United Way campaign for 1979 was kicked off formally Monday morning, with the volunteers aiming to raise at least \$24,331.08 by Dec. 15 when the drive is scheduled to end.

The campaign period started Thursday. The campaign fund-raising co-chairman are Steve Phillips and Bob Morrice. The area coordinators are Shirley Gibson for Antioch-South Hoke, Bill Cameron

for Five Points - Quewhiffle, and Bertha Hendrix for Arabia-Rockfish. Tom Howell is county UW president, Gail English is secretary - treasurer. Mary Lee Matherly is coordinator for the fundraising among county government employees, and Charles Willis is in charge of fundraising at the Burlington Menswear Raeford plant.

Based on the goal, the Hoke County funds are budgeted this way

among the United Way agencies: Girl Scouts -- \$4,500; Boy Scouts -- \$6,500; American Red Cross -- \$4,216; White Cane (for the blind, a Lions Club project) -- \$900; Four-H clubs -- \$1,289; Rescue Squad -- \$1,500; Senior Citizens -- \$200; Hoke County Association for the Developmentally Disabled -- \$2,000; and Carolina United -- \$2,226.08.

Campaign leaders said, "The (See UNITED WAY, page 11)

Hoke County, Raeford city, and state offices, and Hoke County schools are on a four-day Thanksgiving holiday.

Federal employees and most private businesses including banks, were taking Thanksgiving Day off and will be back in regular business Friday.

City, county and state employees and county schools students, teachers and officials have Thanksgiving Day and Friday off, followed by the regular weekend holiday.

The Post Office will be on its regular holiday schedule Thursday, with special deliveries only and no city or county deliveries or window service offered. The courts are among the agencies which will be closed Thursday and Friday, in addition to the regular weekend.

The principal religious program of the holiday season in the county, the annual Thanksgiving Service, was scheduled for Wednesday night at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church off U.S. 401 south of Raeford. The service was being sponsored by the Raeford Ministers' Association, with member ministers of different denominations participating in the program. The annual service is open to people of all faiths and races.

Thanksgiving Day will be another working day for law enforcement officers and the people in emergency services.

The News-Journal office will be closed Thursday also but will be open for business again Friday morning.

Approximately 25 could lose their lives and 1,000 injured in traffic accidents in North Carolina over the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the N.C. State Motor Club has estimated.

The state count of the toll period runs from 6 p.m. Wednesday, until midnight Sunday. Last year 29 persons were killed and 1,093 injured on tarheel highways during a similar period.

All motorists are urgently needed to help reduce death and injury and save valuable gasoline over the long holiday weekend. A deeper interest in highway safety is needed with active supporters of 55 mph to encourage families and friends to obey the limit.

More and more small cars are coming on our streets and highways, increasing the chances of death and serious injury with every crash. Be aware of the dangers and do all necessary to suppress them.

A continuing problem among motorists is taking unnecessary risks -- driving too fast; in fatal accidents, the principal driving error is speed, driving after drinking, not using safety belts or motorcycle helmets.

The time of year for higher rates of motor vehicle collisions resulting from problems of driver vision is here. Frost in the morning, mud splattered windshields, the sun rising and setting at low angles, all contribute to the increase.

People driving in places not

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UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

MY FAIR SHARE

TOTAL PLEDGE	PAID HEREWITH	BALANCE DUE

The amount indicated above payable as follows:

By payroll deduction as provided by my employer.

By Key Selection Collection as provided by my employer.

Bill monthly beginning January.

Bill quarterly beginning January.

Draw monthly on my account at \_\_\_\_\_

Or as follows \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Contributor \_\_\_\_\_

This copy of the Hoke County United Way campaign card can be clipped, filled in and turned over to a solicitor.