

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather turned cold over the weekend and the furnace ran almost all the time. It was nice Saturday and I was able to play golf for the first time this month. So far this week the nights have been cold, but the days are perfect.

Let's hope it will continue through Christmas. No I don't want a "White Christmas" except for a song.

The pancake supper put on last week was, from all reports, a success. Most of the folks were served on time and very few had to wait long in line as was the case several years ago. I haven't heard anyone say they didn't "get all they wanted to eat" as was advertised.

In fact many people commented on the way out that the service was the best ever and it was a nice affair.

We hope that the ones who were in attendance, will pass this along because the Kiwanis Club doesn't have many fund raising projects and a successful pancake supper helps fill the Kitty for civic projects.

From all reports the program last Sunday night at the Raeford Presbyterian Church put on by the children of all local churches was very successful. It was performed to a standing room crowd and the costumes were out of this world.

According to Dr. John Ropp, pastor of the church, the program this coming Sunday night will be performed by the senior choir and they will feel slighted if chairs are not brought in for this affair. So attend and give the seniors a Merry Christmas.

The Chorus and Chorale of Hoke County High School will give a concert tonight (Thursday) at the high school. From the looks of the program this should also be to a capacity crowd. So go out and get in the Christmas spirit.

As this is being written Tuesday morning, it is hard to realize that Christmas Day is just two weeks away. It seems to me like last Christmas was only yesterday.

Now the children that read this will say that it seems like two years since last Christmas and I will have to agree when I recall my childhood days. The last week then, seemed like a year. As we become older the years seem to pass faster than when we were young. Yes, before you know it, the cold weather will be gone and we will be celebrating the 4th of July.

Don't forget that if you leave packages in your car where they can be seen, it is an invitation to someone to have a gift that you don't want them to have. When you purchase gifts and must leave them in your car, be sure to lock them in the trunk of the car.

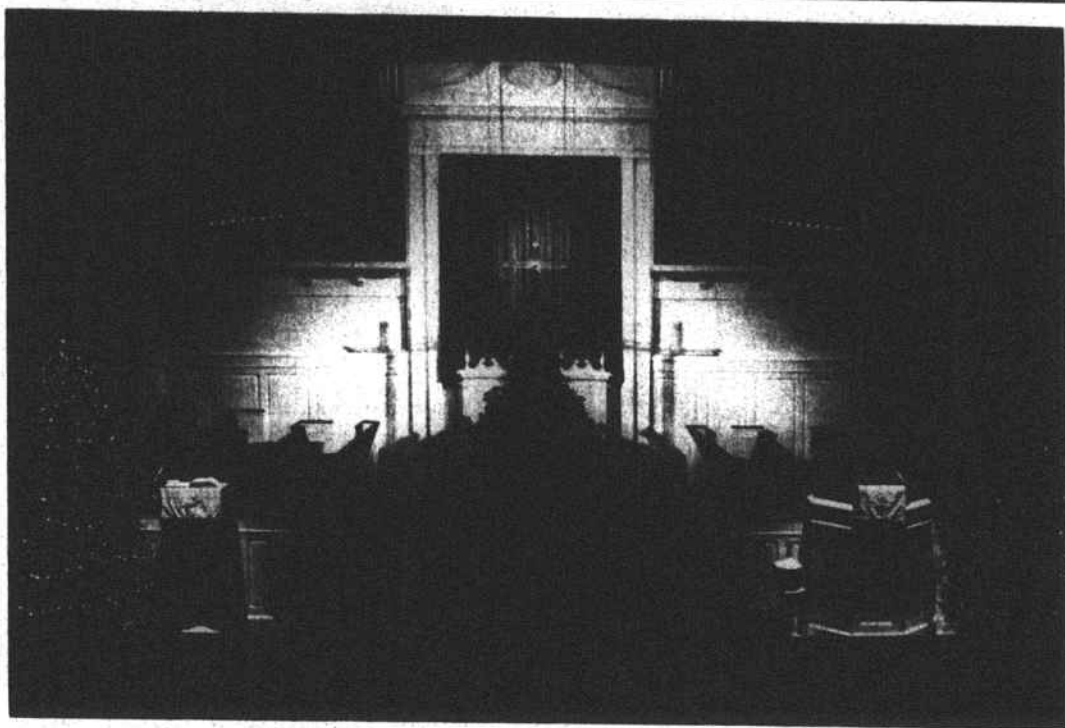
Things cost too much these days for us to lose them to someone who is just walking around looking for something to pick up. Locking them in the car where they can be seen doesn't stop a thief from getting them, as most of them can get into a car about as fast as you can with a key.

So an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Most places of business will be closed two days for Christmas, but businesses will vary on the days they will be closed.

The News-Journal will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24th and 25th. We will come back to work on Wednesday, December 26 and will print the paper on Thursday morning.

So if you have articles or advertising to go into that issue of the paper, please arrange to get them to us either the Friday before Christmas or the day after Christmas.



The pulpits and where the choir sings, in Raeford Presbyterian Church.

With Guest Soloists, Orchestra

Carol Service Sunday

On Sunday night, at 8 in the Raeford Presbyterian Church sanctuary, the Chancel Choir and guest soloists and orchestra will present "A Carol Service with Nine Lessons for Christmas" by Theron Kirk.

Guest soloists include Miss Katherine Jane Lakoski, soprano; Miss Anne Woodward, mezzo-soprano; Miss Ceelia Ropp, soprano; Dr. James Glenn, tenor; and Dale Stine, baritone.

The forty-member choir and soloists will be accompanied by the University of North Carolina Brass and Woodwind Ensemble. The choir and orchestra will be conducted by Chris C. Watkins, director of music at Raeford Presbyterian Church.

The practice of combining traditional Christmas carols with suitable scripture readings has become very popular in recent years in the celebration of the greatest of all Christian festivals. In preparing



Dale Stine

such a service the composer has followed a well-known English use, adapting it for present-day Ameri-



Ceelia Ropp

can choirs and making it available for orchestral as well as organ (See CAROL SERVICE, page 14)

Thursday Night In MacDonald Gymnasium

Hoke High Chorale, Chorus To Give Christmas Concert

The Hoke County High School Chorus will present their Christmas concert on Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the MacDonald Gymnasium.

Miss Olive Jenkins, guest harpist, will perform with the choral groups and as a soloist. Miss Jenkins, a native of Durham, graduated from the Cleveland Institute Of Music in 1973 with a degree in harp. As a member of the Cleveland Institute Harp Ensemble, she has performed on radio, television, and with the Cleveland Music Camp, Interlochen, Mich. She is presently a harpist with the North Carolina Symphony.

The Chorale and Chorus will walk into the gymnasium to the trumpet sounds of "Joy To The World" played by Tim McKenzie and Trey Brock. The joyous "Hallelujah" Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" will open the program, followed by "Gesu Bambino" (The Infant Jesus), which features soloists Allen Sandy, baritone, and Meredith Kershaw, tenor.

The Barber Shop Singers, a group of young men, will add variety and spirit to the program with their performance of Christmas and traditional Barber Shop selections.

Choral arrangements of "What Child Is This?" and "O Holy Night" will be highlighted by the harp and soloists Richard Cole, tenor, and Joan Frazier, soprano.

The program will be climaxed by the highly rhythmic and spirited selections, "Children, Go Where I Send You!", "Have A Holly Jolly Christmas," "Snow, Snow, Beautiful Snow," and "Jingle Bells."

Piano accompanists for the

Chorale are Melinda Quick and Joan Frazier, Venus McLaurin, Nadine Wadsworth, and Ann

Glover will accompany the Chorus. The public is invited.

Still, Still



Some of the students in the Hoke County High School Chorus, framed by a sheet of music.

Woman Jailed For Children's Truancy

A woman is spending a week in Hoke County Jail till at least Thursday for failing to get two of her daughters to attend school.

Hoke County District Court Judge Joseph E. Dupree ordered the jailing Friday after Mrs. Elaree Locklear of Rt. 3, Raeford, guilty of "failing to cause" Stella Locklear, 14, and Patricia Locklear, 15, to attend Upchurch Junior High School.

The judge ordered prayer for judgment continued till Thursday, the defendant to jail pending disposition of the case, to be held in custody without bond and brought directly to the courtroom from jail Thursday.

He said he wanted Mrs. Locklear to spend the time in jail to think about ways to get her daughters to attend school while he takes the time to make a decision in the case.

Mrs. Locklear had pleaded not guilty to the two charges. She testified the two girls ignored her when she told them to go to school.

Upchurch Principal Allen Edwards testified Patricia Locklear had been absent from class 52 of the first 64 days of school without an acceptable reason. The court was told Stella had missed 32 days of school without an acceptable excuse.

Mrs. Lovenia Bullard of Rt. 3, Raeford, was found innocent of a

similar charge after she testified she could not control her daughter, Lisa Mae, 15. Edwards said the child had been absent 42 school days.

The judge told Edwards that, if the child misses any more school days, to return to the judge for advice on having the girl placed in a foster home.

Dupree expressed regret that students no longer be committed to state training schools when they do not attend classes. A state law enacted in recent years placed truancy from school among "status" offenses for which juveniles can no longer be sent to the state schools. A status offense is one which would not be a violation of the law if the violator were an adult. Remedies for such offenses must be made in the children's home communities.

These include placement in foster homes in cases where the children's own homes are not suitable for correcting the problems.

Referring to Mrs. Bullard, the judge said she has testified her daughter is beyond parental control and "what do you do with an undisciplined child once brought to court? What type of judgment can I enter that will be binding on the child?"

Man Charged In Oct. 20 Break-In

A Hoke County man was charged Tuesday in the break - in and theft Oct. 20 from the House of Raeford office, Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reported.

Wiggins said James Edward Smith, 32, P.O. Box 593, Raeford, was charged with breaking and entering and larceny. A total of \$863.89 was stolen from a money box in the office, the officer said.

Wiggins said Smith gave himself up to Detective James Peterkin of the Hoke County Sheriff's Department, and Peterkin brought him to the Raeford Police Department where Smith was arrested by City Detective J.J. McNeill.

Wiggins said none of the money stolen has been recovered yet.

He also reported Tuesday police are searching for three white men for questioning about the theft of money and other personal property from the home of Hubert Wooten and his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Wooten, at 711 N. Fulton St., Dec.

3 following a break - in.

The chief said \$482.19 of the undetermined amount of money stolen was found in bags on the grounds of the Tanglewood Motel on U.S. 401 north Dec. 4 after the motel manager became suspicious about articles left in the room engaged by the three and notified the sheriff's department. She noticed the articles when she went to the room to clean it after the men left, Wiggins said.

The money found consisted of pennies, nickels and dimes, Wiggins said.

They were among other money including gold coins stolen from the Wooten home. He said the exact amount of the money stolen hasn't been determined, but about \$5,000 in quarters alone was among the cash taken.

He said the other property stolen included guns, cameras, camera lenses, credit cards, musical instruments, and radios.

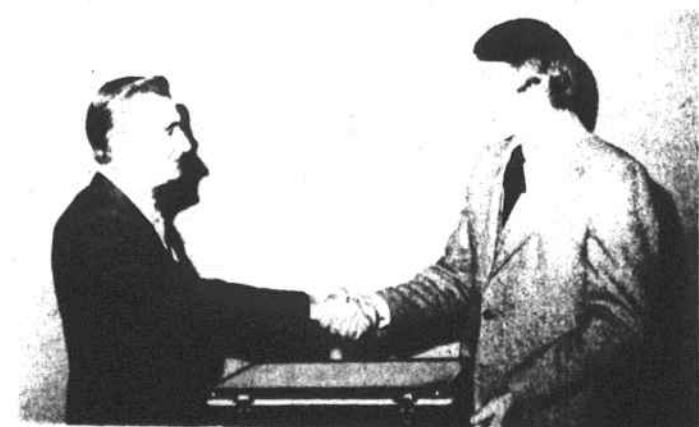
Christmas Mail To Go Out Thrice Daily

During the Christmas season mail will be dispatched from the Raeford Post Office three times a day instead of the regular one time.

Mail brought to the post office before 11:30 a.m. will be dispatched at noon; before 2:30 p.m., dispatched at 3 p.m.; and before 5:15 p.m., dispatched at the regu-

lar time, 5:30 p.m.

A person mailing a large number of cards or letters at the same time is advised to hand them across the stamp counter to one of the clerks. The Postal Service will furnish rubber bands and local and out-of-town labels to customers who are mailing from a location away from the post office.



SPECIAL AWARD -- William R. Boyles, (right), president of the Hoke County Farm Bureau, receives a special award from John Sledge, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation at its annual meeting in Charlotte last week. The award was presented in recognition of outstanding production by Farm Bureau insurance agents in the county in a statewide contest in which agents had an opportunity to win this honor for their county presidents who serve on a voluntary basis.