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Around Town

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The weather was somewhat wet for the weekend and cooler weather is forecast for the remainder of the week. So far we have been lucky as far as cold weather is concerned. The price of fuel these days can make us appreciate the warmer weather more than ever.

Most of the time when the preacher says that he will now pray we will bow our heads and close our eyes and let his words enter our minds.

An incident that occurred over the Christmas holidays will find one preacher that is glad someone in the congregation didn't close both eyes when he said, "let's pray."

From reports that have reached my desk it seems that at a candlelight service conducted during the holidays that the Rev. Ben Ferguson was standing in the pulpit and was leading the congregation in prayer, when a lady punched someone beside her and pointed to the preacher who was on fire.

I don't believe anyone was hurt or anything seriously damaged, but maybe the moral to this story is for someone in the congregation to keep one eye open at all times.

The New Year is here and a new decade is started. Make your resolutions early so they can be broken before the first month is over.

As the old year leaves us, let us reminisce on some items and events that have been in the column during 1979.

January:
An item about the Hoke County United Fund being started and almost complete support from the community.

Of course many times during the year someone will call me, Charlie Morrison.

The comment by Gordon Ragsdale when the price of the police car purchased by the city was in error. Some calling in to state that the firing at Fort Bragg had shaken the dishes from her table.

February:
A couple of snows and the last one was a crippling one for the city and county.

The play "Spring For Sure" was announced and it was a success.

Auto tag sales were lagging and a reminder of long lines and the power was off in the city when people started to work.

March:
Reminder of the World Day of Prayer by the Mayor.

A nice letter from a Mr. McCarter commending Graham's Service Station for aiding him.

Kathy McMillan dropped by with a new hairdo and was almost not recognized.

Bill Gullidge of Kansas City was by the office when he was here visiting relatives.

Harold Gillis furnished picture of the opening of McDonald Tire Recapping 25 years ago.

April:
The opossum going just one way early one morning on Elwood Avenue.

A cow wins the "Miss Auburn" contest for Homecoming Queen.

Cassie Wasko writes this column as I go to Virginia.

June:
The Bank of Raeford starts preparing for grand opening of their new building and asks for old pictures, etc through this column.

Mrs. Burkhardt, nee Lucille McNeill, of Tennessee comes by and identifies an old picture that had been run in *The News-Journal*.

The Rev. R.E.L. Moser former pastor drops by the office for a visit.

July:
Landon Yarborough of Louisiana makes a visit to the office.

August:
Ben Niblock of Smithfield is a visitor.

Jack Bray brings in very interesting article about Grady Cole.

Howard Wood a former schoolmate calls from Florida.

A letter and picture from Johnny Young.

September:
Joe Holt's story about the drowning boy brought inquiries concerning the words "grass widow."

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During New Year's Holiday Weekend

City Had 2 Thefts, 2 Vandalisms

Hoke Man Heats Store With 'Waste'

David Scull, formerly of Raeford, has found a way to use heat produced in the compressor room of the Piggly Wiggly Store in Red Springs to heat the rest of the store. Scull, the manager of the store, with a system that cost \$1,000, estimates he will save about \$5,000 of his customary \$10,000 heating bills for the winter.

The new system is being used instead of the heat pumps. He hasn't turned the pumps on yet. There are four of them and are expensive to operate.

Now he's trying to find out how he can cool the store in the summer with the system.

The compressor room cools the gas used to refrigerate foods. The

hot air produced was expelled from the building, till Scull diverted it to keep it in the store.

He said that before putting the 100-degree heat of the waste compressor air to use it was impossible to heat the store on the 65 degrees the federal energy guidelines dictate. The problem has been the large glass windows and the glass

doors in the front of the store. They let heat out. The doors, being opened frequently, sucked the warm air from the building.

Scull said that since the compressors run all the time, the heat is there, so he might as well use it.

Scull's assistant manager also is a Raeford man, Jimmy Kennedy.

Two thefts, one attempted theft, a shoplifting, and two cases of vandalism were reported in Raeford but no serious incident except a fist fight was reported in Hoke County during the New Year's Eve - New Year's Day weekend through late Tuesday morning.

The Raeford Police Department received a complaint Friday that one window was shattered and a hole knocked in another at the library of Hoke County high School by two beer bottles thrown by one or more people. The damage was estimated at \$400. The school was closed for the Christmas - New Year's holiday at the time.

The left window of a 1975 Ford pickup truck was broken apparently by an air rifle pellet fired as Peter Daniel Ray was driving the truck on Grant Avenue from Saunders Street, police were informed Saturday. The damage was estimated at \$65.

On Dec. 27 someone broke a window on the west side of the house of Irene Thrower at 210 E. Sixth Ave. The damage was \$25.

Stolen in the other cases were a Citizens Band radio, and an FM radio converter.

The FM converter, valued at \$19, was taken from under a seat of a car, Phyllis Ray Johnson of 203 E. Donaldson Ave. reported Saturday. She said she and her husband had left it there and the car was unlocked.

Claude A. Thomas reported Sunday the CB radio, valued at \$175, was missing from his car which was parked in the carport of his home at 704 E. Prospect Ave. He said it was in the car Saturday.

A .25 caliber automatic pistol valued at \$67 was reported Friday stolen between Christmas Day and the day after from the home of Alexander Peterkin at 507 E. Sixth Ave. Peterkin reported the pistol had been taken from the drawer of a dresser in a spare room of his home.

The object of the attempted larceny was a CB radio in Neill McDonald's car at his home at 808 E. Donaldson Ave. McDonald reported the case of tampering with a vehicle Saturday. The police report said \$40 damage was done to the car in the unsuccessful effort to get the radio.

On New Year's Eve, a juvenile was apprehended for the alleged shoplifting, reported at Macks Store in Edenborough Shopping Center. The case was to be turned over to the Juvenile Court counselor. The report said the child paid for a brake cable, then took another, valued at \$1.19.

Incidents reported also during the latter part of December to the Sheriff's Department included these.

Unauthorized use of a car was (See WEEKEND, page 11)

At McCain Hospital

Retiring Nurses' Director Honored

The members of the staff of McCain Hospital honored their retiring director of nurses Friday afternoon with a reception at the hospital.

The director, Mrs. Mildred Kae Furrage, had served 30 years of service to the state hospital when she went off duty Monday.

What decided her career was her experiences as a patient herself at McCain, the state hospital for treatment of tuberculosis and other chest diseases. This was periodically during her training as a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital Nursing School at New Bern and after she graduated.

"That was before the advent of drugs (for TB treatment)," she told a reporter during the party Friday.

"People were afraid to hire a tubercular then," she added.

The special guests at the reception were her mother, Mrs. Mary B. Kea of Goldsboro; her sister, Mrs. J.B. Miller of Sanford; her nephew and niece, Robert Boyce and his wife Vickie, and their children, Deborah, Russell, and Genell, of Goldsboro.

Mrs. Furrage's husband, Fitzhugh, whom she met while he was a patient at McCain, died six years ago of emphysema, in the same hospital. He was from Carthage in neighboring Moore County and was a mail carrier. The Furrages had no children.

At the reception Mrs. Furrage was presented with farewell gifts from the staff. The hospital's administrator, John Watson, started the presentations by giving her one of the gifts after expressing the appreciation of the hospital and its staff for her years of conscientious, devoted service.

The table bearing the gifts stood by a decorated Christmas tree.

Preceding some other presentations, poems of tribute to



HONOREE AND FAMILY -- Mrs. Mildred Furrage (right) is shown with members of her family, special guests at Friday's reception honoring Mrs. Furrage on her retirement. L-R are Genell, Russell and Deborah Boyce, their parents, Robert and Vickie Boyce; Mrs. Charlotte Miller, and Mrs. Mary Kea. Mrs. Kea is Mrs. Furrage's mother; Mrs. Miller, her sister; and Mr. and Mrs. Boyce her nephew and niece.

Mrs. Furrage were read to her. Earlier, Mrs. Furrage and her mother were presented with a shoulder corsage each, composed of red carnations.

Mrs. Furrage's home is in Parkton. She was born in Portsmouth, Va., but her family moved to Seven Springs in Wayne County (Goldsboro is the county seat) when she was very young. She was reared and went to school there. After graduating from Seven Springs High School, she started studying in St. Luke's nursing school.

After joining the McCain staff

Mrs. Furrage worked in nursing positions, then became assistant director of nursing service. Eight years later she was named director of nursing service, the position she held 16 years, till she retired.

Mrs. Furrage has been active for the Mid-State and Cape Fear Lung associations in planning and participating in tuberculosis education programs for public health nurses, student nurses, and occupational health students.

Before joining the McCain staff, Mrs. Furrage served for two months as a private-duty nurse in

New Bern, then for 10 months as a general-duty nurse at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C.

She left McCain in 1953 to serve a year as head nurse at Caswell Training School in Kinston.

Mrs. Furrage is a member of the Respiratory Disease Guidance Committee of the Mid-State Lung Association and of the American Nurses Association. She is a former member of the Committee for Guidance of the Tuberculosis Program in the North Carolina Lung Association.

1979: Its Last 6 Months In Review

Here are highlights of life in Hoke County in the last half of 1979.

JULY

The appointment of Billy Colston, Hoke County High School teacher and girls' track coach and an assistant football coach, as the school's director of athletics for the 1979-80 school year was announced by County Schools Supt. Raz Autry in *The News-Journal* of July 5. The change was made to allow Athletics Director John Pecora a leave of absence to have a heart-bypass operation.

James (Jimbo) Hughes, Jr., 5-year-old son of Mrs. Spring Hughes of Rt. 2 Raeford, was pronounced dead on arrival at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville but was revived (he is still in a coma). The child nearly drowned in Perma-stone Lake.

The Board of Hoke County Commissioners adopted a motion directing County Tax Collector Elizabeth Livingston to "exhaust all means," including foreclosure, to collect unpaid property taxes.

The Raeford American Legion Junior baseball team went into the Area Nine Western Division play-offs against Hamlet. Hamlet won.

Albert Huey received the Man of the Year Award of East Freedom Masonic Lodge 328.

Bobby Bounds and Robert Smith

won the first place in the First annual American Legion Golf Tournament held July 4 on Arabia Golf Course.

Kathy McMillan of Raeford won the gold medal in the women's long jump at the Pan American Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 8.

The Hoke County Board of Education named Hoke County High School Principal Earl Oxendine to the new position of director of compensator education, and John D. McAllister associate superintendent of Schools. McAllister had been assistant superintendent when the board acted.

Willie Featherstone, Jr., was promoted to associate agent from assistant agent of the Hoke County Agricultural Extension Service.

Horace Blake of near Raeford gave an upright piano to the Sandhills South Center at McCain.

Hoke County's reaction in the Civil Preparedness simulated nuclear-attack exercise was called the best he had been in the state, by Paul Sullivan, head of the state monitoring team.

Richard Morgan of the Raeford Lions Club was elected deputy governor of Lions International District 31-F at the recently held state Lions convention.

Henry E. McKoy, a native of Raeford, has been named assistant secretary for advocacy programs for the State Department of Administration. He had been director of

the North Carolina Human Relations Council since April 1978.

Icosonnia Horsley, 11-year-old daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Horsley of Rt. 3, Raeford, won a bronze medal at the East Coast Invitational Track and Field Meet in Maryland. She ran the first leg for the relay team in her age group.

Dr. Lenwood Simpson, principal of Enfield High School, was named principal of Hoke County High School.

AUGUST

The Board of Hoke County Commissioners will try to get federal payments in lieu of taxes for the 110,000 acres of Hoke County land the government acquired in developing Ft. Bragg.

William C. (Bill) Jones, a native of Stonewall Township of Hoke County was named loan officer for The Bank of Raeford. He was with CIT Financial Services at Norfolk, Va., when he was appointed to the Bank of Raeford position and had been with the Raeford bank form 1968 to 1970.

Dr. Lawrence Bullard, a dentist, will practice in Raeford.

Faberge, Inc., is erecting a 75,000-square-foot building at its Raeford plant. The new building will be used for warehousing and additional manufacturing? The expansion means more people will be employed. The present plant em-

ploy about 400.

The Burlington Menswear Raeford Plant has received an award for having had 4 million working hours without a disabling injury.

Mrs. Juanita Edmund, clerk of Hoke County Superior Court, was named Hoke County Officer of the Year by the County Law Enforcement Officers Association.

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day holiday traffic was heavy in Hoke County but no serious accidents happened.

The Board of Hoke County Commissioners approved an alternate route proposed by the State Department of Transportation to eliminate some of the through truck traffic from downtown Raeford. The board also approved a recommendation that an in-school suspension program for juvenile status offenders, who include run-aways, truants, and other children with behaviour problems.

The State Department of Revenue reported Hoke County's gross retail sales in fiscal 1978-79 were nearly \$2 million greater than those of the previous fiscal year. The 1978-79 total was \$35,675,439.

Gov. Jim Hunt announced \$5,000 in state matching funds has been granted Hoke County to improve the county's land records system.

About 1,100 people attended the grand opening of the new main

office building of the Bank of Raeford at 207 S. Main St.

OCTOBER

Hester Raymond McLean, mayor of Raeford from 1961 to 1969, a retired state game warden, a former professional baseball player, and a veteran of World War I, died Oct. 1 at his home in Raeford. He was 88.

Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., and the present members of the City Council are unopposed for reelection Nov. 6. No one else had filled for the offices before the deadline for filing passed Oct. 5.

Longjumper Kathy McMillan of Raeford was honored Oct. 3 by Tennessee State University for her achievements in track. She is a student at the university.

Katherine Jane Morgan, a Hoke County High School senior, has been named DAR Good Citizen for 1979-80.

The appointment of Ron Parsons as head basketball coach of Hoke County High School was announced by Hoke Principal Dr. Lenwood Simpson. Parsons has been serving as assistant coach and also as an assistant football coach. He was named to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Orlando Smith, who has accepted a position with Virginia Commonwealth University.

Sheila Faye Calloway of Raeford (See REVEAL, page 11)