

Merger Would Be Heritage's Third Since 1980

The merger of Raeford Savings & Loan Association and Heritage Federal Savings & Loan Association, expected to be completed in December, would be the second this year for Heritage and the third since mid-1980.

September 7 that the Raeford Savings & Loan's Board of Directors had voted to approve a letter of intent to merge with Heritage, whose home office is in Monroe.

tion of Smithfield, and last year Heritage merged with First Southern Savings of Lincolnton.

The merger with Raeford Savings & Loan would give Heritage 13 offices in seven counties, including its four in Mecklenburg.

Raeford Savings & Loan's stockholders must approve the proposal to apply for a federal charter for the Raeford association, since an association must be chartered as federal before it can merge with a federal association. The proposal has been approved by the Raeford board.

Housing Tips

by Willie Featherstone, Jr.
County Extension Chairman

This will be the last writing of this particular column "Housing Tips", however, for all readers' information on the subject will be provided in this paper under another heading.

My experience as an agricultural agent in Hoke County for 5 years 10 1/2 months, first as an assistant agent and then as an associate agent, has been a rewarding experience for me and I believe it has been for many of the people I've met and worked with.

I would like to say thank you to the people of this county for responding to the educational programs we've conducted through the Agricultural Extension Service, and for the support that you have given to these program efforts. With the support of many people we have been able to initiate and carry out a Farm-City Week program since 1977 which emphasizes the interdependence of rural and urban people. I think we all realize that "no man is an island" but we often fail to see how these two segments of our society could not enjoy life to the fullness that we presently do without both groups working together.

1981 will be the third consecutive year that we will take high school juniors and seniors to N.C. State University where they have an opportunity to participate in Open House at the university. Juniors and seniors are making decisions that will help determine careers, life styles and standards of living for a lifetime. This is a very worthy cause, and those volunteers that support this effort are very much appreciated.

The emphasis we have placed on housing in this county has been most rewarding, both to individual family members and to each county taxpayer. Since 1975 about 700 housing units have been built in Hoke County. The assessed value of \$27 million. At the present ad valorem tax rate of \$1.01 per \$100 evaluation, this property brings to the county \$272,700 annually in tax revenue.

It seems apparent to me that this program is of value to each Hoke County resident. And finally, I would like to briefly mention the work done in the Shawtown community.

One of the most rewarding experiences in Extension has been to see the people of Shawtown get a state-maintained road that they had worked on for 12 years and for families to organize and put forth a cooperative effort to get water to homes that were without water. Many people helped to make these things possible, and I am very happy to have their support, for without it the success of these projects would be more difficult.

The purpose of writing this particular article today is I believe the readers of this column should know our accomplishments. However, these are only a few of the many things that we are involved with.

As of September 16 I moved into another role with the Hoke County Extension Service. Thanks to our Hoke County commissioners, I am the county Agricultural Extension chairman. I welcome the opportunity to serve the citizens of Hoke County in this capacity. The position will be challenging just as the others were. However, we know that challenges help us to grow and for each person that has developed or become an expert in an area somebody, somewhere provided the opportunity for that person to grow.

As chairman, I will continue the educational thrust we have in Housing and Community Development plus give administrative leadership to our staff. We encourage you to call on us for any of your needs in the areas of agriculture, home economics, 4-H and youth or community development.

The media in this county has been very supportive to our efforts. On behalf of the extension staff I would like to say thank you to The News Journal staff for their support in carrying our information to you, the reader.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, September 13, 1956
Figures released this week by County Superintendent K.A. MacDonald revealed that the opening day enrollment in the schools of the county last Thursday was 136 pupils higher than it was on opening day of the 1955-56 season.

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday appropriated \$750 for the tax department to map all parcels of property in Raeford and made a request that the Town of Raeford make available the same amount.

All ideas that Coach Floyd Wilson's Hoke High School football team would be a pushover for any team of the Southeastern Athletic Association this season went out the window here Friday night when the Bucks played Lumberton, thought by many to be best in the loop, on even terms for most of the game and lost by only six points.

While advocates of the special session school amendment to the North Carolina Constitution were carrying it by a five to one majority in the state as a whole, in Hoke County they voted more than 10 to one in favor of the amendment known as the Pearsall Plan.

The Hoke County Young Democratic Club held a meeting Wednesday night in Charles Hostetler's office and elected H.D. Harrison, president, J.D. McMillian was re-elected vice-president and J.H. Blue, Jr., was elected secretary and treasurer.

Health Watch

Safety Seat For Child Advised

It's your child's life but it's YOUR DECISION.

At least 80 of every 100 children who die in automobile crashes could survive if their parents would make the effort to secure them in crash-tested safety seats.

Like most parents, you recognize everyday threats to your baby's life. You protect your child from sharp objects and poisons around the home and immunize him/her against childhood diseases. However do you realize that more North Carolina children are killed in motor vehicle accidents than by any other single cause? In fact, your children are much more likely to die from auto accidents than from childhood diseases, such as rubella, diphtheria, polio, measles, and whooping cough. Yet 95 out of every 100 young North Carolina children who are in car crashes have not been buckled up by their parents.

In a crash or other sudden stop, only the car stops suddenly. The occupants within the car continue moving until something stops them. Restrainted occupants are safely stopped by belts, but unrestrained occupants are thrown against the windshield or dashboard, or even out of the car.

Children are not miniature adults. Their minds are different. They cannot make their own safety decisions. Their bodies are different. They need their own special restraint systems. The most effective way to safely secure a child in a car is to have him/her ride in a crash-tested infant carrier or safety seat. The seat belts that come in cars should be used rather than no protection at all.

Because children aren't old enough to make their own safety decisions, the only people who can decide to protect them are parents and other adults.

It's your child's life but it's your decision.

15 years ago

Thursday, September 15, 1966
Hoke County sold \$650,000 in bonds Tuesday - and at an interest rate which left county officials beaming.

Surplus food will be distributed free to needy Hoke County families beginning in November - but recipients must be certified by the welfare department.

Suzanne Cameron Linder, a native of Raeford now living in Winston-Salem with her surgeon husband and young son, is author of a new book to be published later this month.

Technical Sergeant Floyd McNeill, whose brother, James R. McNeill resides on Rt. 2, in Raeford, is on duty at Cam Rank Bay AB, Vietnam.

Lumberton Pirates defeated the Hoke High Bucks 20-0 last Friday night at Army Park.

Licenses to sell beer and unfortified wine were issued here yesterday to 13 establishments in Raeford and Hoke County.

Mrs. Ellen S. Willis, assistant Hoke County home agent, has been promoted to a full-fledged home economics extension agent, according to an announcement from N.C. State University in Raleigh.

Vets Ask

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q -- I am interested in starting my own business. Does the Veterans Administration provide business loans to veterans?

A -- No. The VA does not provide business loans to veterans. Such loans may be available through the Small Business Administration. Check the "U.S. Government" section of your local telephone directory for the address of the nearest SBA office.

Q -- I am a World War II veteran who let my GI insurance lapse years ago. I recently read that a new bill passed Congress giving veterans like me a dividend on this lapsed

insurance. How do I apply?

A -- Any story you hear about insurance dividends for lapsed Veterans Administration insurance is only a false rumor that occasionally spreads in different parts of the country. The only insurance dividends currently being paid by the VA are to veterans who were issued participating policies in World War I, World War II and the Korean Conflict, who have maintained the policies in premium paying status.

Q -- Is there any time limit for using my certificate of eligibility for a Veterans Administration guaranteed home loan?

A -- No. There is no time limit for using your certificate of eligibility for the purchase of a home.

Open House Friday At Fayetteville

The Fayetteville Developmental Evaluation Center will hold an Open House for the general public on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at its expanded facilities.

The Fayetteville DEC, a center for the evaluation of children, is a state-supported center serving the children of Bladen, Cumberland, Hartnett, Hoke, Robeson, Scotland and Sampson Counties. It is in its 14th year of providing evaluations to children with developmental problems.

The Fayetteville DEC is located in Fayetteville at 3403 Melrose Rd., adjacent to Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

The expanded facilities include the use of five testing rooms which, through one-way mirror and intercom set up, allow parents to observe the evaluation of their children.

The DEC gives a child a multi-disciplinary evaluation which investigates medicine, psychology, education, speech and language, family dynamics, and neuromotor activities.

Following the evaluation and staffing conference, the DEC supplies each family with Case Summary and Intervention Plan for the child.

On Friday, the general public of the seven counties is invited to view the new testing areas and to learn more details about the testing and evaluative services of the DEC.

Koonce Leukemia Chairman

Ken Koonce has been named Raeford chairman of the 1981 Cycle for Life of the Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter.

The Cycle for Life is a Bike-A-Thon held to raise money for leukemia research and patient-aid. The money is raised by people sponsoring with donations boys and girls to ride in the Bike-A-Thon.

Information and entry blanks can be obtained by calling Koonce at 875-5435.

A total of 207 leukemia patients are in North Carolina, and research into the disease is being conducted at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Cleanliness is strictly enforced in the former British colony of Singapore, National Geographic says. For discarding a cigarette, a litterer may be fined as much as \$250.

LEGALS

NOTICE

Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Raeford at the City Hall until 1:30 p.m., Monday, September 28, 1981, then opened and read publicly for the following:

One (1) Trencher Specifications, instructions to bidders, and bid forms are available at the office of the City Manager.

The Council reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to make the award in the best interest of the City of Raeford.

Ronald L. Matthews
City Manager
21C

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Raeford will hold a special meeting of the Mayor and City Council on Monday, September 28, 1981 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Raeford, N.C.

At that time, the City Council will consider and award contracts for major wastewater improvements at the Raeford Wastewater Treatment Plant. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this special meeting.

Ronald L. Matthews
CITY MANAGER
21-22C

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

LEGALS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Earnest James Daniels of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Earnest James Daniels to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of September, 1981.

Margaret Daniels
P.O. Box 801,
Raeford, N.C. 28376
21-24C

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Sylvia Smith Cain of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Sylvia Smith Cain to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 10 day of August, 1981.

Owen B. Cain, Jr.
Route 2, Box 130
Raeford, N.C. 28376
21-24C

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Alex Bert Small of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Alex Bert Small to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 28th day of July, 1981.

Margaret G. Small
Route 1, Box 83B
Red Springs, N.C. 28377
21-24C

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Susie Ethlynd Jenkins Robinson of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Susie Ethlynd Jenkins Robinson to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 31 day of August, 1981.

James A. Swint
RFD 1, Box 160
Harlem, Ga. 30814
21-24C

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$58,000 SANITARY SEWER BONDS

BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Raeford:

1. That, pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the City of Raeford, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said City may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Sanitary Sewer Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$58,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and extending the sanitary sewer system of said City, including the expansion of a sewage treatment plant and the acquisition of any necessary land, rights of way and equipment therefore.

2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of debt of the City has been filed with the City Clerk and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect 30 days after its publication following adoption, unless it is petitioned to a vote of the people as provided in G.S. 159-60 in which event the order will take effect when approved by the voters of the City at a referendum as provided in said Act.

The foregoing order has been introduced and a sworn statement of debt has been filed under The

LEGALS

Local Government Bond Act showing the appraised value of the City of Raeford, North Carolina, to be \$95,424,481 and the net debt thereof, including the proposed bonds, to be \$175,000.00. A tax will be levied to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds if they are issued. Anyone who wishes to be heard on the questions of the validity of the bond order and the advisability of issuing the bonds may appear at a public hearing or an adjournment thereof to be held at the City Hall in Raeford, North Carolina, on October 5, 1981 at 7 o'clock P.M.

Ronald L. Matthews
City Clerk of the City of Raeford, North Carolina
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CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Ottie L. Dees, deceased, late of Hoke County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before March 17, 1982 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 17 day of September, 1981.

Wilbur B. Dees - Executor
R. Palmer Willcox
Willcox & McFadyen
P.O. Box 126
Raeford, N.C. 28376

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF RAEFORD P.O. BOX 606 RAEFORD, N.C. 28376

Separate sealed BIDS will be received for the construction of Wastewater Improvements:

Work includes:
Contract I - General Construction of modifications to the existing 3 MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant, including aeration, blowers, laboratory building addition, piping and appurtenances.

Contract II - Electrical Construction of plant electrical systems, standby power and appurtenances.

Bids will be received by the City of Raeford at the City Hall in Raeford, North Carolina until 3:00 p.m. on September 24, 1981 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Associated General Contractors of America, Offices at Raleigh, Greensboro, and Charlotte, North Carolina; F.W. Dodge Corporation, Offices at Raleigh, Greensboro, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of MOORE, GARDNER & ASSOCIATES, INC., CONSULTING ENGINEERS located at 110 WEST WALKER AVENUE, P.O. BOX 728, ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27203 upon PAYMENT OF:

Contract I - General \$75.00
Contract II - Electrical \$75.00

Contractors offering a proposal on this project must be licensed to do contracting in the State of North Carolina in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes.

Any bidder, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition within 10 days from date of receiving bids, will be refunded this payment; and any non-bidder will not be refunded his payment. Material and Equipment Suppliers, upon returning the Contract Documents within 10 days from date of receiving bids, will be refunded one-half their payment.

Each bid must be accompanied by cash, certified check, or Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information For Bidders.

JOHN K. MCNEILL, JR.
MAYOR, CITY OF RAEFORD
Moore, Gardner & Associates, Inc.
Consulting Engineers
Asheboro, North Carolina 27203
20-21C

CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Lola Tart Ritter, deceased, late of Hoke County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before February or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27 day of August 1981.
Margaret Ritter Epps
Rt. 3, Box 428C
Fayetteville, NC 28306
Hostetler & McNeill
Attorneys at Law
Raeford, NC 28376

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