

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The snowstorm that hit the New England states over the weekend had been off the coast of North Carolina, but didn't make it into land until it hit further north. The temperature Sunday morning was low enough to have brought snow to this state if the storm had come into North Carolina.

The winter weather seems to be here to stay with the forecast for the 50s the highest for the week.

It won't be so bad if the temperature will remain constant instead of running from the 30s to the 70s.

The Christmas section of *The News-Journal* will come out on December 24. All Christmas ads for this section should be in the office by Thursday, December 17. Ann Webb is now in the process of getting these ads and if by some chance she should miss you, just call the office and leave your name and phone number.

It seems that about every year after the edition appears, someone says they would like to have been in the section. If you are missed, it will not be because we don't want you, but just an oversight.

The pictures of doors that will be used in the Christmas edition will be taken on Thursday and Friday, December 10 and 11. If you have a door that you would like in this section, please call the office and give your name and address.

The pictures will be taken by Pam Frederick and Ann Webb of the paper staff and you can get in touch with them if you can't get through to the office.

The number at the office is 875-2121. If you call at night, Pam's number is 875-2504 and Ann's number is 875-3313.

So get on the ball and get those Christmas doors ready to be put in the paper.

It was hard for me to realize that it has been forty years since the bombing at Pearl Harbor. Of course December 7, 1941 was on a Sunday and I was at home from a camp in Georgia for the weekend.

Of course in those days everyone didn't have televisions and the news came by radio and the entire communication system was not as it is today. So even though the bombing happened early Sunday morning, it was late Sunday afternoon before the word began to get around.

So we had to round up a carload of soldiers and get ready to return to Georgia. Also this was the first date that I broke with my future wife. Yes, time certainly flies by, the older you become.

Should we remember Pearl Harbor? This was a question asked on TV last Sunday. I don't think that anyone that was living that day will ever be able to forget it. Time heals many wounds, but it is not easy to forget something that caused the lives of so many people to be changed.

Yes, Pearl Harbor will always be remembered by me and I think by many of my friends. Maybe after my generation has passed on, it will just be another page in history.

While on the subject of times of yesteryears, with my heat off Sunday morning, it brought back memories of the 1920s when I would get up in the cold house and build a fire.

The "good old days"! Maybe some of the things, but not a cold house in the winter.

Parnell To Run For State Senate

David Parnell of Parkton announced Tuesday that he would be a candidate for the state senate in 1982. Parnell has been Hoke's representative for the past eight years.

The senate seat is now held by Sam Noble of Lumberton.

To Hoke County Commissioners

Tentative Water System Plans Shown

Just Before Monthly Meeting Opened

Mayor, Councilmen Sworn In

Raeford's Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., and four of the members of the City Council chosen in last month's city elections were sworn into office Monday night by Hoke County Superior Court Clerk Juanita Edmund shortly before the council's regular meeting for December was convened.

Councilman Graham Clark, who won re-election last month, was absent.

The councilmen who were administered the oath were Joe Upchurch, the new member elected, and Vardell Hedgpeth, Jr., Bob Gentry, and Bennie McLeod, all re-elected. Their terms and the mayor's are for two years each.

Councilman Sam Morris, who did not win reelection, was honored in a Mayor's Resolution the councilmen adopted at the end of the meeting before they went into an executive session to discuss a matter of litigation.

The resolution, read by the mayor, cited Morris for his services to the city in the years from December 3, 1973, to Monday as a councilman, and also for his service in religion and civic activities in the city before and during his years on the council.

By the motion adopted, the resolution was perpetuated in the council's official minutes, thus becoming a permanent part of the city's official record.

In other business Monday night, the council approved City Manager Ron Matthews' recommendation that Southern National Bank become the depository of the city's funds for the two years starting February 1. Southern National and The Bank of Raeford, the current depository for the city's funds, were the only bidders.

The council also voted to accept the recommendations of the City Planning Board that requests for zoning changes be granted. They are: Hoke Realty Co., rezoning of property on South Main Street from R-1 residential to C-2 Commercial; Jack Ellis, to move a warehouse building from Oakwood Avenue at South Stewart Street to East Elwood Avenue adjacent to the turkey plant parking lot; and Frank Crumpler, a variance to permit adding two apartments to two existing apartments he recently renovated in an R-8 zone. The building formerly was occupied by the Captain's Place.

The council also granted requests for establishment of street lights near Upchurch Milling Co. and Hoke Concrete Co. Tom Cameron made the request for Upchurch Milling, and Clyde Upchurch for Hoke Concrete.

Matthews advised the council the city offices would be closed for the Christmas-New Year's holidays on Christmas day (a Friday) and the

Child Fatally Injured

A child was injured fatally about 2:50 p.m. Monday when he was struck by a car while he was crossing SR 1105 in the southern edge of Hoke County.

State Trooper K.W. Weston said the victim was Gary Temple Axtell, Jr., of Rt. 1, Box 177, Red Springs.

He said no charge was filed against the driver, Mrs. Bremer McKoy McBryde of Rt. 3, Red Springs.

The officer said the boy died in surgery at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville.

The child was crossing the road coming from a rural mail box when he was hit, Weston reported.

The death was the fifth this year in Hoke County traffic.

following Monday (December 28), and on New Year's Day. The

city-county landfill will be closed (Saturday), but will open December 28.



Superior Court Clerk Juanita Edmund swearing in L-R Joe Upchurch, Vardell Hedgpeth, Jr., Bob Gentry, and Bennie McLeod as members of the Raeford City Council Monday night for two-year terms. [Staff photo.]

Drug Policy Upheld In Student Case

The Hoke County Board of Education Tuesday night adopted a motion upholding the board's policy regarding possession and use of drugs on school property or school-related activities.

The decision came after a 3 1/4-hour hearing of a 15-year-old Upchurch Junior High School student's efforts to be readmitted to his regular classes. The student was represented by Attorney Julian Pierce of the Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc., a federal government-funded agency to aid low-income people in legal matters.

Upchurch Principal Allen Edwards and the school's assistant principal, Linwood Huffman, and a 13-year-old girl testified for the

school authorities. The boy, another 15-year-old boy, who testified for him, and the girl were suspended for 10 days, subject to expulsion at the end of that time for the rest of the school year provided the school board ruled in their favor, according to the school policy. The board was told that the Upchurch principal took the action after the three admitted smoking a marijuana cigarette at the teachers' parking area November 23. The girl said under questioning by Edwards that she had two marijuana cigarettes.

Huffman said that after being informed by two teachers that students had aroused their suspicions, he went to the parking area

and saw the youth with a cigarette pass the cigarette to the girl, who dropped it on the ground and stepped on it. Huffman said he recognized the odor as that of burning marijuana and that he retrieved the butt and saw no other cigarette butts anywhere in the area and had the three go to the principal's office.

The boys told the board under questioning by the attorney that what they had been smoking were regular tobacco cigarettes and that they had told Edwards and Huffman they had smoked marijuana but not at the time Huffman saw them.

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Christmas Parade Saturday

Raeford's Christmas parade will usher in the Christmas season Saturday, with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus riding at the end of the procession.

Beginning Monday, stores will remain open til 9 p.m.

As far as is known the parade will be the first ever held in Raeford specially to celebrate the Christmas season. It will start at 2 p.m.

The parade planners of the sponsoring Raeford Merchants Association have arranged the participation of colorfully decorated floats, and high school bands, girls who have won crowns in pageants for sub-teens through high school age, wagons and riders of the past summer's Hoke County Wagon Train, Pope Air Force Base and National Guard groups, boys and girls of school organizations, and law-enforcement and emergency medical services, and fire department vehicles.

The parade will go through downtown Raeford, and will start from the assembly point for the marchers, and vehicles. The participants are to form at 1 p.m. at J.W. Turlington School on West Prospect Avenue at North Magnolia Street.

At Santa House, in the former railroad depot on South Main Street near Central Avenue, Santa will receive children to find out what they'd specially like for him to bring them on Christmas.

After the parade day, he will be at Santa House Mondays through Saturdays from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

through December 23. From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. December 21, 22 and 23, choirs of local churches will take turns singing Christmas carols, each choir singing 30 minutes each night, at the Christmas tree outside Santa House.

In Santa House also, children can have their pictures taken with Santa by a professional photographer, if their parents allow them.

A Christmas decorations contest for downtown businesses also is being held in connection with the season's opening. Window decorations must be completed by Saturday to be eligible for the judging. Ribbons will be awarded the businesses whose decorations are judged the best.

The parade planning committee is composed of Kathy Daniels, Mike Smith, Ed Hasty and John Howard. Howard is in charge of organizing the parade.

Among those in the parade will be Hoke High School's band, cheerleaders, Miss Ekoh, Miss Homecoming, Color Guard, and the Student Council float; the Red Springs and Lumberton High schools' bands; the Lumberton High Color Guard and ROTC Dress Unit; the Upchurch Junior High School Band; Miss Teenage Hoke County; Miss Turlington; Miss Lumbee; antique cars; Woodmen of the World Rangerettes, WSHB radio station representatives; Little Miss Football of Hoke County; the Elks Club; Hoke

4-H'ers; Fayetteville State University Drum Unit; Boy Scouts; Brownie Scouts; Raeford Merchants Association; the Mental Health Unit; and a children's group.

More participants have entered the parade lineup during the past week, Howard reported Monday.

A U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard will lead the parade, followed by the Hoke High band.

Entries other than the Marine Corps unit received in the past week include the local Mecca Shrine Club, the Raeford Woman's Club, and the Down Home Cloggers.

Before assembling at the Turlington parking lot, the performing units of the parade will stage in these places: in front of the Hoke County Public Library; in front of the main branch of the Bank of Raeford; and on Main Street between Elwood and Central Avenues.

The parade will start from the Turlington parking lot at 2 p.m.

It will proceed south on Main Street to the southernmost entrance to the Edenborough Shopping Center at the A&P and will disband in the parking lot.

Between 1 and 2 p.m., the Rockfish Revue Band will perform at the railroad depot on Main near Central.

Howard also advised that no parking will be allowed on Main between Edinborough and Central from noon to 3 p.m.

The Hoke County Commissioners Monday voted funds for buying advanced life-support system equipment for emergency use by the Hoke County Ambulance Service and heard preliminary reports on four possible plans for establishing a countywide water system.

Jim Henley, owner and operator of the Ambulance Service, told the commissioners the advanced life-support system would cost \$1,330,80. He said it was wanted to save lives, through on-the-spot treatment by trained ambulance people before the patients are taken to hospitals. He mentioned cases of cardiac arrest and severe injury suffered in an accident. Henley said what makes the county "bad" is it has no hospital. He said the county is 30 to 40 minutes from the nearest hospitals, consequently, the Hoke service must provide the best possible pre-hospital care it can.

He said the ambulance people so far have been unable to resuscitate successfully any of the cardiac-arrest victims at the scene; that those resuscitated died before being discharged from hospitals.

He also said, mentioning a person who suffered an internal-bleeding injury in a traffic accident that he wasn't saying the ambulance people could have saved her life, but that her chances of surviving would have been improved if the ALS equipment had been available to them.

Henley also asked the commissioners to consider putting the county into a paramedic program. He recommended that the commissioners appoint an ambulance committee to keep themselves abreast of developments for a program and learn that federal funds are available to help with financing.

Henley told the commissioners a paramedic can stabilize a patient on the scene of an accident or injury.

He also said the advanced life-support program would be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, that three people are trained to handle it now and more will be trained. He explained that only one trained person is needed on an ambulance call.

Commissioner Danny DeVane made the motion to provide the requested money to buy the ALS equipment, adding that whatever usable equipment found in the equipment used by the former Hoke County Medical Betterment Association Clinic be subtracted from the purchase.

WATER SUPPLY

The four tentative plans for the countywide water system would range in cost from the most expensive -- about \$7 million -- to the least expensive -- about \$3 million -- the commissioners were informed by project engineer David Upchurch of Koonce, Noble & Associates, the engineering firm that is doing the water-system feasibility study.

Lacy Koonce, an owner of the company, informed the commissioners the major problems would be in state and federal funding of a portion of the total costs. He said the state now grants 25 per cent of the cost, and 50 per cent of the nonfederal (county government) share of the cost; the U.S. Farmers Home Administration's bond interest rate has risen to 12 per cent, from 6 per cent; and as much local money as possible should be provided to keep the county bond issue which would be necessary as low as possible. The bond issue would be subject to approval by a majority of the county's voters in a special referendum.

He said there is some talk that the state's share, from the Clean Water Bonds money, might increase.

The FmHA situation, Upchurch told the commissioners, is in "limbo" now. He said the word from the state office is some money is available but that projects should be kept "small."

Upchurch also said the bills (See WATER, page 11)

Christmas Parade - 2 p.m. - Saturday