

Social Events

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Hedgpeth - McFadyen Wedding Solemized In First Baptist Church

Irma Crowley McFadyen and Vardell Hedgpeth, Jr., were married on November 26 at the First Baptist Church of Raeford. Performing the candlelight ceremony was the Rev. Billy Beaver. Displays of ferns and ivy were also featured in the chancel decorations.

Bev Tillman, organist, and Alice Glisson, vocalist provided nuptial music. The bride was given in marriage by her three children, Dickson, Megan, and Laura. She wore a blue suit with an off-white blouse and carried a fan adorned with violets and stephanotis.

Mrs. Frances Wilder of Lillington was the matron of honor. She was attired in a dusty rose suit and carried a complementing nosegay. The couple was attended by their children Michael, age 6, Mandy, age 10, and Vickie, age 16 Hedgpeth, and Laura, age 9, Megan, age 11, and Dickson, age 14, McFadyen.

Melvin Dove of Hope Mills served as best man. Ushers were Timothy Sessoms, Edward Hedgpeth, and Troy Hedgpeth of Raeford.

After a honeymoon trip to Williamsburg, Va., the couple are residing in Raeford.

Mrs. Hedgpeth received her master of arts degree from East Carolina University and was a counselor in the Harnett County School System.

The bridegroom owns and operates Vardell Hedgpeth Insurance Agency.

Dickson Press Ladies Enjoy Christmas Party

The ladies of Dickson Press celebrated Christmas with their annual Christmas party Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Mary Jones on Arabia Road.

A covered dish supper was enjoyed by all.

Several games were played, during which each guest was presented a favor. Mrs. Leonard Wiggins received the door prize.

Later in the evening gifts were exchanged.

College News

Joseph Michael Rodriguez of Raeford has been accepted for admissions to Campbell University and will be entering as a freshman when its fall term opens on August 19, 1982.

Rodriguez will be a graduate of Hoke Co. High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Rodriguez.

At Campbell Rodriguez plans to major in Political Science.

The President's List for the past fall quarter at Fayetteville Technical Institute has been announced. To qualify, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain grades of "B" or better.

The students from Raeford are: Gloria J. Barefoot, Apryle M. Cones, Nancy Conoly, William E. Hinson, Lisa A. Huffman, Raymond D. Thompson.

Christmas Cantata Sunday At Baptist Church

The Music Ministry of First Baptist Church, Raeford, will present the Christmas cantata, "Noel, Jesus is Born", on Sunday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m.

"Noel, Jesus is Born" was written by Lanny Wolfe, Don Marsh, and Bob Benson. It is about a living, vibrant, ongoing Christmas. The word, "noel", has a rich tradition of meaning at the Christmas

season. It is a carol of praise and joy for the birth of Jesus. "Noel" represents the entire spectrum of God's incredible work among men. We sing "Noel" because Christmas is alive today in our hearts.

This Christmas program will consist of a multi-media presentation, featuring the Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, and

several soloists. Joseph and Mary will be portrayed by Sam Warren and Joy Hottel. King Herod will be portrayed by Charlie Hottel; and C.D. Bounds will be the narrator. Other soloists include Mary Ruth Lancaster, Terri Parker, Betty Odum, and Alice Glisson.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Hoke Highlights

Pamela McNeill

Hoke High National Honor Society will make a donation to the Raeford Children Center. The group will present the donation on Wednesday during lunch. Participating members will visit the Open Arms Rest Home on Sunday, the twentieth, to sing Christmas carols.

The Spanish Club and French Club had their Annual International Dinner on Monday night. French and Spanish Clubs will present carols of Christmas. Robert Capp will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. The program consists of a dinner with dishes from several countries and entertainment by members of the club.

The Hoke County Youth Council will help along with other various clubs to present a bake sale. The purpose of the bake sale is to purchase a van to transport Hoke County Handicapped citizens to Scottish Craft. (sheltered workshops in Laurinburg) The project is arranged under the supervision of the Hoke County Association for the Developmentally Disabled.

Happy Birthday Eric McGee!



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Choral Society Gives 'Pirates' In February

Southern Pines: Close on his very successful debut as Musical Director of Moore County Choral Society in their Christmas Concert last Sunday, Robert A. Engelson announced today that the MCCC Gala III presentation February 21 will be the "now more than ever famous" Gilbert - Sullivan "Pirates of Penzance". Again the stage will be the Cardinal Ballroom of the Pinehurst Hotel and the format will be a brunch followed by the presentation.

Mr. Engelson's announcement generated high interest in the area because, in a sense, it means bringing Broadway to the Sandhills. On December 31, 1979 "Pirates" opened on Broadway and was immediately a smash hit, still playing to full houses.

Reached at his office as chair-

man of the music department at St. Andrews College, Laurinburg, Mr. Engelson commented: "Gilbert and Sullivan has been a music world of its own for over a century. 'Pirates of Penzance' was not the best known work of this super 19th century composer - librettist team until perhaps the Broadway revival - but, in the opinion of knowledgeable G. & S. buffs, it is equal to or better than other Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas both musically and in comic satire.

"On February 21st we are going to do a concert version of 'Pirates', enhanced by enough costuming and staging to get everyone into the rollicking spirit of the thing. Sure, 'Pirates' can be characterized as delightful nonsense, but the music enralls the listener with its beauty and robust charm and its comic fun is really great satire, very witty.

"People everywhere know and sing tunes from 'Pirates', often without realizing their origin. A good example is the most famous of all patter songs, 'I am the Very Model of a Modern Major General'. Then, so beautiful that it is often mistaken for an operatic aria is the lovely 'Poor Wandering One'. And for comic satire, 'The Policeman's Lot is Not a Happy one' simply can not be surpassed.

"I was very pleased with the performance of the MCCC chorus of eighty and eight soloists in our Christmas Concert. Although all four sections did well and are very talented, we have somewhat of a numerical overbalance of sopranos. Therefore I would urge that any basses, tenors or altos desirous of joining us for 'Pirates' and our spring concert come forward. They will be most welcome."

On that subject, Col. Martin Foster, Membership Chairman, pointed out: "Candidates should present themselves at or next rehearsal at 7:15 PM, Brownson Memorial Church, May Street, Southern Pines. The only qualification is some previous group singing experience. Dues are \$15, for the balance of the concert season. If more information is desired, just call me at 692-6201."

Hospital News

MOORE MEMORIAL
M.V. Hedgpeth

Personals

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Roper were Mr. and Mrs. Linzie Singletary and Overseer E.H. Bain.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Harris attended the funeral of her uncle, John Whitt of Roxboro on Wednesday.

Mrs. Eugene Monroe and son, William, of Garner spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Graham Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris, Jeffery and Jessica of Durham, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris of Fayetteville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Harris.

Kay Thomas Heads

Lighthouse Drive

Gov James B. Hunt and U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, state co-chairmen of the Save Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Committee, have announced that local committees are now at work in more than 90 of North Carolina's 100 counties.

The drive in Hoke County is being headed by Mrs. Kay Thomas.

North Carolina's voluntary drive is trying to raise funds to prevent one of the nation's historic coastal landmarks from being toppled by beach erosion.

Woman's Club Has Christmas Meeting

The Home Life Department of Raeford Woman's Club held its annual Christmas dinner meeting December 8 at the home of Betty Knox.

The house was decorated in the Christmas motif. Ten members and four guests attended.

Donations of toboggan caps and other items for the Sandhills Youth Center at McCain were given, along with money for the Share Your Christmas for Hoke County needy.

Rosa Morrison presented a ceramic Christmas tree to the public library from the department.



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