

Modern 'Trolley' Stops In Raeford

Pogo Possum's Christmas "carol" goes. "Deck the halls with Boston Charlie...Nora's freezin' on the trolley."

He's not talking about THIS trolley -- Dick McFadden's trolley. This trolley has all the modern conveniences, including stereo music. Actually, it only looks like an oldtime trolley. It's a gasoline-powered bus which has seats for 38 passengers.

Dick (R.B.) McFadden produced buses like it -- also two-passenger golf carts and 98-passenger trams consisting of two cars -- at his company, The Trolley Line of Florida, Inc., of Winter Haven, Fla.

McFadden, his wife and the driver, Tim Hager, stopped in Raeford in front of the Courthouse with the bus Friday afternoon en route to Wildwood, N.J., where it will become part of that town's public transportation system.

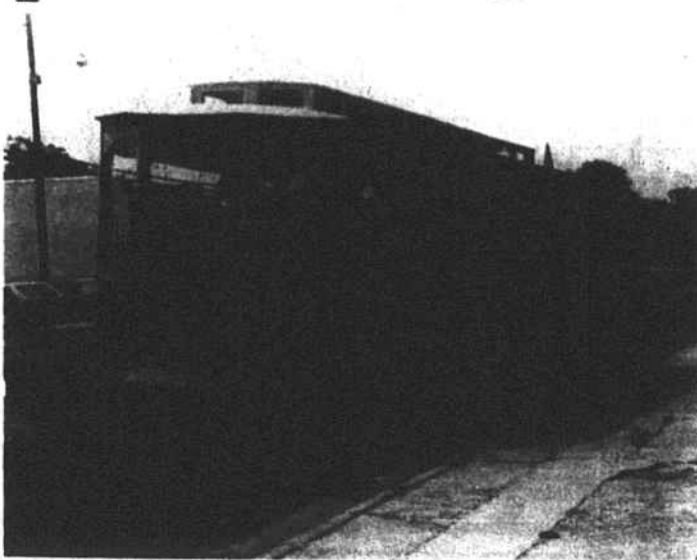
After leaving Raeford, they stopped at Pinehurst. Pinehurst village officials are considering acquiring a trolley bus like the one that appeared in Raeford. McFadden and his associates demonstrated one in Pinehurst last year. McFadden described the advan-

tages: a bus like the one he had here costs \$60,000, which is less than one-third what a conventional GMC bus used in public service in cities and towns costs; it costs the taxpayers nothing, since it pays for itself -- one major source of income besides the fares charged passengers is advertising, as the old-time trolleys carried; and the little buses are so popular they attract many more paying passengers than the conventional style bus does.

McFadden said that the city of Scottsdale, Ariz., replaced one of its conventional city buses with a McFadden trolley bus -- and the numbers of passengers rose to 1,100 a day, from the 60 who patronized the conventional bus.

He said Marco Island, Fla., sold \$73,000 worth of advertising for display on its trolley bus in a single year.

He said the trolley bus is used for service on special type routes, besides, regular passenger service. For example it's a solution to a parking problem -- people who have to park their cars in perimeter areas of downtown business districts can ride a trolley bus to the downtown sections. He said The Trolley Line has sold



Dick McFadden with his trolley bus in front of the Courthouse Friday.

buses to chambers of commerce and to individual businessmen. Though the trolley bus does have the modern conveniences it sounds

the same signal to inform waiting prospective passengers and traffic of its approach, an oldtime trolley bell.

Junior Woman's Club Activities Reviewed

The Raeford Junior Woman's Club gives the following review of its activities at the end of the club year.

At the same time the club salutes the entire populace of Raeford and Hoke County for its support of the club's efforts.

The club's report continues below.

The Raeford Junior Woman's Club is a division of the North Carolina Federation of Woman's Club. Its primary purpose is of service to the community. All projects are chosen for the growth

of the Raeford, Hoke County community.

In keeping with this purpose, let's review our club year and its activities.

In September, we sold bulbs and trees. From proceeds we made, we bought tulip bulbs and donated these to the Hoke County library. These bulbs were planted in honor of the children born to two of our club members during the year.

Our club held its annual membership dinner during October and established a "Coins for Cancer" project whereby all donations are collected monthly for cancer research. This dinner meeting enabled perspective members to meet

with regular members, learn about the club and its activities. We gained ten new members on this night.

These newly accepted members found right away that we are a service organization, for we donated money to the Halloween Carnival for the Trainable Multiple Handicapped class at Upchurch.

November and December are two of our busiest months, and 1981 proved no exception. During National Education Week, our club remembered the teachers of our county with apples and pens. We also donated five books to McLaughlin School Library.

Each year, we select a needy elderly family to honor with a Thanksgiving dinner. Due to our local merchants' generosity, our couple enjoyed House of Raeford turkey, and other donations from Parks FMA of Rowland and canned goods from our members.

Also in November, our community supported our club efforts by purchasing Bensons' Fruit Cakes. Plans were made for our first home tour held in December.

On December 6, five homes were toured on our first Christmas Home Tour. The five people who graciously opened their homes, the McFadysens, the Austins, the Jordans, the Witherspoons and the Leandros, certainly were to be commended for providing an afternoon of beauty and Christmas spirit for our community. Of course, those taking the tour are especially appreciated in making this our most profitable project for the year.

Also during December, our club helps two needy families with Christmas gifts. Again, our local merchants are to be appreciated for providing fine donations. Along with \$100 donations from our club, gifts from Western Auto, Cutter's Corner, House of Raeford, Parks FMA of Rowland and Mack's, two needy families in our area were a bit happier on Christmas Day.

Our club also helped judge Christmas floats in the Raeford Christmas Parade and awarded ribbons to merchants in the window decorating contest.

January, 1982, we saw the new year in with the annual Arts Festival. Each year the Arts Festival provides a time to select outstanding artists from our club and from the local schools. There is a local, district and state level of the contest.

At our January meeting, we voted to install a "Hotline" from the high school to the Health Department. This is a telephone located at Hoke High designated for teens who have questions best handled by a health nurse. It was hoped that teens could be directed to proper agencies for help. We spent \$201.15 on this project.

In February, we manned the telephones for the March of Dimes Telethon. Our Sally Southall Cotten Scholarship (\$150) was awarded to Rose Marie Parrish, an

Free Cancer Tests

More than 60 area residents received a free take-home test for the early detection of colon rectal cancer at the Medicine Shoppe, 121 S. Main St., last October.

According to the AMC Cancer Research Center, co-sponsor, there were no local cancer detections made. However, two persons in North Carolina have undergone cancer surgery.

The test distributed during this program was a check for hidden blood in the stool. It allows collections of small stool samples to be sent directly to a physician or laboratory for analysis. This is a useful and inexpensive way to screen for cancer and other bowel problems.

Physicians recommend that beginning at age 40, persons should include this type of screening in their regular physical check-up.

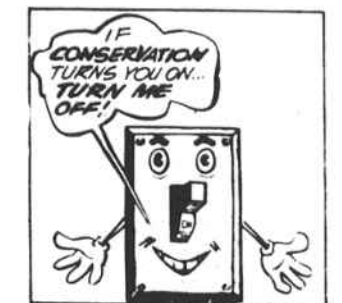
In 2½ days, 63,000 people nationwide picked up a take-home kit at 280 Medicine Shoppes across the country. Analyses conducted by AMC show that 39 cancerous

tumor surgeries have been performed to date.

AMC said that 133 persons were found to have other types of health problems unrelated to cancer. They were referred to their family physician for medical assistance.

Mildouson Reunion

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How To Buy Home Insurance

One of the most important decisions you make is your choice of an insurance agent and company to insure your home, says Joseph M. Walker, extension family resource management specialist at A. & T. State University in Greensboro.

"To find a qualified agent who has your interest in mind, you'll want to check his or her reputation for service to clients," Walker advises.

Ask about the agent's background, education and experience in the insurance field. Walker advises dealing only with an established agent or company but notes that a beginning agent with a reputable firm may be just what you're looking for.

A new agent may be more willing to take the time to answer your questions.

"Do ask for references," Walker says. "A good agent can provide the names of satisfied customers."

While shopping around for an insurance company, check the cancellation rate, reputation for

service and reputation for claims settlement of any firms you are interested in. And don't hesitate to check with the Consumer Protection Division of the N.C. Department of Insurance for information on an agent or company, Walker notes.

Shop around for the best homeowner policy rates, Walker advises, as rates can vary from company to company. Ask, too, about deductibles that may lower your premium payment. Costs can be reduced by paying premiums once or twice a year, instead of monthly.

According to Walker, in order to collect the full coverage for a partial loss of a home, the insurance coverage at the time of the loss must be 80 percent or more of the full replacement value.

Your agent should keep you informed of rising replacement costs, Walker says, and it is your responsibility to check the amount needed, for your protection.

Don't try to save money by underinsuring, though, Walker says, "it could be the worst mistake you could make."

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