

Around Town

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continue until eight o'clock. The food is always good and you can eat all you want for the price of your ticket. Tickets can be obtained from any Kiwanian or can be purchased at the door. The proceeds are used for the club's community projects and this makes for a worthy cause. Besides the fellowship with friends it is worth the price of the ticket. See you there!

Get the kids ready for Saturday afternoon. On that date the Raeford Merchants Association will sponsor the annual Christmas parade in downtown Raeford. The parade route will be along Main Street and will start at two o'clock. There will be the usual parade units consisting of bands, floats, cars, bicycles, Boy and Girl Scouts, etc.

So come early and get a good place on Main Street. After the parade, go by the local stores and see all the Christmas things they have to offer. It is your shopping in Raeford that makes this parade possible.

The annual Christmas Concert of the Hoke County High School Chorus and Chorale will be held on Thursday night, December 16, at 8:00 o'clock in the MacDonald gymnasium. This is a highlight for the students and parents of the school during the Christmas season. So mark your calendar now and make your plans to attend.

Every year *The News-Journal* has a special Christmas section in the paper during the week before Christmas. This edition will come out Thursday December 23.

Included in this section are Christmas Greetings from the local businesses in Hoke County and also features the Christmas doors in the county. Special Christmas stories are also featured in this issue.

It takes planning and time to get this section together and have it ready for the mail before the Christmas holidays. So we must set a deadline for the greeting ads and for the pictures of doors for the edition.

They are as follows: All Christmas greeting ads must be in the office by Wednesday, December 15. If you haven't been contacted, you may call 875-2121 and someone will call on you for a greeting. We don't want to leave anyone out of this issue.

If you have a Christmas door that you think is special, then call 875-2121 before Wednesday, December 15 and someone will be by to take a picture of it. When you call in, please give your name and street address or what route you live on so that we can be sure to give credit to the right door.

Your cooperation in this will be appreciated.

Autry Resigns

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keep me busy." He said he has a brother in business in Greenville, N.C., and he might go in with him.

He also plans to work with the East Carolina University Alumni Association. He holds his bachelor's and master's degrees from ECU, as well as an educational specialist degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He also said he will make up his mind in the next year whether to stay in Hoke County. "We're flexible," he said, of him and his wife. "There's nothing here to nail us down."

The Autrys have been living in Arabia the past nine years.

Autry was a school principal for about 27 years of his career and came to Hoke County 16 years ago as principal of Hoke County High School.

He moved to that position from the principalship of East Montgomery High School of Montgomery County.

Before then he had been principal of Northampton County's Gaston High. He also had been a teacher, including one year of such duty at Sherwood Bates Elementary School in Raleigh, then served as head football coach at Gibsonville.

Autry is a native of Dunn and graduated from Dunn High School. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in World War II at 16 and at 18 was in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, the latter the last campaign of the war for American forces.



Sheriff Barrington taking the oath of office for his new term Monday morning from Superior Court Clerk Juanita Edmond. His deputies, standing behind them, took their oaths right afterward.



Hoke County's deputies sheriff are shown taking their oaths of office Monday morning from Clerk of Court Juanita Edmond in the Courthouse Annex. This ceremony followed the swearing-in of Sheriff Barrington to a new term.

Commission Huddles On Space

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missioner Neill McPhatter. Balfour and Hunt were reelected last month, and Bratcher was elected to his first term in public office, replacing Mabel Riley, who lost her bid for a second term in the July 27 Democratic runoff primary.

She was the first woman elected a Hoke County commissioner. Mrs. Edmund after swearing in the commissioners swore David Barrington into office for a new four-year term as sheriff, then administered the oath of office to Barrington's 16 deputies.

In their first business of the day the commissioners by unanimous vote adopted motions to reelect Balfour as chairman and Hunt as vice chairman.

The commissioners took up business for slightly over an hour, then went into executive session from 10:55 a.m. till 12:25 p.m. to discuss the proposed addition of more space for county offices and a new contract for the Hoke County Ambulance Service, but took no official action on either subject.

The commissioners adjourned shortly after reopening the meeting.

During their open meeting earlier, the commissioners adopted a motion to endorse a renewed application of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc., for federal funds for establishment of low-rent housing for the elderly. This was a renewal that Balfour asked for.

Earlier this year the commissioners had given their endorsement to the application when LRDA was planning to establish the housing in South Hoke and Rockfish. The original application

was turned down because the federal agency requires that housing for the elderly be located close to medical and dental facilities, among others.

The commissioners adopted a motion to accept a \$12,495 additional Crisis Intervention Allocation (to pay for emergency heating fuel for the needy) in federal aid. Balfour explained that the payments would go direct to the fuel dealer rather than the recipient. He said the additional application brings the total for the year to \$29,621.

The commissioners in other business approved allocation of \$70 in local matching funds to go with \$70 from the Lumber River Council of Governments Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for purchase of an updated extrication device for use by the Hoke County Ambulance Service and the Hoke County Rescue Squad.

The county will be reimbursed by the two services. The device is used for helping more victims who have suffered spinal injuries in accidents.

The commissioners appointed Upchurch to the Lumber River COG Board of Directors to replace DeVane, and Bratcher to the County Board of Health to replace Mrs. Riley.

They also voted to cancel their regular mid-month meeting for December since it comes close to the Christmas holiday season, and to postpone to January 4 from January 3 their regular monthly meeting, for the same reason.

Balfour noted that the commissioners could always have a called meeting if something came up this month to require one. The com-

missioners customarily cancel their mid-December meeting annually because of the pending holidays.

This month's meetings would have been held on December 20.

The commissioners in other holiday-related action adopted a motion authorizing all county offices to close for a Christmas lunch December 23 from noon until 1 p.m.

The lunch will be held in the Courthouse Annex.

Parade Saturday

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beauty queens and decorated vehicles."

The procession will be led by a U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard and also will include a Pope Air Force Base Honor Guard.

Among the attractions will be a live Nativity scene entered by Tabernacle Baptist Church of Rockfish, the bands of Hoke County High School, Upchurch Junior High School, and Red Springs High School, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, clowns and Tweety Bird.

"We expect the public will observe this to be a parade with significance of the season, but also as entertainment for the children," Howard said.

Right after the parade ends, Santa will be in the Santa House, in the railroad depot on Main Street by the railroad tracks, to receive the children and listen to their wishes for Christmas presents.

Santa House is sponsored by the Raeford Merchants Association.

The parade floats will be judged by members of the Raeford Junior Women's Club.



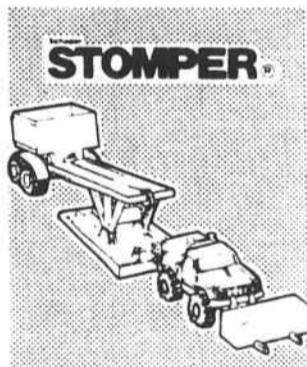
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FRIDAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY

• NO INTEREST CHARGES
• NO CARRYING CHARGES

while quantities last!

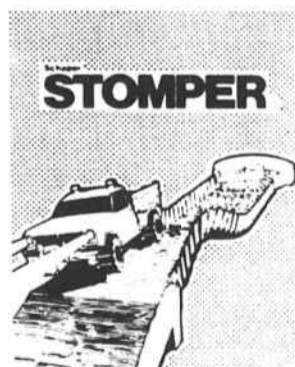
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LAYAWAY FOR CHRISTMAS -- 10% DOWN



Regular \$12.99 **10.44**
Official Competition Pull Set

Save \$2.55 Uniquely constructed -- already assembled. Lots of enjoyment for children ages 4 & up.



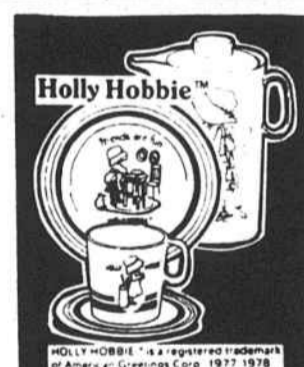
Regular \$12.99 **10.44**
Stomper 4x4 Badlands Trail

Save \$2.55. Includes 27 TOUGH-TRACK™ pieces & a 360° turn-around. For children ages 4 & up.



Regular \$6.99 **5.22**
Young Designer Bag Collection

Save \$1.77. Contains handbag, wallet and key case or coin purse. For children age 3 and older.



Regular \$6.99 **4.49**
Holly Hobbie Tea Set

Save \$1.50. Delightful all-plastic tea sets. Service for 4 includes plates, cups, saucers & more.



Regular \$11.99 **9.74**
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Save \$3.25. In the classic geometric cube form but larger -- 4x4x4 -- zillions more combinations.



Regular \$11.99 **9.74**
Rubik's Race™ Game

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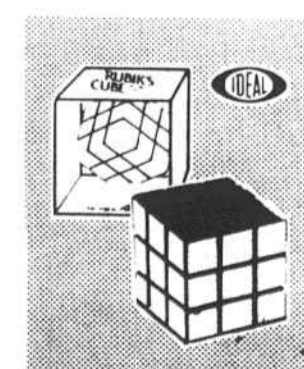
Regular \$44.99 **39.66**
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Regular \$10.99 **8.66**
Parker Bros. "Survive"

Save \$2.33. Escape sharks, sea serpents to rescue the most survivors on a sinking island. Ages 8 up.



Regular \$6.99 **4.88**
Rubik's Cube™ Puzzle

Famous mindbender puzzle. Try to get Rubik's cube back to its original 6-solid colored sides.



Regular \$9.99 each **7.86**
Your Choice Of Games

Save \$2.13 ea. Choose from two types of Pac-Man games, Domination, Conspiracy or Trap Door. All Ages.

Christmas Parade
Saturday - 2:00 p.m.

Raeford Hoke Village

401 By Pass/Cole Ave.
Raeford, N.C.

Open Mon. Sat. 9:30 A.M. - 9:30 P.M.
Sunday 1 P.M. - 6 P.M.

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