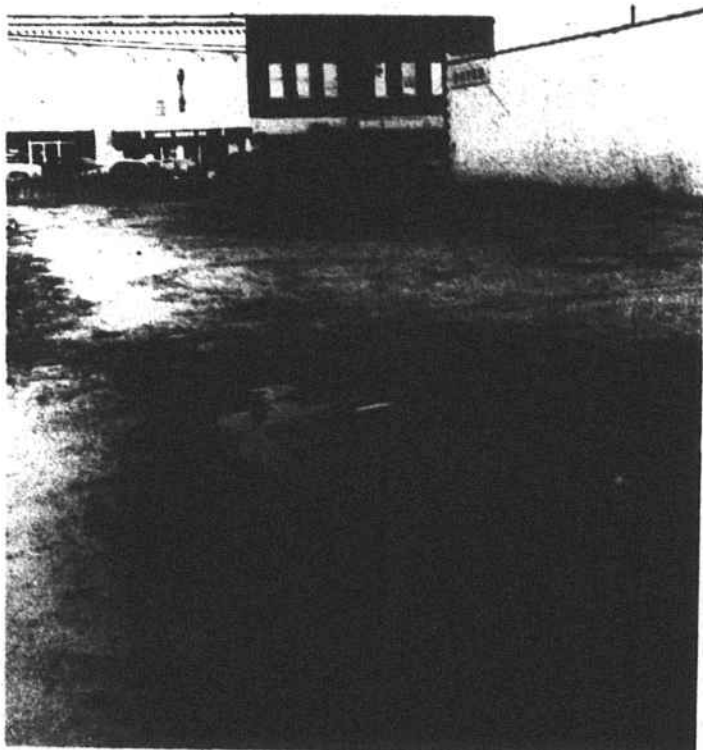




MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS PAST -- These photos taken last week bring to the eye memories of the Christmas of 1982 in downtown Raeford. Santa House, set up every Christmas season in the old railroad depot.



looks as though santa is still there or coming, to hear children's wishes for presents. In the other, Christmas trees left over from the Raeford Jaycees' yearly sale await removal from the temporary sales lot.

Nominations Open For State Awards

Know someone you think deserves the highest award given by the state of North Carolina? Nominate him or her by April 1 for a North Carolina Award.

The N.C. Awards are the highest awards presented by the state -- not by a private group or individual -- to its own citizens. They recognize outstanding accomplishments in four categories: science, fine arts, literature and public service.

"The N.C. Awards are and deserve to be the most prestigious honors our state can bestow," according to Gov. Jim Hunt.

"They are special because they recognize people who have devoted their lives to excellence in their chosen fields, and they are special because the idea came from citizens, nominations come from citizens and selections come from citizens."

Anyone may submit a nomination for N.C. Awards. Nominations, including biographies, resumes and letters of support, should be sent to Dr. Lawrence Wheeler, deputy secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, 27611, by April 1, 1983.

The N.C. Awards Committee, made up of citizens representing each of the four categories, reviews nominations during the summer and selects recipients for awards to be present at a banquet in Raleigh in the fall.

The committee's chairman is former governor and N.C. Award recipient Terry Sanford of Durham, now president of Duke University. Other members are past N.C. Award recipient Doris Betts of Chapel Hill, writer and senior faculty member of the University of North Carolina; Sam

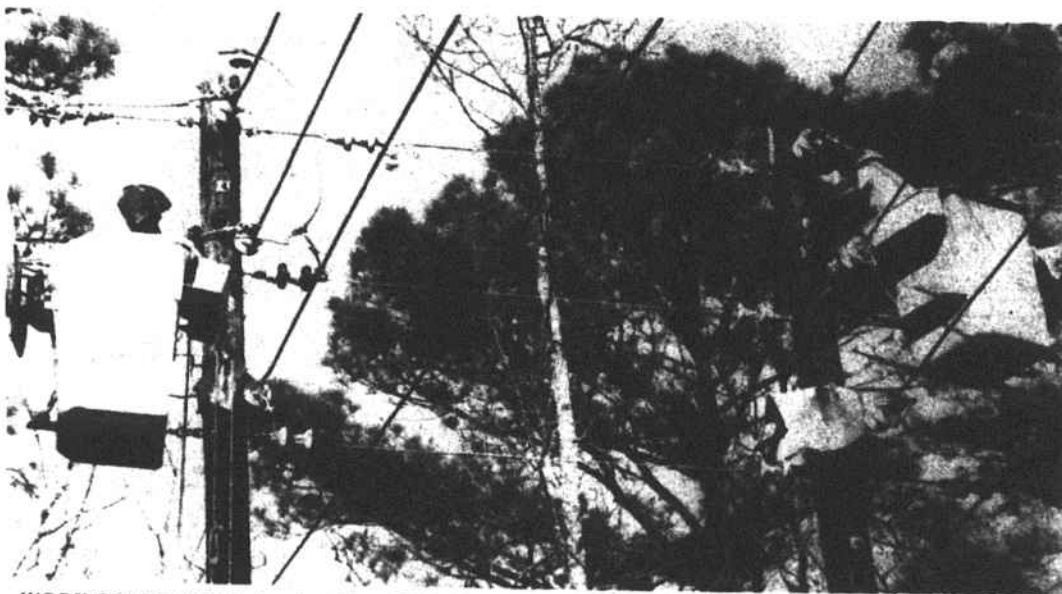
Ragan of Southern Pines, writer and former secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources; and Elizabeth D. Koontz, former assistant superintendent for teacher education in the Department of Public Instruction. Also on the committee is H.F. Robinson of Cullowhee, chancellor of Western Carolina University.

The General Assembly established the N.C. Awards by statute in 1961. The first N.C. Awards went to John N. Couch, Inglis Fletcher, John Motley Morehead, Clarence Poe and Francis Speight.

Since then, the list has grown to about 80 names, including those of outstanding figures as former U.S. Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr.; late writer Harry Golden; former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Juanita Kreps; and William C. Friday, president of the University of North Carolina.

The 1982 recipients were the late Willie Snow Ethridge in Literature; arts patron R. Philip Hanes Jr. and sculptor Selma Burke in Fine Arts; Dr. Floyd Denny in science; and Nancy Chase in Public Service.

"The roster of N.C. Awards recipients is full of people who make a difference in our state," according to Cultural Resources Secretary Sara W. Hodgkins, whose department coordinates presentation of the awards. "They deserve to be recognized, and I'm delighted North Carolina has this way of saying 'thank you'."



WORK COMPLETED--Lumbee River EMC linemen completed recently the connections necessary to energize the new Scurlock substation recently. The project, which cost more than \$500,000, is an improvement to electric service in rural Hoke County and will relieve loads on the Wayside and Rockfish substations.

Sunday School Lesson

Background Scripture: Luke 16:1-13, 19-31.
Devotional Reading: Amos 5:6-15.

The parable of the Dishonest Steward in Luke 16 is likely not a very popular one in the churches. For the most part it is simply ignored in the lectionaries and collections to sermon resources. Those who stumble upon it are likely to race on without a backward glance.

The reason, of course, is self-evident: Jesus' parable is about a crook who cheats his employer and then is commended for it. How embarrassing! Surely there must be some mistake here.

TURN IN THE ACCOUNT

If we examine the parable more closely, however, we find there is some important teaching here for us from Christ. The steward is clearly dishonest -- in fact, that's the point Jesus is trying to make. If a dishonest steward is smart enough to use worldly goods to secure his future, shouldn't the followers of Christ do even more?

Look at the story carefully. The steward is first in jeopardy because charges were brought to his master that the man is "wasting his goods." Threatened with the loss of his position, the dishonest steward now begins to use the material goods to protect his future. Because he is a dishonest man, he uses these goods in a fraudulent way to insure his security. Oddly enough, when the master learns of this skulduggery, he shocks us by commending the crook for his crafty strategy.

Jesus does not condone the man's deceit, but he is telling us that we must be no less intelligent in our own use of material goods. "For the sons of this world are wiser in their own generation than the sons of light." The choice confronting the followers of Jesus is not between being moral or being wise, but of being both. Just because the Christian chooses to be good is no reason for him to allow himself to be stupid. In the parable it is apparent that resourcefulness is a quality that God looks for in

all his children.

THE TRUE RICHES

The parable Jesus told about the dishonest steward is meant, not to shock us, but to shame us. Even the dishonest servant is a better steward than some of God's honest servants. Being honest is not enough -- although it is a good start -- for we are also expected to be good stewards of what God gives us. "If the sons of this world" do a better job in being crooked than we do in being honest, that is judgement upon our stewardship. The servant who hid his talent in the ground didn't do something evil with it, but his failure to do something worthwhile made him an "unprofitable servant."

Once again let us understand what Jesus is saying in this parable: let not the dishonest but enterprising steward stand at the top of the class when it comes to using material things wisely. Let the "children of light" be even more enterprising in order to fulfill their stewardship in God's sight.

Deaths & Funerals

Raymond Clark
Raymond Blue Clark, age 73, died Tuesday in the Open Arms Rest Home in Raeford on January 18.

Funeral services were 1 p.m. Wednesday afternoon at the Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel by Rev. Arthie Barringer.

Burial was in Raeford Cemetery. Survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Eula Bledsoe Clark of Fayetteville; two sons: Raymond Clark of Hope Mills, Robert Lee Clark of Rockfish; one daughter: Mrs. Patricia Clark McClanahan of Hope Mills; nine grandchildren. Crumpler Funeral Home served the family.

Mrs. Dixie R. McLeod
Mrs. Dixie Reaves McLeod, 80, died Thursday evening.

The funeral was conducted Saturday afternoon in Raeford United Methodist Church by the Rev. Arthur Winstead, the pastor, and the Rev. Charles Ansley, pastor of Antioch Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Antioch Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, W.D. McLeod of Raeford; her daughters, Mrs. Joan Scarborough of Raeford, Mrs. Margaret McDonald of Greensboro and Mrs. Catherine Nickalson of Garner; her brothers, Hallie Reaves of Southern Pines and L.E. Reaves of Fayetteville; and seven grandchildren.

Crumpler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Buddy Williams
Buddy Williams, 45, died Monday.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday afternoon in Raeford United Methodist Church by the Rev. Arthur Winstead, the pastor. Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

Surviving are his son, Keith Williams of Wilmington; his daughter, Kathy Williams of Chapel Hill; his brothers, Tom Williams of Gainesville, Fla., Jerry Williams of Raeford, and Bob Williams of Wilmington; his sister, Mrs. Peggy Stanley of Fayetteville; his mother, Mrs. Trannie Williams of Raeford; and his grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Campbell of Raeford. Crumpler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

LAW For Laypersons

When a judge decides at a full hearing that a permanent receiver should be appointed for a missing person, he still may not be able to make a decision on the evidence presented to him as to whether the person is still alive or whether he is dead.

Even if the judge is not able to find with certainty that the person is dead or alive, the permanent receiver may nevertheless be appointed to take care of his property and to maintain and support his dependents.

As time passes, more information may be found out about the missing person. For example, his body may be discovered or the scattered parts of his airplane may be found, floating in the ocean, after a violent storm has passed.

When such evidence of death is finally made available, the missing person's wife or any party in interest may apply to the judge for a final hearing to determine that the missing person is dead.

The judge will then listen to the evidence, and if he finds that the person is in fact dead, a transcript of the proceeding will go to the Clerk of Superior Court, and the probate judge will then administer the person's estate just as if he were in fact dead. The permanent receiver's job is then ended.

It may be, however, that no evidence of the person's death ever comes to light. All that may be known is that he disappeared, and no one knows anything more than

that. In such a case, the North Carolina statute provides that after five years from the date of the finding of disappearance, the judge may take any further evidence about the whereabouts of the person and enter a decree that all interests of the person have ceased and passed on to others by reasons of his failure to appear and make a claim for his property.

If the judge does make such a finding, then the permanent receiver's job will end.

Whether the missing person is actually declared dead as the result of evidence presented or the five year period passes from the date of the finding of disappearance, the missing person's property will pass just as if he were actually dead. For example, if he left a will, it will be admitted to probate and his property will pass under the will.

If, however, he did not leave a will, then his property must be distributed to his heirs according to the intestate laws of North Carolina which provide for distribution of a person's property if he does not make a will.



GIRL SCOUTS

LEGALS

WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS SEWER LINE EXTENSION, FULTON STREET

CITY OF RAEFORD HOKE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

Separate sealed BIDS will be received for the construction of Sewer Line Extension, Fulton Street:

Work Includes: Contract I - Sewer Line Extension, Fulton Street

Consisting of approximately 1200 LF of 8" wastewater line and 8 manholes.

Informal Bids will be received by the City of Raeford, at the City Hall in Raeford until 3:00 p.m. on February 2, 1983.

The Plans and specifications may be examined at the following locations:

City Hall, Raeford
Moore, Gardner & Associates
110 W. Walker Avenue
Asheboro, North Carolina
Copies of the Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the office of Moore, Gardner & Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers located at 110 W. Walker Avenue, P.O. Box 728, Asheboro, North Carolina, 27203 upon payment of a non-refundable \$25.00 fee.

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.

Ronald L. Matthews, City Manager

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed on the 6th day of December, 1980, by Charles R. Lee and wife, Betty McN. Lee and recorded in Book 217, Page 220 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Hoke County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby, R. Palmer Willcox, Trustee, will at 12:00 Noon on Monday, February 7, 1983, offer for sale to the highest bidder at public auction at the Courthouse door in Hoke County, North Carolina, the following described tract or parcel of land in Raeford Township, Hoke County, North Carolina:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe, said pipe being a point in the southern right-of-way of Old Farm Road of Thomasfield Section I and the northeasternmost corner of a lot sold to the City of Raeford by Thomas & Davis Corporation as recorded in Deed Book 165, Page 144, and continuing thence with a curve on a radius of 500.95 in a northeasterly direction an arc distance of 99.83 ft. to a point; thence S 72-42-36 E a distance of 181.38 ft. to a point; thence S 25-52-16 W a distance of 138.63 ft. to a point in the northernmost line of the aforementioned City of Raeford property; thence with said line N 64-07-44 W 165.10 ft. to the point of BEGINNING and containing 20,287 square feet.

LEGALS

Said lot also subject to restrictive covenants as recorded in Book 165, page 109, Hoke County Registry.

This property is being sold subject to outstanding taxes, if any, and all prior liens of record as they may appear.

The highest bidder will be required to deposit in cash at the sale an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the amount of his bid up to One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars plus five (5) percent of the excess of said bid over \$1,000.00.

This the 10th day of January, 1983.

R. Palmer Willcox, Trustee
WILLCOX & McFADYEN
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
RAEFORD, N.C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
83 CVD 12

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
SAFeway FINANCE CORPORATION OF NORTH CAROLINA, Plaintiff vs. WILLIAM CEPHES HAMILTON and wife, LOLA HAMILTON, Defendants
TO: William Cephes Hamilton and wife, Lola Hamilton, the above-named defendants:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action, wherein the plaintiff is seeking a judgment against you for money loaned.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 2nd day of March, 1983, said date being forty days from the date of the first publication of this notice, at the Office of the Clerk of Court of Hoke County, North Carolina, in the Courthouse in Raeford, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service and relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This, the 17th day of January, 1983.

William L. Moses
Attorney for the Plaintiff
127 West Edinborough Avenue
Raeford, North Carolina 28376
Telephone: (919) 875-2137
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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
83-E-1

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
HOKE COUNTY

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Peter S. Sawyer of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Peter S. Sawyer 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 10th day of January, 1983.

Louise B. Sawyer
206 Patterson St.
Raeford, N.C. 28376
39-42C