



FAMILY MEMBERS -- Members of Neill McFadyen's family attended the Kiwanis function.



GOLDEN SKILLET -- Bill Niven (left) was honored last Thursday night by the Raeford Kiwanis Club for selling the most raffle tickets. Here Dale Teal (right) presents Niven with the Rambling Raffle Award. Marion Gatlin was also honored for selling the most pancake tickets to annual Pancake Supper. Gatlin sold more than 30 tickets to garner the Golden Skillet Award presented during the annual Ladies' Night festivities at the Bordeaux Dinner Theatre in Fayetteville. Steve Connell received an award for hosting the best program of the year. Connell had John Farmer, the "Country Poet", as his guest speaker. Other members who were honored for perfect attendance were: Billy McDiarmid, for two years, Terry Houston, for one year, Ralph Huff, for two years, Wilton Woods, for six years, Gene Carter, for eight years, Dale Teal, for eight years, Bill Niven, for 10 years, Bill Lancaster, for 12 years, Jim Attaway, for 14 years, Frank Crumpler, for 17 years, Bill Moses, for 17 years, Avery Connell, for 19 years, Benny McLeod, for 19 years, Harold Gillis, for 20 years and Marion Gatlin for 39 years.

Neill McFadyen Named Kiwanis Man Of Year

Editor's Note: Neill L. McFadyen was honored last Thursday as the 1982 Raeford Kiwanis Citizenship Man-of-the-Year. Here is a portion of the presentation speech given during annual Ladies' Night festivities at the Bordeaux Dinner Theatre which was delivered by club member Harold Gillis.

John William McLauchlin, who is considered the "Father of Hoke County", was a farmer, statesman and friend, a christian and a gentleman in every sense of the word who loved our community.

The individual we honor tonight has most of the same attributes--possibly because he was in a position to be influenced by Mr. and Mrs. McLauchlin during his early and later years.

Once more, for the benefit of our guest and fellow Kiwanians, this club annually recognizes a person whom they consider has made a significant contribution to our county and city-- for one year or over a period of many years.

This award is something very special.

Through a secret committee, the Kiwanis Club is very careful and meticulous in the selection of a worthy individual.

The person chosen tonight has freely served our community within its boundaries and in the capital of this state but always with purpose of making our community a better place.

He has not sought applause or recognition, but in his quite and gentle way, has truly been one of our outstanding leaders over many years.

He will soon be our Man-of-the-Year, but now let us make him the Many of the Hour.

This individual comes from a very distinguished and prominent family of Raeford and Hoke County.

They were toilers of the soil--better known as farmers, country people, christian parents, descendants of a long line of Scots Presbyterians.

You have heard of having blue blood-- well this individual really does-- his mother's name was Blue.

Our honoree was born and reared here in Hoke County and Raeford.

In fact, he arrived the same year Mr. McLauchlin was able to form Hoke County--he arrived on September 19, 1911.

He graduated from Raeford High School, Class of 1929.

After attending Davidson College and spending some time in Florida, he returned to Raeford (Hoke County) and began himself to "tend the soil" and to serve this community.

When he became active in farming, the use of mules began to yield to the more Modern methods--such as the gasoline tractor.

Some years later, he was one of the first owners of that new invention known as the Cotton Picker.

His love of the soil continues today and becoming active in real estate could also be the result of his farming interest.

Now, he has retired from both. Exactly when he developed an interest in "policies" is not known by me, but as indicated earlier, his desire to serve his fellowman was developed at an early age.

The first record I have of public service began in 1941 as a Town Commissioner. He served from 1941-43 as a commissioner and from 1943-47 as Mayor.

As a student, I can remember very well him coming to the high school and speaking as Mayor.

He was a member of the Hoke County Board of Education from 1949-1960 and served as its chairman from 1955-1960.

He resigned from the Board of Education to run for the House of Representatives.

He was successful in that bid and served for six terms, 1961-1973.

While in the General Assembly, he served as Chairman of the Mental Institutions, served on a "Blue Ribbon" committee to reorganize the trustees of the University of North Carolina, as well as working and serving the people of Hoke County.

In addition to running for political office himself, he has been involved or managed several governor's campaigns--beginning with Gov. Kerr Scott, Terry Sanford, Richardson Pryn, Bob Scott and recently Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green.

Always a faithful member of the Democratic Party and attending conventions at all levels.

His other civic and community activities are many, however, let us recite some of the important leadership positions he has held. President and Director (still is) of the Hoke County Farm Bureau; President of Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, 1978-79; President, Sandhills, Area Development; Chairman of the United Fund Drive; and various others. He was a Former Kiwanian.

As stated earlier, he came from a fine home where his mother and father set the correct examples. Also, the influence of his uncle and aunt.

He was taught to attend Sunday School and Church. The Ten Commandments was not something you heard about but rather what you read and practice in your daily life.

Our honoree is a life long member of the Raeford Presbyterian Church--joining at an early age. His father was one of the 31 charter members.

He is like many of us, being Presbyterian and a democrat is all we have known.

If there was any word stronger than "being an active" churchman, he would be that.

He has always been in church on Sunday morning. He taught Sunday School for many years and elected a Deacon in 1940, an elder in 1949. He has been a delegate to Presbytery and the General Assembly.

He lives and practices his commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and to His Church.

By the establishing of priorities in his own personal life reflects that he puts Him and His Kingdom first.

This is a precious secret of life that so few of us ever really learn.

As a member of the Session when important issues comforts this body, his fellow officers look to him for leadership.

He doesn't have a lot to say about an issue, but when he speaks it is after careful and thoughtful consideration of the facts and is always presented as a true Southern Gentleman.

A man does not reach this status in life without having someone to love and to be loved.

On June 12, 1937, he married Mary Virginia McLean from Robeson County, a school teacher and good one too. She has been his partner all of these years-- giving of herself to being the wonderful wife and Mother she is known to be.

From this marriage, four children were born.

They are all with us tonight and we are so very happy for their presence.

They are Neill, Jr., Virginia Purcell, William (Bill) McLean, and John Currie.

He also has four wonderful grandchildren.

We have tried in these few minutes to relate some of his accomplishments, but there is no way we can convey to you the warmth, the compassion he has for his fellow being, and the pure goodness of someone.

A man of character --of principle. We are just thankful and grateful that people like him were and are willing and able to serve our community.

It would be impossible for me to end these remarks without expressing to him my personal thanks for his friendship, his support and assistance over the years.

I know that I respect him, admire him, and deeply appreciate what he had done for me personally as well as what he had done for Raeford and Hoke County.

Therefore, it is with a great amount of pleasure that on behalf of the Raeford Kiwanis Club I present to Neill Lauchlin McFadyen, the 1982 Kiwanis Citizenship Man-of-the-Year Award.

Hoke Co. Rescue Squad Releases Jan. Figures

By Sherry Matthews
During January the Hoke County Rescue Squad made 35 calls and put in 100 man hours in service to the community.

They aided in 13 highway accidents involving personal injury and four highway accidents involving property damage.

Also in January, the squad assisted in eight house fires, two car fires and several "public service" calls.

In their service to the community, the rescue squad traveled nearly 600 miles.

Pierce Graduates From Missile

Second Lt. Jerry M. Pierce, brother of Deborah Hamilton of 107 Chilton Drive, Raeford, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force missile launch officer course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Now trained in the operation and maintenance of missile systems, the officer is being assigned for duty at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., with the 308th Strategic Missile Wing.

His former guardian, Lillie B. Pierce, resides at Route 1, Aberdeen.

Pierce is a 1970 graduate of Hoke County High School, Raeford.

SMALLER FAMILIES. U.S. families are growing smaller. The 1980 census revealed that the average number of persons in a household is now 2.75, as compared with 3.11 in 1970.

FIRST COFFEE PERCOLATOR. The first coffee percolator patent was granted to James H. Nason, of Franklin, Massachusetts, on December 26, 1865.

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Miller Honored

Staff Sgt. Brantly G. Miller, son of Brantley and Peggy Miller of Red Springs, has been named outstanding non-commissioned officer of the quarter for Headquarters, Air Force Reserve at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Miller, an administration specialist, is a 1976 graduate of Red Springs High School.

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