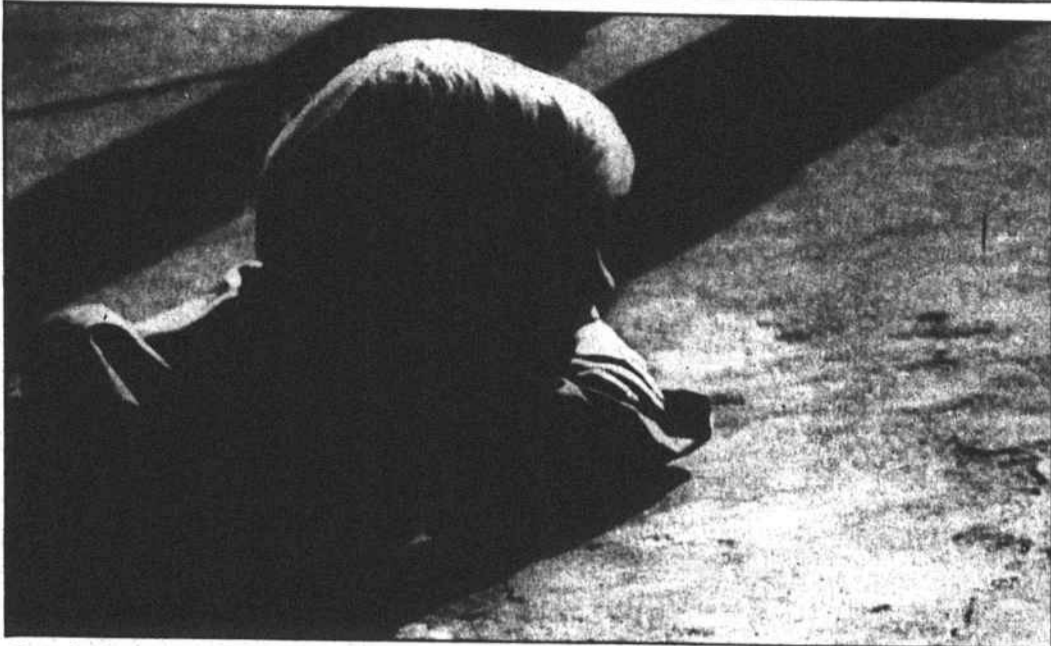


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Good view
This young fellow, dressed in Army fatigues, gets comfortable as he views the parade from the ground up.



Hoke band performs
The Hoke High School band and flag team perform for the crowd lined up down Main Street during Friday's salute to American War Veterans.

Friday Was For Remembering And To Be Remembered

By Sherry Matthews

Crowds of people, over 1,500, lined both sides of Main Street in Raeford Friday, armed with heavy coats and patriotic smiles as bands, beauty queens, tanks and war veterans paraded through downtown in honor of Veteran's Day.

Despite gusty winds, sky divers landed on Main Street just as Raeford's first Veteran's Day Parade began the procession that started at J.W. Turlington School and ended at the Edenborough Shopping Center.

Although most of the parade watchers held sidewalk positions, some viewed the event from a "make-shift jail" that housed prisoners trying to raise bond money for the Raeford Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Jailbirds like Rep. Daniel H. DeVane, Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins and District Court Judge Joseph Dupree were handcuffed and confined until they could raise the \$100 bond needed to free them.

The Jail-a-thon raised in excess of \$7,000 during last Thursday and Friday's confinements.

According to Cancer Society Board chairman Steve Parker, the money raised during the jail-a-thon exceeded goals by \$5,000 and passed the county-wide goal for the year by \$3,000.

"We had a great turnout. We were very pleased with the number of participants," Parker said.

"The community support was great, and we really appreciated it," American Cancer Society District Representative Tami Miller added.

While the jail-a-thon was raising money on one corner of Main Street, the aroma of food was stirring near by at the Raeford United Methodist Church's annual Happy Hobby Harvest celebration.

Church members distributed lunch and supper plates to some 1,800 hungry residents.

In addition to the barbecue and chicken plates that were served, church members held an auction, and sold baked goods and crafts to those who came out for the feast.

The turnout netted the church over \$5,000.

While church members were putting the final touches on their feast, jailbirds were desperately trying to be freed and parade participants were getting last minute instructions, a dedication ceremony was being held at the National Guard Armory.

Friday morning County Commission Chairman John Balfour and North Carolina Adjutant General Hubert M. Leonard cut the ribbon and dedicated Raeford's year-old armory-facility amidst a crowd of some 50 people including Rep. Daniel H. DeVane and Rep. Sidney Locks.

The armory dedication started the day off right for Raeford, Rep. DeVane said.

DeVane and others agreed that Friday was an "all around good day for Hoke County."

With the dedication, the parade, the jail-a-thon and the Happy Hobby Harvest, it was not just another Friday for Raeford and Hoke County residents.

"I wish we had more days like this," one youthful parade watcher said.



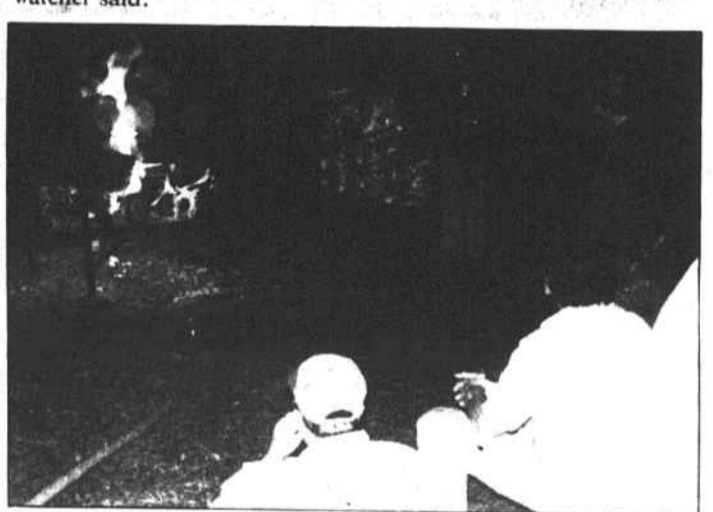
Dedication speech
North Carolina Adjutant General Hubert M. Leonard speaks to the crowd of about 50 who were on hand for Friday's armory dedication.



Trying to raise bond
City Councilman Vardell Hedgpeth (left) and Dayne Crumpler each attempt to raise the \$100 bond required to free themselves from the confines of the Cancer Society's jail. The two-day event raised over \$7,000 for the Cancer Society and jailed over 60 Hoke County residents.



Guiding the tank
One of Raeford's National Guardsmen guides the M-1 Abrams tank down Main Street during Friday's parade. The Raeford Armory Battalion Headquarters was the first unit to receive the Abrams tank.



All night roast
Gib Bernhardt (far right) and other members of the Raeford United Methodist Church prepare to keep the coals burning and the wood stoked in preparation for Friday's Happy Hobby Harvest which served plates of barbecue and chicken to Hoke residents. The wood was burned down into coals and placed under the numerous pigs the church had prepared for the feast.



A little off course
As the flag flies high above Main Street Friday afternoon, one of the three sky divers performing in the parade veers a little off course as he attempts to land in downtown Raeford. This sky diver, who was supposed to land just ahead of the parade on Main Street, touched down on Lundy Lane.



Parade leaders
Earl McDuffie (left) and Nora McMillian (right) ended Friday's first Veteran's Day parade as they rode through Main Street on the Raeford fire truck. McDuffie and McMillian headed the committee that put this year's parade together.



Vietnam veterans
Over 1,500 people lined the streets Friday afternoon to pay tribute to county residents who were veterans of the four wars. Here an Army truck filled with Vietnam veterans wave to the crowd of onlookers and later receive a salute from Ft. Bragg Commanding General Jack Mackmull and other dignitaries seated on the reviewing stand.