

BROWSING THE FILES

47 Years Ago

February 6, 1969

Charles Hottel is named "Man of the Year" Thursday by the Raeford Kiwanis Club at its annual Ladies Night. The award is made by Robert Gatlin. Hottel, loan officer at Southern National Bank, is honored for being an "outstanding civic and church leader." R.B. Lewis, the only active charter member of the club, is presented the Legion of Honor Award from Kiwanis International, district and local club, by Clyde Upchurch. Lewis has been in the club for 45 years and has held all offices including that of district lieutenant-governor.



Josephine Hall



Sally Austin

Josephine Hall, Hoke Home Agent, resigns at the Hoke Commissioners' regular meeting. She may be the only agent in the state who has served 30 years, says commissioner J.A. Webb. W.S. Young, Hoke extension chairman, says she'll be hard to replace.

A Columbia, S.C. firm gets the largest contract for an extensive expansion program at the Raeford Sewage Disposal Plant. The award of \$709,000 is \$85,000 less than any other bid and will pay for sewer lines, water lines, and electrical work totaling \$1.067 million.

Sally Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Austin, is in Raleigh this week serving as a page in the House of Representatives. She is in 8th grade at Upchurch School and was selected by Rep. Neill McFadyen of Raeford.

25 Years Ago

February 6, 1991

A planned "801 housing" project gets final approval and will bring 250 apartments for soldiers and their families in Hoke County.

Raeford City Council begins eyeing Thomasfield and Shawtown for annexation. The annexation would bring Tarheel Hatchery, along with Click's

Nursery, Beasley's Body Shop, Parrish Sign Company, Andy Anderson Mobile Homes and a number of convenience stores, into the city. The exploration follows numbers from the 1990 Census. Raeford needs the numbers to attract "important sources of money," including Powell Bill funds, which provide money for street improvements.

Carol Birkhead, Hoke's Home Economics Extension agent, is selected to head the service. She replaces Willie Featherstone who left in October for Union County.

Someone shoots out a window at the home of local principal Mitch Tyler. The same night, someone damages the car of another principal, Mike Sutton. Raeford Police Captain Dick McNeill says officers have a list of suspects.



Boys at Hoke High are planting the first of 2,000 pine trees for the grounds of the school. Seedlings were contributed by South Carolina Industries, which operates a pulpwood yard near here. Joe Womble (left), area forester for the company, helps Walter McNair set his first one while H.V. Villines, vo-ag teacher, assists Oral Singletary. Others are Jerry Butler, Dennis Floyd, Robert Lee and Mike McNeill.



This wooden bass instrument is about to be put in place at Raeford Presbyterian Church by Roland Bonney, master of the art of installing a pipe organ. The nearly 2,000 pipes range from one and one-half inches in length to 16 feet. Installation is expected to be complete in a few days.

Turlington School gets grant

The Biogen Foundation has awarded a grant to Turlington Alternative School for a Science, Technology and Math project called BrainPOP Initiative Project.

According to its website, BrainPOP is used in 20 percent of U.S. schools as a creative way to explain difficult subjects. It uses movies, games, quizzes and activities.

The foundation announced \$125,000 in grants to support science education programs and projects in public schools

across North Carolina. In its second year, the Foundation's "Ignite the Power of STEM" program awards teachers, schools and nonprofit STEM education programs that serve K-12 students. Teachers were eligible to apply for grants up to \$2,000. Schools and nonprofits could apply for grants up to \$5,000. There were 35 schools selected from a wide range of applications. The program was administered by the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF).

"We want to spark a passion for science among North Carolina students of all ages," said Joydeep Ganguly, Biogen Foundation board member. "This program is designed to help students experience the fun and power of hands-on science learning and to know that science careers are within their reach."

Biogen Foundation puts an emphasis on innovative ways to promote science literacy and encourage young people to consider science careers.

SandHoke app deadline is Friday

This Friday at midnight is the last day to apply for admission to SandHoke Early College High School.

The school provides students an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and a two-year associate degree within five years. All rising 9th grade Hoke County students are encouraged to apply; however, there is limited enrollment for each freshman class. Therefore, the application process is used to identify interested students. The process includes reviewing students'

academic history, completing an online application, participating in an interview and submitting a writing sample.

The online application can be completed by visiting the SandHoke Early College High School website. Applications will not be accepted after the closing date.

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