

BROWSING THE FILES



Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, left, and House of Raeford's Marvin Johnson eat from a 62-foot sub sandwich. (September 22, 1993)



West Hoke Middle students Kristen Register and Katie McNeill, left, have begun a project to recycle their lunch plates. The students gather, rinse and package the plates for pickup. It's the first such project in this area. (September 22, 1993)

75 Years Ago

September 23, 1943

The high school schedule has been worked out to avoid conflicts as much as possible. The first period class determines the home room and the faculty adviser. Students are requested to arrange their schedule so that the first period will correspond with their grade if possible. First period: 9th grade-Latin 1 No. 26 and Math 1 No. 12; 10th grade—Agriculture III No. 2 and French 1 No. 10; 11th grade—Typing II No. 4, Shorthand No. 1 and Home Economics II No. 22; 12 grade—English V No. 20.

For the first time since sugar rationing cut off the bootleggers' supply of that vital ingredient of stumpphole whiskey, County officers raided two large blind-tigers in a single day last Saturday. Men from Asheboro and Aberdeen are captured by deputies J.C. Wright and W.R. Sanders. Each of the still—300 gallon capacity—was located in an isolated section of Quewhiffle creek on the lands of Bud Strothers. Officers state Strothers had nothing to do with the stills.

From News Of Our Men and Women In Uniform, Clyde Upchurch Jr. and Malloy Lamont ran upon each other recently somewhere in Africa. Hubert Cameron is now stationed at Camp Mackall. Sgt. Elmer Gordon, who has been stationed at Mission, Texas, recently arrived in Alaska.

At the dance for service men

at the USO center in the Armory last Saturday, USO emblems were presented to a number of Hoke County girls who have devoted 50 hours or more in attendance at USO entertainments for service men. Girls receiving emblems included Retha Howell, Pete McBryde, Mamie Niven, Betty Jo Wood, Alma Ferguson, Nick Bevan, Kitty Buoyer, Elmira Whitley, Margie Ashburn, Elaine Smith, Gladys Baucom, Peggy McFadyen, Margaret McNeill, Lillian McBryde, Judy Klouse, Ruth Lytle, Tiny McAnnulty, Elsie Upchurch, Alberta Campbell, Agnes Mae Johnson, Elsie McNeill, Kathleen Freeman, Mildred Campbell, Kathleen Cambell, Julia Black, Helen Baker, Margaret Baker, Josephine Hall, Jessie Bright Ferguson, Louise Blue, Sara Elta Conley, Aris Shankle, Patsy Blue, Helen Patricia Stuart, Louise Beven, Mrs. Kate Covington and Mrs. Anna Blue. Eligible for pins but away at school were Jennie Warren, Molly Cameron, Beth McDonald and Mary Lewis.

The brother of Neil A. McDonald of Raeford, Moses C. McDonald, is honored by the directors of Moore County Hospital Inc. with a resolution upon his death. He was noted for his "valued judgments" and "his warmth and quiet strength."

The annual ingathering at Sandy Grove Methodist Church will be held on Oct. 13. A barbecue dinner will be served.

From Poole's Medley: "On or about December 23rd, 1894, in company with my family, I enroute to my father's son Deep Creek, for the

first night of our Christmas visit with relatives, we passed through where Raeford is now. The McRae home, only house in town at that time. We came from Red Springs via Antioch—the old Raeford-Red Springs road. We went by Keyser instead of by Blue's Crossing, it was then, now Aberdeen. For years there had been a twice-a-week mail from Clark's Mill to Keyser, M.G. McKenzie was mail contractor, and his wife postmistress. McKenzie was contractor for carrying the mails twice a week from Clark's Mill to Keyser, Powelton and Carthage. You could carry all the accumulated mails for a week in your hat—not bothering to place it on your shoulder. {snip} The post office was where Raeford dry Cleaners now are, and was a framed building 10 by 12 feet in size.

Also from Poole's Medley: "Some of those postmasters did things not right. They advertised 'How to Keep Goats from Jumping the Fence,' Charge 10 Cents. They got lots of dimes for such information. The Answer the fellow got was: 'Put Up Two Rails, and he will walk over.' That was not honest, and was stopped."

47 Years Ago

September 23, 1971

An attack on the problem of dumping trash and garbage in the county will be begun in the next few weeks. "We're going to get started cleaning up the woods and roadsides all over this county, M.R. Mills, county sanitarian said Tuesday. A



Yvonne Baker, DECA president, is presented the gavel for the new club year by D.E. coordinator Don Steed. (September 23, 1971)

county landfill will open before long, the state now constructing a road to it.

The city government is still trying to raise \$20,000 to match federal and state funds to improve the municipal airport. City Manager John Gaddy says businesses are being asked to raise \$5,000, and the City will kick in \$14,000. The total cost to pave the runway and apron and install runway lighting and a beacon is \$123,395. The city has another five months to raise its portion.

Someone is stealing tobacco from packhouses, Sheriff D.M. Barrington warns. Tobacco has been taken from three packhouses in recent weeks. A total of 18 sheets, or 200 pounds, is taken at the Blue farm at Rt. 1, Aberdeen. The tobacco was valued at \$1,500. Sheets of tobacco have also been taken from packhouses owned by Cecil McPhaul and Tommy Upchurch.

An honor graduate of the Duke University physician's associate program has joined Raeford Medical Clinic as the county's first physician's associate. Earle Maloway began this week as assistant to Drs.

Riley Jordan and Robert Townsend.

In an opinion piece by Publisher Paul Dickson, he takes Hoke leaders to task for opting under a new state law to forbid the sale of beer and wine on Sunday. "Of course, these commissioners are getting the pressure from the prohibitionists like the Hoke County and Raeford boards did to go on and 'stop this evil before it starts,' but I doubt that they represent or speak the will of the majority of the people any more than they did when they loudly tried to keep the people from voting in favor of the legal sale of beer in the first place. {snip} If I sound a little bitter at these people, it is because I am. I feel very strongly that one reason for the continuing breakdown of law enforcement in this country is the fact that so often, as in this case, we have boards passing restrictive rules when there is no sense in it and when people are not going to abide by them. The great American experiment with prohibition of fifty-odd years ago has spawned more crime than every other reason for evil put together, and it in the name of decency."

25 Years Ago

September 22, 1993

Only one Hoke commissioner votes against a public hearing on possibly dissolving the joint city-county planning board. Tom Howell accuses another commissioner of a personal vendetta. "Let's just own up to what you want to do," he said. "We tried to combine things that made sense. The county wanted good planning. The city wanted good planning. You're willing to destroy the work of the past eight to ten years for a personal vendetta. Commissioner Riley Jordan said he is willing when "I have one that's run as poorly as this." Three of the four county-appointed members resigned with the past month, followed by the county attorney and county manager. All five cited disagreement with the majority of commissioners.

Last week's drenching rains failed to dampen spirits at the Turkey Festival. There was a 62-foot sub sandwich, a turkey cooking contest, and a parade in the afternoon.



Left photo: L.S. Brockman mans a dunking booth. (September 22, 1993); right photo: Kim Jordan, dressed as the NBC peacock, recites the National Honor Society pledge during initiation ceremonies. (September 23, 1971)

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Dust mites build up in less frequently washed items like sweaters, jackets, and coats. Washing in very hot water kills mites, or 15 minutes in a hot dryer after a cool-water wash and air-drying. And if high temperatures are out of the question, kill mites by freezing the garment overnight. Dry-cleaning also works.

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