

# BROWSING THE FILES



Members of the jury commission are sworn in by E.E. Smith (left). From left are James G. Davis, A.H. McPhaul, chairman and Henry Lee Blue. (September 30, 1971)

## 75 Years Ago September 30, 1943

The Rev. J.D. Whisnant arrives to begin work as pastor of Raeford and Wagram Baptist churches. He comes from a pastorate at Stony Point.

Hoke County War Loan Bond purchases took a great leap during the past week with sales jumping from \$91,000 to \$180,000 since last Wednesday, it was reported at the Bond sales committee meeting, but there yet remained an unpurchased amount of \$29,000 for the county to reach its quota, said Chairman J. Lawrence McNeill.

Hoke County High School began its 1943-44 session with an enrollment of 289, 122 fewer than last year because of the war. The students, faculty and visitors met in the auditorium for assembly. The Rev. E.C. Crawford gave a very inspirational devotional. New teachers are Miss Baldwin, music, Miss Parker, short hand and physical education director, and Mrs. Mae McKeithan, eighth grade subjects.

All schools opened with a full corps of teachers except Mildouson, Mrs. W.S. Morgan being ill. Mrs. Archie Howard is supplying for her until she is able to return. Opening day enrollments are:

- Antioch, 38 (70, last year)
- Ashmont, 110, (114, last year)
- Hoke High, 289 (331, last year)
- Mildouson, 59 (70, last year)
- Raeford Graded, 341, (350, last year)
- Rockfish, 83 (107, last year)
- Total for County, 920, (1,042 last year)

An editorial, Dougald Cox, editor-manager:

"To our fellow citizens Israel Mann and his family, the Epsteins and to all Jewish people we extend greetings on this their New Year's Day of 5704.

As a race, the hardships of this war have been peculiarly bitter for you, because you have been especially selected for cruel victimizing by the vultures of Berlin since the beast of Berchtesgaden began his rise to power.

As this year grows older and the



Teachers in grades 6-12 practice new ideas at an art workshop. Left to right are Merrily Tindal, Flora Irmy, Georgia Garner, Betty Morgan, Marion Gatlin, Nancy Smith (standing), Carolyn McGee and Magellan Robinson. (September 30, 1971)



Ed Smith and Mrs. Ralph Calloway take a turn at square dancing as Palmer Phillips (left) calls. Ernest Haire stands to the left. (September 30, 1971)

Allied powers wreak permanent destruction upon Nazism and drive its leaders from the earth, we trust and hope and pray with you that the end of this conflict will see also the end of vicious racial prejudice and bring to all of us a better understanding of each other."

Sayed Mehrem, who claimed to be 132 years old, died at the county hospital in Chicago following a heart attack. Mehrem said he was born in Egypt on Jan. 11, 1811 frequently reiterated his conviction he would live longer.

## 47 Years Ago September 30, 1971

Police Chief L.W. Stanton announces he will retire Jan. 1. Named to the position is F. Lamont, a detective with the Scotland County Sheriff's Department. Lamont will

begin here Oct. 15 and Stanton will assist him until the first of the year. Stanton, 65, cited poor health and being injured this summer in an auto accident while on his way to investigate a wreck. Lamont is 37.

From Sam Morris' column: "The following article was given to me by Clarence Lytch after his 89th birthday. We will not change any of the article as we don't believe we could keep the same thought:

"On Sept. 23rd Miss Sarah Lytch gave a little birthday party for her old dad, he reached 89 yrs young. He now declares he is shooting for 100 yrs old, still drives his truck all over this 250 acre farm and so far has only been caught once for speeding, patrolman claims was only doing 85 miles when caught."

Also in Morris' column: Crawford Thomas is elected chief of the Raeford Fire Department, replacing

the late J.D. McMillian. "We can remember the department having only two others besides the ones already mentioned. The other were R.B. Lewis and Robert Gatlin.

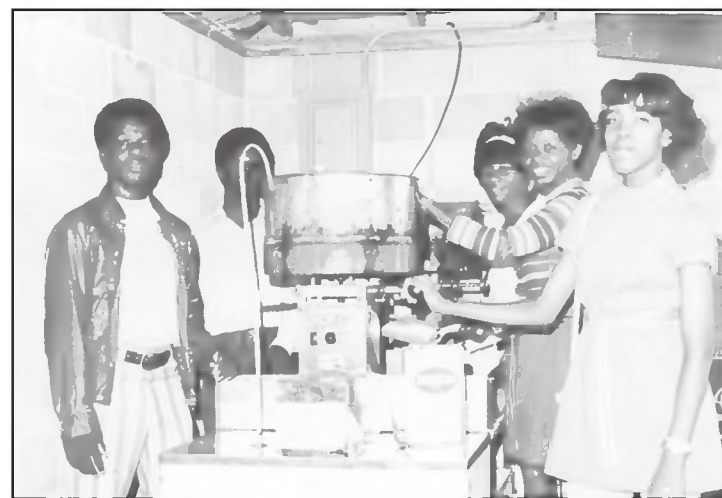
A woman was shot in the back Saturday night and her home on Turnpike Road was fired into with about 30 rounds of shotgun and small caliber weapons' fire. Three men are in jail.

Another 20 sheets of tobacco reported stolen in the county by Sheriff D.M. Barrington. Three sheets were taken from a Quewhiffle packhouse owned by Marshall Parks, and 17 from Reese Smith in Shannon.

## 25 Years Ago September 29, 1993

Hoke County fails in a bid to attract a Smart Start grant. 18 counties will host the program, which provides an individualized approach to quality, affordable day care, health care and other services.

Heritage Village opens on Rockfish Road. The "801" housing subdivision of 250 houses is Hoke's



DECA students man the popcorn machine at the Hoke High stadium. From left are Ronnie Dockery, Calvin Monroe, Mary Hollingsworth, Beatrice McRae and Ann Pearson. (September 30, 1971)

first such subdivision for military families.

If the local National Guard unit can't recruit 19 more people it may close. The Raeford unit has been on the closure list, but its \$1.3 million contribution to the community kept it open.

The new Rockfish-Hoke El-

ementary School is dedicated. The \$3.2 million facility features 17 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, a cafeteria, a projects room, a computer lab, a media center and a central courtyard.

Hoke's Sally Austin is named head coach of UNC Chapel Hill's women's golf team. She is daughter of J.H. Austin of Raeford.

# SOCIALS

## Weddings

### Latham weds Smith-Hendricks

Michaela Marjorie Bernice Smith-Hendricks of Lumberton and Joseph Anthony Latham of Lumberton were wed September 1, 2018 at The Preston Woodall House in Benson. The ceremony was conducted by the bride's Godfather, the Rev. Aaron Gowens of Pickens, South Carolina in front of 220 close family and friends, and a wedding party of 22.

The bride is the daughter of Karen and Michael Smith-Hendricks. The groom is the son of Tina and George Anthony Latham.

The couple met at Hoke County High School and began dating in May of 2010.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anthony Latham

## SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS



**Word of Life Temple, Inc.**  
Youth Night/Bible Explosion  
September 26, October 10 & 24,  
6 p.m.  
Youth Sunday  
September 30  
Hallelujah Night (no demonic

costumes)  
October 31, 6 - 8 p.m.

**Silver Grove Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church**  
Civic Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner  
Sale (\$10 - dine-in or take out)  
September 28, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
2nd Annual Women's Day Prayer

Breakfast at Maggie's Outreach  
Community Economic Dev. Center  
(\$15 Adults, \$5 children 6-13)  
October 6, 8:30 a.m. - noon

**Philippi Presbyterian Church**  
130th Year Homecoming (covered dish & gospel music)  
October 14, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

# CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

"To remember those who have lost their lives to opioids and raise awareness of the opioid crisis."



## HOKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

304 N. Main Street Raeford, NC 28376

Saturday, September 29

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

SINGING / PRAYER / READINGS

Sponsors:

Hope-N-Hoke Opioid Committee  
Hoke County Health Department

For more information, call: 910-875-3717 ext. 2104

## Bundled up in... mites?

If you have asthma or allergies, you may find trouble in the closet as you get out your warmer clothes this fall.

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.

Enjoy the cooler months in good health!

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