



Walking and twirling
Leading the parade is not as easy as it may seem; everyone knows when a mistake is made. However, the leader of this parade made no mistakes and the Homecoming Parade last Friday afternoon went off without a hitch.

Photo by Becky Jones

... Around Town continued

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1931 at Raeford High School. He died Friday, October 5 and was buried Sunday, October 7.
He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. P.C. Howell who lived on the Lumber Bridge road before you get to Oakdale Gin. He is survived by two brothers, Dan Howell of Nashville, Tenn. and Walter Howell of Columbia, S.C.
The annual member-guest golf tournament will be held at the Arabia Golf Course, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 19, 20 & 21. Friday will be practice day and Saturday and Sunday will be for keeps. After the round Saturday, flights will be determined and the champs will be crowned on Sunday.
This will be a handicap tournament and the price is \$50 for members and guests. This includes all prizes, three rounds of golf and a steak supper, followed by a dance. You must pay for your golf cart. On Saturday tee off times will be from 8-12 a.m. On Sunday a shotgun will begin at 1 p.m.
If you are interested, call Earl McDuffie or Brown Hendrix.

will be of interest to many readers of this column:
Dear Sam:
Well, I'm back in the groove of territory paper selling. Have just finished up my second week on the road and have found business to be good. I have among my customers a number of weekly paper operated a lot like *The News-Journal*. I enjoy calling on all of those as I have some news ink in my blood! I was on the staff of the paper while I was at Elon College in the late forties and enjoyed every minute of it!
Sam, it was great to see you and to meet your wife and I sure enjoyed your visit and also your showing me over the paper. Got my first issue this week. I have about six customers who use bags such as you all to mail out singles. Most of them use a staple or piece of tape to close the bag after inserting the paper. I noticed this mailing had no closure.
Sam, I would like the issue of the paper the week we were in

Raeford. That was the one in which you mentioned in your column. I'm enclosing some money to take care of it and the postage. Would you have them send me one of this issue. Please?
We sure enjoyed Joyce's and Jim's hospitality and it was so good to see all the people I had not seen in so long! That makes me want to come back as soon as I can!
Sam, don't forget to tell Speck "Hi" for me when you see him, also regards to your wife, and to Paul Dickson. I enjoyed the first issue and will look forward to receiving the paper each week.
Regards,
"Doc" Harold McDiarmid
Thanks Doc for the letter. Your requested issue is on the way. It was good to see you and your wife. The reason we don't tape or staple the bag is because a paper salesman told us it was extra work. It has worked this way for many years. I agree, you should come back, because there is no place like Hoke County.

Several weeks ago I commented on Harold McDiarmid visiting in Raeford. Monday, the following letter came from him which I think

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... Airport commissioners questioned

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Commission Secretary John Plummer.
"And I resent it."
"Someone needs to let Thacker and his jumpers know that the airport is a public one, and they can't be running people off," McLaughlin said.
Plummer quoted a section from the airport's newly adopted rules and regulations that says no enterprise is to be conducted on airport property without permission of from the commission.
Members of the commission did recognize that the property adjoining the land of the airport is owned by jump school operator Gene Paul Thacker and that whatever he

does on his land is his business; however, the terminal building is public property and anyone with business at the airport is supposed to welcome there.
Plummer recommended there be a copy of the rules and regulations posted in the terminal building at the airport.
He also volunteered to personally post them.
The motion passed with Plummer adding that if the rules and regulation become lost, the airport may be closed down until a search can be conducted for them.
Pilots and anyone with business at the airport are responsible for their guests. Byrd said.

In other business during the meeting, commissioners faced the problem of personnel to pump gas for an upcoming parachute tournament.
The airport stands to make about \$300 profit on gas if there is someone on hand to pump it, said Commissioner Byrd.
Byrd also brought up a potential problem in that if the skies are cloudy on the days of competition, there will be no jumping and therefore, no gas will be pumped.
The commission voted to hire a qualified man to pump fuel for the three days of competition at minimum wage and take the chance that skies will be clear.

... Ambulance computer is sought

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cost of hooking into the county system at about \$8,500.
It would cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000 to get a personal computer with enough capabilities to do the job and there still may not be enough memory to do the whole job, said Davis.
The motion was passed.
The commission also heard a presentation from the Raeford-Hoke Humane Society.
Society President Ester Teal presented a proposal made by area veterinarian Russell J. Tate saying that all female animals adopted at the county dog pound be spayed.
Tate will perform the first 30 operations free to persons adopting from the shelter, said Teal.
Kittens and puppies will be given a certificate allowing the operation to be performed after they reach a certain age, said Teal.
If the proposal is made into law by commissioners, the only animals that will be exempt from the operations are dogs that are picked up and reclaimed by their proven owners.
Chairman Balfour had questions about the validity of the proposed

law in such cases as when a pure bred dog or cat is picked up and a person wishes to adopt it for breeding purposes.
With such a law in place, that animal would have to be neutered and therefore be no good to the breeder.
Teal responded by saying that if there were any restrictions put on the proposal, the purpose, which is to help rid the county of unwanted kittens and puppies, would be defeated.
Balfour asked for volunteers from the commission to help form a committee to study the question and bring it back before the board.
Commissioners Bratcher and Upchurch volunteered to sit in on the committee.
The commission also reviewed and accepted bids for three county office buildings.
The systems will be leased by the county through United Carolina Bank until paid for and they will then be the property of the county, Davis said.
The monthly payments on the lease will be less than what the county is now paying to rent from

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph, he said.
The T.B. Lester Building, the Sheriff's Department and the Hoke County Library will be getting the new systems, according to Davis.
The commission accepted a low bid from Telephone Sales and Service, out of Fayetteville, for the Lester Building system at a cost of \$25,593.
The low bids on the Library system and the Sheriff's Department system were given by Executone-Coastal Carolina at a total cost of \$11,297.10.
The systems will be purchased on a six year lease and a multiyear service contract could also be purchased, said Davis.
Upchurch motioned that the low bids be accepted stipulating that no present contracts be broken and that payments on the new systems remain within what was originally budgeted.
The commission also authorized accepting bids from Pick-Up Sanitation Service for 25 six cubic yard trash containers for the county.
The bid was for \$10,250.

... Voter registration increases

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absentee ballot or stop by the board for "one stop voting".
For an absentee ballot, a person who is properly registered must write a letter to the Board of Elections explaining why it is necessary

to be away on election day.
The voter will then be sent an application and, upon taking just a few minutes to fill it out, ballots will be sent to them.
An alternative to the absentee ballot is "one stop voting."

All people must do is come by the Board of Elections office and vote.
This can be done, beginning now, until 5 p.m. October 31, said Sturgeon.

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