

...Around Town continued

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Sunday morning. This took some hard work and they should be commended for the fine job.

The law enforcement people did an excellent job in directing traffic and keeping things moving around the city with four blocks of Main Street blocked off. I haven't heard of any trouble that took place during the festival. Thanks officers, for a splendid piece of work.

Now that the first one is over, we can all look forward to the second festival next year. Things went so smoothly this year that it will be hard to make things better, but they will try!

See you next year at the Turkey Festival.

Mrs. Bennie Kelly brought me an article that appeared in the August 22, 1949 *Charlotte Observer*. The article was about her late husband, Preston Kelly Jr. and was about his turkey farm in Cumberland County. It seemed

timely to me to mention it since our big week has just passed.

Kelly had a turkey farm near Fort Bragg and had 5,000 of the birds on the farm. This was about the only turkey farm in this area at the time. He stated in the article he would like to see others in this area get involved and maybe produce 50,000 birds a year. It would certainly surprise him to see how far the turkey industry has grown in this area.

He commented that turkey is enjoyed year-round and not just at Christmas and Thanksgiving. The article also pointed out that there were many turkey by-products.

Kelly did not hatch his poults, but purchased day-old poults from hatchery concerns. Hatching and breeding are two separate and specialized fields, he said, and "there's enough work in my field to keep me busy." This still holds true today.

After the death of Mr. Kelly, Bennie and her two children, Pat and Gail, moved back to Raeford.

The children finished school here and went on to college. They both live outside of Hoke County at this time. Bennie lives at 317 W. Central Avenue.

Thanks for the article Bennie!

I accepted the chairmanship of the 75th Anniversary of Hoke County because I knew that many people would be glad to help celebrate this event. Clyde Upchurch and J.D. McAllister, the other members of the committee, will be asking some of you folks to assist in making this a memorable occasion.

The first thing we would like for the people of Hoke County to do is give us any suggestions that will make this event a success. No idea is too small to be passed before the committee. So come forth with them.

More will be said each week and more committees will be named to handle certain jobs. So get in the mood to celebrate the 75th.

Rose Hill man wins golf tourney

A Rose Hill man finished first in the first Strutters Golf Tournament held at Hoke County's Arabia Golf Club during the North Carolina Turkey Festival.

Doug Smith, of Rose Hill shot a 71 on Thursday of the tournament and a 70 on Friday to lead the 80 player field and win.

Smith won a complete set of golf clubs including woods and irons. Chris McDuffie, a Raeford resident, placed second in the championship flight to win a premium

set of woods.

McDuffie shot a 73 and a 71 during the two days.

A Monroe man, Clayton Loflin, placed third with a 72 and a 75 during the two days.

Loflin won a prize of \$100 which he donated to the Depot Restoration Fund.

Other flight winners were Bobby Smith, from Florida, Al Prewitt of Fayetteville, George Shooter of Fayetteville and Randall Ashburn of Raeford.

Those winners took home new golf shoes as prizes.

Second place winners from each flight were Rod Autry of Charlotte, Bob Gentry of Raeford, Hubert Brick of Fayetteville and Frank Thompson of Monroe.

Second place flight winners won golf bags.

Winners of a dozen golf balls and third place flight winners were Earl McDuffie, of Raeford, Rose Hill's Jimmy Gore, Ralph Stevens of Raeford and Freddie Williams of Raeford.

66 take part in turkey tennis matches

About 66 participants took part in the First North Carolina Turkey Festival Tennis Tournament held last Monday through Thursday at Deer Track Racquet Club and the McLaughlin Park courts in Raeford.

Winners of the tournament took home trophies and a turkey from The House of Raeford and finalists left with trophies.

In the Men's Open Singles competition, Bob O'Brien of Fayetteville was the winner and William Carter of Raeford was the finalist.

The Men's B Singles winner was Billy Bryant of Bladenboro with Charles Polston of Laurinburg the finalist.

In the Women's Open Singles, Wendy Simpson of Raeford beat out finalist Kathy Hedgepeth of St. Pauls to win.

The Women's B Singles winner was Carol Holland of Raeford beating out Stephanie Holland also

of Raeford.

Women's Doubles winners were Amy Robertson of Red Springs and Elaine Van Vliet of Southern Pines.

Finalists were Anne Hostetler and Jo Ann Simpson, both of Raeford.

The winner in the Men's 35 Singles was Lorenzia Wright of Fayetteville beating Prentice Fox, also from Fayetteville.



Out of kilter
An estimated 20,000 visitors Saturday turned Raeford on end as they enjoyed day-long activities of the first North Carolina Turkey Festival.

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