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MONKEY - Baby monkeys, apes, and kindred anthropoids ride about the jungle on the backs of their mothers. The above Gibbon (the smallest of the apes) was brought from Thailand to North Carolina by a Special Forces Sergeant at Fort Bragg and given to his daughter. The six-week-old "baby" immediately responded to Rhonda's motherly attentions. Now, whenever and wherever Rhonda walks, hitches a ride on her leg.

Local Racial Trouble Averted By Both Races' 'Cool Heads'

Possible serious trouble was averted here Friday night by alert police officers and "cool heads" on the side of both races following an incident at Amory Park after the Raeford-Clinton football game.

Hoke Sheriff Dave Barrington said Tuesday his office still is investigating the incidents, but has pinned responsibility

down to a carload of white "nightriders" who bullied several Negro youths at the ballpark after the football game.

The carload of white youngsters, Barrington said, apparently intimidated three or four Negro youths at the ballpark, putting "them in fear of their lives" and sending them running away from the

stadium.

Barrington said the four Negro youths allegedly reported the incident to Raeford Police Department, and afterwards, went to a Negro poolroom on U. S. 401 Bypass, where several carloads of young Negroes were assembled and went to a white teenager's nightspot, the Tasteefreeze.

There, the sheriff said, the group of young Negroes confronted 40 to 50 white teenagers. Several bottles were thrown and a few shots were fired, by persons unknown. One white youth was hit by a flying bottle and a stray shot or two hit a young negro's car.

"We spent the remainder of the night patrolling the area in and around Raeford, sending carloads of youngsters home," Barrington said.

"I want to say here and now that we are not going to permit a group of young people who obviously are filled with vinegar to disrupt the congenial racial

relations of Hoke County. Anybody attempting to cause trouble - regardless of his race - can expect to receive the full punishment permitted by law.

"We will not tolerate several bullies, no matter what their race, making the rest of the community pay for their narrowmindedness," the sheriff said.

There was no indication that Friday night's encounter between the two youthful groups would be taken beyond the "bluff" stage.

Barrington left no doubt that his department will act forthwith to put down any potential racial disturbance regardless of which race may have touched off the trouble.

"Let this be perfectly clear," the sheriff said. "We will move immediately to put down any disturbance racial or otherwise, and if it is racial, we will make absolutely no difference in race in pinpointing the responsibility for the action."

Local Guard Armory Is Spic And Span

A Third Army officer spent the day here Wednesday of last week inspecting the local National Guard unit, and should have been impressed by the super-sexy look of the armory.

Maj. Charles McCord couldn't fully

appreciate the armory's "new look," however, unless he had seen it before recent improvements were made.

Gone is the wooden floor placed in the building when it was erected as a WPA project in 1934. In its place is a cement surface.

Unightly wooden doors, large enough to admit heavy equipment, have been removed and the doorways sealed with brick. The old front entrance and foyer has been replaced with glass and aluminum "storm doors."

A semi-enclosed enclosure on the east side of the armory has been stripped of its wooden doors, bricked in, and will be converted into battalion offices.

All woodwork in the building is freshly painted and a new sign, in bold, bright, yellow letters, graces the front.

It designates the unit assigned to the armory - "HQHQ (-), 252d ARMOR." That translated, is " (minus some elements) of the 252nd armored battalion."

Capt. Daniel Baker is commanding officer of the company, which has other elements at Lumberton and Red Springs. The Raeford armory also is headquarters of 252d Armor, commanded by Lt. Col. Paul Dickson.

Lumbee Co-op Election Set

Three directors will be elected November 6 when Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation stages its annual meeting in the National Guard armory at Red Springs.

A nominating committee met September 26 and submitted a slate of three candidates for the vacancies. Actually, the committee recommended that the three retiring directors be reelected. They are W. H. Powell of Rowland, Hubert R. Prevatte of Pembroke, and E. L. Cook of Fayetteville.

Other nominations may be made by petition bearing 15 signatures and submitted to the co-op in Red Springs at least 15 days prior to the election. Nominations also may be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

Last year, Elias Rogers won a disputed

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Connell Child's Funeral Held

Funeral services for Charles David Connell, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Connell, were conducted Tuesday at 4 p. m. at First Baptist Church by the Rev. Jack Mansfield, assisted by the Rev. John Glenn and the Rev. Richard McDuffie.

Burial was in Raeford Cemetery. The child died Monday at 3 a. m. at Scotland Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Surviving are one brother, Steve Connell of the home; one sister, Cindy Connell, of the home; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Connell of Raeford; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ransom of Lumberton.

Hoke Has 10th Traffic Death

Hoke County's tenth highway fatality of the year was registered at about midnight Friday when a Fayetteville man was struck by an automobile on US 401 Bypass.

State Highway Patrolman J. D. Robinson identified the victim as Charles McLaughlin, 25, Fayetteville Rt. 4.

Robinson said McLaughlin apparently walked into the path of a car driven by Arthur Roy Glaze, 35, of the U. S. Army's STRATCOM, Fort Bragg. No charges were filed against Glaze.

Robinson said his investigation revealed that McLaughlin was with a group of people in front of Virgil's Drive-In when Glaze's vehicle approached. Glaze sounded his horn and everybody in the group except McLaughlin stopped.

The victim was about in the middle of the northbound right lane, when struck, Robinson said, and was knocked some 65 feet by the impact. The car was traveling toward Fayetteville.

Two weeks ago, another person was killed at the same spot in a two-car accident in which eight other persons were hurt, Robinson said.

Quarter Horse Show Will Be In Spring

Raeford's Woman's Club will not sponsor a quarter horse show here in November, as announced in last week's newspaper, but will include a quarter horse division in the club's annual spring horse show.

Mrs. J. M. Andrews and other members of the club had revealed last week the club had negotiated with Sonny Minges, president of North Carolina Quarter Horse Association, about sponsorship of a show in Raeford.

It was mistakenly assumed by the writer of last week's article that the negotiations concerned the annual quarter horse show held here each November. That show to date has been without sponsorship. It attracts some of the finest quarter horses in the nation.

"Some of our ladies were frantic when they read about our sponsorship of what they believed was a November show in addition to our annual

spring show," Mrs. Andrews said. "We put a lot of work into the spring show, as you know, and couldn't possibly duplicate that effort in the fall."

Last spring's show included a western division which was well received and attracted as much participation as did the English portion of the show.

Requirements for officially sanctioned quarter horse shows are strict, but the local woman's club will be freed of the responsibility of setting up and running the show. Those functions will be taken care of by the association.

The quarter horse is a breed of registered horses whose popularity as western pleasure, stock and racing animals has skyrocketed in recent years. The horse is similar to the thoroughbred in conformation, although stockier. It also is the fastest of all horses at a distance of a quarter-mile, which accounts for its name.

NcNeill Heads ASCS Committee

At the convention of ASCS county community committeemen held at the ASCS office last week, Ken W. McNeill was elected to a three-year term of the county committee and in turn was named chairman of the committee.

Others elected to serve on the Hoke County ASCS Committee were Julian Love, vice chairman; John Parker, regular member; Joe Upchurch, first alternate, and D. A. Currie, second alternate.

This was the fourth year of a system of electing county committeemen for three-year terms, therefore only one new

committeeman and two alternates were elected. Committee positions also are determined by a vote at the county convention.

These county committeemen along with the community committeemen took office Oct. 1.

"The committeemen have many duties and responsibilities and are an important link between ASCS administered farm programs and the farmers in the county," said Thomas Burgess, county ASCS office manager.

Hoke, Three Other Counties Will Review Plans Tonight

The board of directors of Advancement, Inc., will meet tonight in Lumberton to approve several programs proposed by the pilot-project organization, which has federal backing to seek means of lessening migration from rural and other low-income areas.

Charles Shackelford, who began duties two weeks ago as director of the four-county organization, said the proposals will be forwarded to Washington through Raleigh for government approval.

He declined to identify the proposals, saying some of them may be discarded tonight by the 12-member board of directors.

"It will be better to announce after the meeting which programs we can reasonably expect to put into effect," he declared.

The organization is one of only two such federally financed programs in the nation. It covers Hoke, Robeson, Bladen and Columbus counties. The other pilot

project is in east Kentucky.

The federal government already has made a \$1.3 million grant to Advancement, Inc. The money is to be used to set up an administrative office and to pay for initial projects.

Areas in which the organization may seek to alleviate emigration of rural people include job training, low-income housing, and cooperative financing of factory facilities to attract new industry.

Basically, the aim of the project is to enable underemployed rural people - most of whom are former sharecroppers or day laborers - to earn a living without having to move to urban areas, where they merely complicate the problems of the cities.

Shackelford also revealed that the \$1.3 million will be allocated to programs in each of the four counties on a dollar-for-dollar basis. That means that Hoke will receive one-fourth of that portion of the \$1.3 eventually used in actual programs.

The other, of course, will be used to operate Shackelford's office and to pay

other administrative costs.

The Hoke - Robeson - Bladen - Columbus area was chosen as one of the two pilot project sites because of heavy emigration of rural people in the four counties. It is estimated that more than 1,500 people have moved away from the farm in Hoke County since the 1960 census was taken.

In fact, the number of farms in Hoke County has diminished from 1,500 in 1945 to few more than 500 today. That's a clear indication that a lot of people who found it increasingly hard to earn their living on the farm moved to town, or to another section of the state or nation, in search of employment.

Each of the four counties in Advancement, Inc., have three members on the board of directors. Hoke's directors are W. T. Altman, Ralph Barnhart and Ivory McNair.

Tonight's meeting in Lumberton will be in the civic room of Southern National Bank's main office building.



SAD SIGHT - There will be no harvesting from this field this fall. Dry weather has kept this Rockfish-Davis Bridge road crop of soybeans from maturing. Similar fields are found throughout Hoke County.