

Welfare Director Answers Doctor Jordan

Dear Sirs:

I want to thank Mrs. Peebles for her account in last week's paper of Dr. Riley Jordan appearing before the County Commissioners. It gives me an opportunity to say in writing what I have attempted to explain verbally to local interested persons.

County public welfare departments are locally administered, State supervised agencies. Policies and rules by which public assistance is given

are made by federal and state governments. In a few smaller programs, financed totally by the county, policies are made and approved by welfare boards and agency directors.

There is a limited county medical program in Hoke that pays for visits to local doctors for indigent persons who do not get monthly public assistance checks. Public Assistance includes Old Age Assistance, Aid to Families With Dependent Children, Aid to the Permanently and Totally

Disabled, and Medical Assistance for the Aged, and is financed largely by the federal government. There is an amount included in monthly public assistance checks for medical care.

Our department determines eligibility for visits to doctors by working a budget with each applicant. If income is more than budgetary requirements, according to a schedule furnished by our state department, this applicant is ineligible. I might add,

however, that very few applicants for medical care are found ineligible. We do not pay bills that we do not authorize before the patient visits the local doctor, but the county pays for all visits that are referred by our agency. We operate under a budget, of course, but funds up to now have been adequate to meet the needs of eligible applicants.

The case in question in the report written by Mrs. Peebles was not a welfare case, but a School Health Program case.

By an agreement between the State Boards of Health, Education and Welfare, local welfare agencies certify school children for treatment by doctors after these children are referred to welfare by health departments as being medically eligible. Welfare only certifies financial eligibility according to an income guide set up by the State Board of Education, and Education pays the bill. The income guide for the School Health Program is fairly generous, and is not restricted

to persons actually in need of basic requirements, as welfare is. It is a good program for school children from limited income families who very probably could not pay for the recommended treatment.

Please let me again make clear that welfare does not pay the bill in School Health cases. Our part in this program is certifying eligibility, according to an income guide furnished by the State Board of Education, that pays the bill, and all referrals come to

welfare from the health department. The three agencies in this way work together for medical treatment for school children who would not otherwise get this help.

Thank you for space for this explanation, and for the support your paper has always given our program.

Sincerely,
Mabel McDonald, Director
Hoke County Department of
Public Welfare

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Rockfish Wins Third Award

A third set of judges in three years has named Rockfish first place winner in the Community Development civic improvement competition.

The Hoke County community entered the contest under the non-farm community division. Its prize of \$125 in cash and a plaque was accepted by Gilbert Ray, president, at the annual district awards dinner held Monday night at Samarcaud.

Wayside, competing in the Rural Farm division, took second place and \$100 in cash accepted by Mrs. Charles Helblin,

president, and the Town of Raeford won third place in the Town Division. Avery Connell accepted the prize.

In the absence of Ray, Tuesday morning, Mrs. Ray said that the prize was won on the work accomplished on long range goals and on progress shown in industry hunting. The community paid off a \$500 debt carried over after renovation of the club house last year. It purchased a new fire truck and among other projects continued its work on water conservation.

Still Lagging

United Fund Drive Reports \$12,468

"Please turn in your cards" is the request that Bobby Conoly, Hoke County United Fund drive chairman, made this week. He stated that pledges at this time are around 60% of the goal but it is still not anywhere near the \$20,000 need for success. Raeford Worsted Plant turned in over \$10,000 of the \$12,000 now on hand, Conoly said, and this shows that other firms haven't been doing their job.

The breakdown of money received by divisions are as follows:

Industrial	\$10,918.54
Commercial	318.00
Individuals	180.55
Professionals	55.00
Community Areas	215.25
Teachers	678.00
Public Employees	103.00

Total \$12,468.34

These figures Conoly said will show that workers have not completed their work. The Raeford Turkey Farms started their drive this week, the chairman said, and should turn in their report by next week. Pacific Mills Dye Plant is almost through and their report should also be in.

No word has been heard from a number of the schools, as only three have turned in reports and only two of these are complete.

Conoly asked that all firms please turn in their cards to The News-Journal office or to him at the Bank of Raeford. If you can't, please call and they will be picked up.

Upchurch Auditorium May Be Condemned

The life of Hoke County's largest auditorium is weighing on a balance! There are signs of imperfections in its structure and it is feared that it may have to go.

It was recently determined that broken areas in the Upchurch School Auditorium ceiling has been caused by weakness in wooden trusses. It has also been established that this faulty condition has also caused a side wall to sway. This, however, is not visible to the eye of the average person.

The concrete block building, which is connected with the main portion of the original structure of the school by a broad hallway, sufficed for three classrooms until the doors were locked recently for safety's sake. The two dressing rooms and the stage were utilized for teaching purposes.

Chairs are now set up in the hall to take care of some of the classes. The auditorium, built in the early 1940's, is equipped to seat 850 persons, some 300 more than can be accommodated at Raeford Elementary School, site of the only other full-fledged auditorium in town.

Stationary seats at Upchurch are comparatively new and in good condition. The building itself is not old compared to some still being on many college campuses.

Calvin Howell, architect of Southern Pines and Nick Gardner, construction engineer, have inspected the building. A report on their findings has not been

filed. If the report is favorable, bids will be called for with repairs in mind. If it shows

that the structure on the whole is not worth repairing, the building will be abandoned and \$100,000 to \$150,000

will be needed for rebuilding, unless it is decided that the town must do without this sizeable gathering place.

Superior Court Starts Mon. Judge Braswell Presiding

Judge Maurice Braswell will face nearly 100 cases when he opens Superior Court here next week.

If no cases are continued, an average of almost 20 cases a day must be tried or otherwise disposed of. This is an impossibility since there are such time-consuming argumentations that are likely to develop in cases of defendants who are to be tried for murder, kidnapping, rape, manslaughter, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill and carnal knowledge of a minor, none of which are to be taken lightly.

Offenses and alleged offenders are docketed as follows: (Those listed following certain charge does not mean their cases are connected)

- Murder - James Frederick Handon.
- Manslaughter - Charles Elmore Newton.
- Embezzlement - Walter Scott and John D. Strider.
- Carnal Knowledge of Minor - James

Scott, alias Dobbin Scott. Kidnapping and Rape - Ardell Sturdivant.

- Attempted Rape - Johnny Lee Scott.
- Conspiracy - John Wayne Locklear, Nick Hunt, Jimmy Locklear, Lloyd Merritt, Almander Lowery.

- Non Support - Pete Junior Brunson, Joseph Flowers and James Patterson.

- Breaking and Entering and Larceny - Ernest (June Bug) Murchison, Clayton Eugene Parks, Roscoe Griffin, Terry Waterson, Grady Lee, Jimmie Lee, Charles Wayne Lee, and for larceny and receiving only, George Walker.

- Assault with Deadly Weapon With Intent to Kill - Martine Locklear, Roderick Graham, and charged with assault with deadly weapon only is Joe Alexander Wilson. Preze Woods is charged with ADW and also with destroying personal property, driving while license is suspended and larceny.

- Larceny - George T. Walker.
- Felony Larceny - Lacy McMillan.
- Felony Receiving - Almander Lowery and Attempted Larceny - Kenneth Blanchard.

- Failure to Yield Right of Way - Bell Love Baldwin.

- Driving Under the Influence, or Driving Drunk - Ronald William Cokeran, Sr., (second offense), Lewis Junior Ellerbe (second offense), George Marion, William David Lunsford, Clyde Thompson, Iona

Chavis Phillips, James Tillman Long, Elmer Davis, Robert Wayne Mims, Dennis Eugene Davis, Wyvie Davis, Ben Lewis Sowell, William Marcellus Shellem, Jack Carrie Jackson, Isable Dombkowski, Fred Dudley, Brantley Oxendine, Willie Martin McCain, William Otis Webb, Marcellus Bohm, Tracy Locklear, James Edward Locklear, William Edward Baxley, Daniel Ferguson, James Pearley Wall Jr., Roscoe McMillan, Thomas Monroe, Buster Currie and Glenn Currie (second offense).

Arson - Richard Ellis.

Alfray - John Wayne Locklear.

Speeding - George Phillip Martin, Leonard McBryde Jr., Kenneth Earl Harrell, Jim Hollingsworth.

Aiding and Abetting a Drunken Driver - Herbert Alexander Parks.

Reckless driving and other traffic charges - Johnny Spencer, Thaddeus Ezell Jones; No operators license - Johnny Leon Spencer.

Worthless checks are continuous weekly headaches in magistrate's and district court. A dozen of them will take up the time of Judge Braswell and Solicitor Doran Berry in this term of Superior Court. Charged with passing seven in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$55 is James B. Bryant. James Long is charged with issuing five ranging from \$1.42 to \$6.12.

Judson Lennon To Preach

Robbins Heights Baptist Church Revival To Start Nov. 17th

Revival services will be held at Robbins Heights Baptist Church, Nov. 17-23, beginning each night at 7:30 o'clock.

Guest evangelist will be the Rev. Judson Lennon.

The Rev. Mr. Lennon has many friends in Raeford, having served as pastor of First Baptist Church from 1949 to 1953. He has also served other churches in North Carolina and is now city missionary for Bangkok where he has lived since being appointed to Thailand service in 1965. He has taught in the Baptist Theological Seminary there and has helped with evangelical work in the near-by town of Nounburi.

The public is invited to attend the revival and renew acquaintances with this former Raeford resident. Services will also be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 a. m.



The Rev. Judson Lennon



IN CONCERT - Davidson College Male Chorus will be sponsored here in concert Saturday, Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. in the Raeford Elementary School Auditorium by the Chaminade Music Club of Raeford. The group has been well received throughout the South. The all-male organization of 32 selected voices has grown in stature and is now recognized by eminent music critics as "one of the top choral organizations in the nation."